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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### What Is Missing In McGill??

A recent Newsletter, was about the inactivity in McGill, as compared to previous years. Some of the causes, were, video games, TV and smart phones. These seem to be the main ones, but after much deeper thought, my little bit of grey matter came up with other anculprit, Kennecott Copper Company/McGill Community League. (Hereafter I will use KCC-MCL)

For those of us, lucky enough to have lived during the KCC-MCL era, we do miss those times.

A lot of those memories center around such activities as the nightly baseball games, the adult card parties at the IOOF, the dances in the Cyprus Hall, the 3 day hikes, Halloween Parties at the ball park, the Rec Hall/Copper Kettle and many other things that KCC-MCL provided.

These events were looked forward to and enjoyed by many McGillites. Not everyone liked every event, but enough people showed up to make each one fun.

These events gave us a sense of belonging and part of the town. We made new friends and devised lots of new plans for future fun. We learned many things about each other and I think that was a big factor in the comradery we never lost in later years. We felt like members of a larger family.

A good example of this, that I can remember was when Joe and Jani Pescio's house up in townsite was on fire. Neighbors quickly rushed to help. Before the fire trucks showed up, other McGillites that heard the KCC fire whistle blowing and knew the code were quickly on scene. I remember getting there just as the fire truck arrived. Neighbors on both sides were squirting water on the Pescio house with their garden hoses. Others had carried furniture and other belongings out into the street out of the way of the fire truck. The volunteer firemen went to work and put out the fire. Neighbors and others offered the Pescio's a place to stay and others offered food.

The next day the KCC bull gang was cleaning up and the KCC carpenters were tearing out the damaged framework. In a very short time Joe and Jani were able to move back in.

That spirit is still alive and well in McGill. We have the volunteer folks at the fire station, the EMTs, Town council and the MRA all doing their part. However, with the KCC/MCL factor missing, I think more McGill folks need to get off their backsides, turn off the TVs, smart phones and start volunteering and participating in a community effort to keep that feeling of a large family alive.

Doing volunteer work for your community does not hurt one bit. In fact, it builds character and a great feeling of accomplishment that is lacking in so many people. Contact the McGill Town Council for information on volunteering. Don't be a complainer and loser—be a doer and winner.

## Old Photo

One of our newest residents stopped me at the post office and gave me some old photos that he found in the basement of the house he just purchased. They look familiar to me, but I just can't place them. I am hoping someone knows them. If so, let me know and I can send them the photos.

