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## Keith's Corner/McGill News

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### Drugstore Upkeep

Thanks to the crazy weather the last week of October and the first week of November, we were able to do some outside painting and re-roofing. We fixed several possible leaks in the main roof and are putting a metal roof on the furnace room. The furnace room had some rotting rolled roofing. We are putting corrugated metal, which will last for many long years.

This Newsletter will deal with the painting.

The north and south sides of the building were spray washed, primed and painted last spring. The back of the store had a new layer of corrugated iron added. The next project was to paint the front of the store. I was looking for a grant to get it done, but didn't need one as Bath Lumber Company offered to donate the paint and other materials to do the job. I want to thank them for doing this. And a great shout out to the employees at Bath Lumber, Sadie, Gary, Freddie, Nickie and the many others that have been so helpful.

The last 4 years have seen some changes to the front of the store. We needed to upgrade the McGill Drug signs as they were fading. They were replaced by a larger set of signs. Then I added a MUSEUM sign on the front and the south side of the place.

Here are two photos that show it all.



Chris and Joe putting on the final coat of paint over the white primer.



They did a beautiful job. Got the signs up too.

Several weeks ago, the canopy slats were taken down, sanded and painted with outdoor semi-gloss white paint on the underside. The top side doesn't need painting. The angle iron framework was rusty. It was sanded and painted with a silver paint. It is all back together now. The canopy was slowly pulling off the wall, but has now been re-enforced with new and bigger lag bolts. We are also adding two new support arms on the end. The next two photos show the difference.







Again, Chris and Joe did a great job.

Currently doing some emailing with an outfit in Australia that has a similar store. It was shut down in 1960. Hope to show you some photos from there soon.

We should have some new t-shirts soon.