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Keith's Corner/McGill News

December 2, 2022

1960s, Waiting for Santa

These photos are a little blurry, but are the best that I could find. They show that the McGill folks and there little kids are waiting for Santa to arrive. He is coming to town riding on a red fire truck instead of a sleigh, but that doesn't matter to0 the little ones.



You can see the Texaco sign in front of Ray and Mary O'Neil's Garage, with the gas pumps on the edge of main street. That building is now a blight on McGill. Ray and Mary would never have let that happen.

This next photo, shows the crowd in front of the IOOF Hall, which Rudy is in the process of bringing it back to it's old glory.



I remember back in the 1930s, 1950s how so many people turned out for Santa. Then along came TV and it seems Santa was put aside. That is really too bad in my opinion. How many things can you remember on TV from years ago for a certain date?? I think that is why so many people have no fond memories of much of anything. I am so glad that I can remember waiting for Santa in the top floor of the IOOF Hall. He would enter thru the back door from what we thought was his sleigh.

After visiting with Santa and telling him how badly we needed some new toys, we McGill heathens lined up to get out annual Christmas stocking from the Community League and KCC. It was full of nuts, oranges and usually a small toy.

So—let's all get off our duffs and show up to meet Santa.

Here is the schedule.

Friday, December 9, 2022

6:30 pm

Christmas Tree Lighting
(Between the Library and Fire Station on Main Street)
and Hay Ride
Hot Chocolate

Saturday, December 10, 2022

**8:00 AM — FOOD DRIVE WITH THE MCGILL FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

11:00 AM MCGILL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Line up at the McGill Elementary School at 10:30 am

The Parade will be on 2nd Street

Parade theme

Merry Christmas Parade

Everyone is Welcome to be in the Parade!!

There will be prizes for the parade winners!



**Santa will be at the Library along with the Bake Sale
right after the Parade and the
Craft Bazaar at the Cultural Center on Avenue K
right after the Parade**

Come decorate a LIGHT POLE on Main Street!!

**Everyone can pick a pole and decorate it
Make sure your pole has your name and phone number on it!**

Old Photo



I just found this photo. The 3 story staff house on the circle in 1907

And

As it is now, 2022.



Check out Newsletter35 for the full story.