

## BUCKSTOP SENTINEL MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that have helped at Buckstop Junction this year. You have helped in grounds upkeep, building upkeep and spreading the word that the Missouri Valley Historical Society's Buckstop Junction is the place to be. Many of you have helped with tours and with staffing the buildings for special events and with *The Shoppe*. You deserve a "Big Thank You!"



There have been members and non-members working together to make this place what it is. The Board of the Missouri Valley Historical Society wishes to invite you all to an Open House and a Christmas Party on December 6, 2008. There will be an open house at *The Shoppe* with coffee and cookies from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Your Christmas party will be held at the Lewis Hotel from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Dakota Central & Western Model Railroad will be operating for your entertainment in the lower level of the Hotel and on the main floor Ballroom we will have music and a Christmas Carol sing-a-long provided by the "Faithful Four" Quartet. All this plus refreshments! Please join us for a festive Saturday afternoon. The north gate will be open at 1:30 p.m.

The membership committee wishes to thank all of you that have taken the time to sit down and write a check for a membership. Our membership runs from January 1st until the end of the year. Eighteen of you have already paid your dues for next year! You will be receiving a discount coupon for use at *The Shoppe*. Anyone else that joins or renews before the first of the year will also receive a discount coupon with their new membership card. Details are included with the membership application form later on in this issue of *The Sentinel*.

There are lots of dreams for Buckstop Junction and only your time and financial support can make them possible.

Your MVHS Membership Committee

*Larry Strand, Chairman*

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

The MVHS Membership committee and *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction are offering a special savings coupon to new and renewing members through the end of 2008. Current members who renew by paying their 2009 membership dues before the end of the year and new members who join before the end of the year will receive a coupon for **20% off** on any one item at *The Shoppe*!

New memberships effective October 1st this year only, are considered valid next year through December 31, 2009.

*\*Coupon Details:* Only one coupon may be used per item, this coupon is good only on in-stock items. It is valid only on new purchases and it may not be combined with any other offer. Your coupon will be assigned a tracking number. It may be transferred to another person. It has no cash value and expires 12-31-09

### MVHS Membership Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I/We want to support the continued development of Buckstop Junction.

Enclosed is a check/money order covering my 2009 dues.

New Member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

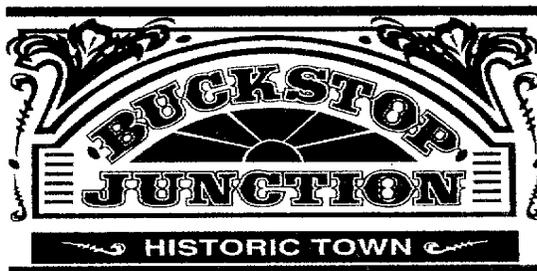
MVHS is a 501 (C) (3) organization. Please make check payable to MVHS.

***Please check areas that you are interested in helping with:***

- \_\_ Conducting Tours    \_\_ Work at entrance building    \_\_ Building or Grounds maintenance
- \_\_ Membership    \_\_ Publicity    \_\_ Fund raising    \_\_ Committee member    \_\_ Board Member
- \_\_ Adopt a building    \_\_ *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction    \_\_ Enjoy Buckstop Junction
- \_\_ Long Range Planning    \_\_ Work in Office    \_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## JUDY'S JUNCTION JOURNAL

The recent tragic death of the Reverend John Nicolai and his grace-filled wife Lorraine have greatly saddened us here at Buckstop Junction

John was well known to us at Buckstop, as well as in the Bismarck-Mandan community as "Pastor Nick". He was among those who began our "Historic Village" Project.

One of the first things we did in 1992 when we began dreaming of this "town" was to list the essential buildings that we needed. Of course, we needed a church and the recently retired Pastor Nick (along with Reverend Lutness and others) started to look for one. The one they "found" is our jewel of a country church, The Bethel Lutheran Church, from near Coleharbor. As we know, finding a building and moving it out here are two different things. John saw the project through all it's phases. He served on the MVHS Board for over ten years, he was a continuing presence on the "church committee", he chaired the Corn Feed Committee for a number of years, and he concerned himself with many other things at Buckstop Junction. He worked tirelessly for such mundane things as our perimeter fence, parking lot and entrance fees.



Judy Fried, MVHS President

In about 1995, Pastor Nick declared that we needed a Long Range Planning Committee to assure the "orderly" future of Buckstop Junction. Our first planning sessions were held at Trinity Lutheran. (Remember, then no buildings at Buckstop were heated.) It was my pleasure to co-chair that committee at times and to continue it to the present.

Pastor Nick and Lorraine will be greatly missed here. Memorials have long been discussed in Long Range Planning. A timely matter is to consider how we will remember them. Of course, memorial gifts in their name can be made to MVHS and files of members passing are kept for reference and the church stands as a visible reminder of his work.

It has long been noted that Buckstop needs a permanent memorial "something" to highlight the work done by our "Pioneers" – not only the visionaries and movers like Rev. Nicolai, but also the steady quiet supporters like Lorraine Nicolai. Should we have a memorial garden or a granite stone on the village square (if we have a village square)? Should our memorial notices be posted in the buildings most associated with the person whom we remember or should they be together? Sometimes I have dreamed of a memorial library, tree plantings, annuity fund and New Year's remembrances.

Here we need the help of our members and friends. I feel that it is now time to bring this project out of "Long Range Planning" and into active pursuit. This is a request for anyone who has suggestions or wishes to serve on a "Memorial Committee" to contact me to set one up. Good times to discuss this would be any time *The Shoppe* is open or at our MVHS Board meetings or Buildings & Grounds meetings.

I feel we need to go forward with this in memory of John and Lorraine and many others. Your input is needed. Blessings to you all in this time of Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

*Judy Fried, MVHS President*

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

We will close the year 2008 at Buckstop Junction showing significant accomplishments. Our grounds reflect marked improvement through the TLC of Mrs. Poppke for the garden and the service entrance at the north gate and a great deal of attention to clearing and trimming of trees and brush by Doug Alm. Their attention to those chores make for a better impression on our visitors and to our daily enjoyment. Many thanks.

The Germans from Russia prepared, primed and painted the Gellner House. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, the Molbert Homestead is getting attention as is the Engstrom Homestead. Both are now on good foundations, the Molbert unit has new cedar shingles and the Engstrom unit is basically enclosed for winter with some new siding and covered windows. Our thanks to John Schwartz and the Ted Adamyk family respectively for their commitment to the work of these projects.

The Lewis Hotel has a new door upstairs on the west side. Other doors and windows are being improved to make the hotel less vulnerable to the outside elements. Electrical service has been extended to the Blacksmith Shop. Between 25 and 35 volunteers worked at Buckstop Junction on the "United Way Day of Caring."

The greatest attention and action was in priming and painting. Work was done on the School, Lumber Building, Mine Camp and Hotel with the greatest effort given to the Church which required equipment supplied by Acme Rents to reach the high places. Unfortunately, work remains to be done. As you know, keeping wood in shape on old buildings is a continuous process. Our sincere thanks for all the help from those and all volunteers.

A Northern Pacific boxcar is planned to be moved next to the Caboose located next to the Visitor Center. It will temporarily serve us as a storage unit to free up space at the Hangar and enable the aircraft club to further their plan for displays. Ground work is being done toward ultimately providing a railroad track to encircle the site on which "smaller real" railroad equipment such as a "speeder" could operate. Isn't that exciting??



NP Caboose at Buckstop Junction.

### *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*  
will be open these  
Saturdays:

2008

November

15<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

29<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

December

6<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

2009

January 3<sup>rd</sup>

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

February 7<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

March 7<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## *THE SHOPPE AT BUCKSTOP JUNCTION*

**COUPONS:** In conjunction with our MVHS Membership committee, *The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction is offering special coupons good for our merchandise to new and renewing members through the end of 2008. Coupon and membership offer details are with the membership application.

**MERCHANDISE:** Here are some items you could use your coupon on: From our "Christmas Past" collection, ornaments for your tree, Shiny Brite, handmade ornaments, and traditional wood bead strings. We also have wise men, angels, bells, books, cups & Santas. (Just about makes me feel like an elf!)

Special gift ideas include stuffed animals & dolls from Judy's Jungle, vintage jewelry, pictures, wall décor, candle sticks, ND Centennial items (1889-1989), ND Towns & Churches commemorative plates & cups, knick knacks, vintage needlework and baskets.

You could get something from our Collectable Books & Magazine Area: cookbooks, craft books, children's classics, music, North Dakota history, a set of encyclopedia from 1931, 1948 or 1954 and of course, Old Walls Do Tell Tales, The Pioneer Stories of Buckstop Junction, by Brenda Tzpori.

Very special items created by our Buckstop Junction supporters include: bird houses and dinner bells by blacksmith Dave Poppe, hand-loomed rag rugs by Roger Fredrickson, North Dakota Railroad Depots by artist Fred Regan, WWII North Dakota Aviation Art (signed prints) featuring North Dakota Pilots by artist Scott Nelson, Ogg Creek String Band's new CD and we have one beautiful Player Piano for only \$400.00.

Yes, your coupon will work on any of these!

We want to thank the volunteers who help us behind the counter, contribute items for sale and the people who buy our merchandise thus enabling us to support this fantastic project that is Buckstop Junction.

*The staff at The Shoppe* at Buckstop Junction look forward to helping you with your Christmas shopping and want to wish you and yours a blessed Christmas.

*Your Shoppe Keepers,*

*Marlette Pittman, Judy Fried and our many Volunteers*



**Start Christmas  
shopping at  
*The Shoppe!***

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A decorative border featuring a green wreath with a red bow at the top center, and holly leaves with red berries at the bottom corners. The border is framed by a red line.

*Please Join Us!*

**Saturday December 6, 2008**

**10 AM to 2 PM: CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

*The Shoppe at Buckstop Junction*

**BUCKSTOP JUNCTION CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**For Volunteers and Members**

**2 PM to 4 PM: Lewis Hotel Ballroom**

*Refreshments, Music by the "Faithful Four" quartet and  
View the DC&W Model Railroad. Special membership  
incentive inside!*