

BUCKSTOP SENTINEL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

"I Have a Dream"

While the dreams we have may not be as noble as the one Martin Luther King Jr. had, we all have dreams, aspirations of what could be. I would like to have you tell us of your dream for Buckstop Junction.

We can't make everyone's dream come true, but maybe some of you have the same dreams for what we can do here. My dream for right now is to double the membership of Buckstop Junction so we can make some of the other dreams come true. Please renew your membership for 2008 if you have not already done so and get your neighbor or a friend to join us also. "Each one bring one" would certainly be a boost to the membership and would make it possible to make more dreams for Buckstop Junction come true.

Membership Committee: *Mary Jean Hanson, Em Holly, Karmen Siirtola and Larry Strand.*

For your convenience, there is a membership form on the back of this issue for those wishing to renew their memberships or sign up as new members.

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Maureen Beck, our wonderful volunteer coordinator, has been forced to reduce her volunteer obligations. We wish to thank Maureen for her dedication, her friendship and for establishing the criteria for this position. We are so glad Maureen will continue to volunteer at Buckstop Junction and act as our trusted advisor.

We are very fortunate to have found Lori Sager to take over this vital position. Lori Sager works with Community Options and has an extensive background with volunteer organizations. To contact Lori please e-mail her at dakatz@extendwireless.net or call her at 663-5191.

On March 1st Lori will be at *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction (entrance building) from 10AM to 4PM. She is looking forward to meeting our present and prospective volunteers and beginning the process of scheduling for our 2008 season. Please stop by and welcome Lori to Buckstop Junction. We'll have the coffee pot on!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we start 2008, we continue to operate with our original 1992 lease on the townsite and uncertainty continues with the management of the Missouri Valley Complex.

Apparently the Bismarck Parks Department has withdrawn from the Complex Authority so once again we must wait while the Authority determines who will accept responsibility of the 400+ acres. Based on news articles, it is possible the County may be selling some of southwest corner of the Complex property. It is hoped that funds from this sale will be used to upgrade and/or develop more infra-structure of the Complex property.



Thanks to Maureen Beck for coordinating the tours and office volunteers during 2007. Due to personal reasons, Maureen will not be able to continue in that role in 2008. We refer you to the article appearing on page 1 regarding our new volunteer coordinator. We seek your help, support and cooperation as she undertakes these duties.

At this time it appears we will continue to maintain our records and do administrative tasks with volunteers as we approach the second year with the new entrance & administration building.

We continue to have many projects to work with in 2008. These projects require both money and volunteer labor. Please consider donations of both time and money to help us reach our goals. Please remember to volunteer to help with building and grounds maintenance and other projects. So much "behind the scenes" work is needed to support our townsite.

Here's hoping you will bring your friends and family to visit and/or assist at Buckstop Junction.

Carl Vender, MVHS President

ARE YOU HOSTING AN EVENT?

Reminder -

- ◆ We rent the Hotel and Church at Buckstop Junction for various functions such as weddings, wedding receptions, birthdays and anniversaries. Please keep us in mind for scheduling such functions.
- ◆ We need to replace some and or add to our inventory of banquet tables. If you have some you are not using or would like to make such a donation it would be greatly appreciated. Call any Board member whose numbers are listed on the front page.

Mission Statement

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

THE SHOPPE AT BUCKSTOP JUNCTION: VINTAGE JEWELRY

Submitted by: Marlette Pittman

In each issue of the Sentinel I will highlight a group of items that are offered by *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction. This time I want to tell you about our Vintage Jewelry. These lovely things bring to mind memories of the jewels that you remember Mom and Grandma wearing; and for some of us even pieces from our younger days!

We have lovely sparkly clip-on earrings, post earrings and earrings that need to be tightened with a little screw. We have single strands of beads, double strands, triple strands and some with heaven-knows-how-many strands. We have big pins, little pins, sparkly pins, pins that show old buildings and even a few silly pins. We have jewel boxes some of wood, metal, 60's plastic and some that are heart shaped.

For the guys we have an assortment of cufflinks, a tie tack or a tie clip. And for the really "hip" ladies we have a couple scarf clips. What fun!

Remember: Your Purchases help support the work of the MVHS at Buckstop Junction. So, you can make yourself or someone else pretty for a great cause.

Consignments and Donations: we welcome your consignments or donation of items that reflect the character or time period of Buckstop Junction. Much of the stock we have at *The Shoppe* is here because someone wants to help Buckstop Junction. Call Marlette at 701-220-6311 or Judy at 701-471-4605 to talk about this opportunity.

Like everyone else here at Buckstop Junction we are busy planning our summer activities. We will be open Saturday March 1 and April 5 from 10-4. After that we will be open the same hours as the Buckstop Junction tour schedule.

Next time our subject will be books!



*Samples of some of the items for sale at
"The Shoppe" at Buckstop Junction.*

WWW.BUCKSTOPJUNCTION.ORG

Submitted By: Darrel Pittman

Yes, we now have a web site! The page is as listed above. Yours truly has been taking some classes on web page design. It is my hope that when I've become proficient in it, perhaps it will help our image as well as our recruiting effort. So log on and take a look. Watch as it gets better (I hope) and let Marlette or me know what you think. We are hopeful that we can make a difference in MVHS membership, Hotel and Church rentals.

I'm checking on the cost and availability of internet service to the new Entrance Building to help with that. Stay tuned, more later.

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

Submitted by: Ike Aichele

Obviously our focus is not on the need to cut grass, control of rodents or any outside work on buildings at Buckstop Junction these months. We do have a need to monitor heat here and there where we have water and items to be protected from freezing. Furthermore, this is a time to plan projects for the next season. Also, the hotel gets some use during winter and use requires maintenance. We do have some plans to improve some sections of the hotel.



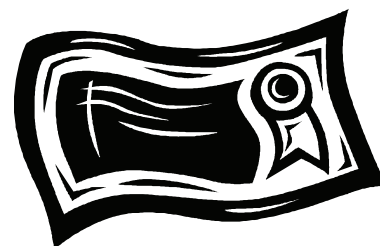
We would like to direct your attention to the Homesteader Shack. This building came from Kidder County and represents a type of shelter early settlers used when staking their claims of land. We want and need to put this building on a reasonable foundation, install a floor, give some attention to the windows and doorway and re-shingle the roof. We can then add a few interior items such as a stove, chairs etc. We consider this to be a very reasonable project for an organization, family or other entity to adopt and complete in 2008. Please give this some thought and contact us at Buckstop for further details.

We will have many things requiring volunteers when spring comes so please give some thought about serving in some capacity. Mowing of the grounds, weeding in the garden area, painting, dusting and cleaning and simple carpentry is a list of just a few of our needs. A plan of 2 to 4 hours per week or month would make a big difference. We will try to make your contribution of time enjoyable. If you read this and are not a member, we heartily invite you to become a member and an application is a part of this newsletter.

BUCKTOP JUNCTION GIFT CERTIFICATES

Submitted by: Marlette Pittman

The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction and the MVHS membership committee are happy to offer you a new way to solve your gift giving problems. Our newly designed gift certificates are available in any amount from \$5.00 to \$50.00. If you desire to give a larger gift, we will simply make as many as you would prefer in \$50.00 increments! These gift certificates are redeemable for the purchase of membership in the Missouri Valley Historical Society (Buckstop Junction) or towards any item at *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction.



A gift certificate is a wonderful option when you just don't know what to give someone and cash doesn't seem quite right. Our Gift Certificates are a fitting gift for a MVHS member or for someone you want to encourage becoming a member. For more information call Larry Strand (701-258-5128) or Marlette Pittman (701-220-6311).

PS: As an introduction to this terrific item you will be able to register for a Gift Certificate that we will be giving away at the annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Historical Society on May 19th!

CAPITAL AVIATION HANGAR

Submitted By: Darrel Pittman

Well, it appears that folks are reading the newsletter. I received an email from a gentleman who is interested in helping us make our Hangar Museum a reality. He has some fantastic aviation items he will loan to us once we have a display area. That's great and I hope we generate more interest as we go along. Like I said in the last issue it will take time and effort from a lot of people.



I have a line on an old airplane for static display. But first the building needs some roof repair. If the weather ever gets better we can start doing some things there.

Remember, this issue is being dedicated to membership so let's get busy and talk to folks (our neighbors) about Buckstop Junction. Ask them to join and help us in our effort in making it a destination for all to enjoy what North Dakota once was.



2008 Events



Saturday, March 1

The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction will be open 10 AM to 4 PM

Meet Lori Sager, our new
Buckstop Junction Volunteer Coordinator!

The coffee pot will be on!

Saturday, April 5

The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction will be open 10 AM to 4 PM

Special event to be announced!

Monday, May 19

Annual Meeting

MVHS (Buckstop Junction)

Register for Gift Certificate to be given away, you must be present to win!

Friday, June 13

The KFYR Annual Tractor Trek

Begins and ends at Buckstop Junction

Saturday, August 17

Buckstop Junction's

Corn Feed & Old Settlers' Day

September 20-21

Bismarck Cancer Center's Applefest

Saturday, December 6

The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction Annual Christmas Open House

Missouri Valley
Historical Society
PO BOX 941
Bismarck, ND 58502-0941



PLEASE DETACH HERE AND RETURN YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM

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)

___ 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 Enjoy Buckstop Junction Other