

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

**MAY 2016  
ISSUE #350**



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
May 7, 8-11 a.m.  
Timber Hall**



**Memorial Day Service  
Monday, May 30, 2016  
9:00 p.m.**

**Embarrass Cemetery followed by Coffee @ Embarrass Town Hall**

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

Sisu Heritage Meeting – Monday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.

Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting –Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

**Please submit materials for the JUNE 2016 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by Thursday, May 19. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday – Thursday. 218-984-2084  
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# MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Vermilion 4-H Club Mtg @ Town Hall 4:00 pm	2  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	3  Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	4 <b>EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M. EMBARRASS TOWN HALL</b>	5  Conversational Finn – 1-3 pm  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	6	7  Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall 8-11:00
8 Mother's Day 	9  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	10  Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	11	12  Conversational Finn – 1-3pm  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	13	14
15	16  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm  Sisu Meeting 6:00 Town Hall	17  Ladies Coffee 10-11 am  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	18	19  Conversational Finn – 1-3pm  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm  Fair Board Mtg 6:30 Timber Hall	20	21
22	23  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	24  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	25	26  Conversational Finn – 1-3pm  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	27	28  Ruby's Pantry (Babbitt Municipal Building) 9:30-11:30 am
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> Clerks Office Closed  9:00 Service @ Cemetery  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm	31  Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 pm				

## 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 [embarrastownship@frontiernet.net](mailto:embarrastownship@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 April 6, 2016

*\*Pending Board Approval\**

Present: Gene Wright, Joe Scherer, Roberta Pike, Diane Nelmark, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Bonnie Davies, Dan Muhvich (Arrowhead Brushing), Paul Knuti, Edsel Wright, Rodney Dale, Chris Dale, Richard Roy, Mary Novak, Mickey White, James Nelmark, Sandy Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Gene with the Pledge of Allegiance.

March Meeting Minutes & Treasurer's Report were reviewed. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to approve March 3rd minutes. Carried 2-0. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carried 2-0.

### REPORTS:

**Maintenance:** There was a recall on the John Deere mower. Five Seasons came here and replaced the parts. Toilet paper holders in outhouses replaced were replaced with new steel ones. Roger will be purchasing supplies to paint the inside of the town hall.

Seasonal Maintenance Laborer positions were discussed. Last year each person worked 42 hours/week. Posting shall be done in mid-April and applications/resumes must be turned in before the May board meeting. Motion by Gene and Second by Joe to hire two seasonal maintenance workers. Carried 2-0.

It was discussed that there is little that applies to our maintenance workers in MSHA training. Joe suggests bringing someone in from the outside to train for a first aid and CPR. Or videos may be a good source of information.

**CAMPRGROUND:** Brad Scott is requesting to set up a second camper April 15 – June 15 at the campground.

Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to allow early camping. Maintenance crew cut dead trees and split firewood for the campground.

### ROADS:

Joe says brushing is complete on township roads. Salmela Road was rechecked and brought into guidelines. There was deep snow but, it has been reworked. Grading will begin when the weather allows. There has been complaints about the potholes on Wirta Road. St. Louis County tried grading it but made little improvement. More can be done once the weather improves.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Gene, Second by Joe to pass the Consent Agenda (Claims #16066-16089, \$6,395 Payroll \$2,479.08) and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

### OLD BUSINESS:

It was approved at the Annual Meeting to make a \$500 donation to the Embarrass Region Fair. A person present wanted to know the policy on donating. Gene would like to discuss this when all three board members are present. Tabled until the May meeting to get the Clerk up to date. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe.

There is nothing new to report on the brochure.

### NEW BUSINESS

Diane stated that the current rate photo copy rate is by donation. Happening more and more often. All agreed on \$0.15 for black and white, \$0.50 for colored copies and \$0.50 per page for FAX. Motion by Gene, Second by Jo. Carried 2-0.

Joe and Jennifer need to be added to the Northern State Bank signature cards. Phil and Diane need to be removed. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Carried 2-0.

Deputy Clerk duties were reviewed. Diane just wanted to give a FYI on what the Deputy does.

Trapline Tobacco & Liquor cigarette license was approved. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe Carried 2-0.

Mesabi Trail Ad \$50.00 same as last year. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Carried 2-0.

Diane has been preparing the Flying Finn in office. She will continue to do it at least thru the summer. Mickey White is willing to help as needed. Diane will paid \$100.00 / month for this service. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Joe and Gene Seconded for Jennifer to pay the fee of \$120 for Clerk's Notary Certification. Carried 2-0.

Rodney Dale asked if it was possible to have Defensive Driving Classes at the Town Hall. We have the video equipment needed. Joe will look into setting it up. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Carried 2-0.

Mary Novak sees a need to update the township website, specifically the pictures on the website and asked permission of the board to organize a photo contest for this purpose. A few examples of what she's looking for include: Greenhouse photos, sliding hill, fair grounds, etc. The board, Clerk and employees may do the judging. Mary will keep us updated. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe allow Mary to plan a photo contest. Carried 2-0.

Edsel Wright stated that his sister (Francis J. Wright) grave site has settled and asked that it be filled in. It was put on the maintenance list. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Carried 2-0.

Jennifer Boese was sworn in as Embarrass Town Clerk upon a Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Jennifer has chosen to keep Sandra Gibson as the Deputy Clerk. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Carried 2-0.

Township Property Inspection will be set up by the clerk on a weekend before the May Regular Board Meeting. Weather Center, the beam at the Nelimark house and painting projects will be some of the things that need to be checked on.

#### **TREASURERS AUDIT**

Quarterly Audit was performed by Gene and Joe. All records were found to be in order. Motion by Gene, Second by Joe. Carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

## **EMBARRASS CLERK'S CORNER**

*I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Boese. My husband and I have lived in Embarrass since 1997. We have two boys Cody and Dean. My previous employment was at the Post Office in Gilbert for 19 yrs. I would like to invite you to the Town Hall. The hours will remain the same as they have been Mon-Thurs 8-3. It has been a busy couple weeks getting adjusted. I have met so many wonderful people from this great little town and excited to meet more. Thank you all for your kind words!*

## **JOB OPENING**

Embarrass township will have openings for summer maintenance workers. Must have valid MN Driver's License. Positions will be held from June to August 2016. Application may be picked up at 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN

Applicants must submit application/resume to:

Embarrass Clerk's Office  
By 3 p.m. on May 3, 2016

## 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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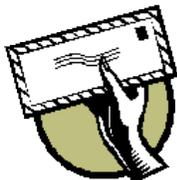
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or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

## 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

### 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



### Tower MN Post Office

508 Main St - 218-753-5797

#### Pickup/Retail Hours:

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, May 11**  
**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)



## Waasa Township Regular Board Meeting Thursday, April 7, 2016

*Pending Board Approval:*

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

**Visitors:** David Hess, Dan Muhvich

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes Approval:** Emily moved to approve the March 3 Regular Meeting Minutes and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

**Treasurer's Report:** Total disbursements for the month of March were: \$1,331.87 and receipts received: \$2,195.55 from St. Louis County Auditor - (2015 Land & Mineral Forfeit) and \$64.54 from Embarrass Vermilion Fed. C. U. Russ accepted the report and Emily supported. Carried (3-0).

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

**Road Report:** Dan Muhvich of Arrowhead Brushing LLC stated that roadside brushing in Waasa went well. He also stated that he has a ripper tooth on his equipment and would be available to clean out culverts.

Russ reported that many township roads are in very bad condition but, the graders can't go out now until things dry off. Water is over part of Skarp Road. Fill will be hauled to build up East Skarp when conditions are right. Beavers are the cause of some of the drainage problems on roads.

**Old Business:** One of the visitors felt we should let the fire department attain the funding for the double-sided fire numbers rather than using any township funds as was suggested at the Annual Meeting.

Mitch and Russ will be present for the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization being held on April 19 starting at 4:00 p.m.

Bonnie, Mitch and Sandy attended the Spring Short Course on April 1. Sandy reported donation of township funds was among the many topics learned at this training. A town board should ask itself at least three questions when deciding whether a donation is authorized by law:

- 1) Is the donation statutorily authorized?
- 2) Is the donation for a public purpose and in the town's best interest?
- 3) Is the town board able to satisfy all of the conditions, requirements and procedures associated with asking the donation?

The bottom line is: a town cannot legally make a donation unless it can answer "yes" to all three of these questions.

**New Business:** Mitch has plans to replace the edging on the flower bed under the town hall sign when weather permits.

Next month Emily would like to talk about replacing the sign at the cemetery and any remodeling/repairs of the town hall.

There was interest expressed by some in attendance to speak with Commissioner Rukavina at his Community Meeting coming up at the Embarrass Town Hall Monday, April 11 from 10:00-12:00 a.m. Concerns are the repair of the Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge, road conditions and more.

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

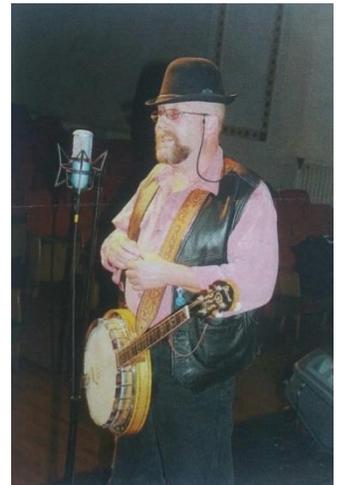
**Adjournment:** Emily moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. with support from Mitch. Carried.

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

## NATIONAL SAUNA DAY

*Sisu Heritage, Inc. will host its third annual "National Sauna Day" on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This celebration of the sauna will take place at the Nelimark Homestead in Embarrass, across from the fairgrounds.*

*The day will include sauna tours, food, entertainment by Casey Aro, sauna stories, games and more! The Nelimark museum will be open all day, with door prize drawings, sauna items and a sauna exhibit.*



*Lamppa Manufacturing in Tower is a business sponsor of this event.*

*For further information, call 218-984-3402.*



## BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

 Babbitt Library is pleased to present Graphic Memoir; A Day in a Life presented by COMPAS Artist, Pat Owen. This program focuses on creating a graphic memoir page – a story of a person’s day in words and pictures. The focus is on “Today”, discover and capture the beauty, whimsy, or commonality of everyday life, and honor it. Using simple techniques, each person suitable for framing. The end result is a panoply of pages illustrating the theme of “reflecting about aging.. This is a free program with money from MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Join us at the Library on May 11 at 10:00 a.m.

 Babbitt Library is pleased to present award winning author, Margi Preus. She is the author of several books for young readers, including the New York Times bestselling, Newbery Honor book Heart of a Samurai, and two books concerning Norway, the multi-award winning books Shadow on the Mountain and West of the Moon. Her newest books include The Bamboo Sword, a companion to Heart of a Samurai, and Enchantment Lake, a mystery set in northern Minnesota. Join us in the Library on May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

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



## Sisu Heritage, Inc.

March 28, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

- Approved the minutes and financial report of February and March.
- Mickey reported that there were no real changes in membership since the annual meeting.
- John reported on the future of the Apostolic Church at the Embarrass Annual Meeting and whether we could get any help from the township. More discussion at our next meeting.
- Becky reported that the Ely Folk School wants to build a brick oven for bread baking at the Nelimark. She will check into it further.
- Gary will be speaking at the FACA meeting in May.
- Jack will be speaking about the Seitaniemi Housebarn at a future Virginia Rotary Club meeting.
- Leone will be speaking at the Ely History Nights sometime this summer.
- Discussion on the National Sauna Day scheduled for Saturday, June 4 from 10-4. Casey Aro will be the featured musician and storyteller.
- The artisans will be opening the museum that weekend also.



Sisu Heritage, Inc. is preparing for the Nelimark Homestead Museum 2016 season, by updating our sauna exhibit. We are looking for photos of saunas in this area. Sauna "stories" are appreciated, as well.

Also, if you have a wall mounted electric sauna stove that you don't use anymore, we might be able to use it for our exhibit. Let us know.

If you have a photo of your sauna to share, a story, or a wall stove, e-mail [embfree@frontier.com](mailto:embfree@frontier.com) or mail to Marlin Bjornrud, 5452 Nikula Rd., Embarrass.



## PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

**Community "Potluck"  
Family Night**

**Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

6-9:00 p.m. – Pike Town Hall  
Featuring Music & Song by  
**THE HUTTER BUNCH!**



### CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



The recipient of the 2016 Pike Sandy Women's Club Scholarship is Kelly Heinonen who is a senior at Virginia High School. In the fall of 2016, Kelly will be attending Concordia College in Moorhead, MN where she will major in Music Education – Voice.

*Thanks*

### **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. It was a fun-filled evening. Thank you so very much for making the night a success.

**Come Join Us**

**If you have any questions or are interested in more information about the Pike Sandy Women's Club, please contact Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.**

***New Members are always welcome!***

### TIME TO SET THE STAGE

*So many flags  
Around this land,  
Are stuck in mud,  
Or even sand,*

*While others wave  
From lovely knolls,  
Staunchly affixed  
To sturdy poles.*

*Yet surely would  
It not be grand,  
If flags could think,  
And understand*

*Grubbing for loot  
Just might be wrong,  
Though private wealth  
Still gimps along,*

*But finally  
Is fading fast,  
Such selfishness  
Can hardly last.*

*We've got to end  
This profit rage,  
And now's the time  
To set the stage.*

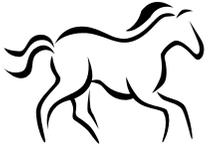
### THE DEADLY DANCE

*Contentious yes,  
It was indeed,  
Just to inhale  
The noxious weed,*

*Which I had thought,  
Without a doubt,  
That never could  
I live without.*

*But then I read  
Some books of lore,  
And realized  
That nevermore  
Would I suggest  
There was a chance,  
That I would snort  
The deadly dance.*

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



## Northwoods Saddle Club

April 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Secretary's minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved. Ed went over our expenditures and memberships.

Members present: Lisa Gibson, Morgan Gibson

Nominations were opened back up. President - Andrea Kalinowski, Vice President - Joann Schreffler, Lisa Gibson, Treasurer - Ed Hanson, Secretary - Miranda King, Senior Advisor - Joann Schreffler, Lisa Gibson, Junior Advisor- Morgan Gibson

Elections were held and our new officers are Andrea Kalinowski - President, Lisa Gibson - Vice President, Ed Hanson - Treasurer, Miranda King - Secretary, Joann Schreffler- Senior Advisor, Morgan Gibson - Junior advisor.

We will be looking into buying a handicap port-a-potty. Possibly looking into getting help with this from the Lion's Club. Christ Dale will clean out the port-a-potties this summer.

This summer we need to keep up on the mowing the arena so the fair board doesn't do it for us.

Andrea informed us that our ribbons should be here before the next meeting.

We will be meeting early next month to do inventory on our equipment. We will also zip tie the posts to the panels.

The Coggins Clinic is this Saturday.

Our next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. May 12

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Our first playday is on June 11. You must have coggins or you will not ride. The events for the day will be barrels, poles, keyhole, jumping figure 8, hourglass, and speed dash. The open event will be the 5 drum Barrel race. We will also have a side pot for jumping figure 8 with a full payback for 1-6 place.

Respectfully submitted, Miranda King- Secretary



### EMBARRASS REGION FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Pike Town Hall, May 4, 6:30 P.M.

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month.

*Come and Share your experience with us!*

Coffee an' will be served.

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

## WANTED TO BUY

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Interested in many items – feel free to call for items not listed as well.  
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## Northeast Range Students Celebrate with Poetry and Punch in April

On Monday, April 25 the elementary students at Northeast Range School celebrated National Poetry Month with our annual Poetry and Punch Celebration. Each student in grades 2-6 memorized a poem and performed it for a great crowd in the Northeast Range Auditorium. The three judges, Superintendent Steve Sallee, retired teacher Peg Makkyla, and Northeast Range Secretary, Mary Lou Schroeder had a hard time deciding who the winners would be. Each student did an exceptional job, but a few made sure to put in something a little "extra." The first, second, and third place winners for each grade were announced after the performances and those students will receive recognition at the Elementary Awards Day on June 1. The Kindergarten and First Grade also performed group poems. Thank you for all the hard work that the teachers and students put in to make the day an exceptional one!

### Grade 2

1. Lewey Powell
2. Karsynn Bird
3. Ryan Sampson

### Grade 3

1. Chelsey Nelmark
2. Noah Backe
3. Tie: Danica/Maizy Sundblad

### Grade 4

1. Hailey Lindquist
2. Charlotte Zahnow
3. Aubree Gerlovich

### Grade 5

1. Layne Kaufenberg
2. Morgan Bush
3. Jacob Mackai

### Grade 6

1. Erin Backe
2. Natalie Nelmark
3. Ty Fabish



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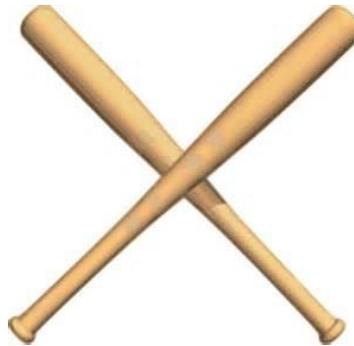
## SAND & GRAVEL



**290-0877**

OR

**984-3215**



## NIGHTHAWK BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Home Games are in  
Soudan

All games begin at  
4:30 p.m.

Mon 5/2 – vs Floodwood (home)

Thurs 5/5 - @ Wrenshall

Mon 5/9 – @ Mesabi East

Tues 5/10 – vs Ely (home)

Thurs 5/12 – vs Chisholm (home)

Mon 5/16 – vs Nashwauk-Keewatin (home)

Thurs 5/19 – vs Silver Bay (home)

Fri 5/20 – vs North Woods (home)



### EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION

Join us each month at the Timber Hall for breakfast and fellowship. Saturday, May 7 from 8:00- 11:00 am Your donation supports the Embarrass Region Fair

#### Upcoming Events at the Fairgrounds:

- June 11 Saddle Club Play Day & County Fair Summer Series
- July 9 Saddle Club Play Day
- August 26-28 Embarrass Fair
- August 26, 27 Team Penning
- September 17 Ranch Sorting

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

Coming soon...



## Driving Course

**Those interested may call the Embarrass Clerk's Office to register: 984-2084**

**Date (May ?) & time is yet to be determined. Will have more info soon!**

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### 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEAM PENNING EVENT

The Embarrass Region Fair's 9<sup>th</sup> annual team penning event will be held on August 26 and 27. Call Danny Theel (218) 235-4331 or Paul Knuti (218) 290-0171 for information.

### 2016 RANCH SORTING

The Embarrass Region Fair Board is again sponsoring a ranch sorting event. This year it will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Call Danny Theel (218) 235-4331 or Paul Knuti (218) 290-0171 for more information.



### Black Birch Ranch

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- Tobacco products
- DNR licenses
- Landfill cards

- GROCERIES:
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- Bread, Butter
- Italian Bakery products
- lots more!

- FROZEN ITEMS:
- Ice Cream
- Frozen Pizzas

- SNACKS
- Pop, Juice
- Energy Drinks
- Candy
- Chips

- READY TO GO
- Sandwiches
- Ice
- Coffee

- OTHER
- Cleaning Supplies
- Baking and Cooking Items
- Toilet Paper
- Misc Personal Care Items
- Some Auto Fluids

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

## \* OBITUARIES \*

### **Willard A Esala, 100**

Willard A Esala, 100, of Pike-Sandy, died on April 16, 2016, at the Virginia Care Center. Funeral services were held on April 22 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pike-Sandy with Rev. Don Stauty officiating. Military honors were accorded by the Virginia Honor Guard.

Willard was born on May 22, 1915, in Sandy Township, to Finnish immigrants Jacob and Hilma (Ruuth) Esala. He attended school in Sandy and Pike and was an honorary St. Louis County Schools graduate at age 85. Willard was a heavy equipment operator, logger, school bus driver and carpenter, building homes, and building, remodeling and selling cabins on Lake Vermilion.

Willard was a proud World War II veteran, serving with the U.S. Navy Seabees in Hawaii where he helped build hospitals. He also participated in the battle for Tinian Island in the South Pacific. On Tinian he aided the construction of the airstrip that was vital to ending the war and was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon.

His faith in God was very important and he led a strong Christian life. Willard was a charter member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church where he sang in the church choir for seven decades and served in several offices. He was a 70-year member of Crellin-Tini VFW Post 1113 of Virginia and a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49.

Willard was an avid fan of the Minnesota Twins and Vikings, enjoyed trout fishing in Canada, working on wood projects, and was a league bowler for over 30 years. He especially loved spending time with family at the lake. He had a keen wit and sense of humor and was very proud of his Finnish heritage.

Willard was united in marriage to Elsie Matts on May 5, 1941, in Ely, by Rev. Emil Heino and was happily married for 67 years. They enjoyed traveling, including to Australia four times, to Finland, and to many states including Alaska and Hawaii. Willard and Elsie's greatest joy and achievement was raising eight children and living a life devoted to their families.

He is survived by sons, Peter of Lake Vermilion-Tower, Gary (Tandy) of Fayal Township and Tom of Melbourne, Australia; daughters, Barbara Heino of Treasure Island, Florida, Dianne French of Lake Vermilion-Cook, Kathy Pitkanen of Pike-Sandy and Cindy (Dan) Maki of Pike-Sandy; fifteen grandchildren, David (Courtney), Andrew (Lisa) and Paul (Sonja) Heino, Tammy (Tom) Guilford, Dean Esala, Jodi (Roy) Pontinen, Greg French, Stacy (Dan) Will, Stephanie (Dan) Frosaker, Leah (Darryl) Pernat, Kurt and Keith (Rachel) Pitkanen, Jason and Joshua (Stephanie) Maki and Jared (Kelly) Esala; thirty-five great-grandchildren; two twin great-great-granddaughters; two cousins in Finland; numerous nieces and nephews; and his church family.

Willard was preceded in death by his wife, Elsie; son, Jimmy; grandson, Ryan Esala; infant great-grandson, Isaiah Frosaker; infant great-granddaughter, Elsie Pernat; brothers, Nick, Walfred, Sulo, Rev. Hugo and Rev. Toivo; sisters, Turna Esala, Vienna Johanson and Ailie Koenig; parents; and sons-in-law, Rev. David Heino, Jim French and Dick Pitkanen.

### **John C. Harju, 62**

John C. Harju, 62, of Embarrass, died unexpectedly on April 14, 2016, at Essentia Health-Virginia. A memorial service was held on April 20 at Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora with Rev. Marlin Bjornrud officiating. Inurnment was in the Embarrass Cemetery.

John was born on Oct. 1, 1953, in Minneapolis, to Emil and Marion (Dorff) Harju. He attended school in Embarrass, and following consolidation, was a 1971 graduate of Babbitt High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in industrial technology from Bemidji State University. John worked construction for 30 years as a superintendent for Lenci Enterprises and Max Gray Construction. On June 28, 1975, he married Barbara Jean Haberman in Aurora, and they made their home in Embarrass.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. John was very proud of his sausage-making. He also enjoyed showing his classic cars at car shows. But most of all he cherished his family, especially his grandchildren, and friends and neighbors in the community. John was always up for a competitive game of cards or cribbage.

Survivors include his wife, Barb; daughter, Lindsey (Tim) Klegstad of Silver Bay; grandchildren, Crosby and Kinley; brother, Glenn (Vivian Vasiljevic) Harju of Biwabik; several sisters- and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and twin granddaughters, Kailie and Nevaeh.

### **Darryl R. Folman, 64**

Darryl Robert Folman, 64, of Embarrass, died unexpectedly on March 19, 2016, in his home. A memorial service was held on March 25 at Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church in Virginia with Rev. Nathan Sager officiating. Inurnment will take place in the Embarrass Cemetery at a later date.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1951, in Virginia, the son of William and Mildred (Wiitala) Folman. Darryl was a 1969 graduate of Virginia High School and enjoyed playing hockey in school. He was an honorably discharged Army veteran of the Vietnam War era. Darryl was employed by AEOA Weatherization, retiring after 30 years. He enjoyed riding his Harley, being at the lake cabin, saunas, and his lilacs. He cherished time spent with family; especially his grandnieces and grandnephews. Darryl was very content with his simple lifestyle.

Darryl is survived by his father, Bill Folman of Virginia; siblings, Dale Folman of Gilbert, Julie (Roger) Keith of Zim and Janet (Frank) Peterson of Virginia; nieces and nephews, Amy, Jennifer, Darren, Joslyn and Jesreal "Jes"; great-nieces and great-nephews, Elora, Alisa, Cierra, Ella, Andrew, Alex, Hannah, Jordyn, Corbin, Carter and Connor; many extended family members and friends, including Gypo Friends past and present.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; mother, Mildred Folman; numerous aunts, uncles and extended family.

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### **Edwin E. Aho, 98**

Edwin Elias Aho, 98, formerly of Embarrass, passed away on April 8, 2016, in Bozeman, Mont. A funeral service was held on April 16 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Virginia with Rev. Don Stauty officiating.

Edwin was born on March 20, 1918, at the family farmstead in Waasa Township, to Oscar and Amelia (Pylka) Aho. He attended the country School 75 in Embarrass until going off to work in the logging camps after the eighth grade so that he could send money home to his family. In the 1930s he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, eventually working on the crew that built many of the log buildings which still stand today at Gooseberry Falls. It was there that he honed his many carpentry skills and was even offered a job on a traveling crew that was doing log construction throughout Minnesota. Embarrass was his home, however, and as soon as he could, he returned. In Embarrass he was united in marriage with Minerva Hilda Koskela on April 25, 1942.

Edwin and Minerva built their home in Embarrass where they raised their two daughters, Bea and Kathy. Edwin worked on the DM&IR Railroad and eventually took a job with the Erie Mining Company; he retired from Erie in 1980. He and Minerva enjoyed many great retired years together, traveling regularly to their two favorite destinations, Belgrade, Mont., and Webster, Wis., to visit their family, always doing non-stop projects while there. Edwin also enjoyed spending time in his woodworking shop and fishing at the lake.

Survivors include his daughters, Beatrice (Harold) Griffis of Anaconda, Mont., and Kathleen (Mick) Bruss of Webster, Wis.; grandsons, Mark Griffis, Paul Griffis and Dave Griffis, all of Montana, and Dean Bruss of Duluth; granddaughter, Leslie Jordan of Waunakee, Wis.; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; brothers, Willard Aho and Darrell Hanson; sister, Elizabeth "Betty" White; uncle, Leonard Pylka; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Minerva; sisters, Helen Anderson, Mayme Toikka and Lyla Maki; and brothers, Herbert, Benjamin, Wesley, Wilbert, Benhardt and Wallace.

### **Gerald S. Miettunen, 83**

Gerald S. "Dido" Miettunen, 83, of Sandy Township and Virginia, died peacefully on April 2, 2016, at Essentia Health Virginia Care Center, after a battle with dementia. Memorial services were held on April 8 at Landmark Funeral Home Chapel in Virginia with Rev. Suzanne Wasilczuk officiating. Military rites were accorded by the Virginia Servicemen's Honor Guard. Inurnment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in Virginia at a later date.

Gerald was born to Emil and Sylvia (Koski) Miettunen on May 27, 1932, in Virginia. When Gerald was two-years-old, his father Emil died, and Gerald went to live with his grandmother in Embarrass because his mother had to work. His grandmother taught him to speak in Finn and he had to learn English when he

returned to Virginia for school at five-years-old. His mother remarried in 1936 to Arthur J. Hautala.

Gerald graduated in 1950 from Roosevelt High School in Virginia. He attended two years at Virginia Junior College. He proudly served his country during the Korean War in the U.S. Army. He worked at United States Steel as an electrician for 36 years, retiring in 1986.

On Oct. 6, 1956, he married Esther Ann Okerstrom in Virginia. They made their home in Florenton (Sandy Township). Together they raised three sons.

He was a member of Steelworkers Union Local 1938 and was a life member of Crellin-Tini VFW Post 1113, both of Virginia. "Dido" as so many called him, was a kind, caring person. He loved to go to the "farm" in Embarrass where he grew a large garden of potatoes, carrots, etc. He loved to read in his younger years, especially about history.

He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Esther; sons, Steve (Carol) Miettunen of Virginia and their children Jennifer (Anthony) Bastianelli, Ashley Miettunen (Lance) and Jared (Kelly) Miettunen; Daniel (MaryJo) Miettunen of Mt. Iron and their children Chad and Scott Miettunen; and Mark (Patty) Miettunen of Embarrass and their children Jaelyn (Richard) Wright, Adam Miettunen and Sarah Miettunen; and eight great-grandchildren, Dominic, Geno, Caiden, Jay, Kiera, Valerie, Dominic and Cooper. Gerald was preceded in death by his father and mother, Emil and Sylvia; stepfather, Art; and stepbrother, Michael Hautala.

### **Lloyd Lamppa, 89**

Lloyd "Bernie" Lamppa, 89, of Virginia, formerly of Babbitt, died on March 27, 2016, at Essentia Health Virginia Care Center. A memorial service was held on April 2 at Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church with Rev. Donald Norr officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date.

He was born on Oct. 30, 1926, in Embarrass, the son of Richard and Rose (Rapinoja) Lamppa. He attended Embarrass High School. Bernie was united in marriage to Beatrice Ranta in Virginia in 1946. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Bernie served on board the USS Curtiss in the Pacific Theatre during WWII. Bernie worked as a civil engineer for Peter Kiewit & Sons, estimating and supervising road construction projects for over 40 years. He retired in 1991. He was a member of the Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Bernie is survived by his wife, Beatrice; children, Carlen (Caroline) Lamppa of Embarrass, Michael (Charlene) Lamppa of Savage, Bernadette Bradshaw of Wichita, Kansas, and Russell (Melanie) Lamppa of New Hope; grandchildren, Brent (Melissa) Lamppa, Reece (Shannon) Lamppa and Cassandra Lamppa; great-grandchildren, Maggie and Allie; brothers, Herbert (Edna) Lamppa of Tower, Roger (Joan) Lamppa of Virginia, Francis Lamppa of Ely and Fredrick (Karen) Lamppa of Britt; and numerous nieces and nephews. Bernie was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Flora Koivisto and Kathleen Janeksala; and brother, Raymond.

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**Eino A. Suihkonen, 89**

Eino Alexander Suihkonen, 89, of Virginia and formerly of Tower, died on April 11, 2016. Funeral services were held on April 16 at Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church in Virginia with Rev. Nathan Sager officiating. Private interment will be at a later date in Lakeview Cemetery in Tower.

He was born on July 19, 1926, in Biwabik, the son of John and Anna Maria (Linnamaki) Suihkonen of Embarrass. Eino was united in marriage to Ann Barbara "Lolly" Frazee on June 18, 1949, in Tower. He later married Nina Anderson on April 12, 1985, in Virginia.

Eino was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during WWII in the European Theatre. He worked primarily as a road construction supervisor for KGM and Hoover Construction. He was a member of Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church in Virginia. Eino was devoted to his family, and had a strong faith. He was a wonderful husband and father and was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Eino is survived by his wife, Nina; children, Becky (Jim) Planton of Soudan, Linda (Dan) Masica of Butte, Mont., John (Julie) Suihkonen of Tower, Roberta "Bertie" (Russ) Webb of Embarrass, Bill (Jayanne) Suihkonen of Tower, Ann (Brian) Moravek of Galesburg, Mich., Carol (Jim) Hebl of Aurora, Tom (Dena) Suihkonen of Tower, Milt Jr. (Anita) Anderson of Houston, Dale Anderson of Virginia and Mark (Nancy) Anderson of Duluth; grandchildren, Mike, Melissa, Alex, Betty, Chris, Jon, Steven, David, Billy, Angela, Matt, Joe, Andrew, Andi, Ari, Gabby, Libby, Denton, Brian, Dagny, Nathan, Naomi, Sarah and Rachel; 14 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; sisters, Marian Ryder of Bloomington and Violet Heikkila of Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lolly; son, Jim; and several brothers and sisters.

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**Kiitos!**

**Thank you for all the kind words and generosity during my last few days of work at the Embarrass Clerks Office, the "going away " parties and all the support over the last 7 years! What a wonderful place we live. God be with you all!**

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## Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church

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[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

May 1 – Carl Lamppa

May 8 – Bob Tumberg

May 15 – Carl Lamppa

May 22 – Jerry DeVries

May 29 – speaker tbd

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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.**

Open Communion May 8 & 29

Coffee an' follows worship

Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

Sunday School – May 1, 9:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class: Saturday, April 9 & 16, 9 – noon

Confirmation Discipleship Day – Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. – noon (dress for clean-up)

Parish Youth & Family overnight at Camp Vermilion – Friday, May 20

Hope's Day Camp (Vacation Bible School) will be July 18-22 this summer. It is open to all kids who complete grades K-5 this spring. Day Camp will be led by staff from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. Registration will start in June. Mark your calendars and save the date!

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

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## Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732

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

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### 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, May 15, 12:15 p.m.**

Ministries Team Meeting

**Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m.**

ENGAGE Senior Night

### SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGES:

May 1 "Free at Last"

May 8 "Follow the Game Plan" (beginning a family and marriage series)

May 15 "Take Out the Garbage"

May 22 "Enjoy the Gardens"

May 29 "Recycle the Gifts"



## APRIL 2016

<b>Mar. 20</b> 5/32	Mar. 21 8/37	Mar. 22 13/39	Mar. 23 24/35	Mar. 24 8/34	Mar. 25 14/40	Mar. 26 21/43 pc .22" snow 3"
Mar. 27 26/34	Mar. 28 30/43	Mar. 29 19/45	Mar. 30 27/59	Mar. 31 35/45	April 1 27/40	April 2 26/29 pc .13" snow 2"
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April 10 -8/26	April 11 26/40	April 12 16/32	April 13 10/45	April 14 26/53	April 15 28/71	April 16 44/70
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April 24 34/41 pc .32"						

## MARCH 2015

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April 5 20/36	April 6 25/40	April 7 30/41	April 8 19/36 pc .19" sn 2.5"	April 9 24/37	April 10 31/43	April 11 17/46
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