

SAVE THE MORSE BLUFF POST OFFICE!

October 17, 2011

TO: THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

FROM: THE CITIZENS OF MORSE BLUFF, NE
ZIP CODE: 68648

Dear Postal Representatives,

My name is Jerrine Racek, and I am one of the Contact Members serving on the SAVE THE MORSE BLUFF POST OFFICE committee.

Thank you for meeting with the citizens of Morse Bluff tonight and allowing us to express our concerns and ask questions. Tonight you have heard numerous comments, inquiries and statistics, but I am going to share with you the "HUMAN" factor. This is a love letter about our beloved post office.

As you can see, we are a close-knit community united in our desire to save the Morse Bluff Post Office. Don't be fooled by Morse Bluff's population sign, which reads: **Population 128** (from the north side) and **134** (from the south side)! We're a much larger community that extends well beyond the city limits, reaching into the rural areas, with numerous big and small businesses, farming operations, a church, organizations, clubs, community leaders, teachers and students needing a viable full-service post office! Even Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus have a home outside of Morse Bluff and utilize the Morse Bluff Post Office to receive letters from little children everywhere!

Our post office delivers more than mail and our Postmaster is much more than a government employee. We deeply value both. Our post office is far more than brick and mortar. It is a VITAL part of our community, the HEART and SOUL that keeps our town alive:

- ***Our post office is*** a matter of life or death for many of our elderly who depend on the Postmaster as their lifeline. The Postmaster is alert to seniors' pick-up schedules and whether they have come in or not to pick up their mail. In some cases, the senior's Lifeline® medical alert is directly connected to the Postmaster and helps the senior feel secure and remain independent. The Postmaster provides assistance to the senior and handicapped citizens in bad weather, taking mail to their vehicles and delivering mail to their homes, if necessary, making sure their prescriptions do not sit in the mailboxes subjected to excessive heat and cold. Many of our in-town seniors do not drive and depend on the close walking distance to the post office, nor do they have computers in which to do business ONLINE. Indeed, losing the post office in Morse Bluff would be a hardship.
- ***Our post office is*** a shelter in inclement weather and an additional security watch for kids after they get off the school bus.
- ***Our post office is*** a social meeting place with centralized bulletin board space for community notices and activities, providing information to our citizens in Morse Bluff and the rural areas.

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- *Our post office is* a boost to the overall economy of our area. Having a post office in a small town helps business, which contributes to the overall economics of our country.
- *Our post office is* a means to send mail to the troops with the Postmaster assisting and coordinating in the effort.
- *Our post office* makes it possible for the KOLACHE QUEEN to send kolaches Express Mail to the soldiers overseas and out-of-state customers.

Although I do not wish to cite facts and figures, I must point out the Morse Bluff Post Office is “UNIQUE” from other small town post offices:

- From 2007 to 2010, the Morse Bluff Post Office revenue has had a **16% upward** trend. This is not a slight increase, it's double digits!

We fervently ask for your compassionate consideration when you review our concerns and comments. We already lost our school, and a loss of our post office will be a “nail in the coffin” to our community. Next year, Morse Bluff will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary. It would be devastating to lose our post office. We plead with the Postal Service to save our post office so we will be open for business as usual when we gather together in 2012 to celebrate this historical event.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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