

BUCKSTOP SENTINEL

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all Missouri Valley Historical Society Members and friends. This is my first report to you in my new position as president of the board of directors of MVHS. As you probably know, MVHS and its primary project, Buckstop Junction are now in their 17th year of preserving the history of this region.

I am really humbled (and a little frightened) by the faith which my fellow board members have placed in me. I know only too well what "big shoes" they are expecting me to fill. Our outgoing president, Carl Vender, has served this organization well through good and bad times. He handled the hard work and occasional crisis with dedication and foresight. I can only hope to do as well.

I would like to remind you that our regularly scheduled MVHS board meetings are held the third Monday of the month in the board meeting room at the Visitor / Entrance Building at Buckstop Junction. The usual time is 7 p.m. Any member is welcome to attend. Any person having business to bring before the board should contact me (701- 471- 4605) or any other member of the MVHS executive committee to have their item placed on the agenda. (The executive committee is the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and immediate past president.) Our new vice president is Mike Beck, our secretary is long time board member, Vonnie Ereth and Dr. Mike Booth remains treasurer. Many thanks to C.B. "Ike" who has ably served as secretary for quite a few years.

I would like to welcome new members to the MVHS board who were elected at the MVHS annual meeting on May 9th. The first is Lori Sager who runs an after school program. Lori is working on the 2008 Corn Feed & Old Settlers' Day committee along with Vonnie Ereth and Larry Strand.

The other new member is no stranger to Buckstop, he is Darrel Pittman, who is spearheading the development of the aviation museum at our hangar; who last year chaired the Corn Feed committee and who was known for a number of years as the "Barkeep" selling sarsaparilla at the Corn Feed.



Judy Fried, MVHS President

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS UPDATE

Submitted by: Mike Beck

New this summer, after a ten-year wait, is the 1885 Engstrom Homestead House. This story and a half log-frame building was moved from five miles east of Wilton to Buckstop Junction on June 9th. It is covered on the outside by siding, with lathe and plaster on the interior walls. Mud and straw were packed between the studs before lathing. Some of the finger-prints (one hundred and twenty-three year old finger-prints) are still visible in the mud packing!

Also, the Molbert Homestead House is in the process of being set on a solid foundation and restored by John Schwartz, a local Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout badge. John is the son of Pat and Julie Schwartz of Bismarck.

A few years ago, Montana Dakota Utilities donated a nice collection of antique electric and gas stoves to Buckstop Junction. This collection is now on display in the Bismarck Lumber Building and features the forerunner of the modern General Electric kitchen range, in the form of a modest two-burner Hughes Stove. Edmund Hughes of Bismarck, along with his brother, developed and patented the electric stove, then sold their patent to General Electric Co. Along with the original Hughes stove is a Hughes-Hotpoint Stove. Hotpoint was, of course, the well-known GE brand name.

In that same Lumber Building, look for the newly added farm machinery donated by Bernard Solberg of Bismarck, along with a line of Maytag washers, showing the development of clothes washers—from gas motors to electric power.

MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to lots of hard work and support from members, Buckstop Junction is moving ahead. We are looking forward to the upcoming Corn Feed/Old Settlers' Day. If you haven't renewed your membership, please take a minute to do that now. We operate on volunteers so if you can help, let us know. We need tour guides, Shoppe workers and general maintenance help.

MVHS Membership Application Form

____ Yes, I/We want to (continue/begin) (my/our) support for development of Buckstop Junction.

Enclosed is (my/our) (a check/money order) for the year 2008 membership. ___Renewal ___New member

Date: _____ Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

(Street)

(Apt)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Phone: _____ e-mail address _____

___Single (\$25) ___Family (\$35) ___ Grandparents (\$35) ___ Donor (\$50) ___ Business/Organization (\$75)

MVHS is a 501 (C) (3) organization

Make checks payable to **MVHS** and send them to: PO Box 941, Bismarck, ND 58502-0941

MVHS Phone: (701) 250-8575

www.BuckstopJunction.org

Please check areas that you are interested in helping with:

___ Conducting Tours ___ Work at entrance gate/ building ___ Building or Grounds maintenance ___ Publicity

___ Membership ___ Fund raising ___ Committee member ___ Board Member ___ Maintaining our web site

___ Adopt a building ___ Help at *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction ___ Special Events ___ Other



SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

CORN FEED & OLD SETTLERS' DAY!

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

Entertainment!

Cowboy Action Players, Ogg Creek String Band, Old Five & Dimers, Cloggers, Corny Joke Contest, Face Painting, Balloons, All Day DJ, Old Time Sing-a-Long, Children's games and More!

Our Historic Buildings will be Open

Interpretive Staff will be on duty in each building. View actual buildings dating from 1875 to 1935 with traceable histories in our area moved to this site offering visitors a feel for the atmosphere of the Missouri River Valley during the turn of that century.

Demonstrations & Displays & More!

Model Railroad, Blacksmith, Vintage Cars & Tractors, Woodcarvers, Hardanger, Clowns, and Silent Auction! *The Shoppe* will be open with local interest and handcrafted items, books, collectables and vintage jewelry.

FOOD!

Sweet Corn on the Cob, Fry Bread, BBQ, Burgers, Buffalo Burgers, Brats, Hot Dogs, Watermelon, Ice Cream Cones, Sarsaparilla, Coffee & Breakfast rolls, Pop, Ice Cold Water, Lemonade, Home-made cookies, Fresh-Popped Pop Corn and More!

Gate Admission

Adults \$5.00, Students over 12- \$3.00, Children 12 & under-\$2.00, under 6 Free.
 Free Gate Admission Missouri Valley Historical Society Members

Gate Admission Includes

Entrance to Buckstop Junction, Entertainment, Demonstrations, Displays, Tour Buildings, All Programs and Events. (Food & Beverage extra. No coolers or pets, please.) 7.24.08

Buckstop Junction is a project of the Missouri Valley Historical Society and is located at the intersection of Bismarck Expressway & East Main Avenue, Bismarck, ND.

(South of I-94, Exit #161) www.BuckstopJunction.org Call 701-250-8575

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Our major standing committee for Buckstop is Buildings & Grounds which is co-chaired by Ike Aichele and Mike Beck. The B&G meeting is usually the second Tuesday evening of the month. Here again you are invited to attend and express your concerns.

Our Long Range Planning committee was started about 13 years ago by Rev. John Nicolai who served many years on our board. It meets about 4 times a year and presents plans for the upcoming year. We are now looking for a new chairman for this committee which I have chaired for the last few years.

This summer, as every summer for 16 years, we are busy planning for our major fund raiser and fun time of the year: 2008 Corn Feed & Old Settlers' Day is fast approaching on August 17. The Corn Feed & Old Settlers' Day Committee is hard at work planning a fantastic day for you! The committee meets when scheduled; if you want to help with the celebration or have suggestions or questions get in touch with any of us.

See you all at the Corn Feed & Old Settlers' Day!

J. Fried, President

BUCKSTOP JUNCTION SCHEDULE SUMMER 2008

Tours:

Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

- ◆ Tours take about one hour and only one is offered on Saturday.
- ◆ Tours begin at the Visitor/Entrance building.
- ◆ We will schedule special tours if we have a group of at least eight or ten people.



The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 1:00–3:00 p.m.

- ◆ Gift Certificates and Membership services.
- ◆ Items of Local Interest including Books, Collectables, Handcrafts & Vintage Jewelry. We welcome your consignments or donation of items that reflect the character or time period of Buckstop Junction.

Call Marlette at 701-220-6311

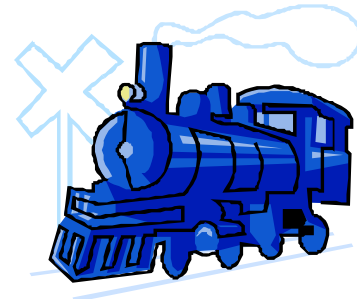
Corn Feed & Old Settlers' Day:

Sunday August 17th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bismarck Cancer Center Applefest

Saturday & Sunday, September 20th & 21st

Visit the Dakota
Central & Western
Model Railroad
Museum on Aug. 17th!



SILENT AUCTION AT 2008 CORN FEED & OLD SETTLERS' DAY

Submitted by: Marlette Pittman

We have begun accepting donations of items to be offered for the silent auction at our annual celebration. We are requesting that items be of at least \$20.00 in value. All proceeds from this auction will go directly to support the work of The Missouri Valley Historical Society (MVHS) at Buckstop Junction.

You may deliver your donated item(s) to *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction on Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday afternoon between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. If you have questions, please call Marlette at 701-220-6311.

The auction will be held in the MVHS meeting room in the visitor entrance building adjacent to *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction. Bidding will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Here is a list of some items we have already received for the auction:

- ◆ Sakakawea and her son Pompey: a clay statue on circular wood base, 151/2", Nice muted colors. *Please see photo.*
- ◆ 1981 D. Enright Print "Morning Shade, 311/400 signed by artist. Approximate size 24" X 34".
- ◆ Set of 6 Karl Bodmer framing prints, 11" X 14". Unopened in original portfolio presentation.
- ◆ Pair (Male and Female) head (busts), hand carved in Kenya, Africa, about 11 inches tall.
- ◆ 23 Aladdin Kerosene Lamp. Complete with globe.

The items above are on display at The Shoppe, so stop in to see them and have a little visit. For a list of additions to the silent auction or if you have questions please e-mail: marlette@bis.midco.net



Clay statue: Sakakawea and her son Pompey.

*Take some time
to stop out and
visit Buckstop
Junction!*


Mission Statement

This organization shall stimulate, coordinate, conduct and assist in activities relating to the preservation of this area's history.

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Check out
what's new!



Join us for our Sixteenth Annual
Corn Feed & Old Settlers' Day!
Buckstop Junction
Sunday August 17, 2008

(Lots more information inside.)

(701) 250-8575 www.BuckstopJunction.org

Volunteers needed. Please call Larry @ 258-5128.