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EMBARRASS, MN 55732  
DECEMBER 2023  
ISSUE #388



**Pancake Breakfast**

December 2  
Timber Hall  
8-11

**Ice Candle Lighting and Celebration**

Saturday, December 16

4-6 p.m.

Embarrass Town Hall and Cemetery

*Merry Christmas*



**Embarrass Town Board Meeting and**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Please submit materials for the January 2024 issue to the  
Embarrass Clerk's Office by December 21, 2023  
Office Hours Monday-Thursday 10 a.m-3 p.m.

# DECEMBER 2023

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|   |   |   |   |  | 1  | 2<br>Town Hall Rental<br><br><i>Pancake Breakfast 8-11<br/>and Holiday Craft Sale 8-12<br/>Timber Hall Event Center</i> |
| 3<br><br>4 Corners 4-H<br>4 p.m. | 4<br><br>Flower and Garden Club Meeting<br>7 p.m. | 5<br>Clerk's Office Closed for Training<br><br>ERFA Event Cmtee. Mtg.<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Timber Hall | 6   | 7<br>Conversational Finn 1-2:30<br><br>ERFA Meeting 6:30 p.m.<br>Timber Hall | 8  | 9   |
| 10  | 11  | 12<br>Ladies Coffee   | 13<br>Township Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.<br><br>Bookmobile at Four Corners 5:00-6:00 p.m. | 14<br>Conversational Finn 1-2:30   | 15 | 16<br>Ice Candle Celebration 4-6 p.m. Town Hall and Cemetery  |
| 17  | 18<br><br>Sisu Meeting 6:30 p.m.                  | 19<br>Ladies Coffee   | 20<br><br>Flying Finn Deadline  | 21<br>Conversational Finn 1-2:30   | 22 | 23<br>Town Hall Rental  |
| 24 Christmas Eve<br>Town Hall Rental  | 25<br>Merry Christmas<br>Town Hall Rental         | 26<br>Ladies Coffee   | 27  | 28<br>Conversational Finn 1-2:30   | 29 | 30  |
| 31 New Years Eve  | Office Closed                                     |   |   |  |    |   |

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, or e-mail them to [embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net](mailto:embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net). 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 218-984-2084 with any questions. \*\*\*\*\* Thank you. Diane Nelmark, Editor

## Town of Embarrass

### Regular Board Meeting

November 8, 2023

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Jack LaMar, Shireen Lee, Eric Garman, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Paul Knuti, Tana Johnson, Gene Wright, Mickey White

Meeting called to order by LaMar at 6:03 p.m. with Pledge of Allegiance.

October 2023 minutes reviewed and approved as written. Motion by LaMar-Garman/Lee. Carried 3-0.

Cash Control financial report reviewed. Clerical errors corrected.

Cemetery Road discussed by supervisors. Garman discusses looking for pins for lot marking and future expansion suggest excavating of rock.

Road Report by Lee. Lee would like it noted in the minutes that she was confronted in the past about the chloride on the roads and thought maybe she made a mistake. Information she was given thought she was to make that decision. Roads were not chloride for three years so the past money was not used and will be partially reimbursed from FEMA grant applied for. The air quality from the dust on the roads for the residents was not good. Also learned that chloride does strengthen the roads and less expenses down the road. So making the decision may have been in error. Lee apologizes. There was a grant that was going to be applied for but after gathering information the township is not eligible at this time as the cost for engineering would be required by township and that is not in the budget. Grant opportunity will be available again and maybe will be able to get in the position for applying in the future. Resolution will be completed after more information is found on recommendations of chloride.

Maintenance Report given by Lee. Motion by Lee-LaMar/Garman to approve maintenance to purchase chainsaw. Carried 3-0. Requests for white strip to be put back on steps.

Cemetery Deeds were signed by supervisors and clerk.

LaMar discusses advertising ideas at the skating rink, discussion had. Motion by LaMar-Garman/Lee to purchase rink liner. Carried 3-0.

Lee challenges residents and businesses, if possible, to make and place a few candles on their properties on December 16 during the Ice Candle Event.

The clerk speaks to say FEMA grant application is in the final process of approval. One more on-site inspection to be held with FEMA reps.

Knuti discusses the Pyhala Homestead and talks with the supervisors about the history of the property, hopes to give better understanding on the Pyhala Homestead.

Motion LaMar-Lee/Garman to approve the claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk



### December Clerks Corner

*Just like that another year has almost come to an end.*

*Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

*The Ice Candle Celebration will be held on December 16 this year. Everyone is invited to stop in at the Town Hall after you take the drive through the cemetery. Stop by for a bite to eat and catch up with your neighbors and friends. Sanda will be making a stop as well. Donations of cookies, bars, etc., can be dropped off at the town hall throughout the day. Any volunteers for placing and lighting the candles at the cemetery are welcomed. Please contact the office for information.*

*I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Health New Year!*

*See you in 2024!!*

*Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk*

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**Saturday**

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Saturday 7:00am-9:00am

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### ARROWHEAD BOOKMOBILE

Hwy 21 and Hwy 135

**December 13**

The Bookmobile offers print books, cookbooks, large print books, DVDs, audiobooks and video games. For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, contact the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768, 218-741-3840, see us on Facebook or check our web site at [www.alslib.info](http://www.alslib.info).

# Ice Candle & Holiday Gathering

## Saturday, December 16, 2023



Join us at Embarrass Cemetery for the  
Display of Candles in memory of loved ones.

Holiday Gathering will be at the  
Town Hall from 4-6 pm.

Christmas goodies will be served along  
with crafts and movies for the kids!

Come and enjoy the Holiday Spirit in our  
community and the beauty of ice candles.

We will be taking donations of Christmas cookies or bars for  
the Ice Candle & Holiday Gathering. If you can donate a  
dozen cookies or a pan of bars to this worthy event it will be  
greatly appreciated by all who attend. Volunteers are also  
needed to help place ice candles at the cemetery that afternoon.  
This is a fun time for everyone to get involved.

Call the Clerk's Office at 218-984-2084 if you have any  
questions or wish to volunteer.  
Thank you for your help!





## Waasa Township

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 4, 2023 - 7:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Eric Pulkinen, Steve Sipola, Kim Daugherty and Sandra Gibson

Visitor: Linda Asleson and Linda Koskela

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Board Chair, Mike Johnson and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: Steve moved to approve the September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Eric supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Receipts for September were \$55.88 from Building Fund Savings quarterly dividend Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U. Disbursements totaled \$2,001.98. Mike approved the Treasurer's report with Steve supporting. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Mike moved to approve payment of the bills listed below plus payroll and PERA with support from Steve. Carried (3-0).

Claims:

- Gibson, Sandra, \$23.38, Mileage Reimb. & Printer Paper
- Lake Country Power, \$87.20, Town Hall Electric
- Sipola, Steve, \$43.23, Mileage Reimb: Road Inspec. & FEMA Mtg.
- U.S. Treasury, \$169.25, 3rd Quarter Taxes

Road Report: Township roads were inspected a day ago and are in good condition with the exception of Beckman Road which has a pothole. Rock, Snow & Fire will haul gravel & grade as many roads as he can before winter weather sets in. Beckman, Dale and Niemi roads will have priority.

Cemetery: Steve has been doing a fall clean up and hauled trash from the barrel at the cemetery. Most people have removed decorations and planters from graves by the October 1 deadline.

Steve dug and observed the cremation burial of Floyd Tenquist on October 1 on the Wilho Porspakka family lot.

Old Business: Eric, Steve, and Sandy have been working with FEMA for several weeks. Julia Thomas is our main contact for the 8033 Niemi Road spring flood site. Yesterday the three met with two FEMA site inspectors and two EHP reps.

It will be another week before FEMA will give us their recommendations. Some of the questions we have is the

amount of Class 5 coverage required and whether a culvert permit is needed at the site. It was stressed that it is important to have the work done before winter weather. FEMA may cover 75% of our costs.

The brush piles have been hauled away from the town hall yard and the tree on the south side of the hall was trimmed by a volunteer.

New window blinds for the office and the main meeting room will be ordered online by Mike.

MATIT has not, as of this date, returned our inquiry about needing added coverage for the new hall windows.

New Business: Linda Koskela's hall rental went well on October 1. Non-residents are interested in renting the town hall on December 24 but have not submitted their check to hold the date.

Near the conclusion of the meeting, a motion was made by Mike and supported by Steve to accept an adjusted price quote from Rock, Sand & Fire for work needed done at the end of Niemi Road. Carried (3-0).

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and was supported by Steve. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk;  
 Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair

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## Annual *Lights of Love* Campaign is Underway

The 33rd annual VHHP *Lights of Love* campaign, our largest fundraiser of the year, begins in November to commemorate National Hospice Month and National Family Caregivers Month. Last year's *Lights of Love* raised just over \$6600. VHHP fundraising goals are achieved through the dedicated efforts of our Board of Directors working together with a community of supporting individuals and businesses. We invite you to continue the tradition of remembering and honoring loved ones by supporting VHHP through this year's *Lights of Love* campaign.

Your tax-deductible donation will help light the trees at the holiday celebrations in Cook, Orr and Tower in support of local hospice patients & their families. Donations may be given in *honor* or *memory* of a loved one. All *Lights of Love* contributions and dedications will be published in local area newspapers during the month of January, unless otherwise indicated.

Please mark your calendars and join us for one of three *Lights of Love* tree lighting ceremonies and caroling which will take place at the Cook Gazebo on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm or at Orr Center on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. The Tower event is yet to be determined.



For more information about Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, visit our website at [www.vhhp.org](http://www.vhhp.org) or contact Becca Bundy, Program Director at 218-780-5423. To make a donation, you can find a form on our website or mail your donations to VHHP LOL to PO Box 244, Cook, MN. Venmo is available during our campaign using @VHHPInc

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## SISU Heritage Monthly Minutes November 2023

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Tom Sheehan, David Pike, Ron Sutton, Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer, Pat Heikkila

Guest: Tana Johnson, Carissa Smith, Jack LaMar, Paul Knuti, Roberta Pike

1. October minutes were accepted with an addition to last months meeting of a discussion and commitment to place \$150,000 into a higher interest account. Motion by Pat H., second Tom S., MC.
2. October's financial report was presented and accepted with a motion by David P., second Tom S., MC. The September check and restoration amounts had been corrected.
3. Membership remains the same 143 – 32 lifetime.
4. Jeff Sterle will present the 2022 audit at the December meeting.
5. Correspondence was received that on October 23, 2023, **Apostolic Lutheran Church is officially on the National Registry.**
6. **The 2024 Annual SISU Heritage, Inc. meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 25.** Meteorologist, Dave Anderson, will be the guest speaker.
7. Embarrass Town Board member, Jack LaMar, says he supports SISU Heritage, Inc. and its Historical Sites.

Submitted by Secretary,  
Linda Koskela

Next meeting is on  
Monday,  
December 18,  
2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
at the Embarrass  
Town Hall



## BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday-Friday

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Check out the Babbitt library Facebook page or [babbittlibrary.blogspot.com](http://babbittlibrary.blogspot.com) for upcoming events.

Babbitt Library Facebook

Preschool Story Time  
(Wednesday's, 10:30 a.m.)

Book Bingo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month, 1:00 p.m.

## Christmas at the Nelimark Holiday Craft & Bake Sale

**Nelimark Homestead Museum**

Hwy 21, Embarrass, across from Timber Hall

**November 9-11**

**10 am to 3 pm**

**December 7-9**

**each day**

*Visit the museum and shop for crafts,  
baked items and enjoy great treats and  
conversation!*



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## PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

December 5, 2023

Pike Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Hostesses will provide refreshments as there will be a cookie and bars exchange.

**Thank you!**

A special thank you goes out to all the sponsors of the annual Halloween event: Sandy and Pike Townships, North and South Super One, Trapline, Good Ole Days, Britt Lounge, Tractor Supply, L&M Fleet Supply, Northern State Bank, Park State Bank, Embarrass Credit Union, Fortune Bay, Pep's, Adventure's, Plaza Salon, Essentia Gift Shop, Walmart, Village Inn, Cost Cutters, Pat's Hair It Is, Floor to Ceiling, Dirt Lady, Mystery Deals, and Ethnic Creations.

***We couldn't have done it without you!***



# Timber Hall Event Center



**BREAKFAST WITH  
THE GRINCH!**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 2ND FROM 8-11AM**

Timber Hall Event Center  
4855 Hwy 21 - Embarrass, MN



**Holiday  
CRAFT FAIR**

Get some homemade gifts at our holiday craft sale! There is a little something for everyone.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am – noon**




The DAV will be accepting your gently used clothes, shoes, and outerwear. Please pack in white garbage bags.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am – noon**

**OPERATION  
SANTA**

Help ensure every child receives a gift this holiday season by donating an unwrapped gift or gift card.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am – noon**




GIVE BLOOD.  
GIVE LIFE.

Give the gift of life this holiday season by donating blood! Sign up online or call Carissa at 218-410-5998. Walk ins welcome!

[https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/72761](https://www.mbcherohub.club/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/72761)

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am - noon**



**Indoor Walking at the Timber Hall**

Free and open to all!  
Must have indoor shoes.

**Mon & Wed 5pm – 7:30pm**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT  
APPRECIATION**

**Pancake Breakfast**

January 6th 8-11am

Adults \$7 – Kids (6-10) \$4 – Kids 5 & Under Free

Timber Hall Event Center – 4855 Hwy 21 – Embarrass MN

## EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

November 9, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

**Board members present:** Tana Johnson, Carissa Smith, Sarah Wallert-Ramponi, William Ramponi, Janine Patten, Zane Beaton, Preston Tripp, Jerry Meier. **Attendees:** Sue Beaton, Jared Wright, Bonnie Meier, Lyle Dorn and Laura Stella.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

### Minutes:

- Sarah made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, meeting. Carissa seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.
- In order to save time at meetings the Board will try out voting to approve the minutes by email.

Treasurer's Report: The October check registry, October P&L, YTD 10/31 P&L, and Balance Sheet were distributed. Jerry gave checking & savings balances. Janine reviewed the financial statements.

- Janine made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Sarah seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

### Rental and event updates:

- Pancake Breakfast Results – Jerry said that just under 300 breakfasts were served; including 52 to veterans. Jerry is ordering a grill plate to make more pancakes during the rush.
- There is one more Timber Hall Rental scheduled in 2023.

### Committee Updates:

**Strategic Planning Committee-** Zane said that the revised strategic plan is almost complete and that the property inventory is started. He reported the number of chairs and tables inside Timber Hall.

**Grant Committee** – Tana reported that the grant application to fund the Timber Hall improvement Pre-Design costs was submitted to the IRRRB.

**Volunteer Committee** – Carissa said that the Committee continues to work on collecting/updating volunteer contact information. The Committee was given a demonstration of Point volunteer software. Volunteers are beginning to

use the software. Carissa is looking for people to help input volunteer hours into Point software.

**Finance Committee** – Janine is still working on 2024 Budget. Finance Committee will meet with Strategic Planning Committee to determine guidelines to handle requests for large ticket items.

**Marketing Committee** - Carissa gave update on Give to the Max Fundraisers.

**Nominating & Governance** – Sarah read (2nd reading) the proposed amendment to the bylaws, Section 5. Amending the bylaws. The Volunteer Pledge was tabled until January. William reported that the State Public Health Sanitarian asked him to schedule the kitchen inspection for 21-day food license after Thanksgiving.

Jerry Meier resigned as Treasurer and he is also resigning from the Board as of Jan. 1, 2024. We are all very grateful to Jerry for the many years he served on the Board!

- Sarah made a motion to appoint Preston Tripp as Treasurer. Jerry seconded. The motion carried (seven yes votes, one abstained).

Sarah nominated Lyle Dorn to the Board of the Embarrass Region Fair Association. Janine seconded the nomination. Voting on Board nominees will take place at the Annual Meeting.

**Fair Committee** – The Board acknowledged Lyle Dorn as Fair Committee Chair.





**Maintenance Committee** – The Board acknowledged Jared Wright as Maintenance Committee Chair. Jared discussed the wish list of tools he would like the Association to purchase. Tana said that she will look into grants to pay for tools. In addition, the Association will purchase a supply water of filters for kitchen that Jerry secured at a discounted price.

**Events Committee** – The Committee held its first meeting on Nov. 7. Nine attended. Carissa said that Event Coordinators are collaborating with other organizations on the Winter Festival. Sue is working to organize Bingo every other month at Timber Hall.

Due to rising food prices, especially butter and ham the Board found it necessary increase the price of the Pancake Breakfast by a \$1 starting in January 2024.

- Jerry made a motion to raise the price of the Pancake Breakfast to \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, to take effect in January 2024. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Review Action Items: Tana reviewed action items and updated deadlines.

Public Comments: None.

*Tana made a motion to adjourn. William seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.*

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Secretary, Embarrass Region Fair Association

To put an item on the agenda or for copies of the minutes, contact the Secretary at [info@embarrassrfa.org](mailto:info@embarrassrfa.org).

Feedback – Contact Tana Johnson or any board member. Let us know what you like, dislike, and where we can improve. Contact Tana at 218-269-1331 or [tanajohnson@ymail.com](mailto:tanajohnson@ymail.com). Email the Board: [info@embarrassrfa.org](mailto:info@embarrassrfa.org). Timber Hall Event Center, PO Box 83, Embarrass MN 55732

The Embarrass Region Fair Association will **NOT** meet in December. The Association will meet again on January 11, 2024 @ 6:30 at Timber Hall. EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

**Fair Planning Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month beginning in February.** All fair event coordinators and volunteers interested in helping with the 2024 Embarrass Region Fair are invited to attend the next meeting on Thursday February 15, 2024 at 6:30 pm at Timber Hall.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS at the TIMBER HALL EVENT CENTER:

- Pancake Breakfast, Holiday Theme – Saturday, December 2, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Holiday Craft Show – Saturday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- Blood Drive – Saturday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- Event Committee (for new events) – Tuesday, December 5, 6:00 p.m.
- Arena Committee – Thursday, December 7, 6:00 p.m.

#### **2024:**

- Pancake Breakfast, Law Enforcement Appreciation - January 6, 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Embarrass Region Fair Association Meeting – Thursday, January 11 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Embarrass Region Fair Association Meeting – Thursday, February 8 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Fair Planning Meeting – Thursday, February 15 @ 6:30 p.m.



## \*\*\* OBITUARIES \*\*\*

### Anne S. Pyhala, 82

Anne Sophia Mayme Pyhala, 82, of Vermilion Lake Township, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in her home on Oct. 28, 2023. Funeral services were held on Nov. 6 at Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church with lunch and fellowship following.

Anne was born in Biwabik to Emil and Saima Carlson Pyhala on May 21, 1941. She graduated from Embarrass High School in 1959. That fall she enrolled in and completed her course at the Carey-Gaspard School of Business in Duluth for speed-writing, shorthand and typing.

Anne applied for work at the Northern Electric Cooperative in Virginia and worked as a Key Punch Operator and Billing Clerk for the next twenty years or so when she decided to move to Embarrass and change employment. She accepted a job at the State Bank of Tower for the following several years.

In the early 80's she moved to her maternal grandmother's home, which she later inherited from her uncle. Anne was a member of the Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Anne is survived by her brother, Arthur (Edith) of Inman, S.C.; sisters, Aili Nelmark of Embarrass, Edith (Donald) Bisila of Circle Pines and Sandra (Robert) Mattila of Brush Prairie, Wash.; and many nephews and nieces living in various parts of the country.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emil and Saima; brothers, Francis, Henry (Karen), Emil (Vester) and Edwin; sister, Ethel; and brother-in-law, Gust Nelmark.

### Richard R. Tornow Sr., 81

Richard "Dick" Roy Tornow Sr., 81, of Baxter, formerly of Embarrass, passed away on Nov. 13, 2023. Funeral services were held on Nov. 18 at Good Shepherd Free Lutheran Church in Baxter.

Dick was born to Lyle and Fayne on Jan. 23, 1942. He was a 30-year retiree from Erie Mining in Hoyt Lakes. Dick also served 20 years in the Minnesota National Guard. He enjoyed volunteering with the Embarrass Region Fair and being a cook at the Natures Trail RV Park in Gold Bar, Wash.

Dick is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lucy; children, Richard Jr. (Denise), David (Rahna) and Melissa (Jim); sister, Kathy (LeRoy) Hamberg; brother, Charles (Betty); grandchildren, Angela, Aaron, Brittany, Caleb, Ricky, James, Wade, Johnathon, Jordan and Fayth; eight great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Fayne; and brothers, John and Clifford.

### JoAnn Martin, 89

JoAnn Martin, 89, of Embarrass, passed away on Oct. 29, 2023, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Nov. 3 at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower, followed by a luncheon at Embarrass Town Hall.

JoAnn was born on Oct. 7, 1934, to Rose and Albert Riendeau in Plumer. She had 13 siblings. She graduated from Coleraine. JoAnn was married to Willis C. Martin. In 1954, JoAnn and Willis moved to Embarrass and raised six children.

JoAnn is survived by her children, Melody, Dale, Billie Jean, Dean and Willy; 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; sisters, Joyce and Beulah; and brother, Willard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willis C. Martin; sisters, Lorraine, Isebell, Gladys, Dolores, Kathleen and Janice; brothers, Roy, Roland, Lloyd and Rene; child, Marlene Martin; grandchild, Casey Dean Martin; and great-grandchild, Xoi Sky Maki.

### Millard J. Kendrick, 77

Millard John Kendrick, 77, of Embarrass, passed away on Nov. 14, 2023, at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

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**Sunday**

Family Bible Classes, 9 a.m.

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Women's Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.

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ENGAGE Youth Ministry – 6:30 p.m.

**Meetings:**

Women's Christmas Tea – Saturday, December 2,  
5:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program – Sunday, December  
17, 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Choir Cantata – Sunday, December 24,  
5:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, December 30, 8:00 a.m.

**Sunday Messages:**

December 3 – "Conviction Belief"

December 10 – Christmas Message

December 17 – Christmas Message

December 24 – Christmas Message

December 31 – "Faith, Love, Hope" (Communion)

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Him

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Services at 10:30 a.m.

12/03 – Gerry Southerton

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12/24 – Jerry DeVries

12/31 – TBD

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Services begin at 10:30 a.m.

Temporary Pastor Christina Forsythe



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| <b>2023</b>                              |  | Oct. 24<br>45/59<br><br>pc .04"         | Oct. 25<br>41/50<br><br>trace pc      | Oct. 26<br>40/47<br><br>pc .30"       | Oct. 27<br>35/41<br><br>pc .25"        | Oct. 28<br>25/39<br>trace sn<br>pc .02"  |
| Oct. 29<br>16/29<br>trace sn<br>trace pc | Oct. 30<br>11/29<br>trace sn<br>trace pc | Oct. 31<br>10/28<br>sn 1.40"<br>pc .11" | Nov. 1<br>5/29                        | Nov. 2<br>7/30                        | Nov. 3<br>20/38                        | Nov. 4<br>7/38                           |
| Nov. 5<br>7/30<br>trace sn<br>trace pc   | Nov. 6<br>24/43<br><br>pc .55"           | Nov. 7<br>27/43<br>sn .20"<br>pc .12"   | Nov. 8<br>27/34<br>sn .70"<br>pc .32" | Nov. 9<br>31/40<br>sn .50"<br>pc .04" | Nov. 10<br>31/35<br>sn .10"<br>pc .01" | Nov. 11<br>28/34<br>trace sn<br>trace pc |
| Nov. 12<br>29/33<br>sn 1.20"<br>pc .15"  | Nov. 13<br>31/43                         | Nov. 14<br>27/48                        | Nov. 15<br>23/55                      | Nov. 16<br>23/55                      | Nov. 17<br>20/33                       | Nov. 18<br>20/38                         |

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| <b>2022</b>                              |   | Nov. 1<br>22/62                         | Nov. 2<br>28/65                          | Nov. 3<br>47/72                        | Nov. 4<br>33/65<br><br>pc .15"          | Nov. 5<br>15/37                         |
| Nov. 6<br>19/39<br><br>pc .03"           | Nov. 7<br>29/42<br><br>trace pc         | Nov. 8<br>28/36                         | Nov. 9<br>36/42<br><br>pc .22"           | Nov. 10<br>36/45<br><br>pc .47"        | Nov. 11<br>26/36<br>snow 1"<br>pc 1.06" | Nov. 12<br>19/30<br>sn 1.50"<br>pc .09" |
| Nov. 13<br>18/23<br>sn .40"<br>pc .02"   | Nov. 14<br>19/23<br>sn 1.30"<br>pc .06" | Nov. 15<br>20/26<br>sn 1.50"<br>pc .13" | Nov. 16<br>20/31<br>sn 2.10"<br>pc .19"  | Nov. 17<br>14/28<br>snow 1"<br>pc .07" | Nov. 18<br>14/21<br>sn 1.80"<br>pc .07" | Nov. 19<br>8/17<br>snow 1"<br>pc .03"   |
| Nov. 20<br>-4/12<br>trace sn<br>trace pc | Nov. 21<br>3/26                         | Nov. 22<br>13/24<br>sn .20"<br>pc .02"  | Nov. 23<br>7/31                          | Nov. 24<br>7/43                        | Nov. 25<br>15/34                        | Nov. 26<br>13/42                        |
| Nov. 27<br>22/46                         | Nov. 28<br>16/32                        | Nov. 29<br>24/32<br>sn .40"<br>pc .04"  | Nov. 30<br>14/25<br>trace sn<br>trace pc |  |   |   |

### December Folklore (from Farmer's Almanac):

White Christmas, green Easter. Green Christmas, white Easter.

So many hours of sun on Christmas Day, so many frosts in the month of May.

If the sun shines through an apple tree on Christmas, there will be an abundant crop of apples on the coming year.

A mild December precedes a cold snap later in the winter.

### December Birthday's:

Walt Disney (12/5/1901)

Frank Sinatra (12/12/1915)

Ludwig van Beethoven (12/17/1770)

Sir Isaac Newton (12/25/1642)

Rudyard Kipling (12/30/????)