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To Whom It May Concern:

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Enclosed you will find a petition from the residents of Strandquist who want you to keep the Strandquist Post Office open. The post office is a vital part of the community and the people would really miss it if you close the post office. The Strandquist Post Office was started in 1899 and a complete history is also enclosed.

Some of the comments people are making are as follows:
The Bethesda Church mails their newsletter and other mailing from here and do not want to drive to Karlstad to do this mailing. Many people feel that driving to Karlstad, which is in Kittson Co. does not make sense, they would rather go to Newfolden, which is in Marshall Co. Also the public meeting that was held in June would have been better attended if it was held in the evening rather than during the day when many people are working. They also feel that the revenue savings are not correct due to the fact that the office is now being served by a OIC who get no benefits of sick leave, annual leave or holiday pay. Also an OIC get paid less than a Postmaster. The OIC is doing an excellent job and giving good service to the community. Also the lease on the building the post office is in has at least one more year and is not that expensive. Please keep these facts in mind before you close the post office in Strandquist.

Sincerely,
Strandquist Residents

Strandquist, MN. 56758

November 10, 2011

We the residents of the community of Strandquist would like to petition the U.S. Post Office to keep the Post Office in Strandquist, MN open.

The post office is a vital part of our community and we don't want to lose it.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STRANDQUIST POST OFFICE REMAIN OPEN,

PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION.

1. Eunice Rud
2. Dorothy Grandstrand
3. Adrienne Lepras Th
4. Vance Lepras Th
5. Carol Mortensen
6. Dean Holmstrom
7. Allison Larson
8. Mike Jarrett
9. Breanna Jarrett
10. Irene Nelson
11. Syd Smith (Mayor)
12. Arvid Kufegoth
13. Vern Langness
14. Maxine Holmstrom
15. Karl Tava
16. Ann M. Christensen
17. Audrey Rud
18. Mike Blomquist
19. Marilyn Anderson
20. Ryan Overton
21. Lisa Remm

22. ~~Geedy Larson~~
23. Roger Larson
24. Michael Johnson
25. ~~Jami Kefauver~~
26. Debra Lefstrom
27. Jerry Lefstrom
28. Shirley Lefstrom
29. ~~Rick Olson~~
30. Bob Lindstrom
31. Mark Hultgren
32. Jason F. Raul
33. Steve Adamack
34. Angelina Adamack
35. Jason Norcini
36. Kelly Norcini
37. Mike Keyser
38. Lillian Kuznia
39. Scott Kuznia
40. Tanny Kuznia
41. Sue Budziszewski
42. Mike Budziszewski
43. Louise Szklanski
44. Mark Szklanski
45. Kelsey Kaspronicz
46. Chad Kaspronicz

47. Dale W. Kostjowski
48. Peggy GUESK
49. Ailieta Nygaard
50. Ryan Nygaard
51. David Stusumchi
52. ~~Blau Stusumchi~~
53. Julian Stusumchi
54. Linda Stusumchi
55. James Borowicz
56. Mary Kyjawa
57. ~~Paul Kyjawa~~
58. ~~Heidi Borowicz~~
59. Tomasz Borowicz
60. Betty Pietrzewski
61. Terry Pietrzewski
62. Vern Stusumchi
63. Tom Borowicz
64. Beth Borowicz
65. Bob Safranski
66. Jean Safranski
67. Susan Hujawa
68. ~~Cheryl Hujawa~~
69. ~~Jan Dzyngel~~
70. Ann Dzyngel
71. Bernice Hujawa

72. Mary Stusynski
73. Cathy Abel
74. Kenny Stusynski
75. Roselia Stusynski
76. Edmund Borowicz
77. Barb Hanson
78. Beverly Fox
79. Jerry Ruel
80. Jim Caruthen
81. ~~Cathy~~
82. Dick W. Watson
83. Irene Johnson
84. Rosalie Martin
85. Ray Johnson
86. Karen Wikstrom
87. Jeff Brung
88. Gerald Horro
89. Iwona Blazejewsk
90. Craig Skupien
91. Robert Blazejewski
92. Janice Blazejewski
93. Karen Henricksen
94. Gary Heron
95. Darrell Westman
96. Elise Westman

97. Yvonne Pittis
98. ~~St~~ Mij
99. Kate Mij
100. ~~John~~ ~~John~~
101. Donald Refruto
102. Christian G. Conico
103. Louis Berggren
104. Shirley Anderson
105. Neil M Anderson
106. Rebecca Bakke
107. Betsy R. Thompson,
108. Isaac Thompson
109. Deborah Boen
110. Kristyker Anderson
111. ~~Gay~~ ~~Lucy~~
112. ~~Steven~~ Jensenhagen
113. Milan ~~Alk~~
114. Donald Mc
115. Shelly Swann
116. Beverly Borwald
117. Gordon Borwald
118. Donald R. Larson
119. ~~Ed~~ ~~Paul~~
120. Gene Anderson
121. Phyllis Anderson

Shirley

123. *Jamie Carlson*

124. *Robert Carlson*

125. *L E L Ash*

126. *Sean Ointed*

127. *Charles L. Rose*

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11/10/2011

We the surrounding area residents that use the Post office at Strandquist, Mn. Would like to keep the Post office open.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STRANDQUIST POST OFFICE
REMAIN OPEN,**

PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION.

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- 22. Theresa Kazmierczak
- 23. ~~Raymond Nelson~~
- 24. Kathy Nelson Karlstad
- 25. ~~[Signature]~~ Karlstad
- 26. Chebiq Nelson Strandquist
- 27. Melissa Bray Strandquist
- 28. ~~[Signature]~~ STRANDQUIST
- 29. ~~[Signature]~~ Lake Bronson
- 30. arzon Nelson strandquist
- 31. ~~[Signature]~~ Karlstad
- 32. Jordan Nelson Karlstad.
- 33. Logan Nelson STRANDQUIST
- 34. Vera Blazyski STRANDQUIST
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Strandquist Post Office

John E. Strandquist started the Lund post office in 1899 with C.M. Carlson. The original building was located 2 1/4 miles west of the present day town of Strandquist. Strandquist was officially appointed postmaster on February 7, 1899. Some of the old deeds still have "village of Lund" description and a 1902 map shows the Lund post office located on the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 29. Township records name the Lund post office as one of the official sites for posting meeting notices. Mr. Strandquist then sold out his share to Anton Sundberg and moved east to start another one on the site now occupied by David Rux. Anton Sundberg had sold his share to Rasmi Nelson and Carlson sold out to Andres Sihlberg. The Soo Line Railroad came through in 1904 and Mr. Lund, who had operated the post office west of town, had moved into the village. When the railroad came through, Strandquist also moved his business into the village. This resulted in the village having two post offices, namely Lund and Strandquist. In 1906 the Soo Line wanted the village named Wistow, but Mr. Strandquist was a shrewd businessman as well as able politician, so he managed to retain his post office and the village kept the name Strandquist.

J.E. Strandquist was the first postmaster and served for 15 years. During this time, Ottina Rokke, who had taught school in the district where he had lived, was offered a position as bookkeeper and assistant until 1914 when Civil Service Exams were given and Leonard Constantine was appointed postmaster on November 28, 1914. He served until ill health forced him to resign. John Nelson was appointed on November 2, 1916, serving long enough to oversee the new post office building being built on Main Street. He resigned and Nels Sundberg finished the term but was drafted into the armed services for World War I. Ottina Rokke was then appointed Acting Postmaster and eventually (eight months later, on May 29, 1935) Postmaster, serving eight years. During Ed Stennes' term, a new building was built next to Huset's Store. Politics again entered the picture and men were drafted into the armed service for

World War II. As a result, Dolpha Johnson was appointed Postmistress on April 5, 1941 and served until 1965. She was the daughter of the first postmaster.

Following Dolpha Johnson's tenure, Gladys C. Johnson was appointed acting postmaster on December 13, 1965. Less than a year later she was appointed Postmaster on November 5, 1966 and served in that position for another 11 years. During Mrs. Johnson's tenure, the current building was built. It was completed in 1975. Upon Johnson's retirement, Iola Rokke was appointed Officer in Charge on February 28, 1977. Lorene Westberg was then appointed Postmaster on December 17, 1977. Iola Rokke returned to the Officer in Charge position on September 29, 1982 and was officially appointed Postmaster on October 30, 1982. Earl Vleck served in the capacity of Officer in Charge for one month, from November 22, 1985 until our present Postmaster, Loretta Bothum was appointed on December 21, 1985. Mrs. Bothum oversaw the post office's centennial celebration in 1999, which included an open house as well as a special postage cancellation commemorating the centennial of the Strandquist Post Office. It became yet another member of the century club, joining Lincoln Township (1990) and the Strandquist School (1992).

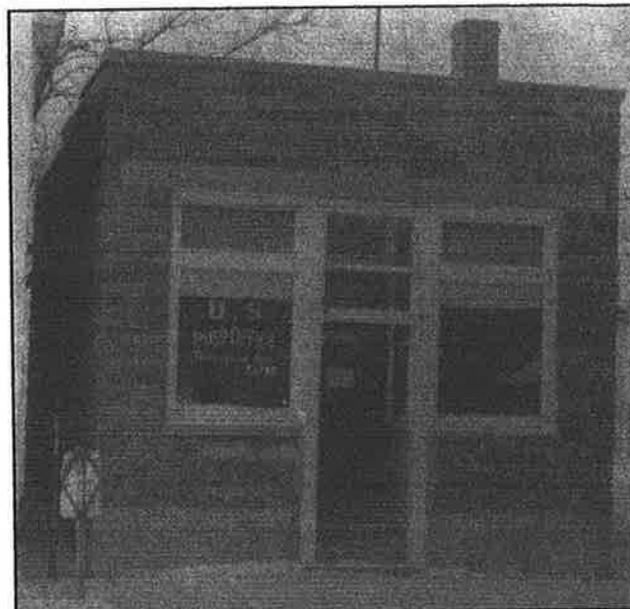
Rural mail delivery meant there had to be people available to physically sort and deliver the mail to residents. N.P. Nelson was the first mail carrier, three years as a star route from Englund and Florian twice a week. In 1909, it was made into a rural route. In 1916, N.P. Nelson resigned and Eddie Anderson, Herb Johnson, and Fred Anderson served a short time each. In 1921, Ingvald Rokke was appointed carrier for route number one, a position he served until 1966. Rasmi Nelson was appointed in 1913 for route number two. Horses were used in the beginning and finally cars were used in the summer months only. Rasmi Nelson was well known for singing when he delivered the mail. He could often be heard long before he was in site. After serving for over 25 years, Rasmi Nelson was eligible for pension in 1937. He retired to the town of Newfolden. Charles Kranz delivered the mail after Rasmi

Nelson retired. He delivered the mail for 40 years, from 1937-77. Ron Krogstad served as a carrier from 1977-1980. The current rural mail carrier is Ginger Larson, who has served in that capacity since 1980.

Postmasters

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>
John E. Strandquist	02/07/1899
Leonard C. Franzen	11/28/1914
John P. Nelson	11/02/1916
Ann O. Rokke	07/02/1918
Edwin O. Stennes	09/15/1934
(Acting Postmaster)	
Edwin O. Stennes	05/29/1935
Dolpha E. Johnson	04/05/1941
Gladys C. Johnson	12/13/1965
(Acting Postmaster)	
Gladys C. Johnson	11/05/1966
Iola S. Rokke	02/28/1977
(Officer in Charge)	
Iola S. Rokke	10/30/1982
Earl Vleck	11/22/1985
(Officer in Charge)	
Loretta J. Bothum	12/21/1985

Current Post Office.



Early Post Office.

East side, current Post Office.

