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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### July 4<sup>th</sup>-2023-Part 2

The best way to start the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, is to be at the WP Convention Center for a great breakfast and visiting with lifelong friends. The large serving table was full of breakfast sandwiches, fruit, muffins and freshly made waffles by Chefs, Kyle and Wayne. The Convention Center staff and other volunteers did a terrific job as usual. They even had tables outside under a tent awning. That was necessary as every table inside, was occupied.

The amount of people they fed in a very short time was enormous. They deserve a big hand for all their hard work in making July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, a memorable one.



After a good breakfast and some visiting with old classmates , it was time to venture out to main street for the parade.

This photo is the essence of the American Spirit and is the perfect way to start a July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.



The next photo is of a group of local young ladies that represent Whit Pine County's ongoing and long standing tradition of being Champions. I wasn't able to get a photo of the local boy's Championship team, but they were there in the parade. It is so wonderful to see our young folks working hard and striving to become the Champions they are.





The next photo is that of the last unit in the parade. They treated us all to some lively music. It was such a relief to hear that instead of the obnoxious sirens that permeated the parade. People all over were holding their ears as the sirens blaring. But, nobody was holding there ears when this float came by.



Beautiful color guard to start and great music to end our July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 celebration. Thanks to all who participated.

## Old Photo



Sadly, our wonderful 100 plus year old swimming pool was not open on July 4<sup>th</sup>. McGill was like a ghost town. Our business's suffered. The Drugstore was open, but no visitors came in. Two years ago we had over 100 visitors over the July 4<sup>th</sup> and received large donations. This year a big ZERO. There are many folks from other states, that travel here to swim in our pool. I talked with several of them this year and they are not happy. We need to encourage people to come here not chase them away. The McGill pool was featured in a Sunset Magazine one time , as the best 'swimming hole in America'.