

THE FLYING FINN
7503 LEVANDER RD
EMBARRASS, MN 55732

FEBRUARY 2015
ISSUE #335



Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, February 7, 2015
8am-11am – Timber Hall

Presidents Day (Clerk's Office Closed)
Monday, February 16, 2015



Embarrass Post Office
Service Suspended – Effective 1/27/15
(more details inside on page 7)

Sisu Heritage, Inc.
Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 15, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.
Presenter: Tom Rukavina, County Commissioner

Embarrass-Vermilion Credit Union
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
5:30 Coffee 'An, 6:00 meeting

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 4, 6:00 p.m.

Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting – Thursday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. @ Timber Hall

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E-mail address embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net.


FEBRUARY 2015


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Vermillion 4-H Club Mtg @ Embarrass Town Hall	2 Ground Hog Day	3 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 5:00 pm	4 Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm	5 Conversational Finnish 1:00pm Town Hall Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall	6	7 Fair Board Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall 8-11am 
8	9	10 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 5:00 pm	11	12 Conversational Finnish 1:00pm Town Hall Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall	13	14 Valentine's Day Hall Rental
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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 January 7, 2015

Minutes Pending Approval

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

Visitors: Ann Alaspa, Paul Knuti, Mary Novak

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Gene Wright with the Pledge of Allegiance. December Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report were reviewed. *Motion by Phil, Second by Gene to approve December 3 minutes. Carried 2-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carried 2-0.*

Reports:

Maintenance: The main December maintenance projects were readying the ice candles for the December 20 celebration, getting the rink ready (melted 3 times) and burning brush piles.

Old Business:

Ann Alaspa attended to discuss renting the Town Hall Large Kitchen every Monday for baking. No other part of the hall is needed and she may only periodically need the dishwasher. Ann also agreed to be trained as a kitchen monitor. *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to rent the Large Kitchen to Ann Alaspa for \$50/month if she decides to use our facility for her baking. Carried 2-0.*

Discussion of reordering updated brochures. Tabled for April meeting to receive estimates from other vendors and check on grant opportunities.

New Business:

Two security lights at the rink are out. Lake Country Power was contacted and provided three options for repairing/replacing the lights, due to the fact that the lights belong to Embarrass Township. *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to have Lake Country Power replace all 8 security lights at the Rink with their lights. Carried 2-0.*

Campground guest has asked to keep his RV at the campground for the rest of the winter as he can't move it for

personal reasons at this time. He will continue to pay the agreed upon rate.

The board was asked if they'd be interested in hosting a DNR representative to discuss their progress at the Darwin Myers WMA. A meeting had been held in Ely in December, but the feeling is more people may attend if the meeting was here in Embarrass. The item will be put on the agenda for the Annual Meeting to see if residents would like an update and what a good day/time would be for the meeting and then a DNR rep will be contacted.

Sealed bids for excess township equipment were opened. High Bids were \$105.50 for the Brush Cutter (Roland Fowler), \$15 for Yard Sweeper (Alvin Hanson), \$36.50 for the Snowblower (Dave Ferrian) and \$6.50 each for the File Cabinets (Dave Ferrian). *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to accept high bids as indicated. Carried 2-0. The two pieces of office equipment that didn't receive bids will be brought to the landfill and disposed of properly.*

Correspondence: *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to donated \$50 to the St. Louis County Fair. Carried 2-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to pass the Consent Agenda (Claims 15001-15021-: \$5,920.06, Payroll \$3,868.16 and Correspondence). Carried 2-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk

Reorganizational Meeting January 7, 2015

Minutes Pending Approval

The board (Wright, Hebl, Nelmark, Pike, guest Novak) reconvened at 7:10 p.m. for the annual reorganizational meeting. Newly elected officer Phil Hebl and re-elected Clerk Diane Nelmark had been sworn in on Tuesday, January 6 and Wednesday, January 7 respectively.

Gene Wright was selected as Board Chair and Phil Hebl as Vice Chair.

The board will continue to meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

(Reorg. Mtg. Minutes Continued)

Compensation for Board Supervisors was increased from \$150 to \$175 per month, Cemetery Sexton pay was increased to from \$40/\$30 to \$45/\$35 for Burial/Recording respectively and Treasurer, Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Maintenance Employees salaries were increased by 2.5%. All other salaries remain the same at this time.

The board discussed which supervisor would fill various roles within the township, but felt that final decisions should wait until all board supervisors are in attendance (February meeting).

The Board Code of Ethics was read by the Clerk and the Open Meeting Law Policy was discussed. Signed copies of both are in all elected officers files.

The Timberjay was designated as the official newspaper.

Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union, Embarrass Post Office, Trapline Liquor/Convenience Store and the Embarrass Town Hall were designated as the official posting places.

Northern State Bank and Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union were designated as town depositories. Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to remove outgoing supervisor Mickey White and add Phil Hebl as a signatory on all accounts at these institutions and all charge accounts. Carried 2-0.

The Town Ordinance and Resolution Book is on file in the Clerk's Office for anyone who wishes to review these items.

MN Association of Townships have scheduled the Spring Short Course for March/April and the Summer Short Course for June.

List of Officer was completed for MN Association of Townships and St. Louis County Association of Townships.

Adjorned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk



CLERK'S CORNER

Thank you to all those who volunteered to assist with replacing the wood that was stolen from the Embarrass Ice Rink on Monday, January 12. The Sheriff's Office has been contacted and working on a few leads, but as yet, no-one has come forward or admitted to the theft. We do have enough firewood for the remainder of the skating season, so don't hesitate to tie on your skates and head to the rink or grab a sled and hike to the hill. Enjoy winter! If anyone has information on who took the wood, please call the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office or the Embarrass Town Hall.

Thank you!!! Diane Nelmark

ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Suggested donation to The Flying Finn
1/4 Page = \$8
1/2 Page = \$13
Full Page = \$22

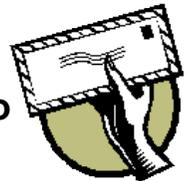
To place an ad, write to:
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Embarrass MN 55732

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, January 8, 2015
Pending Board Approval:

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

Visitors: David Hess

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. The newly elected officers, Sandra Gibson for Town Clerk and Supervisors Emily Quick and Mitchell Lind were sworn in before the meeting. All offices are 4-year terms.

Reorganizational Meeting:

Selected Town Board Chair & Vice Chair: Russ was nominated Board Chair by Emily & Mitch. Emily agreed to the Vice Chair position. Carried (3-0).

Adopted Schedule of Regular Board Meetings: Emily moved that regular meetings stay on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Set Compensation for Town Officers & Cemetery Sexton: No change.

Select Road Supervisor: Russ was nominated by Emily with support from Mitch. Carried (3-0).

Designate Official Newspaper: No change (Timberjay Newspapers)

Designate Posting Places: Trapline Liquor, Embarrass Credit Union and Town Hall

Designate Bank/Financial Institutions as Town Depositories: No change (Embarrass Vermilion Fed. C.U.)

Regular Meeting:

Minutes Approval: Emily moved to approve the December 4, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes after the meeting date was corrected. Russ supported. Carried (3-0)

Treasurer's Report: Total disbursements for the month of December were: \$3,975.59 and total receipts: \$1,257.95 from State of MN-Township Aid (1,238.50) and State of

MN-Market Value Credit-Ag (\$19.45). Russ accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0)

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

Roads: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Estimates were received from Roseth Construction, Woodland Builders and Brown Electric for remodeling the town hall. Both construction estimates were very close to the same amount (nearly \$20,000.00). Recessed lights with a dimmer switch were discussed as an alternative to the familiar fluorescent light, which aren't easily cleaned. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table the issue and to do more planning for the long-range future of the building. The shingles on the south side of the town hall are curling. It is noted that neither of the two chimneys are being used and are in poor condition. It was noted that it would be wise to have them demolished and filled in when the shingles are replaced.

Mitch attended the Embarrass Fire Department Annual Meeting on January 6. A representative plans to attend our Annual Meeting to give us an annual report. There will not be an increase in budget for 2016, but they are not ruling one out for 2017.

New Business: A communication was received from Northeast Range Cooperative asking for a letter of support for a grant they are seeking for broadband service. The board opted not to support this venture.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Russ moved to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. with support from Emily. Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk

Coming up: *Next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. A board of audit will be conducted. Everyone is welcome.*

Embarrass Transfer Station

7530 Koski Rd

Hours of Operation

Thursday 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PIKE'S PLACE

TOWN OF PIKE REGULAR MEETING

**Pike Town Hall
December 9, 2014**

Chairman Rasmusson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. All board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from November 11, 2014 were read by Clerk Backman, and accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0. The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Jarve and accepted on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 3-0. A transfer was made from the general fund to the fire fund on a motion by Rasmusson. It was accepted by Johnson/Langowski 3-0.

Claim forms 1660-1667 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Collie-Nelson was hired to fix the light outside the town hall entrance. Motion made by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resolution titled "To Define and Implement Effective Individual Septic Treatment Systems" from Colvin Township was presented to the Pike board. It was not accepted on a vote of 0-3.

A letter supporting the Embarrass Fair will be written for them to use towards applying for grants.

Treasurer Jarve was assigned to be chief financial officer on a motion by Johnson/Langowski 2-0.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be an audit meeting followed by a regular meeting; **Tuesday, January 13, 2015, 7:00pm** @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Johnson /Langowski 3-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Town Board



PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015
7:00 p.m. - Pike Town Hall**

Hostesses: Vi Hildebrandt, Janet Hietala & Lorraine Jarve

Happy Valentine's Day is making its way to us with a nice warm up compared to the brutal wind chills we endured from November through January. We are looking forward to a full attendance at this meeting, especially after the below zero temperatures and wind chills kept many of us away from our January meeting. We have lots of business to discuss! Visitors and potential new members are also welcome!

Saint Valentine's Day – where Saint is generally referred to as Holy, make Sacred; and Valentine is generally referred to as a sweetheart chosen or sentimental printed card or the like, or some token or gift or expressive of regard sent by one person to another person on St. Valentine's Day, February 14.

For more information, please contact Thora Monson at 749-1535 for questions, regarding our mission. New members are always welcome! See you February 3!



Bookmobile Schedule

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

**Embarrass - Four Corners Parking Lot
Wednesdays, February 4 & 25 2015
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



BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Tuesday Story Time, 11:00 a.m. Children and parents enjoy music and movement, art, books, and fun activities designed for developing early literacy skills.

babbittlibrary.blogspot.com

*Debby Bocnuk Roswold, Director
Babbitt Public Library
218-827-3345*

The Smoke Column

The Embarrass Fire and First Responders would like to thank the local St. Louis County Road crew for their assistance in recent motor vehicle accidents in the areas of Four Corners and the Credit Union. We'd also like to remind the community and those passing through that road conditions can change unexpectedly this time of year. ***Please drive carefully as you never know what could be lurking ahead.***



ERVFD
Volunteers



POSTAL NEWS



Service Suspended at Embarrass, MN Post Office

Effective close of business (11 a.m.) Wednesday, January 28, services will be suspended at the Embarrass, MN Post Office, 4722 Waisanen Rd., due to structural and safety issues.

Post Office Box customers can pick up their mail at the Tower Post Office, 508 Main St., during regular window hours of 9 a.m.-noon, 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

The collection box outside the Embarrass Post Office will remain in service, but the lobby collection drop will no longer be available.

Customers who receive delivery will see little change to their service, but will need to go to Tower to pick up hold mail or mail that requires a signature.

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Sisu Heritage, Inc.

December 15, 2014

Present: Kathy Johnson, John and Martii Kinnunen, Carol

and Paul Knuti, Jack LaMar, Ron and Verna Sutton, Becky Kallio, Pam Bennett, Jeannine and Marlin Bjornrud, Jim Suihkonen, Mary Novak and Charlotte Erickson.

Minutes read with one correction regarding the Folk School. It should have stated that a woman from Grand Marais was interested in the Nelimark Museum. Pam moved to accept Minutes with the correction made Paul seconded the motion and motion carried.

Financial Report: Report given by Pam motion by Becky to accept, Kathy seconded and motion carried. Pam stated to wait until 2016 to purchase Quick Books possible reduction in cost. Billings needing approval for payment, motion by Charlotte, seconded by John and motion carried to make payments. Question by Paul regarding possibly getting a different Auditor or at least checking with Pam.

Membership Report: Lifetime Members List was given to Diane.

Farmstead Artisans: Charlotte and Becky reported on the success of the November and December Special Weekends. Charlotte will have a Season Ending Report for January Meeting.

Housebarn: Paul reported the Phase III set of drawings have been received. They are still on track with the time frame. Paul was approached by an interested person if we needed logs for the Housebarn.

Annual Meeting: Date and Sunday with afternoon have been suggested.

Nominating Committee: Pat Heikkila has resigned from the Committee. Four peoples positions needing to be filled. Membership Secretary plus three full term positions. John and Paul volunteered to be on this committee.

Mid-summer Festival: Continue with the National Sauna Days Theme. Place to hold the Festival Nelimark or another site.

Community Night Out: Questioned if held at different location or stay at Seitiniemi Housebarn.

A St Urho's Day Celebration was discussed and tabled until January Meeting.

Marlin thanked everyone for all that they have done throughout the year and to forward his thanks to the Farmstead Artisans. Ron Sutton thanked Charlotte for all of her volunteer bookwork for the Artisans.

Respectfully submitted Charlotte Erickson, Secretary

Sisu Heritage, Inc. Annual Meeting

**Sunday, February 15, 2015
2:00p.m.
Embarrass Town Hall.**

***Reports from 2014
*Election of board members.**

**The guest speaker will be County
Commissioner Tom Rukavina
"The History of Politics on the Iron
Range".**

**Ethnic foods and door prizes.
Everyone is welcome.**

**THE 73RD ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
EMBARRASS
VERMILLION FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION
WILL BE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 17, 2015
AT THE
EMBARRASS TIMBER HALL**

**5:30PM – COFFEE 'AN
6:00PM – MEETING**

**ALL FAMILY MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO ATTEND!!
ACTIVITY TABLE IS AVAILABLE
FOR THE KIDS DURING THE
MEETING!!
EVERY MEMBER WILL RECEIVE
A GIFT FOR ATTENDING!!
ALL ATTENDING MEMBERS
RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR
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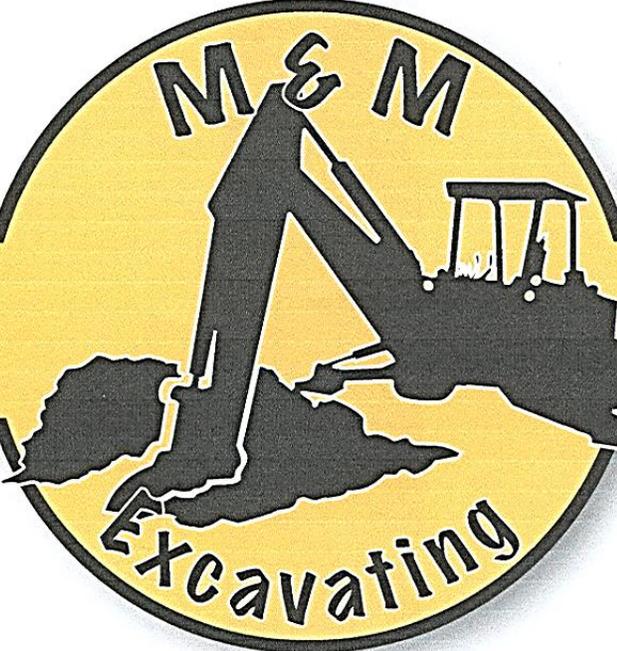
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THE GREAT ABERRATION

Devoutness is the bane of those,
Whose brains it seems to seize,
It is a seeming fixation,
Akin to a disease

That bores its way into those minds,
With vengeance to deplore,
It writes and squirms incessantly,
Yet offers little more

Than just a way to run from life,
And love the wrathful mien,
Of such a vengeful arbiter
Who may have never been.

LACK OF STIMULATION

Some think that I
Have been beguiled,
By thinking that
Faith was defiled,

So long ago
By solemn men,
On camels who
Looked up and then

All saw the star
That pointed to,
The place from which
A legend grew.

The sad part of
This story was
It came to be
Simply because

There had to be
A way to say,
That it took place,
Without foreplay.

RENT COLLECTION

Pressing a bill
into the palm
of a heart sinking one,
the landlord muttered
about those neglecting
their obligations,
as he smirkingly skipped
over a scrambling rat,
while pushing out of
the tattered screen door,
hanging precariously
by one rusty hinge.

Poetry submitted by William R. Lamppa



THANK YOU!!!!
To the person that plowed our
yard on Sunday, January 18.
We appreciated it!!
The Mastins

Bobcat Sighted in Embarrass

Thank you to Reva Tyssedal for the pictures!



“Love is in the Air”

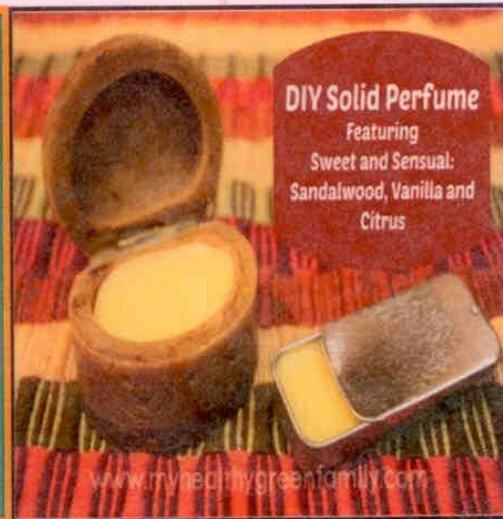
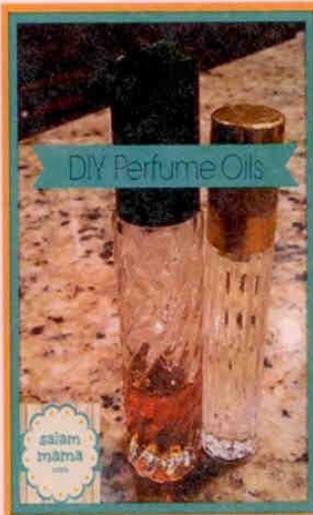
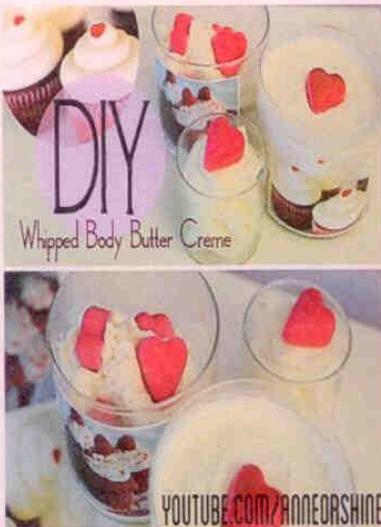
Young Living Make n’ Take Fun
-Free Admission-

Wear Red or Pink and earn your name inclusion in a special prize drawing in honor of Valentine’s Day

Saturday
February 14, 2015
10:00 a.m. to Noon
Pike Town Hall
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Embarrass, Minnesota



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- Men’s Cologne for “Him”





EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION NEWS:

Embarrass Region Fair Association held is regular monthly meeting on December 15 @ 6:30 p.m. The meeting was well attended. A lot of information was discussed on operations of the Fair Association and Committee Reports. Things are starting to come together very well with the new board in place.



The January Pancake Breakfast went very well with 136 attending. *Thank you for your continued support!*

Come and check it out as our next pancake breakfast will again be on the first Saturday of the month (Feb 7) 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Menu: Pancakes, sausage/ham, coffee, orange/apple juice, hot apple cider and fruit cocktail. \$5/adults, \$3/children. (All-you-can-eat and lots of people to visit with.)

The next Fair Association meeting will be held on February 19 at 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please call 753-8965.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Schroeder*

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Home Basketball Games

All Times are 5:45 JV / 7:15 Varsity unless otherwise noted.

- Mon, Feb 9 – Girls/Boys vs Silver Bay 4:45/6:30
- Mon, Feb 16 – Girls vs Greenway
- Thu, Feb 19 – Girls vs LFBF
- Mon, Feb 23 – Girls vs South Ridge

Ely/Northeast Range Hockey

All home games at Ely Arena

- Tue, Feb 3 vs North Shore Storm (7:30)
- Fri, Feb 6 vs Bagley/Fosston (7:30)
- Sat, Feb 7 vs Bagley/Fosston (3:15)

February School Calendar:

Monday, February 5

Donkey Basketball, 6:30, NER Gym

Come one, come all to see your NER staff compete in the best basketball game – Donkey Basketball!!! Sponsored by the NER PTO, this show is guaranteed to entertain! There will be four teams: alumni, community, staff and students. See them go head to head in a basketball battle! Advance Tickets \$6 (Available at the school and local businesses) or buy at the door for \$8. Hope to see you there!

Monday, February 9

Parent University, 3:30-4:30, Media Ctr

*Learn how to read NWEA Map reports, access reports and information online and how to use websites at home to help strengthen skills.

Nighthawk Pride Night – Fun activities throughout the school, Band Boosters will be selling sloppy joes from 4:15-6:30, Elementary Hawk Squad will perform during/between basketball games. Come show your community and school pride and support the kids!

* OBITUARIES *

Beverly Padgett, 83

Beverly Padgett, 83, of Virginia, died peacefully on Jan. 9, 2015, at the Essentia Health Virginia Care Center. A funeral service was held on Jan. 23 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia with Brenda Tibbetts, AiM, officiating. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1931, to John and Matilda Hanela in Virginia. She grew up in Pike-Sandy and graduated from Embarrass High School. Beverly moved out of "the sticks" to the "big city" of Virginia, where she met the love of her life, Jim Padgett. They were united in marriage on April 6, 1953. Beverly worked at the Cluett-Peabody Shirt Factory, before becoming a full-time homemaker. Beverly not only raised her own six children, but also took great pride in the fact that she was able to influence the lives of other children that she babysat for regularly.

She cherished the time she spent with her family and friends. She was known to always have a camera in her hand, capturing album after album (not just picture after picture) of special moments. She was proud of her Finnish heritage, full of "sisu," and never known to pass up a sauna. Beverly loved rummage sales, and was out of the house bright and early every Saturday to start her hunt. She was an avid Vikings and Twins fan, always remaining faithful, regardless of their records. Beverly was a kind, compassionate, strong and appreciative woman who lived a simple, but full life.

Beverly is survived by son, Mark (Lisa) Padgett of Eden Prairie; daughters, Marcie Padgett (Michael Barnett) of Cottage Grove, Maureen Padgett of Virginia, Melisa Padgett-Branch (Larry Branch) of Valdosta, Ga., and Marla Padgett of Eveleth; grandchildren, Dylan, Aaron, Whitney, Jesse and Mayson; sister, Shirley Korpela; sister-in-law, Dorothy Susnik; special cousin, Norma Bodovinac; and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Padgett; daughter, Melanie Beresford; parents, John and Matilda Hanela; eight brothers; and two sisters.

William Pulkinen, 68

William Pulkinen, 68, died on Jan. 1, 2015, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's in Duluth with his family at his side. He passed away after a brief bout with cancer. Memorial services were held on Jan. 8 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with Pastor Donald Norr officiating.

Bill was born on July 21, 1946, to Eino and Adele (Wallin) Pulkinen. He graduated from Embarrass High School in 1964 and later from Vermillion Community College and Bemidji State College. Bill worked at the Embarrass Credit Union, the Italian Bakery, Reserve Mining and LTV Steel. A "gentle soul" describes Bill. He loved to hunt, fish, and had a talented hobby of sportarizing military guns, and working with diamond willow. He was also a very talented baker.

Bill is survived by his brother, Kenneth (Linda) Pulkinen of Embarrass; sisters, Arlene Pulkinen and Carol Pulkinen, both of Virginia; nephews, Eric (Heather) Pulkinen of Chisholm and Jason Pulkinen of Virginia; niece, Tina (Martin) Petron of Iron; grand-nieces and -nephews, Chris, Sam, Alex, Jacob, Tucker, Taylor and Lilly; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Lois.

Eleanore J. Kosmach, 87

Eleanore J. Kosmach, 87, died quietly on Dec. 29, 2014, at the Chris Jensen Nursing Home in Duluth. Services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely on Jan. 2, 2015. Memorial donations may be made to Northwoods Partners, 328 West Conan St., Ely, MN 55731.

She was born on June 2, 1927, in Gilbert, to Robert and Margaret Nekich. During WWII, she worked for a period in Washington, D.C., as a secretary, then returned to Ely where she married Jack F. Kosmach on April 15, 1950, and focused her life on being a wife and mother, raising eight children with her husband. Eleanore enjoyed reading, listening to music, and doing crossword puzzles.

Eleanore is survived by her children, Regina (Jim) Tisovich of Maple Grove, Clare Kosmach, Jeanann (Harlan) Tjader of Ely, Liz (Richard) Sjoquist of Pine Valley Calif., Therese (Kevin) Kappes of Embarrass, Mary Mendele of Cannon Falls, Jack (Lynne) Kosmach of Duluth and Karin Hoops of Lakeville; grandchildren, Brea (Rich) Rust, Kira Tisovich, Aaron Tjader, Tim Tjader, Michael Sjoquist, John Sjoquist, Nicole Kappes (Josh Kari), Amy Kappes, Michelle (Jesse) Christenson, Quin Mendele; John, Luke and Anna Kosmach, Philip and Katlyn Hoops; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Margaret Nekich; sister, Clara Doucette; and husband, Jack.

ESTHER'S CORNER

Submitted by Esther M. Myers, Embarrass, MN

Do you have Dish Network or Direct TV or Cable TV?

I love the History Channel and the H2 Channel which is more history. They have been playing fantastic programs on history as well as related subjects. Right now I have my TV on and running on the History Channel and they are talking about technology and how our ancestors were using technology that we are just now beginning to understand. And the Greeks, Romans and others had technology that we haven't learned how it was made or used, such as "Greek fire", which was used in naval battles to set ships on fire. This was, of course when ships were made of wood, before using metal for the hulls and such. The Chinese had the most wonderful bow and arrows, and they developed gunfire and cannons. The Chinese were much farther ahead of the Romans and the Greeks, who were the most advanced Europeans. The ancients had the technological ability to dress granite and other stone that was used for buildings.

Now some scientists and other people are talking about something really scary.... The end of all life on our planet due to magnetic vortexes. The whole inside of the Earth is hot, molten metal... mostly iron and aluminum. There are spots like the Bermuda Triangle where these vortexes are putting out deadly magnetism and these scientists think these vortexes are caused by action inside the Earth creating unusual magnetic reactions that is stripping the atmosphere off our planet through destruction by the Earth's magnetism.

It appears that humans have throughout history, and even before history, been at war with each other most of the time. I think it worked that way because war is a stimulus for inventions. One side comes up with a lethal weapon, such as a sword and the other side comes up with a more advanced weapon, maybe like the spear. And so it has worked all through written and unwritten history. Each advance of a weapon gives more advance for usages in peace time. And so it goes and goes on and on, all through history, until now we have fantastic technology, with unbelievable advances in the last 100 or so years.

The Japanese people made huge war ships and they even had some that were bigger than our aircraft carriers. All the sea-worthy ships were made from wood from certain trees. Some Americans and British experimented with ships made of steel in the early 1800s and at the time of the American Civil War and

yet our ancestors figured out a sort of a submarine around the time when the Greeks were fighting the Assyrians.

Most of the wonderful weapons which were made up until about 4000 years ago were really fantastic. Anthropologists and archaeologists often cannot figure out how our ancestors managed to make so many things that we of this day and age are just beginning see come to life.

It wasn't just in the fields of war weapons that our ancestors were so advanced, but also in the fields of making temples and castles from huge sheets of marble, granite and limestone. They moved stones of such a large size and yet our modern machinery cannot do it. Many people now believe that extraterrestrial beings must have helped them. We don't know yet, but we will.

* OBITUARIES (Cont...) *

Robert E. Venne, 78

Robert "Bob" Venne, 78, of Blaine, died suddenly on January 3, 2015 in Tucumcari, New Mexico, enroute to Arizona.

A memorial service was held on January 10, 2015 at Christ Lutheran Church in Blaine, MN with the Rev. Dr. Margie Guelker officiating.

Bob was born on November 26, 1936, in Estelline, SD, the son of Bernard and Myra Venne. He was raised on a farm near Castlewood, SD. At the age of 14 the family moved to Pike River Township. Bob attended Embarrass High School, participating in football, basketball, track (one of the Flying Finns) and school plays. He graduated in 1955. He continued his education at DeVry Technical College in Chicago, IL.

On August 11, 1956, Bob married his high school sweetheart, Ethel Kaunonen. They made their home in Chicago until Bob graduated from DeVry. In 1958 they moved to Minneapolis.

Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ethel (Kaunonen), Blaine, MN; sons Mitchell of Gilbert, AZ, and Michael of Minneapolis; daughter Michelle Smith of Coon Rapids; very special grandson, Alex Smith of Minneapolis; brothers Leroy (Kathleen) of Blaine, Roger (Coni) of Denver, CO; brother-in-law Art (Edie) Kaunonen of Braham, mother-in-law Viena Kaunonen of Cambridge, MN; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Myra and Bernard Venne and father-in-law Neil Kaunonen

WHILE GOING through some old letters, pictures, etc., I thought I would send this picture of the Gabriel Salo family. It was a big one.

The only ones left are Aunt Pearl Aronen and Uncle Jack.

Almost all the boys were in the army. My dad, second from the left, was the oldest, so he did not serve and Uncle Art was in a potato digger accident and injured his leg, so he (also) could not join the army.

The old timers there in Embarrass will know this family. They are part of Embarrass History. I'm donating the photo for placement in the Sisu Tori with other pictures.

The home where they raised this large family was sold to a mining company and is no more.

All that is left is the memories. The long table with benches on each side. Two



captain's chairs on each end for grandma and grandpa. Grandma's Finnish biscuit, the sheep they raised so grandma could have the wool for making yarn so she could keep all the kids in wool socks and mittens. I could go on-and-on, but enough said. (Memories) make us all remember and think about the easy life we have now and how tough they had to be. How hard they had to work. No power tools, etc., etc. Can you imagine the laundry? Those cold Minnesota winters and drying those clothes.

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LaVerne Daniels, Porterville, CA.....



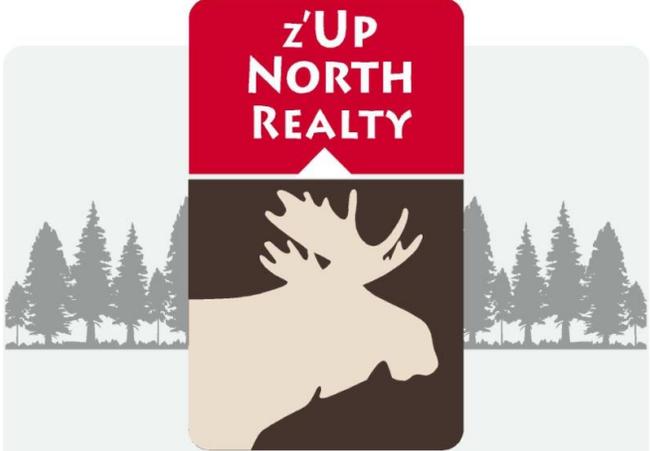
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February 8 – Carl Lamppa
Holy Communion

February 15 – Bruce Barney

February 22 – Jerry DeVries

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Sunday Family Bible Classes 9:00 am

Family Worship 10:30 am

Monday

Women's Fellowship – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.

Kids on the Rock – 4:00 p.m.

ENGAGE Youth Gathering – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Men's Prayer - 6:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 8: Ministries Team Meeting,
12:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21: "Network" spiritual gifts
seminar, 9 a.m. – 3: p.m. (Call the church to
sign up for the seminar)

Friday, Feb. 27 – Sunday, Mar. 1: Women's
Retreat at Oak Forest Center

Sunday Morning Messages:

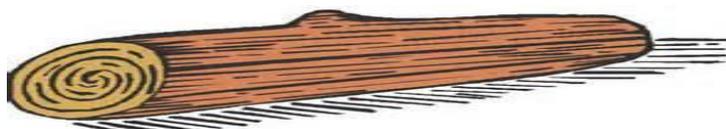
February 1: "Continue in What You
Were Taught"

February 8: "The Most Important Verse
in the Bible"

February 15: "Us"

February 22: "The Good Creation"

NOTICE: Sisu Heritage is in need of Tamarack Logs for continuing work on the Seitaniemi Housebarn. Contact a Sisu Member or call 984-3012 for more information.



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