



MC MINNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DUNIWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

June 14, 2004

Mr. John Dashney
1932 Chemeketa NE
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Dear Mr. Dashney,

Speaking for the majority of students and teachers and Duniway Middle School, I want to thank you and tell you how much we enjoyed your stories of McMinville from days past, and of the wild western frontier of Oregon.

During your six presentations, approximately 375 students heard about the McMinville of their grandparents and the Oregon of their ancestors!

You might be amused to hear about one of our eighth grade boys who bought one of your books. He told his language arts teacher that he had *never* before finished reading a book; yet he stayed up most of the night and read the *entire* Last of Whistler! For the *first time in his life*, he was thrilled with reading!

Thank you for encouraging our students and teachers with your colorful stories. I am looking forward to reading your newest book as soon as it is published.

Sincerely,

Dorian Herrick
Librarian