

**THE FLYING FINN
7503 LEVANDER RD
EMBARRASS, MN 55732**

**JANUARY 2016
ISSUE #346**



Pancake Breakfast
January 9; 8-11
Timber Hall



**Opening for Embarrass Township Supervisor
Contact Clerks Office by January 12 if interested.**
Board will appoint someone to serve until the next election (November 2016)

Happy New Year

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, January 18 – Clerk’s Office Closed

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, **January 13**, 6:00 p.m.

Sisu Heritage Meeting – Monday, January 18, 6:30 p.m.

Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting –Thursday, January 21, 6:30 p.m.

(FOLLOWED BY **INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT PROSPECTORS ATV TRAIL & MESABI BIKE TRAIL**)

Prospectors Trail Alliance Meeting – Embarrass Town Hall – Monday, January 25, 6:30 p.m.

Please submit materials for the **FEBRUARY 2016** issue to the Embarrass Clerk’s Office
By Thursday, January 21. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday – Thursday. 218-984-2084
E-mail address embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net.



JANUARY 2016



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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3 Vermilion 4-H Club Mtg @ Town Hall 4:00 pm	4 Exercise Group 3:30 pm	5 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30 pm	6	7 Conversational Finn – 1-3pm Exercise Group 3:30pm	8	9 Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall 8-11:00
10	11 Exercise Group 3:30 pm	12 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30 pm	13 EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M. EMBARRASS TOWN HALL	14 Conversational Finn – 1-3pm Exercise Group 3:30pm	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day OFFICE CLOSED Exercise Group 3:30 pm Sisu Meeting 6:30 p.m.	19 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30 pm	20	21 Conversational Finn – 1-3pm Exercise Grp 3:30 Fair Board Mtg 6:30 followed by Community Informational Meeting about ATV & Bike Trails	22	23 Ruby's Pantry (Babbitt Municipal Building) 9:30-10:30
24	25 Exercise Group 3:30 pm Prospectors Trail Alliance Meeting 6:00 pm	26 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30 pm	27	28 Conversational Finn – 1-3pm Exercise Group 3:30pm	29	30
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FROM THE EDITOR

The Flying Finn strives to represent both Embarrass and the surrounding area. To submit articles, advertisements, community notices, letters to the editor, photos, artwork, etc. for the newsletter, mail them to Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732, e-mail them to embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net or drop them off during office hours (M-Th 8am-3pm) Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Photos or other materials will be returned as soon as possible. The township regrets that it is unable to purchase or reimburse for materials which are published. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or other submitted material. Call 984-2084 with any questions. - - - - Thank you. Diane Nelmark

EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD NEWS

Town of Embarrass Regular Meeting December 2, 2015 *pending approval*

Present: Gene Wright, Zane Beaton, Phil Hebl, Diane Nelmark, Roberta Pike

Visitor: Bob Manzoline, Jason Chopp, Paul Knuti

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Gene Wright with the Pledge of Allegiance.

November Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report were reviewed. *Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to approve minutes of November 2015 Meeting minutes. Carried 3-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to approve the November 2015 Treasurer's Report, pending future audit. Carried 3-0.*

Reports:

Maintenance: Split & hauled wood, worked on the toilet in the mens room at the town hall (it will need to be replaced), removed trees from cemetery road and bike trail, placed flags at cemetery for ice candles, assisted with digging a grave at the cemetery, burned a brush pile at the park and performed other maintenance tasks as needed. Received estimates for a new toilet for the town hall, board agreed to have Zane choose which one to order.

Roads: All roads are in good shape. Grading is done for the season – comments about the nice job done by Grader Operator Dennis Constant. No gravel was placed on the Nelmark driveway at this time, it will be looked at again in the spring.

Consent Agenda: *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to approve Claims & Payroll. Carried 3-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to pay Biss Repair Bill for file cabinet lock replacement (bill had not been included in claims). Carried 3-0. Correspondence was read and filed.*

Old Business: Bob Manzoline (Mesabi Trail Group) and Jason Chopp (SEH) discussed issues that have arisen with the bike route in/around the Wildlife Management Area. They researched Lane 51 records (the old road that went through the rice paddies up the hill towards Aurora), but

have found that no records are currently available regarding the existence/history of the road. They will continue to work with St. Louis County on finding these records. Beavers have been trapped and the lodges cleared from the route area. They have also found that there may be wetlands issues because the road hasn't been maintained since the 1960s. The water/peat depth is being analyzed to see if wetlands issues could arise. Borings will be done in the next few weeks to see if boardwalk piers are possible. If the peat level is too deep, other route options may need to be discussed. \$1.2 million has been requested to complete the project and the trail group should know by May if the funding was approved.

Resolution 2015-03 Requesting St. Louis County Approval of ATV Trail Route and Use of County Roads was passed by a vote of 3-0 on a Motion by Phil Hebl with Zane Beaton Supporting. (A copy of the resolution is available in the Clerk's Office – outlining the entire route approved.)

Estimates were obtained for the brushing of Hanka-Nevala and Laitinen Roads from C&C Winger (\$13,075) and Arrowhead Brushing (\$3,000). *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to hire Arrowhead Brushing to brush Laitinen and Hanka Nevala Rd, with brushing to be completed by April 1, 2016. Carried 3-0. Other roads will be looked at in the spring.*

Gene talked to Matt Favet regarding repairs needed at the Pyhala Homestead. Matt will provide an estimate to replace the floor joists in the house, but won't even look at the upper levels of the house until joist work is complete due to the condition of the joists. Matt suggested the board hire a grant writer to look for funding available to complete renovations.

New Business: Two of the 24"x24" lights are needed in the town hall. There are currently 5 lights of that size, but two aren't working. Aurora Electric gave verbal estimates of the cost of replacing all 5 lights with LED's to reduce energy consumption and have them all be the same. Aurora Electric still needs to complete installation of one receptacle in the maintenance office and the heater in the shower house. The board decided to hold off on replacing the lights until a proper written estimate can be received and the other two projects are completed. Two outdoor LED lights have been ordered for the town hall (one for the ramp entrance at the

front of the hall, the other for the playground entrance on the back side by the clerk's office). Both of these lights are dusk-to-dawn lights, like the ones installed on the south ramp entrance and at the information center.

Due to the warm weather, we have been unable to make ice candles for a few weeks. Approximately 200 were made over Thanksgiving weekend and in the following few days (Clerk's Note...as of 12/8/15, these candles were no longer usable). Other options discussed in case the weather doesn't get cold enough to freeze more candles were using luminary bags (with sand and tea lights) or glass canning jars with tea lights or votive candles (some community members have stated they have jars they would borrow to the township for this purpose if necessary). Volunteers are still needed for the Candle Event. (Gene, Mickey White & Diane will all be available, and a couple of community members have agreed to come help).

A group of local residents would like to use the town hall for a quilting class through Community Education and asked if the hall rental fee could be waived (as was done in the past) because of its connection to Community Ed. The class will be limited to 10-12 people per session. *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to waive the hall rental fee for the Community Ed Quilting Class. Carried 3-0.* More details and a schedule of classes will be posted in the Flying Finn when they are available.

Dave Ferrian has agreed to fill in when Alvin is on leave in January. Zane will work with him on the schedule.

The January meeting was rescheduled in November and will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk

CLERKS CORNER

At the January 13 meeting, the Embarrass Town Board will be appointing a supervisor to fill the open seat created by the resignation of Phil Hebl (effective 12/23/15). If you are interested, please contact the Clerk's Office at 984-2084. This appointment will last through the next election (November 2016).

2016 Election Information

- Due to the above mentioned appointment, there will be four positions on the ballot in November (2 four-year term supervisors, 1 two-year term supervisor and 1 treasurer)
- Minnesota Precinct Caucuses – March 1
- Election Judge Training – July (date tbd)
- Primary Election – August 9
- General Election – November 8

Diane Nelmark, Embarrass Town Clerk

ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Suggested donation to The Flying Finn

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Full Page = \$22

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The Flying Finn
7503 Levander Rd
Embarrass MN 55732

Email embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net
 or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Persons interested in subscribing to The Flying Finn may drop off or send a donation of \$12 for one year, payable to the Town of Embarrass, 7503 Levander Road, Embarrass, MN 55732.

The Flying Finn makes a great gift for someone who has moved out of the community!



The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcome announcements about community events and community groups. These submitted announcements are printed here and on following pages. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn necessarily endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material.



**Waasa Township
Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, December 3, 2015**

Pending Board Approval:

Board Members Present: Russ Webb, Emily Quick, Mitch Lind, Bonnie Keller, and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: David Hess

The meeting was called to order by Chair Russ Webb at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes Approval: Emily moved to approve the November 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes. Russ supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Total disbursements for November were General Fund: \$862.26, Road & Bridge Fund: \$600.00 and Building Fund: \$14,200.00. Receipts were: \$195.43 from State of MN (10/20/15 Advance) and \$12,446.58 from State of MN (10/15 Tax Apportionment). Russ moved to accept the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Russ motioned to approve payment of all bills listed on the agenda including payroll and PERA. Emily supported. Carried (3-0).

Roads: Russ ordered St. Louis County grading of all township roads, but they didn't get to all the roads before the recent snow came. The corner of Skarp Road will need some gravel added in the spring.

Old Business: The board discussed the problems of dumping raw sewage in the township. The businesses doing the dumping need to be held accountable to follow state regulations. Therefore, the board is encouraging residents to report any offensive odors or other complaints, to contact Carol Decker of the MN Pollution Control Agency at 218-316-3028.

New Business: Mitch attended a November 10 gathering of township and city leaders in Ely who met with the Bureau of Land Management. He said there was a very informative discussion regarding the pending state permitting process of PolyMet. A letter to Governor Dayton was drafted as a result of the meeting, stressing the importance of PolyMet to the area economy.

A group of home schoolers would like to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesdays, occasionally throughout the winter. On December 20 the hall will be used for a family Christmas party. The board gave approval of these rentals.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Emily moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. with support from Russ. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk;
Russell Webb, Board Chair

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Hours:
Mon-Thur 12-6
Friday 12-5

-  Hot Reads for Cold Nights Winter Reading Program: January 4 – March 4 (Please stop in the Library on January 4 to sign up.)
-  Duluth Art Institute is having three artists team up to bring exciting needle felting to our Library. Add locally dyed and harvested fibers to a wool canvas for a truly distinctive painting. Experiment with colors, textures and techniques unique to needle felting. January 12 at 6:00 p.m. Limited to 20 people. Sign up at the Library if interested.

Lisa Pennala, Director
218-827-3345

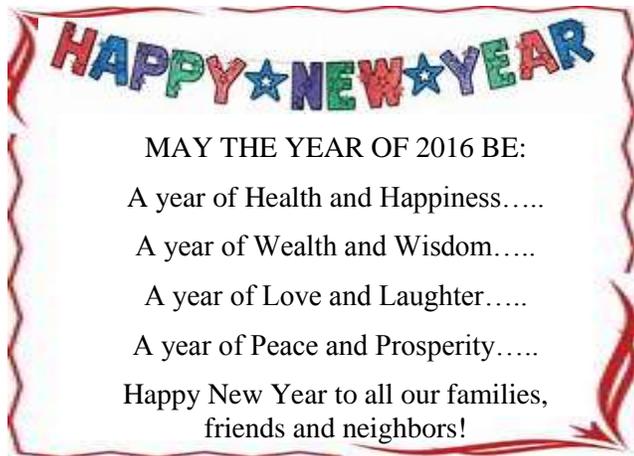


**PIKE SANDY
WOMEN'S
CLUB**
Jan. 5, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Pike Town Hall

January Hostesses:
Lynne Stuckey & Sue Rikala

A special guest will discuss WINE MAKING!

*Learn from yesterday,
Life for today,
Hope for tomorrow.*
Albert Einstein



MAY THE YEAR OF 2016 BE:

- A year of Health and Happiness.....
- A year of Wealth and Wisdom.....
- A year of Love and Laughter.....
- A year of Peace and Prosperity.....
- Happy New Year to all our families,
friends and neighbors!

For more information about the Pike-Sandy Women's Club (questions, donations or volunteer opportunities) please contact Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.

New Members are always welcome!



Bookmobile Schedule

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile, at the local stop listed below.

Four Corners Parking Lot
Wednesday, January 6 & 27
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-a-Book services write the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt Iron, MN 55768, call 218-741-3840, or check out the website at www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us



HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

Monday, Jan 4 – Girls 4:45, Boys 6:30 vs Silver Bay
 Tuesday, Jan 5 – Boys B 5:45, Varsity 7:15 vs Ely
 Thursday, Jan 21 – Girls 4:45, Boys 6:30 vs Cook County
 Monday, Jan 25 – Girls V 5:45, Varsity 7:15 vs N-K

HOME HOCKEY GAMES (AT ELY)

Saturday, Jan 2 – 1:00 p.m. vs. Bagley/Fosston
 Thursday, Jan 14 – 7:30 p.m. vs. Proctor
 Friday, Jan 15 – 7:00 p.m. vs Red Lake Falls
 Saturday, Jan 16 – 2:00 p.m. vs Red Lake Falls



Do you love to dance, sing, act or play an instrument? Join EACF's "We've Got Talent" – Cabin Fever Extravaganza

Saturday, February 13, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Anyone may apply as an individual act or as a group performance. All participants must submit the following application no later than Friday, January 22 by 3:00 p.m. Mail to: EACF, 209 E. Chapman St., Ely, MN 55731 or drop off at the Edward Jones office, 150 W. Sheridan St., Ely.

GUIDELINES

- A person may appear in only one act. For example, the same person may not appear both in a solo and a group act. An accompanist is permitted to perform in more than one act.
- All background music must be provided on a CD or applicants can provide their own live music.
- Acts are to be a maximum of minutes each. You must be able to get any props or equipment on/off the stage in 3 minutes prior to and after your performance. Please contact us if you have any special equipment or setup needs.
- Due to the potential for a large number of acts, submissions will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Once your application is submitted, you will be contacted via email with a confirmation of your talent performance. No duplicate music will be allowed.
- All participants under 18 years old applying for the Talent Show must have their parent or guardian sign the application. At least one parent or legal guardian per act will be required to attend the sound check (if needed) and attend the performance.

Questions? Contact Keiko Williams at 365-6764, Jeff Sundell at 365-4535 or Paul Knuti at 984-3048.



Sisu Heritage, Inc.

November 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Becky Kallio, Leone Graf, Pam Bennett, Marlin Bjornrud, John Kinnune, Jack Lamar

Guests: Jeff Sterle, Marti Kinnunen

- September and October minutes were reviewed and approved.
- The October financial report was presented and approved.
- Membership report: 174 members, of which 19 are lifetime members. There are 23 members who will need to renew in the next month. Mickey will contact them. She and Jack will be getting a newsletter out in December.
- The Farmstead Artisans report a “fabulous” Christmas at the Nelimark weekend November 13 & 14. It was very busy with good sales. The December weekend will be the 11th & 12th.
- Jeff Sterle presented the 2014 audit report. He needs to make a couple of changes on the report, and then he will get copies to Pam for the board. It was a clean report.
- Jack reported on the housebarn project. The ramps are rebuilt. The door and windows are completed, but not yet installed. This should be done soon. Jack will be contacting the Historical society about their visit to the site and the final installments of the grant. He then will write up the final reports.
- John has e-mailed each member of the church committee about some brainstorming before they have their first meeting.
- Pam reported that Cindy Scherer will be taking over the treasurer position for Sisu Heritage. Pam will help Cindy with the transition from now until the annual meeting in February. It was suggested that Sisu purchase a laptop for the treasurer use for Sisu Heritage finances. We will discuss this further at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will be on Monday, December 21, 6:30 p.m. at the town hall.
- Soon, we will need to begin working on what Phase 4 of the housebarn project will look like. Once we have identified that, we can begin grant writing work.



IN THE MAIL..... (e-mail)

Hyvaa huomenta: I have been successful in convincing Farm Journal Broadcasts to feature the Embarrass Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church on their Country Church Salute segment of U.S. Farm Report. It took some work, but after explaining how the Embarrass region was a vibrant agricultural center during the first half of the 20th Century, they agreed. I explained how thousands upon thousands bushels of potatoes left the D&IR Depot and how the dairy farmers supplied milk to keep 5 milk plants operating, all owned by Finnish-Americans.

Anyway, Tyne Morgan confirmed that the church will be seen on RFD-TV on January 9, 2016 at 9 AM and rebroadcast on January 10 at 3 PM. It will air nationwide on RFD-TV, locally on Mediacom cable, channel 239 in the Quad Cities. I am unaware of which dish providers carry RFD-TV but subscribers can check with their providers. Folks with antenna service only can view the rebroadcast on My9 channel (part of the KBJR package) at 5:30 AM on January 10.

I'm glad Farm Journal agreed to feature us up here who are too often forgotten about our contributions to the nation's food supply, and the struggles Finnish-American immigrants made to make it possible. My family attended services at this church and my father's parents were buried out of the church.

Paljon kiitoksia, Jimmy Saranpaa Jr.



RFDTV will feature the Embarrass Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church on their Country Church Salute segment of the U.S. Farm Report. The episode will premiere on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and be rebroadcast on Sunday, January 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Life Coaching by Beth



What has been eating at you lately? How are you coping? Feel like no one truly listens? Maybe it is time management needs or balancing work and family...give me a call. I would love to help.

Beth Debeltz, MHA, CLC

Certified Life Coach

bdebeltz@gmail.com; 218-984-3054

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Call for times to be open

218-984-2414.

bbponyranch@gmail.com



EMBARRASS REGION FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Pike Town Hall
January 6, 6:30 P.M.

The public is invited, please come and bring your gardening questions.

*For further information,
please call 984-3002.*



EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION

Pancake Breakfasts Are Back!

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Saturday, January 9

Time: 8 to 11:00 am

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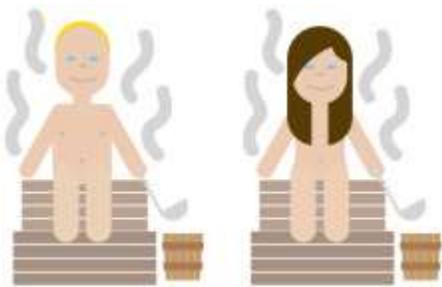
For Rental Info, Call Lori @ 410-4645

Finnish Interest.....

For those who haven't heard, Finland is the first country to issue their own set of country themed emoji's. When you just can't find a way to express your Finnish self (or friends), some of these might help. Among the emojis released are:



“Headbanger” – one study says there are more metal bands per capita in Finland than any other country in the world.



“Sauna” – no explanation needed – this is as Finnish as it gets!



“The Unbreakable” – remember the Nokia 3310? One of the highest selling mobile phones of all time – made in Finland and known for its toughness.



“Stuck” – I think we all recognize this (Finnish or not!) ☺

SUBMITTED BY Mary Novak, with information and pictures taken from NPR and finland.fi

THE BIG DECEPTION

*The time has come
To contemplate,
And concentrate
Upon our fate,

That might just prove
To not to be,
Of paramount
Complexity.

Yet some would need
Authentic proof,
To verify
Creeds quite a spoof,

But even then
Without a doubt,
Deception they
Can't live without.*

HOPE

*To warmongers
So off the beam,
Your time has come,
To lose esteem.

For just like all
Grim avatars,
Too long you've been
Consumed by wars,

That flared up in
The dismal dark,
Unquestionably
Your greatest lark.

But thankfully
Stars brighter shine,
When thoughts of war
Are in decline,

Along with need
For paltry funds,
To renovate
Scorched cummerbunds.

So let us hope
Warmongers bide,
And let the thoughts
Of war subside.*

*Poetry Submitted By,
William Lamppa, Embarrass, MN*

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Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m

POSTAL NEWS



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TRAIL UPDATES



**Mesabi Bike
 Trail &
 Prospectors
 Loop ATV Trail**

Updates will be provided at a PUBLIC MEETING following the Embarrass Region Fair Association Meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2016. The Fair Board Meeting starts at 6:30 and the Trail Updates will immediately follow fair business.



* OBITUARIES *

Hilda Irene Kiukas, 100

Hilda Irene Kiukas, 100, of Eveleth, passed away Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at St. Rafael's Health and Rehabilitation Center in Eveleth. A funeral service will be held Monday, November 30, 2015 at 12 noon at Range Funeral Home in Virginia. Pastor Steve Weston will officiate. Burial will be in the Florenton Cemetery. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Hilda's family wishes to extend a special and heartfelt thank you to the doctors and staff at St. Raphael's. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to St. Raphael's Foundation.

Hilda was born January 23, 1915 to Johannes and Anna (Sutela) Niskala in Sparta, MN. She graduated from Gilbert High School and then Duluth Teacher's College. She taught for the St. Louis County School district in Alango, Orr and Embarrass. Hilda worked along with her husband, Carl, farming Angus cattle in Britt and logging.

Hilda was preceded in death by her parents, Johannes and Anna; brothers, John, Matt and Ray Niska; sisters, Naimi Niska, Nim Hirvela, Anna Pontinen, Gertie Patzer, Pearl Pontinen and Betty Torrel. numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Hilda is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Edmond Eino Salo, 83

Edmond Eino Salo, 83, of Virginia, went to heaven on December 19, 2015 at Essentia Health Virginia as the result of multiple medical ailments. A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Virginia at 1:00 pm. Visitation will be Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and one half hour prior to the service at church. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia. Pastor Donald Norr will officiate.

Edmond was born at home, the oldest of five brothers, on April 8, 1932 to Eino and Lydia (Hill) Salo in Vermilion Lake Township. Ed was united in marriage to Dorothy Kelm on September 3, 1952. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Ed was a hard worker with a big heart. He enjoyed serving others; his family,

church family, and AA group. He was known for his ability to grill the "perfect steak" at the cabin on Lake Vermilion on opening day of fishing season each year.

Ed had a passion for fishing, camping, and hunting. His hobbies included woodworking and gardening. He was a dog lover and in '58 brought home a pup at Christmas time for the kids. Dorothy named the dog "Nuisance". In 2003, he married Darlene Poppenhagen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Dorothy; sons, David and Darrell; brothers Clarence (Casey) and Arthur; great-grandchildren, Corbin and Tabitha; second wife, Darlene; five nephews and two nieces.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen (Jim) Witkowski; son and best friend, Greg Salo; daughter-in-law, Tracy Salo; step-sons, Bradley (Dawn) and Dale Poppenhagen; brothers, Don (Vi) and Willie (Sandi); sister-in-law, Joyce (Don) Nellermeoe; grandchildren, Mindy (Brian), Amber (Josh), Brandon, Brian, Bonnie, Jess, Jamie, and Mike; great-grandchildren, Justice, Lylah, Desarea, Brady, Jared, Elaine, and Kerenza; close family friend, Janet Pelto; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

THANK YOU

I would like to extend a huge thank-you to all who attended and the cards and gifts I received at my 90th (Surprise) Birthday Party.

Also, a huge thank you to my daughter Aleta, her husband Richard, my son Craig and his wife Gwen and also great friends Rita & Pat for all the work in putting the party together. Thank you again for all the love and support that I received.

Vern Keskitalo



2016



January

Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

All services at 10:30 am

Speaker List:

January 3 – Jon Salo

January 10 – Jon Salo

January 17 – Bob Tumberg

January 24 – Jerry DeVries

January 31 – Jay Wirkkala, Kingston, MN

Hope Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, Embarrass, MN 55732
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston

Office hours: Monday to Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm
hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com, 218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School – January 3, 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Classes – Saturday, January 9 & 30, 9 a.m.-noon

Open Communion 1st & 4th Sunday

Coffee An' follows worship

Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

Thrivent Financial Workshops – Community Welcome!

*Estate Planning – Thursday, January 7, 9:00 a.m.

*Retirement & Estate Planning – Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Youth Lock-in, Grades 6-12 (in Babbitt) – Sunday-Monday, January 17-18

PRESS RELEASE: The Lutheran churches of the Laurentian Conference of Northeastern Minnesota Synod, which stretches across the Iron Range and north to Ely and International Falls, have been awarded a \$25,780 grant from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) to launch a collaborative and innovative senior high ministry program in the area. This program, the "Laurentian Youth Leadership Project" (LYLP), will foster leadership development for the sake of faith formation by offering ministry and leadership training to high school youth and adult leaders. Students will meet regularly in clusters across the region, initiate and lead service projects, and travel together on faith-filled volunteer and adventure trips. For more information or to get involved, please contact LYLP Chairperson, Pastor Evelyn Weston at 218-827-2659.

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Weekly Schedule:

Sunday Family Bible Classes 9:00 am
Family Worship 10:30 am

Monday

Women's Fellowship 6:00 pm

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study – 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study – 9:00 am

Kids on the Rock – 4:00 pm

ENGAGE Youth Gathering – 6:30 pm

Thursday

Men's Prayer - 6:00 am

Adult Bible Study – 6:30 pm

Special Events:

Sunday, January 3, 12:00 noon

Fellowship Meal

Sunday, January 17, 12:00 noon

Potluck & Annual Church Meeting

Saturday, January 30, 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGES:

January 3	"Terrible Times"
January 10	"Lovers of Self"
January 17	"Lovers of Money"
January 24	"Lovers of Pleasure"
January 31	"Lover of God"

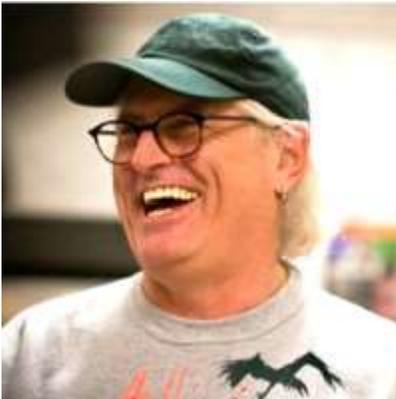
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Remembering Mitch Omer who brought Hell's Kitchen to Embarrass, MN on one of the coldest/stormiest days in 2013.



Mitch Omer

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Omer, Mitch age 61, died unexpectedly but peacefully in his sleep Friday, Dec 18, 2015 after a year-long illness that continued to confound doctors. Preceded in death by parents, Dana and Annie, brothers Mark and Paxton. Survived by wife Cynthia Gerdes, children Casey (Paige), Jesse (John), Lauren, Katy (Chris), Nate; sister Libby (Bob), grandchildren Willow and Axel, and other family members he adored in the U.S. as well as Canada. As founders of Hell's Kitchen, Mitch and Cyn developed a relationship with customers through their cheeky posts, honest behind-the-scenes stories, hair-raising tales in the cookbook, or just stopping by tables to say thanks and hello. The pain felt by family, friends, and the Hell's Kitchen staff is beyond comprehension, but his death during the Christmas holidays is actually quite poetic. Anyone who knew Mitch clearly understood that in his heart of hearts, he truly believed he was THE Santa Claus, and his highlight each year was donning his outrageously blinged-out Santa zoot suit to visit tables with bug-eyed kids. The man that was bigger than life will always be big in our hearts; Cyn may have just lost her once-in-a-lifetime soulmate, but he really belonged to a much, much larger community, so if this outlaw, biker, artist, musician, ordained minister, chef, athlete, hunter-gatherer, author, son, brother, father, and raconteur somehow touched your life, come celebrate with us at Hell's Kitchen this Wed., Dec 23 at 1 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to any of the following would make Mitch's heart sing: ***Embarrass Fire Dept (who made the pyromaniac an honorary firefighter)***, Serena Howe (a young family friend who is single-handedly trying to cover her mother's funeral expenses after recently succumbing to cancer), or Trent Spangler (toward crushing medical bills for a 13-yr old aspiring chef battling cancer... when Mitch heard Trent wanted to meet him, he invited him to be Chef for a Day, but then became too sick, so the staff rallied to make it happen). Checks can be made out to recipient of choice and mailed to Hell's Kitchen, 80 S 9th St., Mpls 55402.

**Happy New Year everyone from
Embarrass Township & Flying Finn!**

(Weather Reports were unavailable at "press-time", but will return in February.)