

BUCKSTOP SENTINEL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

Missouri Valley Historical Society Elects Board Members

MVHS 2010-11 Board of Directors Officers pictured below are Vonnie Ereth (Secretary), Dr. Mike Booth (Treasurer), Judy Fried (President), and Darrel Pittman (Vice President).



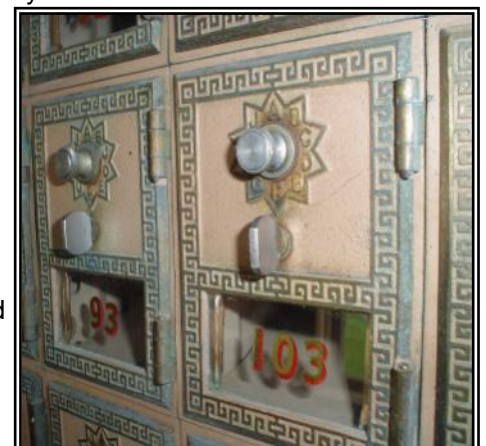
The MVHS annual meeting was held May 17, 2010 at the historic Lewis Hotel. The general membership re-elected Board members: Ike Aichele, Mike Beck, Vonnie Ereth, Judy Fried and Darrel Pittman. New Board members elected were Doug Alm and Jane Halverson. Returning MVHS Board Members include Dr. Mike Booth, Mike Brady, Mike Malarkey, Marlette Pittman, Larry Strand, Duane Jangula (Pioneer Auto Club) and Harold Brady (Ex-Officio). The Board of Directors officers were elected at the June Board meeting.

Some Fort Clark Post Office History

The Fort Clark Post office started out as a building for the Powers Elevator Company and then the Marsall Malrise Lumber Company. It was purchased in 1917 for a post office at Fort Clark and was used until 1948. Donated by Ruth Sedlak, this building was moved to Buckstop Junction in 1994. The building was adopted by Joe & Bernie Reisenhauer and restored by Jerry Nevland.

"The town site of Fort Clark was platted in 1909 immediately east south-east of the abandoned ruins of the old fur trading post of this name. The post office was established May 28, 1910 with Edgar W. Chamberlain as postmaster.

The Northern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1911. A population of 86 was reported in 1920, but this had declined to just 13 in 1960. The post office became a rural branch of Stanton in 1976 and closed in 1969." (Douglas A. Wick, North Dakota Place Names, 1999)



MVHS Office
(701)250-8575

Board of Directors

Officers:

Judy Fried, President
471-4605 (C)

Darrel Pittman,
Vice President
255-6311 (H) 391-7760 (C)

Vonnie Ereth, Secretary
258-9496 (H) 222-6525 (W)

Mike Booth, Treasurer
255-6455 (H)

Directors:

C.B. "Ike" Aichele
258-6418 (H)

Doug Alm
258-4598 (H) 400-9249 (C)

Mike Beck
223-7559 (H)

Mike Brady
663-6998 (H)

Jane Haverson
220-6677 (C)

Duane Janugla
258-8691 (H)

Mike Malarkey
258-8327 (H)

Marlette Pittman
220-6311 (C)

Larry Strand
258-5128 (H)

Harold Brady, Ex-Officio
663-3904 (H)

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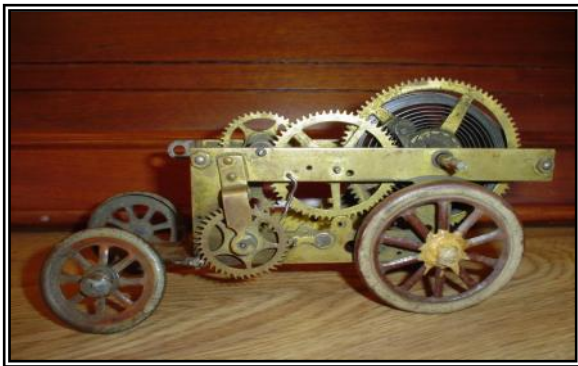


Silent Auction at *Buckstop Junction's*

Old Settler's Day/ Corn Feed benefits the Brittin Grain Elevator Moving Fund!

The Brittin grain elevator still stands tall (56 feet) and very firm (80 tons) among the old trees. Other earlier businesses and residences of Brittin ND are long gone. Because of the danger of fire, vandalism, and old age (107 years old!), the Missouri Valley Historical Society plans to move this building to Buckstop Junction. This move will preserve an important part of our early farming and railroad history. Grain elevators in N. D. are disappearing each year, torn down or burned because of safety issues. The complexities of moving such a tall, large, heavy structure as the Brittin elevator are monumental. The exact dollar figure, yet unknown, will be remarkable, especially since professionals will have to prepare the elevator for the move, construct the foundation, then move it, and complete the restoration on site, ready for viewing.

Maureen Beck



It runs! Handmade toy tractor built in the 1920's or 30's by Gabriel Newsom from an 8 day clock movement. Donated by Gabriel's son Melvin Newsom.



"Ashanti", by Dottie Dunsmore is a limited edition porcelain collectible doll. She is perfectly costumed and stands 26 inches tall.

We are asking for donations of items for this silent auction. All proceeds from this auction will go directly into the fund to help move the Brittin Elevator to Buckstop Junction. We are requesting that items be of at least \$20.00 in value. You may bring your donated item(s) to the Visitors Center at Buckstop Junction Tuesday through Saturday between 10:30 am and 3 pm. Of course, cash donations are gratefully accepted.

The auction will be held August 15th in the Conference Room of the Visitor Center. Bidding will begin at 9 am and end at 2 pm.



Just think of the memories in this 1950's metal 2 story Doll house constructed by MAR! Two bedrooms and a bath upstairs, game room and covered front porch!



Jockey Club Paris Binoculars with case, circa early 1900's

All items may be previewed at the Buckstop Junction Visitors Center. Other items donated include: The Practical Handyman's Encyclopedia (18 volumes, 1965, near mint condition), Ceramic 4 piece Christmas Train, Successful Farming Magazine Oct 1921, 54x68 Crazy Quilt by Bernie Hetzler, Farming the Heartland (Threshing era scenes, 8 Collectors Plates). For more information call Marlette at 701-220-6311.



OLD SETTLERS' DAY & CORN FEED! SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Entertainment!

Cowboy Action Performers, Hungry Five-Ompah Band, Ragtime Piano by Mark Learn,
Balloon Art by Dean "Cuz'n Cal" Cooke, Face Painting by Judy "Buttons" Fried and Much More!

Centennials, Demonstrations & Displays!

Fort Clark Post Office Celebrates 100 Years! Blacksmith, Farm Museum,
Vintage Tractors & Autos, D C & W Model Railroad, Woodcarvers,
Capital Aviation Hangar and Museum.

Food! Food! Food!

Sweet Corn on the Cob, Fry Bread, Burgers, Brats, Sarsaparilla, Coffee & Muffins, Rhubarb Slushes,
Cheese Buttons, Kuchen, Ice Cream Cones, Fresh popped Pop Corn, Watermelon and More!

Schedule

Gate opens at 9 am. Historic Buildings will be open for viewing: 10:30 am to 4 pm.
All -Faith Church Service: 9:30. Flag Raising 10:45 by Am Vets and Bismarck Mounted Police.
Parade of Vintage Tractors, Autos and the rest of us right after Flag Raising.
Food Service begins 11am. Silent Auction at *The Shoppe*: 9 to 2.
Cowboy Action Performers at High Noon, 2 & 3. Ragtime Piano: Mark Learn 12:15,
Hungry Five – Ompah Band 1:00, Fort Clark Post Office Birthday 1:30,
Hog Calling Contest: 2:30: Open Stage for old time music 3:00 – 4:00 & More!

Gate Admission

Adults \$5.00, Students over 12- \$3.00, Children 12 & under-\$2.00, under 6 free with family.
Missouri Valley Historical Society Members Free.
Gate Admission Includes: Entrance to Buckstop Junction, Entertainment, Demonstrations, Displays,
Tour Buildings, Programs and Events. Food & Beverages extra. No coolers or pets.

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

(S. of I-94, Exit #161)

Call 701-250-8575 www.BuckstopJunction.org



The Sentinel Sez.....

NEW AT OLD SETTLER'S DAY/ CORN FEED: Parade of Antique Tractors, Autos and the rest of us, Cheese Buttons and kuchen from Nibbles and Brunch and a Hog calling contest.

HOG CALLERS Needed: Call 250-8575.

HELP WANTED: We are looking for someone that can use Excel to enter donations on a spread sheet. If you would care to do that call Buckstop Junction at 250-8575.

MVHS MEETINGS (Missouri Valley Historical Society): The next two months Board and Buildings & Grounds meetings have been re-arranged because of the Old Settlers' Day/ Corn Feed and the Labor Day holiday. We will have no MVHS Board Meeting August 16. On September 7 we will have a joint MVHS Board and B&G meeting at 7pm. In October we will resume our regularly scheduled meetings: MVHS Board at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of each month. The Buildings & Grounds committee meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held at The Buckstop Junction Visitor Center. Members & the general public are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS: are needed for Old Settler's Day/ Corn Feed on August 15 and to help with the services that we provide for Bismarck Cancer Centers' 4th annual Applefest here at Buckstop Junction on September 25 & 26. Call 250-8575 to volunteer!

NEW AND RENEWING business/organization members are listed in this issue.

Take Care, Marlette Pittman



Judy admires flowers planted at the Lewis Hotel by volunteer Delaine Popcke.

From President Judy

So, it's Old Settler's Day/ Corn Feed time again! Hope to see you all out here at Buckstop on Sunday (Aug 15). Come out and join us for a day of Old Fashioned Fun!

Here we are smack in the middle of the 2010 season of activities at Buckstop. Everything is coming together for fun and fund-raising for the Missouri Valley Historical Society. As I remarked to my dear sister yesterday, "It seems to me I often hear 'God couldn't be everywhere so he made Grandmas and Grandpas' ---but I would like to suggest another saying, 'God isn't going to do it all, so that's why we need volunteers'."

Thanks to all our volunteers! Judy

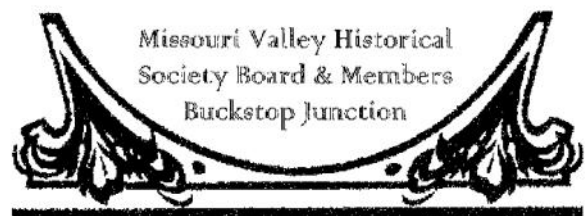


GOVERNOR ARTHUR A. LINK died June 1, 2010 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Art was a farmer, a fiddler and a conservationist. His support of the Missouri Valley Historical Society and the little town of Buckstop Junction is one of our proudest memories.

ROBERT k. WATTS died May 25, 2010 in Bismarck ND. Bob was a pioneer Bismarck aviator. His gift to Buckstop Junction is the Capital Aviation Hangar and his memorabilia. Part of the aviation museum here will be named after Bob.

JEANETTE L. HOLM died July 14, 2010. Jeanette was known as "The Hat Lady" because of her large collection of hats and her use of them in her presentations. Jeanette always told you what she thought and she thought that moving the Brittin Grain Elevator to Buckstop Junction was a great idea. We will miss her support and her humor.

OUR sincere condolences go out to Grace Link, Lois Watts, Logan Holm and their families. We wish to thank them for sharing their loved ones with us.



Missouri Valley Historical Society Membership Application Form

I/We want to support the continued development of Buckstop Junction:

New Member Renewal Address Change

Enclosed is a check/money order payable to MVHS covering my 2010 dues.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone _____ **E-mail** _____

Single (\$25) Family/Grandparents (\$35) Donor (\$50) Business/Organization (\$75)

*Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. MVHS is a 501 (C) (3) organization. 5-1-10

- ◆ *Each membership includes free admissions to our Old Settlers' Day/ Corn Feed Celebration as well as tours of Buckstop Junction. Number of free admissions are determined by membership type.*
- ◆ *2010 members receive 10% off on purchases from The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction! This offer excludes food items and some special promotions, but is in addition to monthly specials.*
- ◆ *Business/ Organization members will be listed as Corporate Sponsors in The Sentinel.*

Please check areas where you would like to in volunteer:

- Conducting Tours Work at entrance building Building or Grounds maintenance Publicity Membership
- Fund raising Committee member Board Member Adopt a building Other:
- The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction Enjoy Buckstop Junction Send more Volunteer information
- Buckstop Junction's Old Settler's Day/Corn Feed Bismarck Cancer Center's Applefest at Buckstop Junction

MVHS Phone: (701) 250-8575. Membership: Larry Strand 701-258-5128. Thank You!

Mail to: MVHS, PO Box 941, Bismarck, ND 58502-0941

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To our renewing and new corporate sponsors

B.N.I. Coal Ltd.
Dakota Coal Co.

Bismarck Cancer Center
Dakota Pioneer Chapter GRHS



Game of Skill

\$1.00 per ticket!

This 44x64 modern crazy quilt sewn by Bernie Hetzler will be awarded in a game of skill fundraiser at our Old Settlers' Day and Corn Feed Celebration. Proceeds from this game will be used for the upkeep of the one- hundred year old Fort Clark Post Office. Look for the quilt, try to calculate the number of items in the container, give the lady your dollar, put your number on your entry blank and support the Post Office!



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Historical Society
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Mission Statement

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



**OLD SETTLER'S DAY
& CORN FEED**
SUNDAY, AUGUST 15
At the Historic town of
BUCKSTOP JUNCTION
Food, Entertainment, Gun fights and a little History.
Come on over and see what these
hombres are up to!



Photo by J. Thornburg

Happy 100th Birthday to the
Fort Clark Post Office!
More information & schedule inside!



Fort Clark Post Office