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Keith's Corner/McGill News

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Drugstore Upkeep-Roofing

There have been many different heating systems used to heat the Drugstore over the years. I am working on an article about them. They range from wood stove to oil stove to oil furnace with hot water overhead heaters to the present heat pump. When the oil furnace and hot water heating system was installed, a small room at the back of the store was built for that purpose.

The roof on that building was covered with rolled roofing. The rolled roofing is in bad shape and so I decided to cover it with corrugated metal, just like the main roof. This will last a long time. Here are some photos.



The chimney is rusty and crumbling, so it had to be taken down. The rolled roofing is in bad shape. There was a lot of cold air coming down the stack and into the furnace room. This has been eliminated and will help cut heating costs. The insulation inside the roof has an R rating of only 12 and is in bad shape. It is full of dust and oil smoke damage from the old furnace. We are replacing it with R38, which will cut heating costs.



Next step is to put galvanized gutters on both sides, You can see the corrugated metal siding that now covers the old cinder block wall.



The gutter on this side will protect the power box and other electrical stuff. The metal roof should last a long time. The rolled roofing that was there was old and torn. Now the roof on the furnace room looks like the main roof of the store.

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UNITED STATES SENATE
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Mr. Keith Baldwin Gibson
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Dear Mr. Gibson,

Thank you so much for providing such an incredible tour of the McGill Drugstore Museum. The Museum is a one-of-a-kind time capsule and it was an amazing experience seeing products and marketing from my own childhood. I hope you are incredibly proud of the work you have done to provide visitors with such a unique and historically accurate experience. I'm proud that the McGill Drugstore Museum is right here in the Silver State.

Again, thank you for sharing your time with me and giving me a tour of the Drugstore Museum. It was a pleasure meeting you and hearing some of your stories of McGill. If I can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Cortez Masto".
Catherine Cortez Masto
United States Senator

A nice and gracious letter from our Nevada United States Senator.