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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Doing Things



More snow. Fortunately we had a volunteer snow plower in the form of Woody and his side by side. He wheezed up and down and in a matter of minutes had the parking area cleaned. Thanks Woody. There were other likeminded souls all over town getting the snow pushed out of the way.

It is so nice to see these folks doing things for others. Too many local people now days do nothing to help improve our community, yet they are the first to criticize those that do.

When you see folks doing things to help our town, be sure to give them a well done. The more the people do for their town, it becomes a better place to live.

There are plenty of groups around McGill that can use lots of volunteer help. Look around. Don't be a 'Monday morning quarterback' and complain about how a volunteer did something. I was always taught not to complain, but to fix the problem. It is a great feeling to accomplish something instead of camping in front of the TV or on the smartphone. Lifetime memories are made by doing something worthwhile. Complaining and second guessing are not memories to be cherished in later life. If you don't believe me, try to think of a complaint from your younger days that is a memory that gives you a good feeling

Woody is a great example of doing something about something instead of whining , 'for somebody to do something'. He will have plenty of good memories to look back on in later years while he is sitting on the shore of a lake in the warm sunshine, with a cold beer, waiting for a monster fish to swallow his baited hook. No room for bitter memories.

# McGill News

Not much happening besides the bitter cold. It was reported to be 8 below this morning 2/16/23, with a chill factor of -31. We were the coldest spot in the nation. Ideally we should get our snow in August, when it is warm and the ground not frozen so the moisture will soak in instead of running off. Plus, no need to shovel anything. But, I guess that would be called rain.



This is a photo of the scanner I am using to record documents for the future. They are contained in a book like box, visible at the extreme left. There are well over 200 pages in each book. They are receipts for articles purchased from companies all over the USA.

Here is a photo of the 'books. When Anela Yates and I were working on the side storerooms we found these books scattered all over the place. She arranged them all in date order, starting with 1929 and going into the 1940s. The one I am working on now fits in the space at the left, leaving 35 more to do.



All these papers will help in describing what it was like back in the early days.