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EMBARRASS, MN 55732**

**JULY 2016
ISSUE #352**



Happy Birthday America!



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

Sisu Heritage Meeting – Monday, July 18, 6:30 p.m. – @ Nelimark Homestead

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

**Please submit materials for the AUGUST 2016 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by Tuesday, July 19.
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FROM THE EDITOR

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

EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD NEWS

TOWN OF EMBARRASS REGULAR MEETING JUNE 1, 2016

Pending Board Approval

Present: Zane Beaton, Gene Wright, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Chris Alaspa, Sue Beaton, Charlie Fowler, Mickey White, Cindy Koivisto, Mary Novak

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Zane with the Pledge of Allegiance.

May Meeting Minutes were reviewed. *Motion by Gene, Second by Zane to approve the May 4, 2016 minutes. Carried 2-0*

REPORTS:

Maintenance: Mowing continuing on properties. Fire extinguishers were charged and rebuilt. Maintenance hours have changed. Roger is Wednesday through Friday. Alvin is Monday through Thursday. Dave is Monday through Wednesday. New summer hire will start Wednesday the 8th of June.

Roads: Joe reported that after checking the roads no gravel is needed at this time and they are looking good.

Campground: Cindy has asked for some sort of shelving in storage. She would like the fire pits cleaned out. She will do herself if maintenance brings her a shovel and a bucket. Spraying for bugs will be done weather permitted.

Tours: Mike Salo has given 1 tour.

Sisu: Asking permission to start up sauna for Sauna Days. Gene feels it is a fire hazard and would like our maintenance guys to clean out the pine needles and leaves. Need to have a fire extinguisher in building, as well. The Sauna pipes are leaking water. Would like to talk to Sisu about this issue.

Mesabi Trail: Next meeting will be on June 20.

Prospectors Trail Alliance: Send Waasa a thank you for sending resolution. Awarded some money from the State not able to use yet because of bonding bill. Tower to Embarrass is temporarily open. Maps are at various locations in Babbitt. Next meeting is June 13.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary of the Fair Board Susan Beaton was present to ask for donation. *Gene motion, Zane Second, to donate 38 hours of labor which is equal to \$500.00. Carried 2-0.* Susan accepted the donation of labor. Susan states that the plans are going well for the upcoming fair and plans to submit full minutes of Fair Board Meeting minutes in the Flying Finn.

Three Applications were turned in for Summer Hire. Clerk to call and hire.

911 signs were tabled till next meeting when Joe is present.

Reviewed email sent from St. Louis County Public Works, Kevin McConnell. Heikkila Road maintenance and ownership will be dealt with by Zane at the Waasa Town Meeting on June 2nd. *Gene motion, Zane second, to give Zane full authority to make decision at the Waasa Town Meeting. Carried 2-0.* Refer to Waasa Township Minutes, from June 2, 2016 meeting.

Schedule for opening and closing of Info Center will be Clerk and Deputy Clerk Monday through Thursday. Cindy Koivisto and Mary Novak Fridays and Saturdays. Mike Salo to close after tours.

Deputy Clerk's hours will be reduced to 14 hours a week as in the past. *Zane motion, Gene second. Carried 2-0.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Alaspa has had both baseball fields sprayed for mosquitos, for the Little League games. Will be spraying another time. This will last through the Embarrass Fair. *Gene motion, Zane second, for Township to pay up to \$150.00 for second round of spray.* Minors Little League

(Chris Alaspa), will be having games during July 25th-28th. Nine teams from different communities. Asked that both fields will be mowed during that time.

Gene motion, Zane second to renew lease with St. Louis Environmental Services for solid waste canister site. Carried 2-0.

Jennifer and Sandy to attend Election Training on June 27th, at Clinton Town Hall. Clerk to post that the office will be closed that day. Jennifer and Sandy to attend Summer Short Course in Carlton, on June 30.

Gene motion, Zane second to sign cemetery deeds. Carried 2-0. Cemetery deeds were signed for Leonard Arlen Thorson and Loretta Thorson, Section C, Lot39, a.b., George Waisanen, Section H, Lot 4, a-e., and Rodney Honkola Section H, Row 2, 3a.

Zane motion, Gene second for Clerk to order new updated business cards for Township and Board Members. Carried 2-0.

Gene motion, Zane second to accept the Claims (\$5,484.75) and Correspondence and Payroll (\$5,273.60). Carried 2-0.

The next regular meeting will be held July 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

EMBARRASS CLERK'S CORNER

Well summer is officially here! Get out and enjoy the sunshine.

The maintenance crew has been busy making Embarrass beautiful and working hard around the Town Hall. The campground and tours are up and running. Call the Clerk's Office at 984-2084 with any questions.

July 5th, 12th, and 14th at 5:00 p.m. go watch your local Little League teams. July 25th - 27th they will be hosting a Little League Tournament, here in Embarrass at the baseball fields. Get out and show your support and let them cook supper on the grill for you.

The Office will be closed on July 4th to observe Independence Day and the regular monthly board meeting will be held July 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Have a Happy and Safe 4th!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

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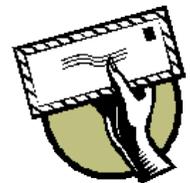
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Bookmobile Schedule

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

Four Corners Parking Lot Wednesday, July 13 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

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Town of Pike

REGULAR MEETING

Pike Town Hall

June 14, 2016

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. All board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from May 10, 2016 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0. The Treasurer's report included a transfer to the building fund and to the road & bridge fund made on a motion by Rasmusson/Johnson 3-0. The report was accepted as read on a motion by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0.

Claim forms 1885-1897 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Langowski will inquire local carpenters about building a gazebo at the East Pike Cemetery.

The township, at this time, will not be contributing towards new equipment for the PSB Fire Department.

The AED and the new kitchen stove have been installed at the town hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

The purchase of a lot or plot at the Pike cemeteries must be paid directly to Pike Township and not through a funeral home.

Mesabi Brushing has agreed to mow township roadsides.

St. Louis Co. sent a snowplow agreement to be reviewed by the township board. They were all in agreement of the draft copy, Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY 2016 COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED on June 28th, 9:30 a.m., at the Pike Town Hall.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will a regular meeting, **Tuesday, July 5, 2016, 7:00pm @ Pike Town Hall.** Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Johnson/Rasmusson 3-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Town Board



Waasa Township Regular Board Meeting Thursday, June 2, 2016

Board Members Present:

Emily Quick, Mitch Lind, Russ

Webb, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: David Hess, David Joki and Zane Beaton

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

Minutes Approval: Emily moved to approve the May 5 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Total disbursements in the May report were: \$5,763.64 and no receipts were received. Emily accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0). Bonnie recommended we purchase CDs at Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union, investing \$25,000 (taken from the Building Fund). Russ so moved and Emily supported. Carried (3-0).

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

Road Report: Skarp Road still has a water problem. David Joki discussed some solutions to the problem. Fill will be hauled in soon and it will be graded. Russ will check out the culvert on that road. It was noted that Koskela Road is very muddy at this time.

A culvert has been purchased for Niemi Road. Russ will get the OK to dig on Monday and after that installation may begin.

Old Business: The board has been in contact with Kevin McConnell of St. Louis County Public Works Department concerning the bookkeeping error (in billing) of Heikkila Road. Our snowplowing bills have reflected a charge for Heikkila Road (a border-line road between Waasa and Embarrass) and at the same time Embarrass was also being charged for the full road. Zane Beaton said he came to us with the consent of the Embarrass Board to make an agreement tonight. The Waasa Board reluctantly agreed to the proposal brought by Zane. Emily moved that Waasa Township will take over the maintenance Heikkila Road in summer and winter but, Waasa will get the state gas tax from this time forward and a snowplowing reimbursement of \$1,968.75 from St. Louis County. Russ supported. Carried (3-0).

The cemetery sign replacement was tabled.

Improvements in the town hall were discussed. Mitch will replace plastic on the windows and a door which leads to the second floor will be replaced with a new one that is

more air-tight. Mitch will make the purchase. He will also mount a drop box in the entrance of the hall.

There are hall rentals taking place June 11 & 18. Tables and chairs will be borrowed for this weekend.

New Business: Mitch moved that the clerk be allowed to be paid to attend Summer Short Course at Carlton on June 30. Emily supported. Carried (3-0).

A STS crew came to work on the cemetery May 26. They filled in several sunken graves and picked up trash.

The fire extinguishers in the town hall are out-dated. Emily will make the purchase of two new ones.

Emily moved and Mitch supported to accept the Brother's Lawn Service agreement for this year. Carried (3-0). The charge has not changed.

Commissioner Tom Rukavina has re-scheduled a Community Meeting at the Embarrass Town Hall on June 6th at 10 a.m. to noon. Mr. Rukavina has expressed appreciation to our board for supporting the ATV Ordinance, which was recently passed by the St. Louis County Board.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mitch moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. with support from Russ. Carried (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Emily Quick, Waasa Board Chair



BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hours:

Mon-Thur 12-6; Friday 12-5

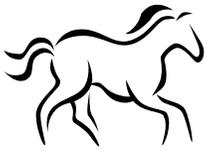
📖 Kids Stuff – Winning Fold Origami Crafts, July 6 @ 1:00 p.m.

📖 Kids Stuff – Olympig a Triumphant Story and games, July 13 @ 1:00 p.m.

📖 Magic of the Olympics, July 19 @ 3:30 p.m. Come one, come all to Professor Marvel's magic of the Olympics show. This program strategically weaves magic, comedy and audience participation with educational topics like playing fair, movement, and the benefits of reading. This show runs 45 minutes and is suitable for ages Pre-K through 5th grade.

📖 Summer Reading "Read for the Win" ends on July 15. Please turn in reading records no later than the 15th.

Lisa Pennala, Director, 218-827-3345



Northwoods Saddle Club

June 9, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Members present: Sharon W, Miranda H, Chris D, Ariel K, Daniel K, Miranda K, Andrea K, Ed H.

Secretary's minutes read. Motion was made by Chris D to approve the minutes, Sharon W seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report read. Motion was made by Sharon W. to approve and Miranda K. second. Motion carried.

Old business:

The arena was mowed three times since the last meeting.

The fair chair Craig Johnson called and would like to see the arena mowed more often. More volunteers will be needed to accomplish this. So please help.

New business:

Miranda is no longer running for the Embarrass Fair Queen and the \$50 sponsorship the club provided has been returned.

Parade participation was encouraged.

The arena was tilled for the playday.

The highpoint sheets will be brought to next month's playday.

The purchasing of trophies for the show was approved.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Miranda K., seconded by Miranda H. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

The parade dates are as follows, if interested in carrying flags, text Miranda K. at 218-410-9815:

June 19- Babbitt Peter Mitchell Days

July 3- Aurora- park on road by Plagemanns

July 3- Gilbert- park on road by Holiday Station

July 4- Tower in the a.m., Biwabik in the p.m.

July 23- Hoyt Lakes Water Carnival- park in the church parking lot, end of town.

The next play day is July 9th and will start at 9:30 a.m. The events for the day are as follows: Barrels, Poles, Keyhole, Jumping Figure 8, Heart Shaped Barrels, and Speed Dash. The open event will be the Water Balloon Toss. There will be a side pot for Poles with a full pay back first through sixth place.

The annual horse show is July 30th and will start at 8:30 a.m. There will only be 3 classes, Peewee class 13 and

under, Junior class 14-17 and Senior class 18 and up. Western attire is required for the horse show, collared polo or Western style shirt for games is acceptable. The events are as follows: Morning classes: Stallion, Weanling, Yearling, Ponies, Grade Mares, Reg. Mares, Grade Geldings, Reg. Geldings, 13 and under Showmanship, 14-18 Showmanship, Peewee, Junior, and Senior Horsemanship. The highpoint events are: Barrels, Poles, Keyhole, Jumping Figure 8, Bottle Rocket 2, Cupid's arrow, and Speed Dash. The Orange Race will be the open event.

There will be 2 meetings in July. The first on July 7 at 7 P.M. and the second on July 28 at 7 P.M.

ON PROFITS OF WAR

Now I'm convinced

This is the time,

To juggle thoughts

And put to rhyme,

A meaningful

Array of words,

That have some spice,

Yet never girds

The mind from being

A vital thrust,

To free ourselves

From boom or bust,

That hopefully

Will be the way,

Enduring peace,

Comes here to stay.

For what we need,

Worthy of balm,

Must be the words

Inducing calm,

And getting rid

Of ancient thought,

That human beings

Can all be bought.

INEVITABILITY

It surely seems

That most do see,

Investigative

Paucity,

Here in this land,

Where capital trumps,

As moneybags

Do wail from stumps,

And always thought

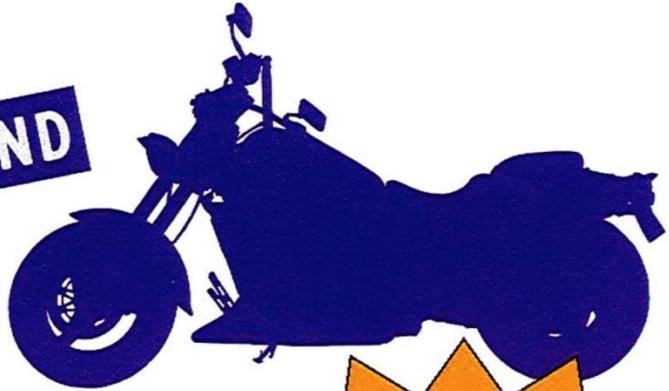
They were in charge,

Until they've faced

The folks at large.

Poetry Submitted By, William Lamma, Embarrass

RIDE TO END ALZHEIMER'S



Saturday July 16, 2016

Registration Starts at 9:00 a.m.
Kickstands up at 11:00 a.m.

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Silent Auction 6:30 — 8:30 p.m.

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Games

Music Provided by The Buzzards

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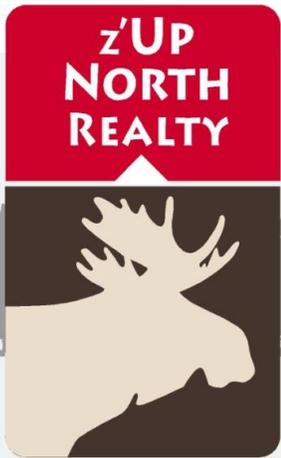


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Absolutely NO beer, liquor, wine sales on Sunday's.

* OBITUARIES *

Wilfred M. Petrell, 85

Wilfred Morgan Petrell, 85, a longtime resident of Embarrass, passed away peacefully with family by his side on June 16, 2016. A funeral service was held on June 25 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with Pastor Donald Norr officiating. Burial was at the Embarrass Cemetery.

Wilfred, the ninth of ten children, was born on July 14, 1930, in Morgantown, West Virginia, to Henry Jalmar Petrell and Siiri (Levander) Petrell, Finnish immigrants. The family moved back to Embarrass in the early 1930s. He attended high school at Embarrass School #70. Wilfred and his brothers ran the family farm and bred and raised Hereford cattle. In 1948 Wilfred enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Japan for a time. After his military service, Wilfred was hired by Mac Welding of Duluth where he worked on the early hydraulic pulp-wood loaders.

After Mac Welding, he was employed by the mine in Babbitt. He continued his career with Reserve Mining Company and retired in the early 1980s after being employed there for 30 years. While at Reserve he was known for his work ethic and unique problem-solving skills. He was well respected by those who worked with him. His area of expertise was plant/facility maintenance. Wilfred was always busy. Even while employed by Reserve, Wilfred had a successful logging business that he, his brother, and his cousin operated on weekends. He did however find the time to hunt and fish and was passionate about the outdoors. He caught a record walleye in Wynne Lake in the 1960s and enjoyed fishing for lake trout in Canada.

Wilfred married Ursula (Obschernings) Gallup on Aug. 17, 1974. This was Wilfred's first marriage and he regarded his three stepchildren as his own. Wilfred and Ursula took up golf later in life and enjoyed golfing with their children and grandchildren. After retirement, Wilfred and Ursula pursued their love of draft horses and raised Belgians and Clydesdales on their Embarrass farm. The hayrides during the winter were legendary. They were lifetime members of the National Bit, Spur and Saddle Collectors Association. They had a functioning harness maker's shop and a blacksmith's shop on their farm. They traveled the West and Southwest and attended numerous horse shows and auctions.

Even as an octogenarian, Wilfred would snowshoe each winter. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially 500. He was an expert at playing a Nullo hand, much to the frustration of the other players. He was fond of watching old Western movies and reading old Western-themed books. Wilfred was always willing to lend a hand to family, friends and neighbors; he expected nothing in return.

Wilfred is survived by his only remaining sibling, his youngest brother, Edgar of Embarrass; stepchildren, James

(Janet) Gallup of Show Low, Ariz., Laura Huston of Elk River and Charlie Gallup of Minneapolis; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; wife; and eight siblings.

Raymond L. Avikainen, 97

Raymond L. Avikainen, 97, of Virginia, passed away on May 26, 2016, at Essentia Health Care Center in Virginia surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held on June 4 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with Pastor Don Stauty officiating. Burial was in the East Pike Cemetery.

Raymond was born on April 29, 1919, in Soudan, the son of Finnish immigrant parents Lauri and Hulda (Pajari) Avikainen. He lived in Soudan until the eighth grade and then moved to Embarrass where he graduated from high school in 1937. He attended Eveleth Junior College for two years and worked at the box factory in Tower. He was united in marriage to Rachel Aronen on Feb. 14, 1942, in Virginia. They moved to Cook where Raymond worked for the Cook Co-op Store.

He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, receiving several ribbons and a Bronze Star. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Cook and worked at the Cook Co-op Store, managed the Tower Co-op Store and the Pike-Sandy Co-op Store. They moved to Pike-Sandy where they owned and operated Ray's Crossroads. In 1964 he went to work for Reserve Mining Company in Babbitt, retiring in 1981.

Raymond enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time at Piilola, his family Lake Vermilion cabin. He also enjoyed traveling and being able to attend his WW II Army reunions in Illinois. He was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, American Legion Nelson-Jackson Post 245 of Tower, DAV Kolstad Chapter 23 of Virginia, and was a former member of United Steelworkers of America Local 4757 of Babbitt.

Raymond is survived by his children, Gary (Bonita) Avikainen of Pike Township, Gene (Sharon) Avikainen of Shakopee, Glen (Debra) Avikainen of Mt. Iron and Gail (Ted) Esala of Vermilion Lake Township; 11 grandchildren, Amy (Mike) Sylvester, Chad (Bridget) Avikainen, Garret Avikainen, Darryn (Dana) Foss, Adam (Midori) Avikainen, Grant (Cristina) Avikainen, Christine (Ross) Olson, Amanda (Joe) Secola, Jessica Avikainen, Jenni (John) Paulsen and Mindi Esala; 12 great-grandchildren and one due in July.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Rachel; grandson, Derrick; brother, Owen; sisters, Eileen Poderzay and Elaine Kosel; and numerous other relatives in America and Finland.

* OBITUARIES *

Mary Maki, 73

Mary Maki, 73, of Winton, died on June 19, 2016, at the Ely-Bloomenson Hospital surrounded by family. A memorial service will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. on July 16 at the Winton Community Church.

Mary was born in Soudan on May 30, 1943, the second child of John and Angela Akins. She graduated from Tower High School in 1961. On June 17, 1961, she married James Maki, of Winton, in Fairbanks, Alaska, when he was in the Army. She enjoyed the outdoors, winter and summer fishing, ricing, and loved being at her Paradise Point on Fall Lake. Mary was a compassionate gal who loved kids, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Everyone looked forward to her wild rice hot dish and Geneva fluff dessert.

Mary is survived by her husband, Jim of Winton; daughter, Donna Anderson (Clay Pollock) of Ely; sons, Mike (Jeannine) and Dan (Debbie), both of Winton; grandchildren, Amanda (Ricky) Mitchell of Hermantown and Cassandra Anderson of Winton; great-grandchildren, Maddux and Beau Mitchell; sisters, Pat (Dave) Schmid of Embarrass, Stella (John) Dunkinson of Snohomish, Wash., and Cathy (Gary) Salmela of Soudan; brothers, Jim (Terry) Akins of Florence, Ariz., John (Leslie) Akins and Fred (Terry) Akins, both of Spokane, Wash., and special cousin, Cathy Vene of Bemidji.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant brother, Michael; grandson, Jon Maki; and brother-in-law, Steve Soraparu.

Michael D. "DP" Ewashean, 75

Michael D. "DP" Ewashean, 75, longtime resident of Embarrass and formerly of Ely, died on June 16, 2016, at his home with family at his side. At DP's request, no formal services will be held.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1941, in Chicago, the son of Harriet Czop. He was united in marriage to Susan Nickolson on Sept. 5, 1969, in Sisseton, S.D. DP was a handyman and owner/operator of DP Sales and Service. He enjoyed flying.

DP is survived by his wife, Susan; son, Jeremy Ewashean of Embarrass; two sisters; and one brother. He was preceded in death by his mother; and daughter, Michelle (1977).

Thomas A. Johnson, 74

Thomas Albert Johnson, 74, of Aurora, died on June 1, 2016, surrounded by family and music in his home. A remembrance service was held on June 9 at Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora.

Thomas was born on Feb. 28, 1942, in Soudan, to Emil and Elsie (Waris) Johnson. He was a graduate of Embarrass High School and later enlisted and served as a Radio Relay and Carrier Operator in Korea, then completed his service time in the Army Reserve. Later, he worked as an iron worker and in building maintenance at the Aurora Hospital. On Aug. 9, 1990,

he married Kristen Kronfuss in Virginia. Most of his years were spent as a building maintenance foreman for St. Louis County, retiring from there in 2004. He enjoyed woodworking, reading, spending time with his family, listening to music and playing his piano and organ.

Survivors include his wife, Kristen; children, Gina (Ryan) Holcomb of Minneapolis, Tommy (Amy) Johnson of Stillwater, Amy (Curtis) Peterson and Jimmy Johnson, both of Aurora; stepchildren, Karen (Carter) Beauford and Sarah Norris of Charlottesville, Va., Jason (Crystal) Chopp of Ely and David Chopp of Aurora; 14 grandchildren; siblings, MaryAnn (Jerry) Molick of Britt and Kathy (Dale) Mostad of Eveleth; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Billy, Stanley, Betty and Joyce.

David "Awesome" Duane Anderson, 66

David "Awesome" Duane Anderson, 66, of rural Gilbert, died on May 24, 2016, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. Memorial services were held on June 2 at United in Christ Lutheran Church in Eveleth with Pastor Steve Weston officiating. Inurnment was in the Biwabik Township Cemetery with military honors accorded by the Gilbert VFW Post.

He was born on July 3, 1949, in Virginia, to James and Annabelle (Korte) Anderson. Dave was a graduate of Gilbert High School and began working for Erie Mining Company. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam and Cambodia. Following his military service, he married Mary Ann Geist on May 1, 1971, at United Lutheran Church in Gilbert. He attended Eveleth Vo-Tech and earned his degree as a maintenance mechanic. He worked for Gulbranson Construction and other local construction companies on the Iron Range.

Dave was a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans of Virginia and the Gilbert Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. He was also a member of the Minnesota Trappers Assoc. and the Ridge Riders Snowmobile Club. He served as president of Little Birch Lake Association for many years.

Dave loved spending as much time as possible at the cabin that he called "Camp David." In the middle of winter or the heat of the summer you could find him there enjoying his hobbies of hunting, fishing, trapping and four wheeling. The coffee was always on and the fire pit was always ready.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann; son, Erick (Jody) Anderson of Embarrass; step-grandchildren, Savannah Poaletti and Chloe Poaletti; brother, Leonard (Joyce) Anderson of Washington; sister, Patricia Jarvela of Britt; mother-in-law, Lucille Geist of Gilbert; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Rodney James.

Lost & Found

FOUND – MN Wild Pullover shirt on Lehto/Dallas Road on Memorial Day (5/30/16). Please call 218-987-2706 and leave a message to identify.

FOUND – Car key at Info Center on June 21. Can be claimed at Clerk’s Office (7503 Levander Rd)



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Photography Contest

Deadline is July 16. Photos can be sent to embphotos@hotmail.com. Any questions should be directed to the same e-mail address. Do not send questions or pictures to the township website. Contest information and rules available in the June Flying Finn or by contacting the Clerk’s Office.

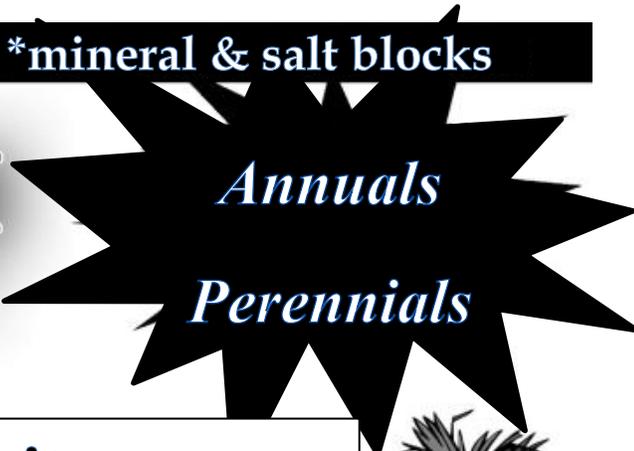


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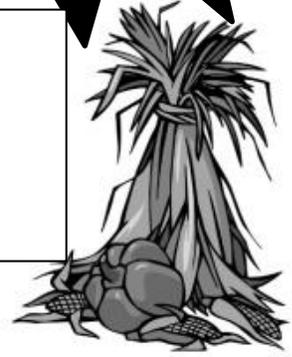
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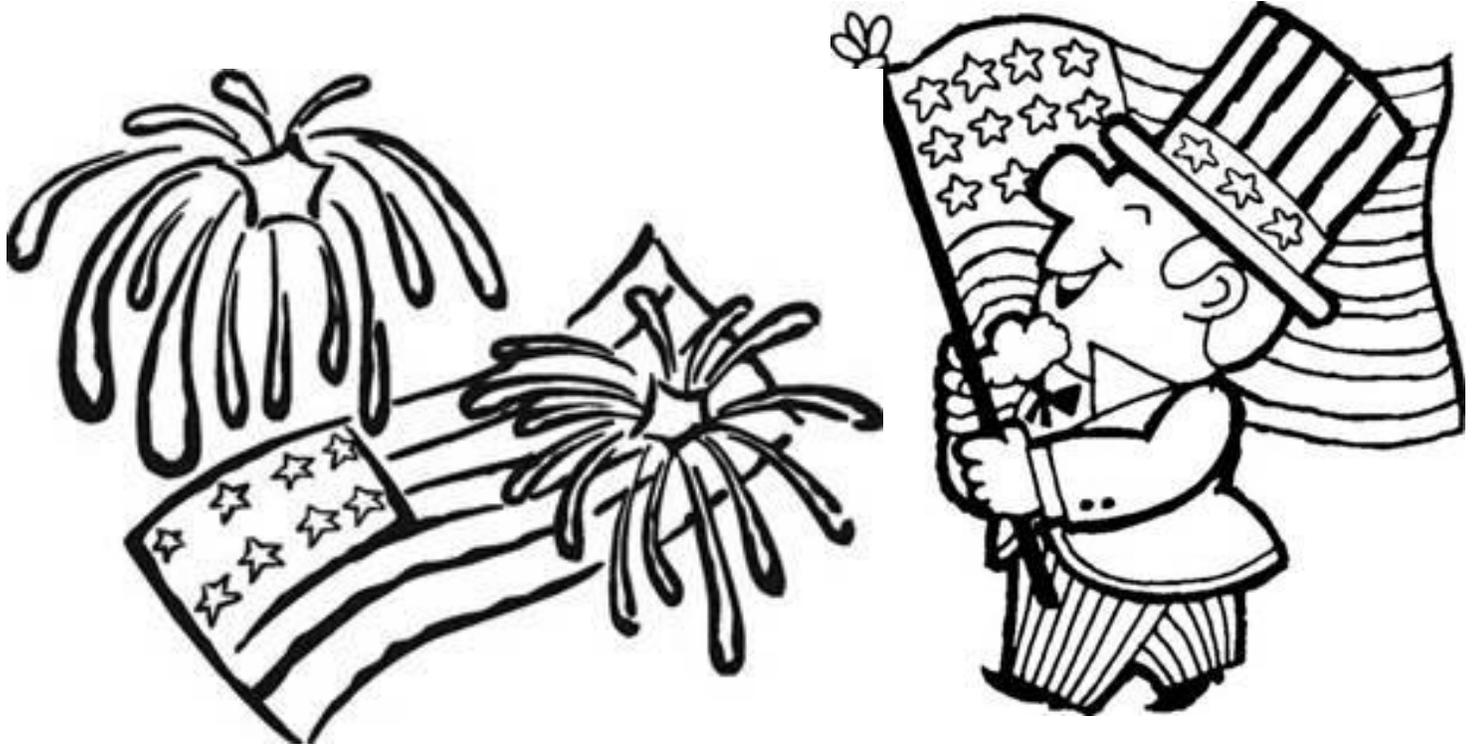


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Sunday Services at 10:30 am

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

July 3 – Bob Tumberg
July 10 – Speaker TBD...
July 17 – Bob Tumberg
July 24 – Jerry DeVries
July 31 – Orville Wirkkala

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

218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Open Communion July 3 & 31
Coffee an' follows worship
Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

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 and Hope members. Registration has begun – contact the church office for registration forms.

Raffle tickets supporting Day Camp will be available for \$1 each in June for a variety of items for all ages. The raffle will be held during Hope's Day Camp celebration (dinner, program, raffle) on Thursday evening, July 21. You can get raffle tickets from Stan during church office hours, or from other members of Hope Lutheran Church. You do not need to be present to win.

All are welcome! YOU are welcome!

Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass

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Website: www.efreechurch.com

email: 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.
Wednesday – Adult/Teen Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday - Men's Prayer – 6:00 a.m.

Other Events:

Saturday, July 9, 1:00 p.m.

Brenda Conaway author's book signing event

Saturday, July 30

Wiffle Ball Tournament @ Bjornrud Home

Sunday, July 31, 12:00 p.m.

Potluck Fellowship Meal – following worship

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGES:

July 3 "The Light of the World"
July 10 "The Good Shepherd"
July 17 "The Resurrection and the Life"
July 24 "The Way, Truth, and Life"
July 31 "The True Vine"



EMBARRASS REGION FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB

Pike Town Hall, July 6, 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.**

JUNE 2016

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JUNE 2015

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