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Seasonal candles are hand poured and available at Howard Soap Company in McIntosh.

The importance of shopping locally has been emphasized with increasing urgency in recent years. Events like Small Business Saturday and Plaid Friday have brought some much-needed attention to the importance of shopping local, which is even more crucial now as so many small businesses try to survive the pandemic.

Buying local has benefits that are beyond mere convenience. When you shop local, you support local business owners, which are your neighbors and friends; you get better service, with people who have knowledge and understand your personal needs; and it helps to make our community a better place to live.

Small-scale, locally owned businesses create a community that is more prosperous, connected, and generally better off. Keeping business in our small towns, means a stronger tax base, more opportunity for employment on a local level and business owners that donate to our schools, community organizations and local events.

Local business gives a community its flavor. It is a uniqueness that is preserved as part of our community. Every shopping experience gives you a special kind of familiarity and makes it different than shopping anywhere else in the world.

McIntosh offers many options for buying your Christmas needs, including gifts locally. By shopping the variety offered in our Main Street stores, there is virtually something for everyone on your list. Unique, and sometimes one-of-a-kind gifts that make giving so special during the holidays.



A gift basket from Neil's Quality Meats & More filled with all kinds of customer favorite products.

Neil's Quality Meats & More offers a lot of variety for the gift giver. There is, of course, traditional, and unique food fare, such as sausages and cheeses, as well as seasoned beef and pork roasts and chicken dishes ready to heat and eat. Neil's also offers a special line of exclusive spice blends sure to offer new and exciting flavors to your dishes over the holidays and throughout the year. Gift boxes with a variety of specialty items are also available. Besides food, Neil's also has many other gift items. There are the unique lamps, where there is a one-of-a-kind lamp for any decorating style, crocheted dish clothes, towels, and potholders, Christmas decorations as well as non-seasonal décor, bird feeder's, kitchen utensils and household items.

Jered's Grocery offers

a wide array of your grocery needs, including pet supplies and cleaning supplies, fresh meats, and vegetables as well as general grocery. There is also gift baskets, a wide variety of specialty Christmas candy, fresh poinsettias, household items and small appliances, a good selection of gift wrapping supplies and gifts for that hard to buy person on your list, including a variety of Johnny's seasonings and other unique sauces and spices for everyone's tastebuds to enjoy.



A gift basket from Jered's Grocery will satisfy the snacker on your gift list.

If you are looking to feed the birds, or want to gift your favorite bird watcher some winter bird food, McIntosh Tri-Coop Elevator offers a variety of bird food including black stripe sunflower seeds for some window watching of the winter birds. There is also farm supplies, including win-

ter gloves available.

Marial Harbor Body Wellness Center offers a huge variety of restorative and relaxation items for everyone. From books, including local author and owner, Alison Opdahl's selection, essential oils and jewelry. Gifting time in the BioCharger (The BioCharger is a hybrid subtle energy revitalization platform. The transmitted energy stimulates and invigorates the entire body to optimize and improve potential health, wellness, and athletic performance) room is a welcome holiday option for those who are stressed or feeling a bit under the weather, as there are many "recipes" available to keep everyone's health on track.

The Red Poppy in McIntosh is literally stuffed full of surprises and gifts for just about everyone on your list. There are books, home décor items galore, sweatshirts, toys, candles, kitchen items, and even a sweet treat or two. Much of what is found at The Red Poppy is regionally inspired and often reminiscent of the beauty and uniqueness of the area where we live. If you are looking for something special to our hometown way of life, take a look here to find it.

Howard Soap Company offers high quality, handmade in small batches items that open the senses and calm the hectic world that is all around us. There are smells of the season as well as fragrances that can carry you throughout the year. From candles, to self-care items such as lotions and soaps, from young to old or for a man or woman, there are many possibilities to try and gift. Not only are there amazing items hand made by Katherine, the owner of the shop, but specialty purses and Christmas t-shirts as well as resin coated stainless steel tumblers made by local artist, Kathy Finseth.

Minnesota Rust has become a beacon of our community through owner, Andrea Stordahl's hard work and her driving force for the revitalization of McIntosh Main Street. Her store reflects this determination in the awesome displays of old and new that encompass the past and present feel of her brand. When you walk in through the door, you will be greeted by much to see and explore. Minnesota Rust offers both vintage items as well as new decor and jewelry and some whimsical finds for the season.

The Ginger Junker is the newest addition to our McIntosh Main Street and the store is a great find for those looking for just about anything. Inside the doors of the Ginger Junker is an array of vintage items from tools, ammunition boxes, depression glass, collector trucks and signs, even vintage buttons from area events and



Books and pillows make great gifts. The Red Poppy has both for young and old alike.

festivals of yesteryear. You can find books, games, and movies of every genre. There is new, local art as well as vintage art work, handmade cards, headbands, and crocheted potholders.

Northern Prairie Aromatherapy is located inside of The Ginger Junker and offers Essential oils, carrier oils, custom blending, mask spray, diffusers, aroma kits, syrup kits, teas all with the expertise of certified aromatherapist Karen Norland to assist you with your questions and needs.

Hair and beauty supplies, including gift certificates for hair styling can be from The Beauty Room or Krissy's Hair Affair. At Krissy's, you can also purchase someone a membership to the Fitness Club.

Another great option is an oil change or new tires that can be purchased or credited to an account at Dan's Standard, Rick's Repair or McIntosh

Auto and Farm Repair.

Whether you are shopping for gifts or looking to spend your money locally, retail options are not the only way. You can visit KingTown Mutual Insurance, Crag Espeseth, Inc., FarmChek Services, Farm Bureau, North Country Lumber, Jason & Chad's Plumbing & Heating, Sand Hill Plumbing & Heating, Hedlund Backhoe, The Clubhouse Childcare Center, Red Lake County Coop Cenex, Ron's Barber and First National Bank and Agency.

If you are considering a donation this Christmas, please consider donating to the Resident Funds at McIntosh Senior Living and Poplar Meadows Senior Living.

Keeping your money where your heart lives and supporting an economy of friends, neighbors and community members helps build a community that thrives.



McIntosh coffee mugs for those local and far are a great way to show your hometown love this season and the mugs are available at Minnesota Rust.

COVID-19 Q & A with Local Public Health

Keeping up with the rapidly changing information is hard. Public Health is here to provide you accurate, up-to-date information regarding our most commonly asked questions related to COVID-19. If you have further questions that you would like Public Health to address, please visit us on one of our social media platforms.

Who needs to Isolate?

People who have symptoms of COVID-19, who are waiting for test results, or who have tested positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate. They should not go to work, school, or any other place outside the home. They should stay home until all three of these things are true:

- It has been 10 days since your symptoms first started; AND
- You have been fever-free for 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medicine; AND
- Your symptoms of COVID-19 are improving..

Who needs to Quarantine?

Quarantine is for those exposed to COVID-19 because they were in close contact with someone who was infected. A Close contact is someone that has been within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for a total of 15 cumulative minutes per 24 hours during their infectious period. The infectious period starts two days before symptoms began or the testing date if they do not have symptoms and ends when the individual with COVID-19 ends isolation. These people may or may not get sick. Recently, the CDC and MDH adopted new quarantine guidelines for specific situations. A 14-day quarantine is still the safest and recommended for household exposures, those living or working in a congregated living setting or those who work in healthcare.

If you have had close contact

with an infectious person and meet the following criteria, you may be eligible to shorten your quarantine from 14 days to 10 days from the last day of exposure. **This shortened timeframe may apply if you are:**

- Not a close contact of a household member.
- Do not work/live in a congregated living setting (homeless shelters, corrections, treatment facilities, long-term care) or a healthcare setting.
- Do not have symptoms of COVID-19, nor have tested positive within the past 10 days.
- Quarantine may be shortened to 7 days past the last day of exposure if:
 - all the above criteria are met; AND
 - you have received a negative PCR test collected at least 5 days from the last day of exposure.

Why are these tests different? Molecular (i.e. PCR), Antigen, and Antibody Test?

Molecular and Antigen tests show current infection with COVID-19. There are some distinct differences:

- Molecular tests such as RT-PCR detect the virus's genetic material. These tests are considered the "gold standard" and the most accurate. Collected by nasal, throat or saliva sample.
- Antigen tests detect the special proteins from the virus. They are recommended for symptomatic individuals. If negative, a molecular test is recommended. Collected by nasal or throat sample.

Antibody tests look for antibodies in your blood, which may tell you if you had a past infection with the virus that causes COVID-19. Antibody tests are not used to see if you are currently infected with COVID-19.

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Some of the local Cub Scouts from Pack 89 recently gathered at the Veteran's Park in Erskine to pick up garbage, sticks and to get together in a safe outdoor environment. Three different dens participated in the event. Scouts from left to right are: Chandler Bailey, Macey Lee, Silas Lee, Henry Swanson and Bridger Huschle.

MN ranks first in five-year business survival rate

Minnesota ranks first in the nation in its five-year business survival rate (2015-2020), based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The state's rate was 55.3%. In comparison, the national rate for the same period was 50.0%.

"This ranking confirms something we know to be true - people who start things in Minnesota tend to stick to it.

Covid...

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At this time, researchers do not know if the presence of antibodies means that you are protected/immune to COVID-19. It is recommended to continue to take steps to protect yourself and others.

Will public health be contacting me if I am deemed a "close contact"?

No. We are asking positive individuals to self-notify their close contacts and their employers.

When should I get tested if I was exposed to someone with COVID-19?

Close contacts are encouraged to get tested 5-7 days after the last day of exposure.

If my college student tests positive for COVID-19 while at college, will it

It's part of that Minnesota work ethic that we're known for," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "This ranking bodes well for our economy, as we know that small businesses account for 47% of the jobs in the state."

A recent study by MIT showed that new businesses are responsible for nearly all net new jobs and 20% of gross

job creation in our economy - so encouraging new businesses is vital to our future economy.

In the third quarter, business starts in Minnesota were up nearly 60% compared to a year ago.

Since the pandemic began, Minnesota is above the national average in incorporated business starts.

show up as a case for Norman, Mahanomen, or Polk Counties?

No. this case will be counted in the state and/or county they reside in during college unless they live at home in Norman, Mahanomen, or Polk County.

Can I have the flu and COVID-19 at the same time?

According to the CDC, it is possible to have the flu, other respiratory illnesses, and COVID-19 at the same time. Health experts are still studying how common this is. Some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, making it hard to tell the difference using symptoms alone. It's not too late to get your flu shot!

Together We Can, find the answers!

Public Health is here to provide you the most accurate, up-to-date, rapidly changing information about COVID-19. Please follow us on social media sites for daily education topics and weekly situational updates.

Visit the Polk County Coronavirus Response Hub (<https://coronavirus-response-pcg.hub.arcgis.com/>), the Norman County COVID-19 website (<https://www.co.norman.mn.us/departments/public-health/covid-19.php>), the Minnesota Department of Health (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/>) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) websites for more COVID-19 information.

Simple ways to prolong the life of poinsettias

Poinsettias and their rich red, white or variegated color schemes are the ideal backdrop for Christmas celebrations. In fact, poinsettias are among the most popular decorative flowers during the holiday season.

According to the 2013 USDA Floriculture Statistics report, poinsettias accounted for about one-quarter (23 percent) of all flowering potted plant sales that year. Roughly 34 million poinsettia plants are sold in

a given season. Indigenous to Central America, the plant was introduced to North America in the 1820s when Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States Minister to Mexico, brought the red-and-green plant back with him from a trip abroad.

While millions of poinsettias will be purchased for the holiday season, many mistakenly think their utility ends once New Year's Day has come and gone. But with proper care



poinsettia plants can continue to thrive and bring warmth and beauty to a home long after the holiday decorations have been tucked away.

Choose a hearty plant. Experts with the University of Vermont Extension Department of Plant and Soil Science say that many people mistake the plant's leaves for its flowers. The red, white or pink bracts are actually modified leaves. The flowers of the plant are the yellow clustered buds in the center called "cyathia." Choose poinsettia plants that have buds which are, ideally, not yet open.

Keep the temperature consistent. Poinsettias prefer a room temperature between

New wireless printing solution available at local libraries

Lake Agassiz Regional Library is introducing a new and improved option for those wishing to print documents wirelessly from home or in the library.

The library system has installed Princh, a cloud-based printing solution allowing users to print documents from their mobile devices and laptops.

"Wireless printing is a great option for people who don't have printers at home," said Liz Lynch, Executive Director of Lake Agassiz Regional Library. "We're seeing a lot of people wondering where to go to print worksheets for their children who are participating

in virtual learning, as well as job seekers needing to print out items for their job search and home cooks printing recipes.

"We're pleased to offer this service, particularly during the pandemic when so many people are spending much more time at home."

To get started using the wireless printing service, users are encouraged to visit larl.org/wirelessprinting or to download the Princh app on an Android or iOS device. Lake Agassiz Regional Library charges \$.10 per black and white copy and \$.50 per color copy and payment methods have been expanded to include credit cards and mobile payment options.

McIntosh Friends of Veteran's News

This is the second week of names that the committee is looking for to complete the Uniform pictures of Veterans that we didn't have for our Memorial Day 2020 event.

We have sent out 35 letters from tips that we have received from various people and we have received many responses already.

For those Veterans that we remember and know the relatives, you need to send pictures to Darlene Dierkes at the First National Bank in McIntosh or

sent to PO Box 247, McIntosh, MN 56556. For additional information you can contact Darlene Dierkes at 218-563-3382 or Garnet Aanenson at 218-563-2753.

Following is the second list of some of the Veterans: Gust Froirak, Lloyd and Olie Guisness, Archie Gunderson, Palmer Halvorson, Alfred and Herman Hanson, Arthur, Clarence, Lloyd, and Louis Haugen, Harkness Hazelwood, Jaynes and Vernon Hedman, Helmer and Kenneth Hendrickson, Edwin Hill, Einar Hoffard, Robert Holm, Nelson Holten Jr. and Sr. Marlow Hovla and, Godtfred Husby, Arthur, Merle, and Oleander Johnson, John King, Orlyn, Peder Knudson, Arthur, Engvald, John, Orville (Sr.) and Reuben Knutson.

There are several veterans that are not specifically from McIntosh.

If they belonged to the McIntosh VFW, they are included on our list of Veterans. The Committee will do the calling and letter writing if we get any clue at all. We just want to get a contact for all of these Veterans.

Did you know?

During the second quarter of 2020, employers in Northwest Minnesota reported a total of 12,180 job vacancies, down 6.5% from the previous year. Due to economic changes brought about by the coronavirus pandemic, this is the first survey period since 2017 when there are more unemployed workers than job vacancies. However, Northwest Minnesota saw the smallest year-over-year decline of the 6 planning regions in the state. Statewide, vacancies dropped 24% compared to the second quarter of 2019.



Community Birthday and Anniversary Calendar

Thurs. Dec. 17: Don Ostenson

Fri. Dec. 18: Jenny Howard, Dusty Juve

Sat Dec. 19: Clarissa Neste, Erik Roed

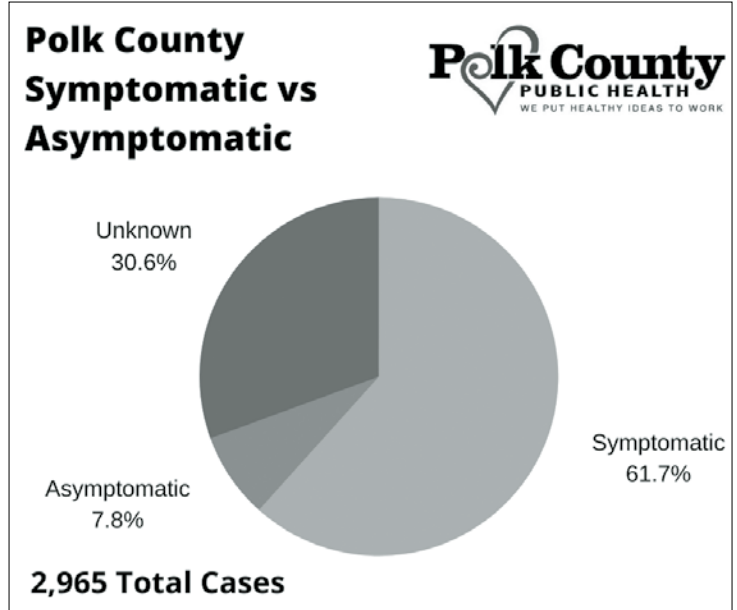
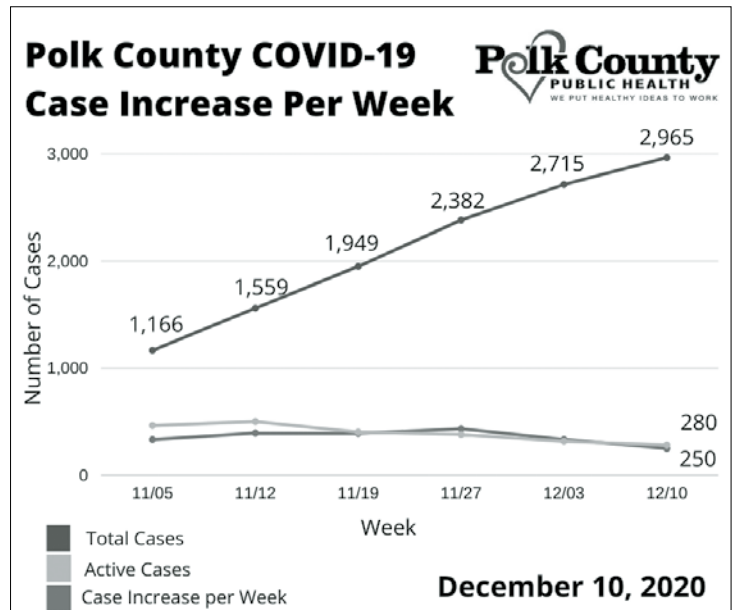
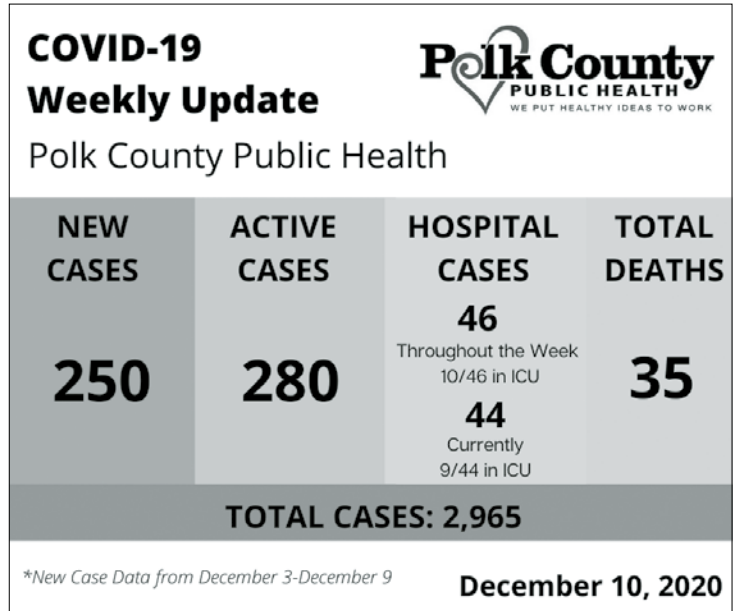
Sun. Dec. 20: Kalli Roy, Joyce Balstad

Mon. Dec. 21: Brooke Tofstad, Beth Hagen

Tues. Dec. 22: Andy Smith, Cody Drewry, Jerry Shimp, Camille Smeby, *Robert & Sharon Hegland, *Allen & Shirley Carver



At the 2020 annual meeting of the Polk County Historical Society, in his last official duty as treasurer, Dan Morlan of Crookston gave the financial report. He retired after serving as treasurer for 20 years. President Anne Muir said 20 years was "a significant milestone" as presented Morlan with a personalized hourglass. However, he will continue to serve the society. PCHS board members re-elected to three year terms were Dan Morlan, Dean Vikan of Fosston and John Vraa of Climax. Steve Hannah of Fisher was the fourth board member to be elected. Because of concerns about the spread of COVID-19, masks were required and social distancing was observed as a small group of members met November 8 at the Eagles Hall in Crookston. Because of Stay SafeMN and Governor Tim Walz's orders, the museum in Crookston was not opened this summer.



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Tues, Dec. 22nd - Ginger Citrus Chicken Breast - Rice - Oriental Vegetables - Pears - Fruit Crisp - Milk

Wed, Dec. 23rd - Spaghetti with Meat Sauce - Green Beans - Peaches - Bread - Rice Krispie Bars - Milk



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Fosston

Fr. John Suvaheen, Pastor

Sun. Dec. 20: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

Sun. Dec. 27: 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Fosston; 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's, Bagley

OURS SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

McIntosh

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Our Savior's Church of McIntosh will resume church services stating on October 4th. The plan moving forward will be to alternate with Calvary every other week. Our Savior's will host on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's and Calvary the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of each month. The new time will be 10:30 am every Sunday at both locations.

The following guidelines will be in place. Masks must be wore at all times, social distancing from non-family members or anyone else you aren't currently spending time with, no singing as all the hymnals will be removed from the pews and the hymns will be in your bulletin to follow along with, communion will be held in the pews on the 1st and 2nd Sunday's of the month with the communion kits we are currently using, offering trays will be placed on a table to put your offering in when you come in, no sharing of the peace.

If you don't have a mask we'll have some available but please take with you afterwards and dispose of at home. Hand sanitizer will also be available to use before sitting down in your pew. Please only sit it the pews that aren't taped off.

We will still continue to have services on Garden Valley and YouTube so if you aren't comfortable in coming please stay home and enjoy on tv.

MCINTOSH AFLC

McIntosh Trinity / Mount Carmel:

Pastor Karl Anderson

Mt Carmel and Trinity Free Lutheran Churches in McIntosh have resumed holding Sunday Services.

9:30 Trinity

11:00 Mt Carmel

Social distancing practices will be encouraged.

Video Services will continue on GVTV Channel 30 at 10am Sunday, 7pm Sunday and 6pm Wednesday.

They will also be posted on the McIntosh AFLC Parish YouTube channel

GOSEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Independent

Gary Johnson, Pastor

www.gosen-church.com

Face Book: Gosen Church

Sun., Dec. 20: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (also on Facebook: gosenchurch and gosenchurch.com)

Tues, Dec. 22: 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service telecast on GVTV--30

Wed, Dec. 23: 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at Sharon Ramberg's home.

CALVARY-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN PARISH

Winger/Bejou

Supply Pastor

Gordon Syverson

Calvary Lutheran Church, Winger, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bejou, and Our Saviors Lutheran Church, McIntosh will run church services on Channel 30 on Garden Valley Channel 30. They will also be available on YouTube on channel One in Spirit Calvary. Our Saviors service will be available by 8:30 am each Sunday until further notice.

Polk County Commissioners Minutes

OCTOBER 27, 2020
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., October 27, 2020 at Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Avenue, Crookston, MN. Members present: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Other present: Michelle Cote, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Members absent: Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Warren Strandell.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the October 27, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the October 27, 2020 Consent Agenda.

1. Approve the September 22, October 6, and October 20, 2020 Board minutes.

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS
ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he participated in a meet the candidate forum. He also participated in the Northwestern Mental Health Center meeting, which was focused on finances and the County Commissioner roles on the Executive Board. Discussion was brought forth regarding residents that are infringing on County Road No. 1 Right-Away.

2. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he attended the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. He also brought forth discussion regarding social media and election comments.

3. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he also participated in the Northwestern Mental Health Center meeting. In addition, he attended the One Watershed One Plan meeting.

SHERIFF

Jim Tadmam, Polk County Sheriff came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Renew 2021 City of Fosston, Law Enforcement Contract

The 2021 City of Fosston Law Enforcement Contract was discussed with the Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the 2021 City of Fosston Law Enforcement Contract as presented. (Contract on file in the Administrator's Office)

2. Permission To Hire A New Dispatcher

Due to a dispatcher resignation a motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve filling and hiring a new Dispatcher position.

3. Monthly Sheriff Reports

The September Monthly Sheriff Reports were discussed and presented to the Board. (Monthly reports on file in the Administrator's Office)

PROPERTY RECORDS

Michelle Cote, Property Records Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to her department:

1. Allocation Of Boundary Commission No. 1 Plat Costs

The Allocation of Boundary Commission No. 1 Plat Costs was discussed with the Board. Kyle and Dennis Erickson and Jon and Merri Nelson brought forth concerns regarding the boundary commission process and the proposed staff allocation of costs.

2. Resolution (2020-91) Polk County Boundary Commission No. 1 Cost Allocation Special Assessment

Polk County Boundary Commission No. 1 Cost Allocation Special Assessment
RESOLUTION (2020-91)
The following resolution (2020-91) was offered by Commissioner Willhite:

WHEREAS, The Polk County Board of Commissioners established Boundary Commission No. 1 per Minnesota Statute 465.79 to review and correct property line discrepancies, and

WHEREAS, The Polk County Board of Commissioners recommended approval of the Boundary Commission No. 1 Plat and submitted a petition for approval to Polk County District Court, and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Eric D. Schieferdecker of Polk County District Court, approved the Boundary Commission No. 1 Plat and ordered it of record January 3, 2020, and

WHEREAS, Polk County staff have calculated the proper amount to be specially assessed against every lot, piece and parcel of land of Boundary Commission No 1, without regard to cash valuation, **(See Boundary Commission Table)**

WHEREAS, Said calculations were based on hard costs that the County has paid for surveying and legal services on behalf of the landowners within Boundary Commission No. 1, excluding staff costs, and

WHEREAS, Polk County agrees to split the total of \$79,117.96 as follows: \$2,500.00 equally to Lots 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. \$1,250.00 equally to Lot 9 and 15. Lot 3 is excluded per stipulation agreement. The additional \$1,700 cost to Lot 3 is a unique cost tied to the release required from US Bank and will be assessed to that specific owner. Polk County hereby agrees to absorb the balance of \$44,917.96.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Polk County

Board of Commissioners hereby determines that the property in the said Boundary Commission No. 1 is benefited by the process of the Boundary Commission No. 1 Plat, and that every lot, piece and parcel of land set out therein is assessable and that said proposed assessment has been calculated in accordance with the law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Polk County Board of Commissioners declare its official intent to reimburse itself for the costs of the Boundary Commission No. 1 plat process, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said proposed assessments for said Boundary Commission No. 1 process are hereby adopted as the special assessments against the tracts of land found in Boundary Commission No. 1 Plat in the amount set out therein and that this assessment roll be given the descriptive name of Boundary Commission No. 1 Special Assessment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said assessment shall be payable in equal installments over a period of 5 years, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That interest at the rate of .0001 percent per annum on the entire assessment from the date of the resolution levying said assessment to December 31, 2020, and each subsequent installment will be payable with one year's interest at said rate on all unpaid installments, except that no interest will be charged if the entire assessment as to any parcel is paid at the office of the Tax Payer Service Center within 60 days from the date of adoption of the assessment roll or the last business day of December if there are more than 60 days from the date of adoption to the final business day of December in 2020.

Commissioner Diedrich seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Diedrich, Willhite and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Dana Johnson, Victim Assistance Specialist came before the Board with matters pertaining to Victim Assistance:

1. Resolution (2020-92) Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Coordinated Victim Services

Resolution Accepting Financial Donations On Behalf Of Polk County Coordinated Victim Services

RESOLUTION (2020-92)
The following resolution (2020-92) was offered by Commissioner Diedrich:

WHEREAS, Little Norway Congregation, located in Fertile, Minnesota, has made a financial donation of \$500.00 to support the services and programming of PCCVS.

WHEREAS, PCCVS, which is part of the Polk County Attorney's Office, wishes to have the County Board formally accept these financial donations on behalf of PCCVS.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By the County Board of Polk County, Minnesota as follows:

1. The financial donation from Little Norway Congregation, which is listed above, hereby be accepted by the Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Polk County Coordinated Victim Services to be used in support of the services and programming provided by Polk County Coordinated Victim Services.

Commissioner Jacobson seconded the foregoing resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote. YEAS: Diedrich, Willhite and Jacobson. NAYS: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Jacob Snyder, Environmental Specialist/Planning and Zoning Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to Planning and Zoning:

1. Resolution (2020-93) Conditional Use Permit for Willard Nephew For Hooking A Septic System To An Accessory Structure

Resolution (2020-93) was offered by Commissioner Jacobson, seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Diedrich, Willhite and Jacobson. NAYS: None. (See Resolution (2020-93) on file in the Administrator's Office.)

2. Resolution (2020-94) Conditional Use Permit For David Kvdt For Hooking A Septic System To An Accessory Structure

Resolution (2020-94) was offered by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted upon the following vote: YEAS: Diedrich, Willhite and Jacobson. NAYS: None. (See Resolution (2020-94) on file in the Administrator's Office.)

ADMINISTRATION

Chuck Whiting, Polk County Administrator came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. 2021 Budget Status
The status of the 2021 budget was discussed with the Board.

With no further business the Board adjourned to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., November 3, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair
Charles S. Whiting, Polk County Administrator Clerk of the Board

NOVEMBER 3, 2020
BOARD MINUTES

Pursuant to motion of adjournment, the Polk County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:00 o'clock a.m., November 3, 2020 at Environmental Services, 320 Ingersoll Avenue, Crookston, MN. Members present: Commissioner Gerald Jacobson, Commissioner Gary Willhite, Commissioner Joan Lee and Commissioner Don Diedrich and Charles S. Whiting, County Administrator, Clerk of the Board. Other present: Valerie Bjerk,

Boundary Commission Plat -1							
Parcel	New Parcel Number	Owner	Legal Description	Final Costs \$77,417.96	58% County Reduction \$44,917.96	Exclusive Parcel Expenses	Net Final Cost to Landowner
74.00282.02	74.01246.00	Richard and Idella Westacott, Trustees	Lot 1 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00282.01	74.01247.00	Carolyn E. Selmanson	Lot 2 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 4,200.00
	74.01248.00	Carolyn E. Selmanson	Lot 3 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	None per court stipulation agreement			
74.00282.00	74.01249.00	Steven and Rebecca Vesledahl	Lot 4 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00555.00	74.01250.00	Joel and Paula Osowski	Lot 5 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00557.00	74.01251.00	Jeffrey R and Mary J Gryskiewicz	Lot 6 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00558.00	74.01252.00	Gary and Jill Sonstelie	Lot 7 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00559.00	74.01253.00	Steven and Rebecca Vesledahl	Lot 8 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1				
74.00283.01				\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00283.02	74.01254.00	Steve Nelson & Jon Nelson	Lot 9 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 2,977.61	\$ (1,727.61)	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
74.00283.00	74.01260.00	Steve Nelson & Jon Nelson	Lot 15 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 2,977.61	\$ (1,727.61)	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00
74.00552.01	74.01255.00	Steve Nelson & Jon Nelson	Lot 10 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00553.00	74.01256.00	Kyle Marie Erickson	Lot 11 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00554.00	74.01257.00	Anvinson Lake Homes, LLC	Lot 12 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00560.00	74.01258.00	Richard G. Miner/Richard G. Miner Trustee	Lot 13 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
74.00283.03	74.01259.00	Kimberly J Anvinson c/o Tim Anvinson	Lot 14 Boundary Commission Plat No. 1	\$ 5,955.23	\$ (3,455.23)	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
				\$ 77,417.96	\$ (44,917.96)	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 34,200.00
			TOTAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION COST	\$		79,117.96	

Deputy Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Warren Strandell absent.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Jacobson seconded by Commissioner Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the November 3, 2020 agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Diedrich seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the November 3, 2020 consent agenda:

1. Approve Auditor Warrants
COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS
ISSUE FORUM

1. Commissioner Jacobson brought forth that he participated in an online AMC District meeting.

2. Commissioner Willhite brought forth that he participated in an online AMC District meeting.

3. Commissioner Lee brought forth that she participated in an online AMC District meeting. She also had a phone conversation with Congressman Peterson's staff member regarding Fish and Wildlife. A phone call was also held with Enbridge Line 3 regarding COVID-19. A phone call was also received regarding township concerns on county roads 202 and 203. A phone call was also received regarding the voting line at the Government Center.

4. Commissioner Diedrich brought forth that he participated in an online AMC District meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Jon Steiner, Environmental Services Director came before the Board with matters pertaining to his department:

1. Specialty Products & Technology Inc. – 2021 Steam Contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Diedrich and adopted by unanimous vote of the Board to approve the 2021 Steam Purchase

Vendor Name	Amount
Cathedral Parish Office	2,375.00
Crookston City	250,000.00
Northland Community & Tech College	15,000.00
Our Saviors Lutheran	2,159.00
Final Total:	269,534.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/06/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Bergstrom Electric Inc	20,097.25
Care & Share	10,000.00
East Polk Soil & Water	33,599.00
Knife River Materials	763,547.23
Mn State Treasury	8,912.00
Polk County Public Health	2,689.91
Regents Of The Univ Of Mn	33,320.19
Vanguard Appraisals Inc	5,775.00
West Polk Soil & Water	33,599.00
15 Payments less than 2000	5,765.01
Final Total:	917,304.59

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/13/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	2,538.69
BELTRAMI COUNTY SOLID WASTE	2,064.80
Country Place/The	2,000.00
Crookston Driftbusters	6,628.14
Davidson Construction	10,722.55
East Polk Soil & Water	10,000.00
Edgewood Vista	13,000.00
Fertile Oil Company	15,697.15
Great Plains Natural Gas Co	3,052.15
Halstad Telephone Co	9,543.70
Innovative Office Solutions LLC	3,873.58
Inter- County Community Council	70,000.00
Knife River Materials	1,752,102.88
Lenes Sand & Gravel Inc	37,066.58
Lepier Oil Company Inc	4,996.13
McIntosh Senior Living	12,000.00
Norman County Public Health	3,291.68
Northside Express	4,035.10
Orthetail Power Co	42,102.95
Pioneer Memorial Care Center	13,000.00
Polk County Public Health	10,158.39
Poplar Meadows	7,000.00
Reserve Account	10,000.00
Riverside Board and Lodge	2,000.00
Riverside Christian School	2,807.00
Riverview Care Center	7,000.00
Tri County Community Corr	1,317,874.25
University of MN Crookston	15,000.00
Verizon Wireless	2,638.24
Wild Rice Elec Co- Op Inc	2,866.43
19 Payments less than 2000	9,383.67
Final Total:	3,404,444.06

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/15/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Brislet Township Treasurer	16,000.00
Final Total:	16,000.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Altru Health System	2,653.00
City Of East Grand Forks	250,000.00
Crookston Water Department	2,543.00
East Pc Soil & Water	21,560.00
Fosston Municipal Utilities	49,973.18
Garden Valley Technologies	2,930.61
GreatAmerica Financial Services	9,891.63
Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP	2,372.24
Knife River Materials	5,402.00
Polk Co Historical Society	7,500.00
School District 2176 Treas	6,017.98
School District 2609 Treas	7,670.45
School District 592 Treas	4,263.24
School District 593 Treas	17,279.27
School District 595 Treas	19,344.91
School District 599 Treas	7,626.09
School District 600 Treas	6,073.95
School District 601 Treas	5,052.47
Verizon Wireless	3,654.61
West Polk Soil & Water	21,560.00
32 Payments less than 2000	18,700.74
Final Total:	472,069.37

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/20/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
3 Payments less than 2000	45.00
Final Total:	45.00

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/21/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Aaron Swenby Construction Concrete	2,500.00
Agassiz Environmental Learnng Center	2,500.00
Canna RHX LLC & John Reitmeyer	2,500.00
CJ's Tender Care Kennel	2,500.00
Clear Image Collective	2,500.00
Cloud Nine Studios	2,500.00
D&B Fresh Cut Fries Food Truck	2,500.00
East Polk Dog Resort	2,500.00
Erickson Vik Ganje Funeral Home	5,000.00
Erickson's Smokehouse Bar & Grille	5,000.00
Erickson's Smokehouse Catering	2,500.00
Grape Mill Vineyard & Winery	2,500.00
Johnson Concrete	2,500.00
K & S Construction LLC	5,000.00
Kiecker Coatings	2,500.00
Krissy's Hair Affair	5,000.00
Lakeside Building Center	5,000.00
Lakeview Resort	5,000.00
Little Bobby's Bar & Grill LLC	5,000.00
Manecke Heating & Cooling	5,000.00
Mill Street Cafe	5,000.00
Moran's Supper Club	5,000.00
Ness Cafe	5,000.00
Northern Dental Repair	2,500.00
Northside Express	5,000.00
One & Only of Euclid Inc	5,000.00
Paper Cuts Event Rental House	2,500.00
Parenteau's Oof- Da Tacos Inc	5,000.00
Paws Hoofs Claws	2,500.00
Poissant Therapy & Fitness	5,000.00
Polk County Agricultural Fair Assoc	5,000.00
Roed Farms	5,000.00
Roed Seed Sales	2,500.00
RS Grain LLC	2,500.00
Salon 32 Beltrami	3,000.00
Shadhill Heating Plumbing & AC LLC	5,000.00
Shape It Up Fitness Center	2,500.00
Snow Sled Inn	5,000.00
The Deuce Bar & Grill	5,000.00
Willard Swenby Construction	2,500.00
6 Payments less than 2000	6,881.74
Final Total:	157,381.74

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/26/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Bremer Bank Na	1,480,078.60
School District 2176 Treas	53,257.03
School District 2311 Treas	8,028.43
School District 2609 Treas	413,786.21
School District 2906 Treas	7,813.54
School District 592 Treas	79,403.95
School District 593 Treas	826,463.05
School District 600 Treas	114,721.26
School District 601 Treas	379,107.44
School District 630 Treas	9,725.79
Final Total:	3,372,385.30

AUDITOR WARRANTS 10/27/2020

Vendor Name	Amount
Clay County Public Health	2,500.00
ENTERPRISE FM TRUST	4,646.06
Fischer Rust, Stock & Rust, PLLC	3,187.50
Knife River Materials	23,406.52
Kronos SaaShr Inc	3,572.72
Lake Agassiz Regional Library	68,505.00
Mn State Treasury	9,705.00
Polk County	76,437.20
Polk County Public Health	3,470.68
Reynolds Harbott Knutson & Larson PLLF	3,094.00
University Of North Dakota	6,250.28
Valley Plains Equipment	163,150.00
15 Payments less than 2000	8,207.42
Final Total:	376,132.38

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MANUAL WARRANTS 10/02/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Internal Revenue Service	173,545.13	
Minnesota Revenue	30,478.77	
Final Total:	204,023.90	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/05/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
FURTHER	3,183.52	
Final Total:	3,183.52	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/13/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
FURTHER	2,117.23	
Final Total:	2,117.23	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/16/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Internal Revenue Service	165,592.45	
Minnesota Revenue	28,391.78	
Final Total:	193,984.23	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/19/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
FURTHER	264.43	
Final Total:	264.43	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/19/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Northwest Service Cooperative	265,310.00	
Final Total:	265,310.00	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/19/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Mn Dept Of Revenue	516.00	
Final Total:	516.00	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/19/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Minnesota Revenue	4,519.00	
Minnesota Revenue	160.17	
Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division	109,762.63	
Mn Dept Of Revenue	2,027.00	
Mn Dept Of Revenue	1,522.00	
Mn Dept Of Revenue	27.00	
Final Total:	118,017.80	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/23/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	242,356.98	
Final Total:	242,356.98	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/23/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	769.14	
Final Total:	769.14	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/26/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
Mn Dept Of Rev Tax Division	1,037,477.06	
Final Total:	1,037,477.06	
MANUAL WARRANTS 10/27/2020		
Vendor Name	Amount	
FURTHER	1,250.03	
Final Total:	1,250.03	

With no further business, the Board adjourned to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., November 17, 2020.

Gary Willhite, Chair

Charles S. Whiting, Polk County Administrator
Clerk of the Board

M39C

Invitation to Bid Delinquent Tax List Publications Bids Close January 5, 2021 10:30 A.M. Polk County, Minnesota

Sealed bids will be RECEIVED by Michelle M. Cote, Polk County Director of Property Records, on behalf of the Polk County Board of Commissioners until 10:30 A.M. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 by Polk County for the year 2020 as listed below. Proposals received after 10:30 A.M. **will not** be considered. Proposals will be OPENED and READ publicly at 11:00 A.M., January 5, 2021 by the Board of County Commissioners or their representative at the Polk County Government Center in Crookston, Minnesota for the following:

TWO PUBLICATIONS OF THE LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 279.05, 279.06, 279.07, 279.08 AND 279.09.

The bidders must comply with the legal requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 331A, and the legal requirements for publication of this material, and the bidders should make themselves familiar with these requirements.

Bids must be submitted on the form provided by the Polk County Taxpayer Service Center, and all bids must comply with the additional specifications on the bid form.

The words "Bids for Publishing" must be written on the outside of the bid envelope.

The Polk County Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

Dated at Crookston, Minnesota, this 4th day of December 2020.
Michelle M. Cote
Polk County Director of Property Records

M39C

Invitation to Bid 2021 Official Newspaper & Publishing Bids Close January 5, 2021 10:30 A.M. Polk County, Minnesota

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PUBLICATION OF THE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES 375.12, AND THE PUBLICATION OF ALL LEGAL NOTICES OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING BID NOTICES, SAMPLE BALLOTS AND ALL OTHER PUBLISHING REQUESTS OR NEEDS OR REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, DURING 2021.

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Dated at Crookston, Minnesota, this 4th day of December 2020.

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Must-haves to achieve a holiday wonderland

The end of the year marks a period of heightened festivity. Come the holiday season, homes and businesses are decorated and everyone seems to have an extra spring in their step.

The sight of snowflakes, candy canes, evergreen wreaths, and Christmas trees can elicit nostalgia for happy holidays of the past, as well as excitement for what is yet to come. When it comes to decorating for the holidays, there are certain items that set the scene.

• **Christmas trees:** Germany is credited with starting the modern Christmas tree tradition. It dates back to the 16th century when devout Christians brought trees into their homes and decorated them. German settlers brought Christmas tree traditions to America upon their arrival in Pennsylvania in the 19th century.

• **Mistletoe:** Mistletoe is known as the "kissing plant"

and it is customary for couples to kiss while standing beneath the plant, typically hung in doorways and arches. Mistletoe was once hung to drive off evil spirits and ensure fertility. Kissing under the mistletoe was first found associated with the Greek festival of Saturnalia and later with primitive marriage rites.

• **Lights:** Lights are commonly seen during the holiday season. The custom of having holiday lights dates back to when Christmas trees were decorated with candles, which symbolized Christ being the light of the world. These traditions evolved from pagan rituals that would celebrate the return of light of the sun as the days grow longer after the winter solstice.

• **Yule log:** Many families burn a yule log in the fireplace and watch it burn while listening to Christmas carols. The familiar custom of burning the log dates back to solstice cel-



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ebrations and the tradition of bonfires. The Christmas tradition called for burning a portion of the log each evening until Twelfth Night, also known as the Epiphany, which takes place on January 6.

• **Poinsettias:** Poinsettias are a tropical plant that originated in Mexico. Joel Roberts Poinsett was the first Ambassador from the United States to Mexico. He became enamored with the plants, and brought them back to his native South

Carolina. An old Mexican legend suggests a poor girl had nothing to offer baby Jesus at Christmas Eve services, so she picked a handful of weeds and put them at the bottom of the nativity scene. These weeds burst into bright red flowers and became known as "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night."

Holiday decorations borrow traditions from all over the world to help establish a festive wonderland.