“Never doubt what a small group of dedicated people can change, indeed, they are the only ones who bring about change,” a quote attributed to Margaret Mead is apropos when discussing a group of Edgemont area folks who have decided that Edgemont needs its island bridge back. The only public covered bridge in the Northern Great Plains is NOW located in Edgemont and is expected to enhance other economic development efforts as well as attract tourists to the downtown, museum and park area.

Early photos of Edgemont often show the arched bridge between the park and the island. This bridge was built in the 1890’s. In the late 1920’s we believe the second bridge was built, it was refurbished in 1941. In 1960 a new bridge was built but it too fell victim to the hands of time.

Edgemont native Kris Barker provided structural engineering services. The actual building of the bridge was done by the Amish family of Moses Borntreger in Ashland, MT. The new bridge was re-assembled on site in May 2011. It is 120’ long, 9’ wide and 8’ high clear span made of Douglas Fir.

Cobblestone (brick) pavers will line the walkway up to the bridge with names of individuals and businesses. Approximately 50 area ranchers brands are already displayed in the bridge: we have room for a few more.

Please visit the bridge on your next trip to downtown Edgemont and we are sure you’ll agree, it is AMAZING!

But alas, it is not all paid for yet! Please consider helping out.

Contact name/address/phone:____________________________________________________________________

How you can help...
1. Make a donation. Any amount.$____________
2. Purchase Cobblestone Paver up to 25 characters, $75 each your name or Memorial to...
   Lettering desired: ______________________________
3. Purchase engraved lettering on the inside of the bridge:
   $10 per letter, your name or Memorial to...
   Lettering desired: ______________________________
4. Purchase the right to place your livestock brand on the completed bridge $100 per brand (ranch or individual names will be listed on a directory at the bridge) Send us a drawing of the brand or arrange for branding w/ your iron.

Through our agreement with the Edgemont Area Community Foundation, we are able to offer you this tax deductible gift opportunity.

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