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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Instead of my usual nonsense, I decided to let you all know about an idea I have had for a long time and would like to hear from you about it. I am going before the McGill Town Council on April 19 and then to a future WP County Commission. This is what I will present.

McGill Heritage Center



The McGill Emergency Hospital that sits at the top of K Avenue and the corner of 1st street is one of McGill's oldest landmarks and is laden with the early history of McGill.

Thousands of McGill adults and kids have many memories linked to the Hospital. Memories of Miss Bruce, Dr. Smernoff, Dr. Hovie, Dr. Tawney and others that examined, jabbed and drilled on us many times, will never be forgotten. They healed us and made our lives better. It is only fitting that we honor them by not letting them and our history be forgotten.

That is why I am proposing turning the Hospital into a Heritage Center so we can honor our history. With the loss of KCC, our only resource is our history and we must not lose it. Our history is our identity.

The building has many rooms that can be used for different parts of our history, such as medical, the copper industry schools, sports and a research center for family history. We are losing our history every day as photos and other info are destroyed, sent to the landfill, or just lost.

There are McGillites all over the world that have photos and other info, that they would be glad to have a place to put them. I hear from folks all the time and have photos and other things sent to me for safekeeping. It is time to put all this stuff in one place for our future generations to experience.

McGill people have always been eager to help. An example, were the folks that spent a lot of time getting a grant to fix up the ballpark, which is steeped in our history. We must continue to develop our historical heritage before it is lost forever.

There is talk of running the old train to the McGill Depot. An Heritage Center at the old hospital would be an ideal place for the tourists from the train to visit.

With proper management the place could be self-sustaining, which would lessen the burden of the McGill Town Council and WP County.

McGill is coming alive again. The IOOF Hall and the theater re being brought back to life by Rudy, along with his 80 acre development north of town. He has a music festival slated for this spring and yearly after this year. Bruce has the gas station in working order. Tim is fixing up his dormitory of art to open soon. The

McGill Drugstore is madding some improvements. These things all add up to encouraging more of the thousands of tourists travelling thru McGill every day, to stop and spend some time here.

The old and true 'word of mouth' is the best advertising known, and it is FREE.

Advertising-McGill is becoming more widely known.

Rudy has been doing a lot of advertising for the music festival in other states.

There was a documentary film made here 2 years ago that features McGill and was shown at a film festival at Liepzig, Germany last fall. It is currently being shown at the Thessaloniki Greece International Film Festival.

A TV documentary film crew from Las Vegas was in the Drugstore last fall.

I promote McGill in my weekly Newsletter that has subscribers in 23 states , England, Spain and Japan.

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Currently, getting the Drugstore washed down. The band uniforms were taken down and vacuumed. They look like new ones now. The young lady on the ladder is Sarah , owner of Sarah B's House Cleaning. She does a terrific job.



Sarah started just to the left of the big picture, so you can see how badly it needed washing.

Next week the electricians will be doing some wiring. Then some plumbing and painting. Getting it ready for the tourist season. Stop in and say hello.