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EMBARRASS, MN 55732**

**MARCH 2016  
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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
March 5, 8-11 a.m.  
Timber Hall**

**TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL MEETING  
EMBARRASS TOWN HALL  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 -  
7:00 P.M.**



Embarrass Town Board Meeting & Board of Audit – Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 p.m.

Sisu Heritage Meeting –Monday, March 21, 6:00 p.m.

Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting –Thursday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.

Please submit materials for the **APRIL 2016** issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by **Monday, March 21.**  
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# MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	2 <b>EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M. EMBARRASS TOWN HALL</b>	3 Conversational Finn – 1-3pm Exercise Group 3:30-4:30pm	4	5 Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall 8-11:00
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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# EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD NEWS

## Town of Embarrass Regular Meeting February 3, 2016

*\*Pending Board Approval\**

Present: Gene Wright, Joe Scherer, Diane Nelmark, Roberta Pike, Zane Beaton (arrived at 6:15)

Visitors: Mickey White, Randy Schroeder

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Gene Wright with the Pledge of Allegiance.

January Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report were reviewed. *Motion by Joe, Second by Gene to approve January 13 minutes. Carried 2-0. Motion by Joe, Second by Gene to approve the Treasurer's Report pending future audit. Carried 2-0.*

### Reports:

**Maintenance:** Alvin will be out for several weeks on medical leave, Roger will be filling in as Maintenance Lead. Painting of the town hall interior should be done by the annual meeting. The rink continues to be maintained.

**Roads:** Joe reported that roads are looking good and the county should be plowing in the next few days.

Zane arrived at 6:15 to take over as Chair of the meeting.

**Consent Agenda:** *Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to pass the Consent Agenda (Claims 16001-16027: \$9,474.39, Payroll \$5,732.13 and Correspondence). Carried 3-0.*

### Old Business:

Arrowhead Brushing estimate was reviewed. Trees within 8 feet of the edge of the road will be limbed to a height of 10 feet and brush will be cut to within 1 foot of ground level and removed from traveled portion of the road. Roads to be cleared are: Byke, Heikkila, Kempainen, Petrell, Salmela, Sauna, Wirta & Lappa lane. Total cost \$3,500. *Motion by Joe, second by Gene to approve Arrowhead Brushing estimate with work to be completed by April 19, 2016. Carried 3-0. Motion by Zane, Second by Joe to notify landowners along affected*

*roads that brushing will take place and direct them to contact Joe Scherer if they have any questions. Carried 3-0.*

The electrician has been contacted for a date to complete the work at the town hall and campground.

### New Business:

The Cub Cadet 50" mower and John Deere 42" mower were discussed as repair and/or replacement may be needed due to mechanical issues. *Motion by Joe, Second by Gene to remove the deck of the Cub Cadet mower and bring it to L&M for an estimate to fix the mower, as well as give a trade in value towards the purchase of a new mower. Carried 3-0. Motion by Joe, Second by Zane to contact Five Seasons Sports for an estimate on a new deck for the 42" John Deere. Carried 3-0.*

The property valuations were reviewed to make sure that proper value is given to everything. *Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to increase the replacement value of the cemetery vault from \$500 to \$2500. Carried 3-0.*

Gene and Joe attended the St. Louis County Association of Townships meeting on January 27. St. Louis County will be having public meetings to discuss a proposed policy or ordinance regarding the use of ATV's on county roads. Three meetings will be held during February at Ely, Virginia and Midway Township.

It was mentioned that there are several items in storage that are no longer needed. Diane will look into how to properly dispose of old computer equipment. If salvageable items are found, they will be brought to the March board meeting.

Randy Schroeder spoke on behalf of the Fire Department about a 3% increase in the fire contract rate in 2017. The Fire Department is looking to upgrade their SCBA equipment. The board also asked about how the 2-sided 9-1-1 address signs are progressing. The fire department is continuing to look at costs of replacing signs in the township. It was noted that information was posted in the Flying Finn on how to order signs directly from St. Louis

County. The information is available on St. Louis County's website.

The 2017 Levy proposal discussion began with notes on several projects that could be proposed for next year. There was also a question on how much Taconite Tax Money will be coming to the township in 2016 and 2017. Further discussion of the levy proposal was tabled until March.

A public meeting was held following the last fair board meeting on January 21 about the Mesabi Bike Trail route and what is happening with the ATV trail. Bob Manzoline of the Mesabi Trail Group and members of the Prospectors Trail Alliance were on hand to answer questions.

One item from the January Reorganizational Meeting was discussed. *Motion by Zane, Second by Joe to move Roger Davies into the maintenance lead position for the time of Alvin's leave and make the pay retroactive to January 18. Carried 3-0.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Wednesday, March 2 @ 6:00 p.m. (Finalize Levy Proposal, Annual Meeting Agenda & Board of Audit)
- Tuesday, March 8 @ 7:00 p.m. (Annual Meeting)

Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Nelmark, Embarrass Town Clerk

## EMBARRASS CLERK'S CORNER



The Embarrass Township Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Residents will vote on the 2017 Levy as well as hear updates from local organizations and discuss other township business.

After a couple of unseasonably warm days last week, the ice at the rink is no longer able to be cleared properly and can't be repaired, so the Skating Rink is closed for the season. The sledding hill and warming shack will remain open for community use.

With election season seeming in full swing, we have been receiving calls about election dates. The Minnesota Party Caucus' are on March 1, Primary Election is August 9 and the General Election will be held on November 8.

*Diane Nelmark, Embarrass Town Clerk*

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**Waasa Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 4, 2016**  
*Pending Board Approval:*

**Board Members Present:** Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Russ Webb, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson **Visitors:** David Hess and Dan Muhvich

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Minutes Approval:** Russ moved to approve the January 7 Regular Meeting minutes and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

**Treasurer's Report:** Total disbursements for the month of January were: \$1,860.90 and receipts received: \$63.33 from St. Louis County (12/15 Tax Apportionment), Emily accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

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

**Road Report:** Russ recently drove all of the township roads. The corner of South Skarp Road needs to be filled in early in spring.

Dan Muhvich of Arrowhead Brushing LLC was in attendance and presented an estimate to brush the roadsides of Appaloosa, Beckman, Dale, Koskela, Niemi and Skarp Roads. He plans to begin work in early March. Embarrass has contracted Mr. Muhvich to do Heikkila Road. The board stated they would have no problem with Embarrass billing Waasa for our half of Heikkila.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mitch attended the SLCAT meeting in Cotton on January 27. St. Louis County officials were in attendance seeking feedback on a new proposed county ordinance for ATVs. Some of the St. Louis County board members were also in attendance. St. Louis County will be asking townships for a resolution to allow ATVs to be driven on roads. Another meeting will be held in Ely this month concerning the ordinance. Emily moved to pay for Mitch's mileage and for attending this meeting with Russ supporting. Carried.

The 2017 Levy was briefly discussed and tabled until the March 3 Regular Meeting.

**Correspondence:** All mail was read and filed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk  
Emily Quick, Board Supervisor

**MINNESOTA  
TOWNSHIP DAY**

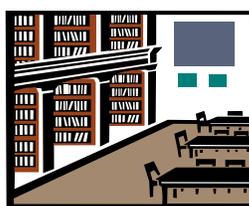
**Tuesday, March 8**

**Township Annual  
Meetings**

**Embarrass – 7:00 p.m.**  
(Embarrass Town Hall)

**Waasa – 6:30 p.m.**  
(Waasa Town Hall)

**Pike – 7:00 p.m.**  
(Pike Town Hall)



**BABBITT PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

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

 Check out [www.babbittlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.babbittlibrary.blogspot.com) for upcoming events at the Library!

 **Arn Kind Returns!**

Did you know that Minnesotans were the first to volunteer their troops to fight in the Civil War? Did you know that Minnesotans fired the first shots at the beginning of America's involvement in the Pacific War of World War II? Did you know that a famous Minnesota aviator was the first to make a solo, non-stop flight across the Atlantic Ocean, stretching and proving the capabilities of aircraft? Arn Kind, a teacher for the past 37 years will share his love of history and provide a hands-on experience for the audience about the many ways the state of Minnesota was first! This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome. Join us on Thursday, March 3 at 1:00 p.m. This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

*Lisa Pennala, Director, 218-827-3345*



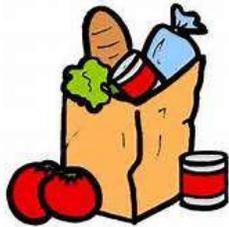
**PIKE SANDY  
WOMEN'S  
CLUB**

**March 1, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
Pike Town Hall**

**March Hostesses:**

**Lorraine Jarvi & Vi Hildebrandt**

The program this month will be a slide presentation and discussion by Kim Rasmusson. Kim will show photos of a recent trip which she and her daughter took to South Korea. All members are encouraged to attend and as always, New Members are welcome!



March is "Food Shelf Month" for the Pike Sandy Women's Club. We are each reminded to bring \$5 to donate. The club will make up the difference to bring the total donation to one hundred dollars for the Tower Food Shelf.



**CLUB SCHOLARSHIP  
2016 NOTICE:**



The Pike Sandy Women's Club 2016 Scholarship Award will be given to a local graduating senior who lives in Pike, Sandy, Wuori, Embarrass Townships or in an Unorganized Township that borders Pike Township. The scholarship award will be announced at the April 5 meeting of the Pike Sandy Women's Club. Your letter of interest in this SCHOLARSHIP must be received prior to or no later than April 5, 2016. Please include in your letter of interest, which College or Technical College you will be attending and any personal information about yourself, including your curriculum plus any extracurricular activities.

Please send your letter to:

Sandy Gorrill  
6801 Taylor Rd  
Embarrass, MN 55732.

**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!***

# Town of Pike

## REGULAR MEETING

Pike Town Hall  
February 9, 2016

Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm. All board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Audit meeting has been convened until next month. The minutes from January 12, 2016 were accepted as read by Johnson/Langowski 3-0. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

Claim forms 1828-1839 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The Board signed a resolution for Saint Louis County to allow ATV's to use township roads.

### NEW BUSINESS:

A quote was received from MN Association of Townships for Workman's Comp coverage. A motion was made to accept the quote by Langowski/Johnson 3-0. A resolution was signed to accept the quote.

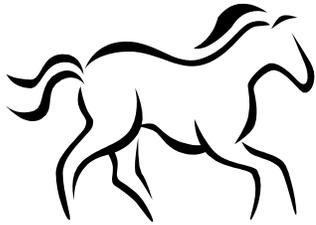
Quotes for a new stove (to replace the large black gas stove in the town hall kitchen) will be collected and presented at the next meeting.

### NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be the ANNUAL Township Meeting, followed by a reconvening of the Audit meeting followed by a regular meeting; **Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 7:00 pm @ Pike Town Hall.** Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

\*\*These minutes have not yet been approved by the Town Board\*\*



## Northwoods Saddle Club

February 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The proposed changes for the ByLaws were gone over. Motion was made to accept the proposed changes. If you would like a copy of the ByLaws, they are available.

The St. Louis County Fair is holding a Summer Series Show, (total of 3). One of these shows will be held in Embarrass. There will only be 3 games; Barrels, Poles, & Speed Dash. The age groups will consist of PeeWees (age 10 & under), Juniors (age 11 to 13), and Intermediate (age 14 to 18). The other 2 shows will be held in Proctor, on July 9, and the last will be held at the County Fair. Motion made to hold the Summer Series Show in Embarrass along with our PlayDay on June 11. If Riders will be participating in the Summer Series, there will be a separate entry fee, Helmets must be worn & also full Western attire is required to participate in the Summer Series Games. A hard copy of Coggins must be supplied for both Northwoods Saddle Club & also for the Summer Series. More information will be included in our Spring letter.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, Timber Hall, at 6:30. We will be doing Nominations for Board Members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Joki - Secretary

Happy St. Urho's Day



St. Urho's Day, March 16 - - St. Patricks Day, March 17

### Embarrass Transfer Station



7530 Koski Rd  
Embarrass, MN



#### Hours of Operation Thursday

**10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

#### Saturday

**12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m**

## POSTAL NEWS



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Monday-Friday

9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Pickup time at Drop Box by  
Embarrass Credit Union is 11:30 a.m.



## Bookmobile Schedule

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

**Four Corners Parking Lot  
Wednesday, March 9 & 30  
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](http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us)



**EMBARRASS REGION FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB**

Pike Town Hall, March 2, 6:30 P.M.  
 Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month.

We will be bulk-ordering seeds at the February meeting. If you love to grow plants and flowers, join us for local growing tips and information. *Come and Share your experience with us!*

Coffee an' will be served.

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

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**INCITING WAR**

*Now I have tried  
To compromise,  
With who I thought  
Were all quite wise,*

*Regarding life  
Here on this earth,  
And what it took  
To give it birth.*

*Yet hardly could  
A wizened eye,  
Conjure us all  
From way up high,*

*Though actually  
Some say that He,  
The ultimate  
Nonentity,*

*Just never was  
Present at all,  
So how could He  
Attend the ball?*

*Well I suspect,  
It's love for war,  
That instigates  
Preemptive gore.*

*And I would say  
It's hardly fair,  
Blaming Satan,  
Or God not there.*

**TROOPSHIP MISFORTUNE**

*The heavens were  
In darkest gloom,  
Portending of  
Impending doom,*

*Moments before  
The awful sound  
Of bursting bombs  
From all around,*

*Found soldiers in  
The seething foam,  
Convinced they should  
Have stayed at home.*

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



**EMBARRASS  
REGION FAIR  
ASSOCIATION**

Pancake Breakfasts Are Back!

Join us each month at the Timber Hall for  
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Saturday, March 5

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**Upcoming Events at the Fairgrounds:**

- June 11**                      **Saddle Club Play Day &  
County Fair Summer Series**
- August 26-28**            **Embarrass Fair**
- August 26,27**           **Team Penning**
- September 17**        **Ranch Sorting**

**\*More information about these  
events as they draw closer\***

**BABBITT FIGURE SKATING CLUB**  
Figure Skating Show



Friday, March 4 – 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, March 5 – 1:00 p.m.  
Babbitt Arena

## \* OBITUARIES \*

### **Loretta B. Thoreson, 72**

Loretta "Ardelle" Belle Thoreson, 72, of Virginia, formally of Embarrass, died surrounded by her family on Feb. 5, 2016, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's in Duluth. A funeral service was held on Feb. 10 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with Rev. Nathan Sager officiating.

Loretta was born on May 20, 1943, in Thief River Falls, to Peter and Edna (Nelson) Nygaard. She graduated from Goodrich High School in 1960. Loretta was united in marriage to Leonard Thoreson on Nov. 16, 1963, in Goodrich. Following their marriage, they made their home in Embarrass. She was a homemaker until she started working as a nursing assistant in Virginia and at the White Community Hospital. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and attending their sporting events. Loretta liked working in her flower garden, playing with her dogs, Hoky and Bella, and loved taking pictures.

She is survived by husband of 52 years, Leonard; children, Lynne (Jeff) Judnick and Lyle (Vicki Cochran) Thoreson, both of Virginia; grandchildren, Wesley Judnick, Derek Judnick, Savanna Thoreson and Holly Thoreson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, Louie Nygaard, Bernice Newman and Donald Nygaard.

### **Melvin O. Hanka, 84**

Melvin Oliver Hanka, 84, of Duluth, passed away on Jan. 30, 2016, due to complications from an ongoing heart condition, surrounded by his loved ones at Essentia St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral services were held on Feb. 6 in Bell Brothers West Duluth Chapel with Rob Gruebele officiating. A graveside service will be held in spring at the Embarrass Cemetery.

Melvin was born in Virginia, on Feb. 19, 1931, to Mary and Gregori Hanka and grew up on the family farm in Embarrass with his six brothers and sisters, and one stepsister/niece. He graduated from Embarrass High School in 1949, married his sweetheart and wife of 64 years, Olga Mae Hanka, in Marengo, Wis., on Sept. 29, 1951, and had three children. Melvin served in the military during the Korean War in defense systems as a drone and radar systems specialist, stationed in Alamogordo, N.M., where he lived with Olga and their daughter Barbara.

Mel and his family moved to Minneapolis and then Duluth, where he went to college and electronics school. He worked in Duluth as an electronics technician before being hired as a manager by AT&T in the early 1950s, working at Duluth's SAGE building and in Forest Lake for 30 plus years. A few years after his son Leon was born, Mel moved his growing family from 6th Street in Duluth to a home with twenty acres in Lakewood. Many years were spent hunting and farming those acres, and selling homegrown vegetables and wild blueberries at the farmers market.

After retirement from AT&T, Mel enjoyed more bow hunting, fishing, bird watching, woodworking, farming, playing the piano and Hawaiian guitar, as well as spending time at the cabin with his wife and family. He was active in sports, playing organized football, baseball, track and basketball starting in high school, and continued playing basketball well into his 70s. Mel was a captivating storyteller and liked to hear and tell a good joke. He was a devoted, loving husband and father and spent much of his time with his family at their home and cabin, or out camping, fishing, and picking wild blueberries. Melvin was very active in the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church as a devoted member, friend, and minister in faith, singing and speaking in both the Finnish and English languages. For the past year, Mel had lived at Lakeshore Ecumen with his wife Olga in an assisted living apartment.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Olga Hanka; daughter, Barbara Hanka; son, Leon (Helen) Hanka; stepsister/niece, Karen Kelly; seven grandchildren, Raj (Nithya) Alexander, Thushanthi (A.J.) Kozlak, Krishanthi (Dyle) Westman, Sergei Hanka, Diana Hanka, Crystal Kaczmarczyk and Mark Kaczmarczyk; eight great-grandchildren, Anthony Kozlak, Zachary Kozlak, Alexa Kozlak, D.J. Westman, Evyn Alexander, Emily Alexander, Alek Westman and Latka Hanka; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and sisters and brothers in faith.

He was preceded in death by a son, Baby Hanka; parents, Gregori and Mary Hanka; three brothers, Helmer (Gertrude) Hanka, Hugo (Elma) Hanka and Francis (Joyce) Hanka; and three sisters, Tyne (Eino) Salo, Helga (Arne) Lakso and Viola (Elmer) Salilla.

### **Shirley J. Colbenson, 79**

Shirley J. Colbenson, 79, of Concord, N.C., died on Feb. 19, 2016, at Charlotte Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Feb. 26 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Babbitt with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Jonathan Varns will officiate. Burial will take place in Argo Cemetery. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia

Shirley was born on July 17, 1936, in Biwabik, the daughter of Nick and Myra (Maki) Heikkila. She was united in marriage to Kenneth Colbenson on Sept. 22, 1956, in Ely. She worked as a medical secretary at Mayo Clinic in Rochester for many years. Shirley enjoyed crocheting, spending time with family, cooking and playing cards. She was a breast cancer survivor.

She is survived by her husband, Kenneth of Concord, N.C.; son, Robert (Misty) Colbenson of Concord, N.C.; daughter, Cheryl (Michael Holmes) Colbenson of Dahinda, Ill.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and brother, Kenneth (Sandra) Heikkila of Embarrass.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four brothers.

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*Submitted by Marjorie Sella, District Conservationist*

It's hard to beat produce grown in the local area. It's often fresher and tastier, uses less energy for transport, and helps producers in your community. But the off-season presents a big challenge for those who grow fruits and vegetables and for consumers who want to find local produce throughout the year. When producers can lengthen the growing season, even by several weeks, their options change. That's why the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service promotes seasonal high tunnels as such a powerful tool.

High tunnels are plastic-wrapped, metal-framed structures that are fairly easy and inexpensive to build. They are designed to extend the growing season into the colder months, helping to increase the availability of local produce, keep plants at a steady temperature and even conserve water and energy.

High tunnels are similar to greenhouses, except they are considered "passively heated." That means they do not require electricity to heat – only sunlight. The plastic on the frame actually provides enough insulation to add up to 12 extra weeks to the growing season, depending on location. The inside of a high tunnel boasts its own microclimate, often producing crops of higher quality and quantity than those in traditional farm fields.

High tunnels are also different than greenhouses in that the plants are actually in the ground, not in pots or on tables. You can think of it as a plastic covering over a field.

High tunnels can cut costs for the producer by conserving water and requiring fewer inputs, like fertilizers or pesticides. In high tunnels, these inputs are often applied through tubes that run along the base of the plants, allowing water and fertilizer to be delivered directly above the soil. Outside of high tunnels, these inputs are often dispersed on a larger scale and require more to ensure the plants receive an adequate amount.

NRCS helps landowners build high tunnels, providing technical expertise and funding. Local and regional markets often provide producers with a higher share of the food dollar, and money spent at a local business often continues to circulate within community, creating a multiplier effect and providing greater economic benefits to the area. This is why USDA is encouraging its agencies to provide tools like high tunnels to strengthen local food systems.

Since 2011, NRCS has assisted 15 producers in North St. Louis County incorporate High tunnel systems into their operations. To learn if they're right for you and your land, contact us at the Virginia Field Office, 1202 8<sup>th</sup> ST. S, Virginia, MN. 55792.

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**Absolutely NO beer, liquor, wine sales on Sunday's.**

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## Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

[www.apostoliclutheran.org](http://www.apostoliclutheran.org)

Sunday Services at 10:30 am

Tuesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
at Carl/Carol Lamppa's

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## Hope Lutheran Church

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

### Office hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri. 9:30am-1:30pm

[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com), 218-984-2037

### **Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

Sunday School – March 6, 9:30 a.m.

Open Communion 1st & 4th Sunday

Coffee an' follows worship

Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

Confirmation Class: Saturday, Mar. 12, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Maundy Thursday Seder in Babbitt, March 24, 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship, March 25, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27

Pancake Breakfast, 8:00-10:00 a.m. (freewill offering)

Easter Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**Lenten Dramas** during Sunday worship through March 13

“The People versus Judas Iscariot: The Punishment Phase”

In this 5-part courtroom series, lawyers present evidence based upon the Bible and tradition. Witnesses include Peter, John and Mary Magdalene. At the conclusion of this trial, the jury (worshippers) will be polled for a verdict.

**All are welcome! YOU are welcome!**

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## Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732  
218-984-3402

Website: [www.efreechurch.com](http://www.efreechurch.com)

email: [embfree@frontier.com](mailto:embfree@frontier.com)

### Weekly Schedule:

Sunday Family Bible Classes – 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship – 10:30 a.m.

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.

### Other Events:

**Sunday, March 13, 12:00 p.m.** – Ministries

Team Meeting

**Saturday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.**

“39 Below” Café (for young adults)

featuring live music by Matt Hoffland.

**Sunday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.**

Concert by Singer Matt Hoffland

**Friday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.**

Good Friday Communion Service

**Sunday, March 27, 9:00 a.m.** – Easter

Breakfast

**March 31-April 2** – Men's Retreat at

Storybook Camp

### SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGES:

March 6 Ryan Denzer-Johnson

March 13 “People of the Unseen”

March 20 Matt Hoffland Concert

March 27 Easter Message

FEBRUARY 2016						
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*Embarrass' own Kyle Durbin scored his 1000<sup>th</sup> point during his last high school basketball game on Tuesday, Feb. 23.*

*Congratulations Kyle!*

