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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Snow In McGill--????

When many of us old time, McGill heathens, start telling the younger crowd, about the winters of our youth, most of them give us a skeptical look. Some of them even make snide comments like, yeah, yeah and you had to walk 12 miles to school etc.etc. Well, we did walk to school or sometimes rode our bikes. We wrapped small size cotton ropes around our tires to act as chains. Probably didn't do much, but we thought it did. So to stifle such snide remarks, here's some proof.



We did a lot of sledding in those days on the streets that KCC closed for us. And, by the way, the schools never closed one day. No such thing as a snow day. We were not pampered in any way. Recess meant, snowball fights, playing fox and geese and other winter games.



This was just the way winters were back in those days. We heathens had a great time playing in the snow. After school and on weekends we built snow forts and had huge snowball fights. We built a large flipper crutch out of 2x4s and a whole rubber inner tube. (tire in those days had an inner tube). We could chuck a softball sized snowball about half a block. We used our heads, not our thumbs. We created all kinds of fun things to do. We also did a lot of snow shoveling.



These photos were loaned to me by Dr. Roger Knighton from his parent's, Wendell and Marie Knighton's collection.

## McGill News

I am almost done painting the Drugstore and hanging stuff back on the walls. Had to fix some flooring near the south front window area. Now, that the 90 plus days are over, we can start working on the roof and outside walls.

The annual McGill Birthday bash was a huge success. The fireworks were the best I have ever seen here. Lots of great new stuff. Congrats to all those who worked so hard on all the events. Terrific way to end the summer months each year.



## Old Photo



Last week I wondered how the car dumper exchange, could take place, then I found this photo of the crane that was used. It could reach into the building and do the job. Photos from Alan Goodale collection. I think that is Zoe in the photo.

