

THE FLYING FINN  
7503 LEVANDER RD  
EMBARRASS, MN 55732

MAY 2015  
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*Pancake Breakfast*  
*Saturday, May 9, 2015*  
*8am-11am – Timber Hall*

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

\*Darwin S Myers WMA

\*Mesabi Trail (bike trail)

\*Prospectors Trail (ATV trail)

**MONDAY – MAY 4 – 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**



Sunday  
May 10



Memorial Day Service – Embarrass Cemetery & Town Hall  
Monday, May 25, 2015 – Service begins at 9:00 a.m.

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. @ Town Hall

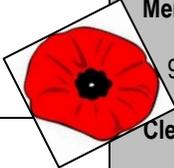
Embarrass Region Flower & Garden Club – Wednesday, May 6, 6:30 p.m. @ Pike Town Hall

Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting – Thursday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. @ Timber Hall

Sisu Heritage Meeting – Monday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. @ Town Hall

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 **MAY 2015** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Early Frost Farms & Greenhouse opens for business!	2
3  Vermilion 4-H Club Mtg @ Embarrass Town Hall 4:00 pm	4 Exercise Group 5:00 pm  <b>Community Meeting 6:00 p.m.</b>	5 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	6 <b>Town Board Meeting 6:00 pm</b>	7 Conversational Finnish 1:00pm Town Hall  Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall	8  Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall	9 <i>Hall Rental Rummage Sale</i>
10 <b>Happy Mothers Day</b>  Hall Rental Rummage Sale	11 Exercise Group 5:00 pm  Prosp Trail Alliance Mtg 6:00 p.m. @ Town Hall	12 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	13	14 Conversational Finnish 1:00pm Town Hall  Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall	15	16 <b>Armed Forces Day</b> 
17	18 Exercise Group 5:00 pm  Sisu Meeting 6:30 pm @ Town Hall	19 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	20	21 Conversational Finnish 1:00pm Town Hall  Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall  Fair Board Mtg 6:30pm@TimberHall	22	23
24 	25 <b>Memorial Day</b> Service 9:00 a.m.  <b>Clerk's Office Closed</b>  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	26 Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 5:00 pm	27	28 Conversational Finnish 1:00pm Town Hall  Exercise Group 5:00pm Town Hall	29	30 <i>Hall Rental</i>
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## FROM THE EDITOR

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# EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD NEWS

## TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

**March 10, 2015 - 7:00 pm**

*\*minutes pending approval\**

Present: Diane Nelmark, Roberta Pike, Dave Pike, James Nelmark, Zane Beaton, Eugene Wright, Paul Knuti, Carol Knuti, Roland Fowler, Mickey White, Pam Zahn, Kathy Johnson, Gary Rantala, Sharon Rantala, Roy Worsham, Deb Nelson, Dean Miller, Dave Alaspa, Mike Hamilton

Town Clerk Diane Nelmark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Rantala and Dean Miller were nominated to be moderator and both declined. Roland Fowler nominated Gene Wright, seconded by Mickey White. No other nominations. Motion by Gary Rantala, second by Paul Knuti to cast a white ballot. Motion carried. (Unanimous) Gene Wright took over the meeting as moderator.

The 2014 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed. Gary Rantala motioned and Roy Worsham seconded to approve minutes. Motion carried. (Unanimous) The 2014 Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Motion by Roland Fowler, Second by Deb Nelson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. (Unanimous)

### Township Reports

**Roads:** Some gravel will be needed on roads in 2015. Brushing is also needed on Pylka Road by the Hanka Homestead.

### **2014 Projects Completed**

Park/Campground/Recreation Areas:

- Continued statue repair
- Placed benches on bike trail (look for available grants)
- Finished building and placing rink board sections (Thanks to Waasa Twp for donating money towards this project)
- Replaced sidewalk at Information Center
- Ordered fencing for Little League ball field
- Repainted Art Lamppa field sign
- Moved all firewood from Roland Fowler's to rink area
- Repaired pavilion roof at campground

- Received new flag pole for weather center (to be installed Spring 2015)
- Cleaned up downed trees from storm
- Purchased JDx738 tractor with mower deck, snow blower and broom for rink & trail
- Purchased shipping container for storing new tractor and other maintenance supplies

Town Hall:

- Kitchen repairs (oven & fridge), replaced garbage disposal
- Replaced kitchen/hall window dividers

Cemetery:

- Benchmark Engineering completed layout map and placement of 140 pins at cemetery
  - Ordered new flag poles for cemetery & weather center locations
- Garbage Pickup (mid-May) – need more volunteers in future – limited number in 2014

Holiday/Ice Candle Celebration – December 20

### **Future Projects & Goals**

Town Hall - Replace buckling tile in town hall.

Park/Campground/Recreation Areas

- Replace dugout roof at Art Lamppa Field
  - Continue statue repair
  - Fix pavement on Bike Trail
  - Install fencing around Little League ball field – should be done by June (volunteers needed)
  - Groundwork on ball fields
  - Create 'Bird Checklist' for Darwin Myers WMA
- Pyhala/Historic Property - Work on Pyhala Barn foundation and perform other Pyhala Homestead maintenance

Continue Cemetery survey project

Projects identified during 2015 Property Inspection

Community Cleanup (May)

Ice Candle Celebration (December 19)

Develop new website (a Northeast Range school class is working on this)

A few residents asked about the status of the Embarrass Post Office. There has been no official update recently. As of March 10, 2015, the postal service is still working with

**EMBARRASS 2015 ANNUAL MEETING (CONT..)**

landlord to finish repairs on the building. The rental contract has not been broken. The board was asked to contact Rick Nolan’s office to stress the importance of the local post office on our community. A letter will be drafted at the April 8 board meeting.

Discussion about the new section of the cemetery and clearing. There is not a current need to clear the newest section and it looks like it will be several years before lots are sold in that location. There was one suggestion to mark trees that might want to be saved when the new section is cleared.

A full-time caretaker is being sought for the campground. One person who had expressed interested accepted another position elsewhere. Concerns about security issues were expressed if there isn’t an on-site caretaker.

A new website is being created by a Northeast Range school class. There was discussion about what is included and how various organizations in the township will be linked to the site. Most organizations have (or are creating) their own websites and Facebook pages. These links will be included on the new website.

The materials are in for the Little League ball field fence. Volunteers will be needed and they group hopes to have the fence installed before the Little League season starts in June.

**Other Organization Reports**

**Fire Department Report** (presented by Fire Chief Mike Hamilton): In 2014, the department among other things received an Agstar Grant, built a cold storage building and made several hall improvements including gear lockers. There was discussion about double-sided 911 signs. Links will be placed on the Embarrass website and in the Flying Finn if residents want to order their own updated signs.

**RUN REPORT 2014**

Medical	44
Structure Fires	10
Wildland	10
Public Assist	1
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 65

<i>Mutual Aid to</i>	7
<i>Mutual Aid from</i>	1
<i>False Alarm</i>	2
<i>Powerline Down</i>	9
<i>Motor Vehicle Accident</i>	6

**VOLUNTEER HOURS 2014**

Bernie Mettler	23
Blaine Johnson	85
Cody McCarter	50
Creighton Cox	128
Joe Constant	74
Joe Scherer	39

Joe Stella	50
Julia Maki	130
Kurtis VanThuy	17
Kyle Parker	49
Lyle Hardy	7
Matt Jokela	92
Maude Igo	199
Michelle Salo	54
Mike Hamilton	366
Mike Igo	215
Nick Haapala	11
Randall Schroeder	98
Tim Thiel	13
Tom Duffy	47
Tom Martin	172

**Embarrass Fair Association** (presented by Roland Fowler): There will be a fair in 2015. Advertising is going well and the Fair Book is anticipated to be out by the end of May. MRCTC students are preparing and printing the book. Pancake Feeds are going well – March was the best one yet with 183 people attending. There are openings for chairs of the following committees: Softball Tournament, Car Show, Queen’s Coronation. There will also be a sanctioned mud-run in 2015. The biggest complaint received about the 2014 fair was the missing mud run.

**Tours:** Mike Salo was tour guide in 2014. Total Income from Tours = \$631.08, Total Expenses \$1,761.00.

**Presentation and Discussion of 2016 Levy Proposal**

<u>FUND</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
100 – General	\$75,000	\$79,000
225 – Road & Bridge	4,000	1,000
226 – Fire	26,000	27,000
227 – Town Hall	10,000	11,000
230 – Recreation	4,000	5,000
231 – PERA	4,000	3,000
232 – Cemetery	2,000	1,000
233 – Insurance	8,000	8,000
401 – Capital	6,000	2,000
<b><u>TOTAL Levy</u></b>	<b><u>\$139,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$137,000</u></b>

**1.44% decrease from 2015**

Motion by Gary Rantala, Second by Mickey White to accept the 2016 Levy as presented by the town board. Carried. (Unanimous)

**Other Items:**

Town Board was inquiring if there would be interest in the community to have an informational meeting about the status of the Darwin Myers Wildlife Management Area. Those in attendance agreed that the meeting would be of interest to most of the community. It was also asked if representatives of the Mesabi Trail and Prospectors Alliance Trail could attend to update everyone on their statuses as well. The clerk will schedule a spring meeting

**EMBARRASS 2015 ANNUAL MEETING (CONT..)**

at the Town Hall for these groups to provide information and answer questions. Notices of the date will be posted around town and be printed in the Flying Finn and Timberjay.

Gene Wright requested a donation be given to the Prospectors Trail Alliance as the ATV trail will be connecting our community to Babbitt, Ely and Tower/Soudan. Several residents felt that ATV license fees were supposed to go towards trails; others questioned the benefits to the community, while a few felt local businesses may benefit some. After much discussion, there was no motion towards this. A discussion also ensued about the types of situations where a township is allowed to donate public funds. MN Statutes are fairly specific about when donations are allowed.

A weather box that has been at the Weather Center has deteriorated enough that it can't be fixed. The thermometer inside is not an official thermometer but has been used in the past few years mainly as a public interest point. At a previous meeting, a resident had stated that if an official thermometer were placed at that location (on public property), anyone who is a weather observer for the National Weather Service could use it as one place to take their readings. The board is asking if the box should be replaced. Motion by Gary Rantala, Second by Roberta Pike to build a thermometer box to match the one that has been on site. Carried (17 ayes, 2 nays). Motion by Paul Knuti, Second by Pam Zahn to purchase a thermometer for inside the box. Carried (Unanimous).

The board asked for community input on whether they should investigate Infrastructure Grant opportunities through IRRRB or other sources. A representative from IRRRB had been at a previous meeting and stated that there may be grant opportunities for the township to assist with necessary infrastructure (i.e. water or sewer). IRRRB also has planners that could give suggestions on how to proceed in applying for such grants. There may also be Community Development Block Grant funds that could be explored. One comment was that any infrastructure 'installed' would make more sense if it were on public property, but the businesses in question aren't very close to any township owned property. Motion by Mickey White, Second by Sharon Rantala that the community supports having the town board explore the possibilities with IRRRB and other organizations. Carried. (Unanimous)

2016 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8. Motion by Mickey White, Second by Pam Zahn for the 2016 meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. Carried. (Unanimous)

Moderator Gene Wright adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk

**Embarrass Township  
Regular Meeting  
April 8, 2015**

*-pending approval-*

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

Visitors: Mary Novak, Mickey White

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

March Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report were reviewed. *Motion by Phil, Second by Gene to approve March 4 minutes. Carried 3-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to approve the February Treasurer's Report pending future audit. Carried 3-0.*

**Reports:**

**Maintenance:** The guys have worked at clearing all the walking trails at Heritage Park & Campground. Mowers are ready for summer. Grader has been started and tires aired. One maintenance employee will be on medical leave for a period of time this summer. *Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to re-hire Dave Ferrian to start when employee leave begins and have him work until the end of summer. Carried 3-0.* The board will hold the Property Inspection at 4:00 on May 6 and discuss at the regular May meeting if more summer employees will be needed. With baseball season coming, the Art Lampa field buildings need roof repair. *Motion by Zane, Second by Gene to purchase materials needed to replace Art Lampa Field building roofs. Carried 3-0.*

**Roads:** Phil stated that the culvert on Hanka-Nevala Rd has been steamed by St. Louis County. Roads aren't ready for grading yet, but the grader oil should be changed so it is ready. Zane had contacted Lake Connections' contractor and they said we could go ahead and fix the culvert on Wirta Rd and bill them for the repairs. Phil will order a new culvert and have it installed – all costs to be billed to Lake Connections' line installation contractor.

**Campground:** There are still several large trees that were downed in recent storms that need to be cleaned up. There have been no responses to an on-site campground caretaker. *Motion by Zane, second by Phil to have Gene work something out with Harold Mastin who expressed an interest in being a part-time caretaker at the campground. Carried 3-0.* Upon further review of cell phone options, a wi-fi hot-spot option smart phone is probably not necessary because most people who use the campground either have their own wi-fi capability or would have to be right next to the hot-spot for it to work. Also, since there is an ATM at a local business, we don't see a need to accept credit cards at the campground at this time.

**Sisu:** Mickey White has been designated by Sisu to be the liaison to attend Embarrass Town Board meeting with requests and information. Sisu is working with members of the

**(April 8 Meeting Minutes...cont...)**

Embarrass Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church regarding the transfer of ownership of the church building.

Prospectors Trail Alliance: The group is working on completing the western route of the trail by Fall 2015. There is one section that needs to cross some wetlands where the planning/construction could get very expensive.

**Old Business:**

Following discussion at the annual meeting, the board would like to have a discussion with the community planner suggested by Chris Ismil at the March meeting. Diane will contact Chris for a number and begin discussions before the May meeting.

Also per the annual meeting, Diane contacted Steve Gohde of the National Weather Service in Duluth about getting a replacement for the thermometer box at the Weather Center. Steve will see if he can find a used one that can be repaired/repainted. In the meantime, the board will ask the maintenance crew to repaint the one that was taken down and place it back at the weather center. A thermometer will be purchased for inside the box. (The NWS may have an old thermometer, but stated that they no longer use that type of device and gave a few other suggestions.)

There have been a few complaints about the lights at the rink being on all the time and how bright they are. Shades were placed on some (but not all) of the lights. Lake Country Power was contacted and can place a switch to turn off the lights until they are needed. The monthly fee would still be charged, but LCP would be responsible for repairing the lights if there is an issue and they would be responsible for the energy usage. Motion by Zane, Second by Gene to contact Lake Country Power to put a switch near the rink to shut off all the lights except for the one between the buildings and to put shades on the lights that were left alone before. Carried 3-0.

**New Business:**

The Embarrass Region Flower and Garden Club has asked if they could meet at the Embarrass Town Hall if necessary. Motion by Zane, Second by Gene to allow the Flower & Garden Club to meet at the Town Hall as long as it isn't during Embarrass Town Board meetings. Carried 3-0.

Cemetery Lot Sale & Re-purchase. Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to approve the sale of cemetery lots Section H, Row 1, Lot 7 cde for \$140. Carried 3-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to approve repurchasing cemetery lots Second E, Lot 16 abcd for \$160. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Gene, Second by Phil to approve renewing the Tobacco License and Liquor License application for Trapline Liquor. Carried 3-0.

Per discussion at the Annual Meeting, a multi-unit community informational meeting has been set up for Monday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall. Tom Rusch from the MN DNR Tower Office will update citizens on the status of the Darwin S. Myers Wildlife Management Area; Bob Manzoline

will represent Mesabi Trail Group and give a status update on the trail coming through Embarrass; Gene Wright and another representative from the Prospectors Trail Alliance will update on the proposed ATV trail route and status of that trail. This meeting will be publicized in the Babbitt Weekly, Timberjay, Embarrass website and Facebook pages. It will also be posted at local businesses to increase participation in the meeting.

Mesabi Trail Group provided information on advertising our campground on their website and kiosks. Motion by Zane, Second by Phil to purchase a \$50 ad spot with Mesabi Trail for Heritage Park & Campground. Carried 3-0.

**Correspondence:** A few letters were received from Duggins Law Firm (Roseville, MN) about a Notice of Hearing and Petition for Expungement. The notice will be forwarded to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department since there is no longer a police department in Embarrass. St. Louis County Fair sent a thank you for the donation to the 2015 fair. MN Association of Townships Legal Short Course will be held April 23 in Otsego. MN Resort & Campground Association Scholarship applications are available in the clerk's office. Minutes and agendas received from Mesabi Trail Group & St. Louis County Association of Townships. St. Louis County Planning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 16 regarding the Proposed Draft of St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62. New rates received from St. Louis County Environmental Services. Other correspondence reviewed and filed.

Motion by Zane, Second by Gene to pass the Consent Agenda (Claims 15063-15088: \$6,704.12, Payroll \$3,828.58). Carried 3-0.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Audit was begun, but will be concluded at the May meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk

**Local Board of Appeal & Equalization****April 14, 2015**

-pending approval-

Present: Gene Wright, Zane Beaton, Diane Nelmark, Brian Grahek (SLC Assessor), Edsel Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Gene Wright with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident had a question regarding homestead status. Affidavit of Homestead was mailed from St. Louis County after 2016 Assessments were mailed. No action needed by board.

No other questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Nelmark, Town Clerk

## ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Suggested donation to The Flying Finn

1/4 Page = \$8

1/2 Page = \$13

Full Page = \$22

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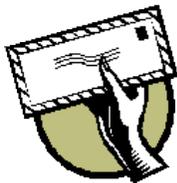
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7503 Levander Rd  
Embarrass MN 55732

Email [embarrastownship@frontiernet.net](mailto:embarrastownship@frontiernet.net)  
or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

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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.

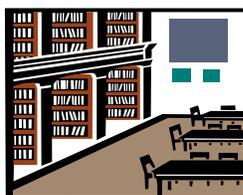


## Bookmobile Schedule

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

**Embarrass - Four Corners Parking Lot**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 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](http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us)



## BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

 Tuesday Story Time, 9:30 a.m. Children and parents enjoy music and movement, art, books, and fun activities designed for developing early literacy skills.

 Monday, May 4 @ 6:00 p.m. Tim Jollymore author of "Listener in the Snow" (A book about Native Mojo, Marriage & Murder)

[babbittlibrary.blogspot.com](http://babbittlibrary.blogspot.com)

*Lisa Pennala, Director*  
218-827-3345

## The Smoke Column

The ERVFD would like to take a moment to thank community members for their respect and safety with open fires thus far this spring. Weather conditions have been very conducive to extreme fire behavior in our region. I am not sure if you have seen recent news articles on fires within St. Louis County, but there have been several throughout the county with buildings lost.

To date we have had two wildfires in our immediate service area; both due to power line issues in very windy conditions.

I ask that you continue your vigilance and stay safe in the days ahead, full green-up will be here soon. Best wishes to you and your family and hopes for an enjoyable summer.

*ERVFD – Chief, Michael Hamilton*



## Waasa Township

**Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 2, 2015**

*Pending Board Approval:*

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

**Visitors:** David Hess

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

**Minutes Approval:** Emily moved to approve the March 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes after one correction of a date. Russ supported. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Total disbursements for March were: \$7,408.21 and receipts: \$3,891.76 from St. Louis County Auditor (2014 Tax Forfeit Land Sales), \$56.65 from Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union (Quarterly Dividend-Savings) and a \$5,000.00 transfer from Road & Bridge Fund to General Fund. Emily moved to accept the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

**Approval to Pay Bills:** Russ motioned to approve payment of Claims #23-26 plus board payroll and PERA. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

**Roads:** A complaint was received about Skarp Road. Russ checked it out and grading was ordered for all roads.

**Old Business:** Emily will get estimates from two different contractors to re-roof the Town Hall.

We are still waiting on the claim submitted to Certain Teed Company for the faulty shingles on the Town Hall roof. Sandra made a call to find out the status of the claim. It has been approved for payment but has not yet been mailed.

The furnace has been advertised and posted but has not yet been sold. Russ has received 2 calls.

**New Business:** Dave Hess will clean up the Town Hall yard when the conditions are right.

Emily moved to accept the bid from Brother's Lawn Service for mowing the cemetery this season. The price has not changed (\$130/mowing). Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

County Commissioner Tom Rukavina invited the Waasa Town Board and any interested citizens to attend the St. Louis County Board Meeting in Cook on March 24<sup>th</sup> to make an appeal to save the Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge. Mitch, Sandra and 5 other Waasa residents attended that meeting. After the meeting, Mr. Rukavina and Public Works Director, Foldesi assured us that they plan to use salvaged steel to repair our bridge. Sandra will send a certified letter to Rukavina and Foldesi to get a confirmation of this plan.

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 4-5:00 p.m.

Sandra and Bonnie will attend the Spring Short Course on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Carlton.

Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed.

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

**Adjournment:** Russ moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. with support from Mitch. Carried (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Town Clerk



### **EMBARRASS REGION FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB**

Next meeting is at the Pike Town Hall  
May 6 at 6:30 P.M.

There will be a **special speaker, Master Gardener Jo Bjerke**. She will speak on new varieties for 2015. Ms. Bjerke is from Virginia, MN and writes the local Home and Garden column for the Hometown Focus. She also specializes in composting. Please come and bring your gardening questions. Coffee an' will be served.

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



### PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

*May Showers Bring Beautiful Flowers and...*



### 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY "POTLUCK" FAMILY NIGHT

Pike Town Hall

**Tuesday, May 5 – 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

*Sponsored by Pike-Sandy Women's Club*



**FEATURING Music & Song By THE HUTTER BUNCH**  
Dancing by the community!



### Pike Sandy Women's Club Scholarship

The recipient of the 2015 Pike Sandy Scholarship is Dylan Maronic Alberts who is a senior at Virginia High School. Dylan is the son of Dean and Sharon Alberts. Dylan plans on attending the University of North Dakota in the fall of 2015 to study Physical Therapy and Theology. Dylan will also plan to work on a degree in Occupational Physical Therapy.

### A Word of Thanks

We would like to thank all those who attended the Pike Sandy Women's Annual Bingo-Bazaar-Bake sale at the Pike Town Hall. "Thank you SO VERY MUCH for attending!" It was a fun-filled evening.

**Come Join Us!  
New Members Always Welcome!**

If you have any questions or are interested in more information about the Pike Sandy Women's Club, please contact Thora Monson at 749-1535.



## Sisu Heritage "NATIONAL SAUNA DAY"



**Saturday, June 6  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Nelimark Homestead**  
4839 Salo Rd  
(across from Timber Hall in Embarrass)

This will be a simple event, celebrating the Sauna!



**Food  
Bus Tour of Embarrass Saunas  
Raffles  
Sauna Stories**

**Games** (Boot Throwing & Sauna Stove Game)

**Visit Log Buildings at Nelimark Homestead**  
(including TWO saunas!)

**Live Music by Steve Tedman\***  
Steve Tedman is a young man from Palo, who plays accordion and sings a variety of songs, including Finnish tunes

The Nelimark Homestead Museum & Gift Shop will be open throughout the day, featuring a sauna exhibit and sauna merchandise. For more information, call 218-984-3012.

Nelimark Homestead Museum & Gift Shop will feature a Sauna Exhibit again this summer. We are looking for more sauna photos and sauna stories from people in this area. If you have a sauna, please send us some pictures via the internet ([embfree@frontier.com](mailto:embfree@frontier.com)). Include a story or two that you might have from the past about sauna traditions in your home. We will make them a part of this year's exhibit.

Thank you!





## Sisu Heritage, Inc.

March 25, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Becky Kallio, Charlotte Erickson, Marlin Bjornrud, Mickey White, Carol and Paul Knuti, Jack LaMar, John and Marti Kinnunen, Leone Graf

Guests: Reuben and Barbara Besonen, Virgie Johnson, Jeff (Johnson) Issaka, Millie Sandnas, Shirley and Don Nuutinen

Guests were present to offer Sisu Heritage, Inc. the ownership of the Embarrass Apostolic Lutheran Church. Discussion was held on the structure of the building and requests that they had pertaining to Sisu Heritage, Inc. acquiring the building. Sisu Heritage, Inc. asked if there were any older pictures of the church that could be used for information and display. The group provided an enormous amount of information for our use. Included in this group was a young gentleman from the Twin Cities area that drove up for this meeting; I failed to obtain his name, I apologize. It was an inspiration for the Sisu Heritage, Inc. to have this young gentleman show this much interest in our community. The group indicated they have recordings of sermons and music available for our use. They also indicated they would like to have the church available for future weddings and/or funerals.

Secretary's Report: Leone motioned for approval, Jack made a second, and motion carried.

Financial Report: Marlin presented in the absence of Pam. Jan. report, Leone motioned for approval, Jack seconded and motion carried. Feb. report, Charlotte motioned for approval, John seconded and motion carried. One billing needed approval for payment. Leone motioned approval, Becky seconded, and motion carried.

Discussion regarding the acquisition of The Emb. Apostolic Lutheran Church was held. John suggested this would be a great investment. Jack questioned maintenance, inspection, and assessment of responsibility. It contains a wealth of information and would provide another venue for events. A committee was suggested, Marlin and Becky volunteered, and questions of possibly having a member at large from the community.

Membership Report: Mickey has accepted the position of Secretary and gave her report of 151 Members, 20 Lifetime Members. She suggested possibly raising the fee to \$12.00. Membership form in the Flying Finn and in the newsletter.

April meeting will be April 20, 2015 at the Embarrass Town Hall and will be organizational objectives for all

involvements. Visuals and organization are needed for each adventure.

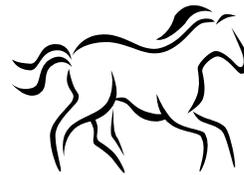
Seitiniemi Housebarn: Jack gave a report on the progress regarding bids and the task force.

Dates were discussed and set for the Sauna Days as June 6, 2015 to avoid conflict with Babbitt Walleye Wamma. Questioned if Kathy would be the Chairperson. Farmstead Artisans and Sisu Heritage, Inc. will coordinate this event. Community Night Out was set for Sept. 13, 2015 at the Seitaniemi Housebarn. Paul and Carol will search music.

The question arose as to the cost to have Charlie Kinnunen build the Sisu Heritage, Inc. website and questionable host.

April Meeting 04-20-2015 at the Embarrass Town Hall 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Charlotte Erickson, Secretary



## Northwoods Saddle Club

April 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Secretary's minutes were read & approved. Treasurer's report was read & approved. We have gotten in membership forms & dues.

Voting of the Board was held & 2015 Board will consist of: President Audrey K.; Vice President JoAnne S.; Treasurer Ed H.; Secretary Terri J.; Senior Advisor Deb N.; & Junior Advisor Morgan G.

We did have more discussion on the arena contract & decided that if the Porta Potty will be used, payment is due up front; damage deposit will be required; and a replacement cost list will be drawn up that will either be at current market price or up to our standard. If someone wants exclusive use of the arena, it must be presented to the Board.

Kid's Night will once again be on Tuesday nights starting at 6 p.m. (weather permitting). This time will be dedicated to kids and new riders, no matter what age. Pace will be slower to accommodate those just learning the games & to build up confidence.

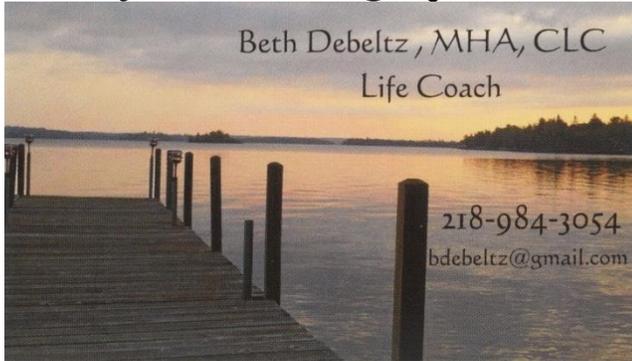
Our First Playday will be held on Saturday, June 13, starting at 9:30 a.m. Games will include: Barrels, Poles, Keyhole, Jumping 8, Speed & Action, & Speed Dash. Open Double Game is Monkey on a Rail.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, Timber Hall, at 7 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Terri Joki, Secretary

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## **EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION NEWS:**

The Embarrass Region Fair Association held its regular monthly meeting on April 16, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. There has been a lot of progress on the Fair Books...it's coming along very well. It was reported that all of the inside vendor spaces are spoken for already and we are working hard to get more outside renters. A grant meeting preceded the regular meeting and this group is concentrating on better handicap accessibility for the entire grounds.



There were 138 people at the April Pancake Breakfast. **THANK YOU for your continued support!** We will have a breakfast on May 9 and will keep everyone posted on a further schedule. 8:00 am – 11:00 am. Menu: Pancakes, sausage/ham, coffee, orange/apple juice, hot apple cider and fruit cup and a lot of great people to visit with. \$5/adults, \$3/children.

The May meeting will be on May 21 at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted, Robert Schroeder*

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**9am to 4pm both days**

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## \* OBITUARIES \*

### **Alice M. Murphy, 82**

Alice Mildred Murphy, 82, of Babbitt, died on April 12, 2015, in Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital. Alice's wishes were to be cremated, with a memorial service to be held at a later date at her home.

Alice was born on Sept. 19, 1932, in rural Babbitt, to Alex and Alice (Johnson) Niemi. Alice graduated from Embarrass High School in 1950 and attended UMD for two years. While attending UMD, she worked at Carol's Bakery and St. Mary's Hospital.

Alice married Kenneth Murphy in 1953. They moved to California for two years and then returned to the Babbitt farm where Alice was born and raised. Later they moved to St. Croix Beach, where they lived for fifteen years until returning to rural Babbitt in 1974. Alice was a homemaker and her family came first. She became WCCO's "Good Neighbor" for contributing to community service in the St. Croix Valley. She originated, wrote and published a monthly newsletter, was a village dog catcher, helped sandbag during the flood, participated in the Red Cross and Cancer Society drives and was a Girl Scout Leader, all in St. Croix Beach.

After moving back to the farm, she wrote "Se Tie" (The Road), a history of the Finnish immigrants who settled in Unorganized Township 61, Argo and Waasa. Proud of her Finnish heritage, the book was a tribute to her parents and grandparents. During this time, Alice worked side by side with Kenneth, cutting trees, hauling the logs, and sawing them into boards, from which they built their house, using Kenneth's plans.

Alice and Kenneth went to St. Paul from 1989 to 1992, where she managed two apartment buildings. During her husband's working hours, she began to compile her book, "Mummu" (Grandmother), using the information she had gathered from relatives and her grandmother's calendars, as well as drawing upon her own memories. She met her goal of publication in December 1999. "Mummu" is her grandmother's life history.

Returning to the Babbitt farm in 1992, Alice worked as a home health aide until her retirement in 1998. She then had more time for gardening, sewing, and keeping in touch with family and friends. She was a member of the Ely-Winton Historical Society, Babbitt Senior Citizens Club and Sisu Heritage. She also loved dogs, animals and birds.

Alice "Sis" Murphy will be greatly missed by those who loved her. Despite battling with health problems for most of her life, she gave so much of herself to those around her. We will all miss her smile, her humor, her sense of justice, and her courage.

Alice is survived by one daughter, Sherrie (Francis Colton) Murphy; two sons, Scott (Colleen) Murphy and Jay (Maria Gesicki) Murphy; grandchildren, Jennifer (Brian Archibald)

Murphy, Claire Murphy, Jessica (Kyle Engler) Pelant and Mara (Mike) Wyss; great-grandchildren, Sabrina, Emily, Casey and Jacob John; niece, Suzanne Chasteen; great-nephew, Hunter Niemi; cousins, Joan, Jean, Margie, Mayrene, Carol and Bill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth; grandparents, Albert and Ida Johnson; brother, Allen Niemi; sisters-in-law, Mildred Niemi and Gloria Mason; nephew, Richard Niemi; stepfather, George Warho; four cousins; five uncles; aunt, Hilma Bell; and special aunt, Helvi.

### **Rose M. Jiacik, 87**

Rose Mary Jiacik, 87, of Eveleth, died on April 6, 2015, in Essentia Care-Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial was said on April 10 in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with Fr. Dennis Hoffman as celebrant. Burial will be at a later date in the Ely Cemetery.

She was born on May 14, 1927, in Ely, to John and Mary (Levstek) Prijatel, and was a lifelong Ely resident until moving to Eveleth in July 2014. She married Peter Jiacik on June 13, 1949, in Ely. Rose was employed as a cook at the former Vertin's Cafe and Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital. She was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Ely, Council of Catholic Women, and the VFW Auxiliary.

Rose enjoyed her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, fishing, dancing and picking blueberries, cooking, crocheting, knitting and reading. In earlier years, she enjoyed traveling to visit relatives.

She is survived by her husband, Peter Jiacik of Eveleth; children, Rose Ann Chinn of Gilbert, Jean (John) Akkanen of Embarrass, Nancy Erickson of Virginia, Peter (Marsha) Jiacik of Palm Coast, Fla., and Mark (Toy) Jiacik of Garland, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Rose was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Joseph Prijatel, Peter Prijatel, Stanley Prijatel, Mary Bird and Robert Prijatel; sons-in-law, Gerald Chinn and Daniel Erickson; in-laws, Peter and Ann Jiacik; and brother-in-law, Paul Jiacik.

### **Charles L. Lantz, 90**

Charles "Charlie" Leon Lantz, 90, formerly of Embarrass, died peacefully on April 5, 2015, at his residence at Edgewood Vista in Virginia. A Celebration of Life for family and friends was held on April 11 at Cron-Sheehy Funeral Home Chapel in Eveleth with a flag presentation by Mesaba Range Post 1172 VFW of Eveleth.

Charlie was born on March 8, 1925, in Isabella, Mo. He enlisted in the army, having served in WW II from 1942-1945, overseas for 12 months in the Philippines. His was one of the first assault troops to land on Leyte on D-Day.

**\* OBITUARIES (cont...) \***

**Charles L. Lantz (cont.)**

Upon his return home, he married Mildred Johnson on Feb. 18, 1946, and together they had four children. After years as an iron worker with assignments throughout the country, he and Millie settled in Embarrass in 1954. Charlie worked for Reserve Mining in Babbitt, as well as developing the business "Charlie's Fabrication." An enthusiast for exercise, metal design, and building, Charlie also loved people. He genuinely cared for others ... they were immediately his friend.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Millie; daughters, Janice (Jim) Lamppa, Virginia (Rod) Maki and Merry Jo Lantz; son, Jim (Sue) Lantz; grandchildren, Derek (Tara) Lamppa, Brent (Julie) Lamppa, Jessica (John) Score, Curt (Tracy Podpeskar) Wercinski, Darren (Elise) Wercinski, Doug (Jenn) Aysta, Robert Aysta, Kevin (Cheryl) Lantz, Joe (Vicki) Bjerke, Kyle (Anita) Lantz and Brooke (Solomon) Beyer; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Reaola and Orville Freeze; two brothers, Verl and Vern; and a grandson, Joseph Aysta



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May 11	School Board Meeting	5 pm
May 12	Sr. High Band and Choir Concert	7 pm
May 14	Kindergarten Transition	5-6:30 pm
May 15	Elementary Field Day	all day
May 19	Elementary Choir Concert	1:30 pm
May 27	Kindergarten Graduation	9 am
May 27	Elementary Awards Day	10 am
May 28	6th Grade and Dare Graduation	9 am
May 29	Last Day of School	
May 29	Class of 2015 Graduation	7 pm

The school is looking for donations of perennial plants that can be divided this time of year. A landscaping project in front of the school will start in May. Please drop off any perennials to the school office during school hours or call Christine at 984-3064



## Baseball

Home Games at Soudan Field  
 May 1 vs Crosby-Ironton (4:30 p.m.)  
 May 15 vs Northwoods (4:30 p.m.)



Congratulations to the **Northeast Range Speech Team** on a successful speech season. Northeast Range junior, Chloe Kaufenberg, placed second in the regional section meet and went on to the state competition in Lakeville, Minnesota on April 17, in the category of Serious Interpretation of Poetry. Varsity team members, Lukas Morgan and Troy Bissonette, also had a successful year in the category of Dramatic Duo. Pictured are Kaufenberg, Bissonette, Morgan and Captain Riley Pecha. Junior Varsity team members, Laura Ames and Ruthie Morgan, have been shadowing the Varsity team this year, and will be ready to start competing next year.

**THANK YOU**

*Thank you to everyone that came to help celebrate Buck's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and to those that sent cards and gifts.*

**The Buck Asleson Family**

**DISAGREEMENT**

While some suspect  
 A spectral wraith,  
 Might be involved  
 In losing faith,

Still others say  
 There is no fraud,  
 Dispensing with  
 Satan and God.

And yet for some,  
 It's quite a task,  
 To be flummoxed  
 By what to ask.

Why is it such  
 An awesome chore,  
 To change minds steepe  
 In ancient lore?

**RELIEF FROM ANXIETY**

The time has come  
 To contemplate,  
 And comprehend  
 Approaching fate,

That surely now  
 Is possibly,  
 The principal  
 Complexity.

For it there's not  
 A heaven's gate,  
 Consider all  
 Who gulped the bait.

So give it thought,  
 Don't be nonplussed,  
 Like in those days  
 Of boom or bust.

**WHEN DARKNESS RULED**

It seems that faith  
 May simply be,  
 The ultimate  
 Complicity.

Yet many need  
 To be obsessed,  
 And never give  
 Such thoughts a rest,

Quite unaware  
 It's just a tale,  
 To which countless  
 Do weep and wail.

So I implore,  
 Do not be fooled,  
 Like in those days  
 When darkness ruled.

*Poetry Submitted  
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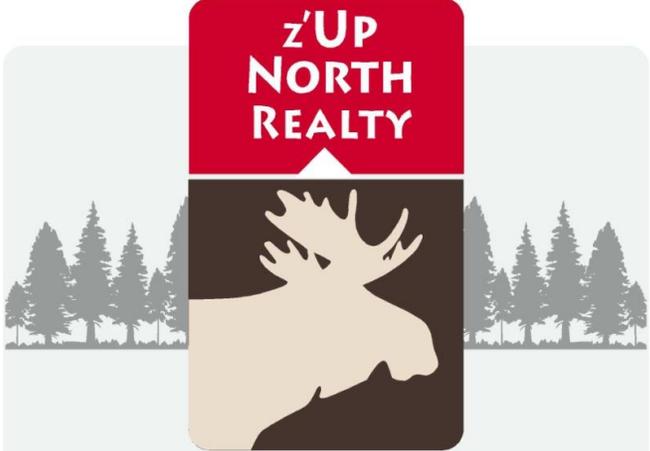
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[www.apostoliclutheran.org](http://www.apostoliclutheran.org)

All services at 10:30 am

### Speaker List:

May 3 – Bruce Barney

May 10 – John Bylka

May 17 – Bob Tumberg

May 24 – Jerry DeVries

May 31 – Carl Lamppa

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## Hope Lutheran Church

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Pastor Evelyn Weston

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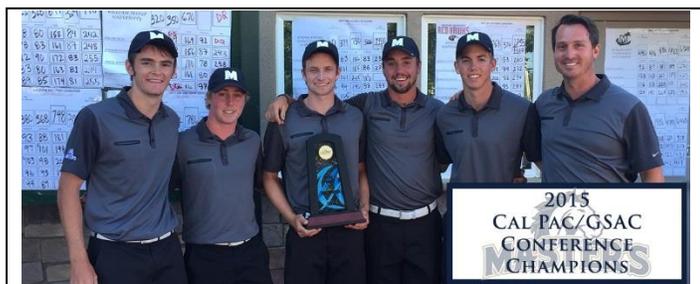
[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com)

**Worship – Sunday's at 10:30 a.m.**

May 17 – Confirmation

May 31 – Hymn Sing Sunday

Day Camp will be held July 13-17 (9am-3pm)  
(watch future Flying Finn's for more details)



REDDING, CA. — The Master's College men's golf team finished first out of a field of 10 competitors at the CAL PAC/GSAC Conference Championship. The 23rd-ranked Mustangs continued their dominance of the CAL PAC/GSAC by beating second-place finisher Embury-Riddle (AZ) by four strokes. Joseph Downey (Santa Clarita, CA) tied for first-place individually. Not far behind were Samuel Eisenhuth (Embarrass, MN) and Joshua Gardella (Littleton, CO) who finished fifth and sixth, respectively. Eisenhuth carded a score of 238 (79-83-76) while Gardella had a score of 239 (79-84-76).

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## Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass

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### Weekly Schedule:

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.

ENGAGE Youth Gathering – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

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

Adult Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.

### Special Events:

**Memorial Service for Josh Mathson**

Saturday, May 2, 2:00 p.m.

**Concert by Amy Shreve**

Sunday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday Morning Messages:

May 3: "Fowl Play"

May 10: "When the Babies Change You"

May 17: "Still Married"

May 24: "And Then It Happens"

May 31: "When God Touches a Family"

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*You are cordially invited to attend*

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**Midsummer Celebration**

**June 20-21, 2015**

**Tower Civic Center**

**"Midsummer in Finland"**

We are also requesting assistance in 3 areas:

- Choir members wanted to sing in Finnish (Lessons included)
- Artisans desired for Finn Market on June 21 (almost full)
- Finnish pastries needed to be donated for June 21 event (need items at Tower Civic Center by 12 noon)

# COMMUNITY MEETING



**May 4, 2015 - 6:00 P.M.**

## **EMBARRASS TOWN HALL**

**MN DNR** – Discussion of Darwin S Myers Wildlife Management Area

**Mesabi Trail Group** – Update on status of Bike Trail through Embarrass

**Prospectors Trail Alliance** – Update on status of ATV Trail connecting communities of Embarrass, Tower/Soudan, Ely & Babbitt

*Call 984-2084 for more information.*

<b>APRIL 2015</b>						
	Mar. 23 7/36	Mar. 24 19/42	Mar. 25 20/48	Mar. 26 29/37 pc .16"	Mar. 27 15/25	Mar. 28 -4/34
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April 12 34/64	April 13 48/73 pc .04"	April 14 38/51	April 15 22/65	April 16 33/69	April 17 44/65	April 18 20/68
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<b>APRIL 2014</b>						
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