Quilts of Valor
Presentation to WWII Veterans
Albert Asleson, Verner Keskitalo
Veikko Niemi & Ray Syrjanen
Saturday, February 9 – 1:00 p.m.
Family and friends welcome.
Coffee & Cake will be served

Several Community Annual Meetings this month:
Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting
Tuesday, February 19, 5:30 p.m. – Town Hall

Embarrass Region Fair Association Annual Meeting
Thursday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. – Timber Hall

Sisu Heritage Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 24, 2:00 p.m. – Town Hall

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m.

*Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar*

Please submit materials for the March 2019 issue to the Embarrass Clerk’s Office by February 21, 2019.
218-984-2084, embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net
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*Join us at the Town Hall!!* |
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*Town Hall Rental* |
| 13   | Bookmobile @ Timber Hall 4:30-5:15 p.m.  
*Embarrass Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.*  
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| 24   | Sisu Annual Meeting  
2 p.m.  
Town Hall  
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| 25   | Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
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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 12-4 p.m.). 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
Board Meeting
January 9, 2019

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Bernie Mettler, Roy Worsham, Zane Beaton, Gary Rantala, Mary Novak and Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Paul Knuti, Jack LaMar, Gene Wright, Roger Davies

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

Board reviews December 2018 minutes. Paul Knuti voiced his concern that a few things were not in the December minutes. He points out the discussion that was held about work being done on the Nelimark such as painting the windows, signage at the Information Center for promoting tours and discussion of blight ordinance. Clerk explained that there were no motions made on any of the items discussed, therefore they do not have to be in the minutes. Blight ordinance was discussed again. Gene Wright explains to Paul that this is not the township’s responsibility and the county would have to be contacted being the township does not have a blight ordinance. Roy also explains that the township would have to hire someone to enforce the blight issue. Paul asks if the clerk could enforce it. Clerk speaks and says she will not and all supervisors agree. Paul thinks that it is a township issue and should be worked on by the township. Clerk points out that she will contact the county if a list of addresses is provided. Motion to accept December 2018 minutes after there is a mention that the topics of a blight ordinance, signage at the Information Center and work at the Nelimark were discussed. Supported by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Roy asks if SISU approved the $100.00 for the advertising for the Iron Range Attractions. Visitors that were at the SISU meeting state that is was.

Gary Rantala gives the Oath of Office as the newly elected board supervisor. 

Motion by Roy for Zane to be Chairman. Second by Gary. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Zane to continue the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. to be the schedule of the 2019 board meetings and to be adjusted if needed. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Roy to increase 2.5% for all employees. Second by Gary. Carried 3-0. Board salary increase was tabled. Clerk will contact other townships so we can compare board supervisor’s salary and meeting compensation.

Motion by Roy for Gary to be roads supervisor. Second by Zane. Motion by Zane for Roy to be maintenance supervisor. Second by Gary.

Motion by Zane to keep Timberjay as official newspaper and with East Range Shopper to be secondary. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Gary to retain the 5 posting places. EVFCU, Town Hall, Post Office, Trapline Liquor and Convenience Store. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Roy to increase the RV Camper rate at the Heritage Park Campground with water & electric rates from $22 to $25 a day. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Roy to increase the Flying Finn Subscriptions from $12 to $15 mainly because of the price of stamps going up. Second by Gary. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Zane to leave the cost of town hall rental the same. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

The cemetery burial expenses was tabled for clerk to look into prevailing market cost for cemetery rates around the area.

Motion by Roy for the 2019 Ice Candle Celebration to be held on December 14, 2019. Second by Gary. Carried 3-0.

Board reviewed training opportunities. Spring and summer short courses dates and times were discussed. Clerk and Treasurer would also like to attend the Law Review Course.

Clerk to send Gary information on LBAE training on line course.

Clerk will contact other townships so we can compare board supervisor’s salary and meeting compensation.
Maintenance Report was given by Zane. 360 flags were placed for marking the Ice Candles. 700+ candles were made. Town hall set up and break down for Ice Candle Celebration. Flooding of the skating rink. Snow removal. Heating unit on heating unit repaired in the town hall. First corner on Hanka Nevala Road was brushed. Brushing by entry of campground and cleaning up of downed trees at campground. Burn pile was burnt. Leaf blower is in for repairs. Grader has a flat tire, compressor will not work properly to fill the tire up. Discussion was held on the compressor. Zane thinks some research should be done on purchasing a replacement compressor. Brushing unit bristles are worn down on the John Deere and need to be replaced. Motion by Roy to get the John Deere fixed so maintenance is able to brush. Second by Gary. Carried 3-0. Roy would like maintenance to start doing some branch trimming along the township roads. Motion by Roy to purchase a gas extended branch trimmer. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Property insurance form that was signed last month need some reviewing on the $1,000 deductible, being that some of the items insured are not worth $1,000. Clerk gives the board email from insurance company. Zane says he will contact the insurance company.

Paul asks the board about getting signage up at the Information Center to advertise and promote for tours. Roy would like to table the sign discussion because there is a problem with one of the outhouses tank filling up and do not need the extra traffic until it is fixed. Grants will be looked into for the repairs needed on the outhouse.

Residential fire number signs were discussed and the 3% increase that the fire department is asking for. Zane and Gary are willing to go to the next Fire Department meeting. Zane would like a list of the meetings in the area that they can attend.

MN Lottery is going to be filming in the area. They contacted the clerk and would like to do some interviews. They will be coming with sled dogs promoting MN Lottery, passing out lottery tickets and gift boxes. They thought it would be neat to do some filming in Embarrass being that it is known for the cold weather. Clerk has set up a time to meet on Tuesday, January 15.

Jack LaMar shows the board and visitors the video of the Ice Candle Celebration. Jack explains to the board he can do interviews and voice overs on the video and with the gathering of people. He also would like to do a video of the tour with Mike Salo. Making it a short quick tour video to advertise for tours to place on the website and Facebook page. All present liked Jack’s ideas.

Meeting was recessed for 20 minutes to have cake and coffee to acknowledge Bernie’s time as Township Supervisor.

Paul brings up the Mesabi Trial and is curious if the township is interested in creating a trail head. Railroad authority might provide some sort of signs. Mary will ask at the next Mesabi Trail meeting what other communities around the area are doing. Clerk gives Roy an email received from Jeremy Schwarze the project engineer at Benchmark Engineering, which gives the township some information what is going on with Mesabi Trail at the moment. The school parking lot is where they have planned for Mesabi Trail to have as the trail head.

Mutch’s Forest Service is asking if the township wants to purchase land after they are done logging. All board supervisors agree that they are not interested in purchasing the land. Mutch’s is crossing Embarrass property which was approved August 9, 2017 to get to Ed Matonich’s land. The board tells clerk to have them get in contact with the nearby landowners before the work begins. Clerk states she has already spoke about this to Mutch’s and they will be in contact with the landowners.

Replacing the savings was discussed now that all Post Office work is paid for. Monthly rental check of $1,100 is received by the USPS. All agreed that some money will have to stay in the Post Office account for any maintenance and repairs that need to be done. Board agrees that any time that maintenance spends at the Post Office doing repairs that the pay will be taken out of the Post Office funds. Board also agrees that a log should be created for maintenance to keep track of time spent at Information Center, Post Office, Cemetery and Campground and for that pay to be taken out of those funds. Clerk will work with maintenance to figure out such a log. Zane points out that mowing is not to be included on the log. Motion by Zane to deposit $1,000 a month from the USPS rental income into savings, put the remaining $100 into the Post Office fund and once there is enough money established in savings to purchase a CD. Second by Gary. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Zane to accept the Treasures Report. Second by Gary. Carried 3-0.

Motion by to put Gary Rantala on all NSB accounts and EVFCU accounts and to remove Bernie Mettler. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Zane to accept the claims (17047–17072, $10,791.28), payroll ($4,205.07) and correspondence. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

A quarterly audit was completed by the board and all claims and funds were found accurate.

Meeting adjourned by Zane at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk
ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES
Suggested donation to The Flying Finn
1/4 Page = $8; 1/2 Page = $13;
Full Page = $22
To place an ad, write to:
The Flying Finn, 7503 Levander Rd
Embarrass MN 55732
Email embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net
or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

SUBSCRIPTIONS
Persons interested in subscribing to
The Flying Finn may drop off or send
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The Flying Finn makes a great gift for
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The Flying Finn and the Town of
Embarrass welcome announcements
about community events and
community groups. These submitted
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of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn
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or ideology of these groups or their
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submitted material.

BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY
❖ Monday, February 4
   9:30 a.m. Library Board Meeting
   2:00 p.m. Book Club
   6:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting
❖ Thursday, February 7
   2:00 p.m. Bingo
❖ Wednesday, February 13
   3:30 p.m. Decorate your own mug
❖ Monday, February 18 – Library Closed
❖ Wednesday, February 20, 1:00 p.m. Pushing
   Chain Join Pushing Chain, an acoustic folky-tonk
duo from the shores of Lake Superior, as they
discuss musical choices and performance
decisions, illustrated with songs chosen from a
vast catalog of original music, including some
songs you probably know! This program is 60
minutes long. This program is funded with money
from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
❖ Thursday, February 21
   2:00 p.m. Bingo
❖ Wednesday, February 27
   3:30 p.m. Make Your Own Snowflake Necklace
❖ Thursday, February 28 – End of Winter Reading
   Program

Embarrass Flower and
Garden Club
Meeting: Monday, February 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.
EMBARRASS TOWN HALL
We will continue our preparations for club
sponsored MN 8th District Horticultural Society
meeting on April 27, 2019, which will be held at
Giant’s Ridge. Please come and join us for planning
and sharing. Coffee and goodies will be served.
Please note the new meeting start time of 6:00 p.m.
For more information or interest in our group, please
contact Linda Cox @ 218-984-3002.
Waasa Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Phil Hebl, Steve Sipola, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: David Hess, James Suikhonen and Jenny Boese

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Mitch Lind and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Minutes Approval: Phil moved to approve the November 13, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0). Phil also moved to approve the November 26, 2018 Special Meeting minutes with Steve supporting. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: $186.52 from St. Louis County Auditor, year-end advance and also $12,253.70 from St. Louis County Auditor, an October 2018 tax apportionment. Total Disbursements November 2018 Regular Meeting: $2,373.18. Mitch accepted the report and Phil supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Phil moved to approve payment of the bills listed below and payroll with support from Mitch.

Lake Country Power, $84.06, Electricity for Town Hall
MN Association of Townships Insurance Trust, $315.00, Worker’s Compensation Insurance
95 Printing, $60.50, Ledger Pages for Clerk’s Book

Address Visitors: One of the visitors had questions about the agreement with Twin Metals MN, LLC. It was explained that negotiations have been on-going since the October 2nd meeting. The company wishes to drill 3 wells to monitor water quality on Parcel #565-0010-02190 (near the Amanda Cemetery). Only a plot of approximately 364’ x 120’ will be occupied by TMM. Maps and other information from TMM were available for the public. A representative from Twin Metals MN, Dean DeBeltz plans to attend our January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting for updates.

Road Report: Roads are in a frozen condition. Phil is checking into having someone do roadside brushing on the township roads. Someone with liability insurance will be sought to get the job done during the winter months, preferably.

Old Business: Discussion of the final version of the “Monitoring Well License Agreement” took place. Changes were reviewed. Mitch moved to accept and sign the agreement with Twin Metals Minnesota, LLC. Phil supported. Carried (3-0). The document was signed by the board members and clerk with Jenny Boese on hand to notarize. Some of the area residents have been contacted about the project, but, if anyone has questions, please contact the town clerk or a board member. There will be minimal noise from generators and it should only take a week for the drilling to be completed.

New Business: It won’t be possible for anyone from our town board to attend the Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department Annual Meeting since it will be held the same night as our January meeting (1/8/19).

Board of Appeal & Equalization Training will end February 1, 2019. Steve Sipola is interested in taking the training at the Spring Short Course. Mitch is certified until 7/1/2022 and Phil is certified until 7/1/2021.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mitch moved to close the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and was supported by Phil. Carried (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk, Mitch Lind, Waasa Board Chair

PIKE SANDY WOMEN’S CLUB
Tuesday, February 5
7:00 p.m. - Pike Town Hall
Hostesses: Brenda Edmundson & Thea Ray
Justin Koschak will give a slide show and speech on working in Antarctica, travels in New Zealand and Australia.

New members are welcome. Come to a meeting. Learn about our community involvement. Enjoy the fellowship.

For more information, please contact Sandy Gorrill at 749-2408.
Town of Pike
REGULAR MEETING
Pike Town Hall
December 11, 2018

Vice Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Chairman Johnson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from November 8, 2018 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Langowski 2-0. The Treasurer’s report was accepted by Rasmusson/Langowski 2-0. A transfer from the General fund was made to the Rd & Bridge fund on a motion by Rasmusson/Langowski 2-0.

Claim forms 2253-2262 were accepted by Langowski/Rasmusson 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting will be a regular meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Langowski/Rasmusson 2-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

**These minutes have been approved by the Town Board.

ALS BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE
Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System bookmobile. Local stops and times include:

**Wednesdays**
Four Corners: January 2 & 23, 5:15-6:30
Timber Hall: January 9 & 30, 4:30-5:15

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768; (218) 741-3840 or check out our web site at www.alslib.info.
Embarrass Region Fair
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2019
Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Dan Theel, Sue Beaton, Terri Joki
Trustees: Rodney Dale, Floyd Joki, and Paul Knuti
Members Present: Chris Dale, Lisa Gibson, Kevin DiCastri, Sherie Joki

Call to Order: Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the November meeting were distributed for review. Rodney moved to approve the minutes; Lisa seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report
Terri distributed the financial report showing both yearend 2018 and January 2019 financials. The Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Boutique on December 1 was the best attended breakfast to date.

The Minnesota Department of Health license for the kitchen has been filed and fire extinguishers have been approved. Kevin suggested that we check into paying for insurance annually as it may provide a cost reduction (Terri will investigate); mud run insurance is also very high (Sherri will investigate). Sue moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Rodney seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business
• Policy Updates. Committee will meet next week.
• Property update. (Jerry)
  o Winger has been paid (completing the grant) for the accessible parking spots with the provision that leveling work will be completed in the spring.
  o The Timber Hall has been rented for Saturday, February 9 and three weddings are on the calendar for September.
  o The floor looks great (thanks Rodney/Jerry) and should be sealed this year.
  o Jerry also stated that he is searching for a more useable desk for the Timber Hall office.
• Safe Deposit Box. Terri said that EVCU Tower does not rent safe deposit boxes but she will check with Frandsen Bank. Estimated annual cost is <$50. Lisa moved that Terri rent a Safe Deposit Box to store important Fair documents, e.g., Title to the Timber Hall, and that the Treasurer and Chair will have access to the box. Chris seconded. Motion passed.

New Business
• Walking. Two residents contacted Sue requested access to the Timber Hall for indoor walking during winter months. At the February and March pancake breakfasts, a signup sheet will be available to find out who is interested and Chris Dale will coordinate indoor walking beginning in March with the idea that if there is enough interest, we can promote this to begin again in Fall.

Miscellaneous
The Embarrass Region Fair Association Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 pm in the Timber Hall. The slate of nominees for Board of Directors will be presented and nominations may be made from the floor. Per Fair Bylaws, each officer serves one full year and may be re-elected for a maximum of three consecutive years.

Fair Book. Terri reminded us that Charlie Fowler has retired from selling ads for the Fair Book. She has created ad slips from last year’s book for members to distribute and they will be available at the Annual Meeting. In order for the Fair to be a success, we count on our local business partners and members to help promote it. Ads will be divided by location and everyone is asked to pitch in. Terri emphasized that the Fair Book must be ready to print by Memorial Day Weekend.

The CDBG grant cycle has just begun. Paul stated that we need to review our Wish List and begin writing grants for our top priorities. Suggestions highlighted include LED lights to save energy and provide better lighting inside the Timber Hall; storage building/container for Fair supply storage. Reviewing and updating our Wish List for the property will be on the February agenda.

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

NOTE: A few days after the meeting, the Board was contacting regarding co-sponsoring our March Pancake Breakfast with the Team Penning Group for a Horse Tack Swap. Board approved. Contact is Pam at 218-780-8882.

Respectfully submitted, Susan K Beaton, Secretary
Embarrass Region Fair Association

ERFA Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of the Embarrass Region Fair Association (ERFA) will take place on Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 pm at the Timber Hall. Chair, Jerry Meier, will provide a recap of 2018 and lead a brainstorming session regarding future needs and wishes of Association Members. Persons interested in running for office should contact Dan Theel at 218-984-3337; however, nominations will also be taken from the floor at the meeting. The current slate of nominees is as follows:

- Chair, Jerry Maier (incumbent)
- Vice Chair: Dan Theel (incumbent)
- Secretary: open
- Treasurer: Terri Joki (incumbent)
- Trustees: Rodney Dale (incumbent), Floyd Joki (incumbent), and Paul Knuti (incumbent)

Each officer of the Board serves a 1-year term and may be re-elected for a maximum of 3 consecutive years.

To become a voting member of the ERFA, fill out a 2019 Membership Application (available at the meeting). Members pledge to promote the growth and welfare of the ERFA and to ensure optimum use of the Timber Hall and Association property through their efforts as volunteers. Members will have one vote on any particular issue presented for a vote. No proxies allowed; member must be present to vote.

All members of the community are welcome.
Trapline Liquor
4897 Hwy 21
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Energy Drinks
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Ice
Coffee

ATM
Lottery
Cigarettes
Tobacco Products
DNR Licenses
Landfill Cards

FROZEN ITEMS:
Ice Cream
Pizzas

OTHER:
Cleaning Supplies
Baking/Cooking Items
Toilet Paper
Misc Personal Care
Some Auto Fluids
The Nelimark Museum: History and Hospitality

Sisu Heritage will be holding its annual meeting for the community of Embarrass and Sisu members on Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Road. Sisu Heritage extends a welcome to anyone from the community. There will be a short business meeting, election of board members, presentation of the 2019 budget and reports with coffee an’ and door prizes drawn during the meeting.

Artisans to Present the Program

The Farmstead artisans from the Nelimark Museum will present information about the history and current mission of “'The Neli'- a Little Gem in Embarrass.” Several visiting guests from the Range area will be in attendance and will share why they regularly come from a distance to visit this special gathering place. All are welcome to join Sisu members for the afternoon.

Please call 218-984-3204 if you have any questions. Coffee will be on at 2 o’clock and fresh pulla will served as well.

SISU HERITAGE, INC.
invites you to its Annual Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 24 ~ 2 p.m.
Election of Board Members ~ 2019 Budget ~ Reports
Door Prizes ~ Coffee An’
Featured presentation to follow the short business meeting:

The Nelimark Museum: History & Hospitality
The Farmstead Artisans will speak about the history and current mission of "The Neli" - a little gem in Embarrass. Some regular visitors will explain why they come from a distance to this special gathering place.

All are welcome to join Sisu members for the afternoon.

Embarrass Town Hall ~ 7503 Levander Rd
Call 218-984-3024 with any questions.

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Embarrass, MN

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Embarrass
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Thomas M. Rukavina, 68

Thomas “Tom” Martin Rukavina, 68, of Pike Township, died on Jan. 7, 2019, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis after a battle with leukemia. The family would like to thank the talented staff at the University of Minnesota Medical Center for their extraordinary care of Tom during his stay.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 19 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia. Memorials may be made to the Tom Rukavina Scholarship Fund c/o Mesabi Range College Foundation, 1001 W Chestnut St., Virginia, MN 55792.

Tom was born to Martin “Benny” and Martha Rukavina, in Virginia, on Aug. 23, 1950. He grew up on northside in an ethnically diverse neighborhood with a close immediate and extended family which positively shaped his life forever.

He graduated from Virginia High School in 1968. He attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth campus where he graduated magna cum laude in political science, with a minor in history, in 1972. While at UMD, he met Lenore Lampi of Palo; they married in September 1973. They lived for nearly 30 years north of Virginia where they homesteaded in Pike Township and built a house together with their family and friends, using lumber they milled themselves. Tom and Lenore had two children, Ida and Victor. Tom later married Jean Cole in October 2012, adding three stepdaughters to his circle of love.

Tom was proud to have been a steelworker at Minntac like his father before him. He was also a milk truck driver in the Tower and Soudan area, which he credited as one of the reasons a Croatian/Italian learned to speak Finnish. For many years he worked as a part-time logger alongside his friend Roger Manning, in a venture they named Pike River Logging.

He also worked at Ironworld, where he recorded the oral histories of hundreds of early Iron Rangers, establishing a rich resource and legacy for generations to come. Giants Ridge in Biwabik was another employer of Tom’s and the development of the ski hill held a special place in his heart.

He began his life as a public servant on the Virginia School Board and as a Pike Township supervisor. In 1986 Tom was elected state representative to the Minnesota Legislature, representing the 5A district of Virginia and the East Range, a position he held for 26 years. After ‘retiring’ from politics to help with his first grandchild, Delia, he took a job with Congressman Rick Nolan. In 2014 Tom was elected St. Louis County Commissioner, a job he held until he passed away on his last official day in office.

Tom loved the Iron Range of Minnesota - its history, its natural resources and above all, the people of the Iron Range. He was a devoted public servant, answering phone calls and emails at all hours, doing his best to serve his constituents - even responding to constituents these past months from the hospital.

Tom believed that as a politician and legislator it was his duty to improve people’s lives. Throughout his career, he defended workers’ rights and union rights, seniors, education, and youth. As testimony to his dedication and hard work, the building which houses the Iron Range Engineering Program at Mesabi Range College bears his name.

He enjoyed participating in DFL politics, visiting people, incessant story-telling, cross-country skiing, camping, and tending his organic garden. He liked to travel and made special trips to meet his relatives in Italy and Croatia. He loved his family and friends and would do anything for them. His greatest wish was to spend more years with his granddaughters.

Tom will forever be known for his quick wit, his intelligence, his hard work and effectiveness, his passion, his heart, his integrity and honesty, his humor, and his dedication to improving people’s lives. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, constituents and colleagues who worked with him over the years.

Tom is survived by his wife, Jean Cole; daughter, Ida Rukavina (Jesse Dahl) of Palo; son, Victor (Michelle) Rukavina of Minneapolis; granddaughters, Delia, Lucia and Serafina; sister, Chris (Dennis) Rudy of Washington, D.C.; brother, Mark (Barbara McQueen) Rukavina of Boston, Mass., and their children Ben, Nate and Sara; brother-like cousin, John “Butch” (Anne) Folman of Pike Township; stepdaughters, Katie (Nick) Calvert of Mancos, Colo.; Kelsey Cole of Jackson Hole, Wyo.; and Christine Cole of Ely; sisters-in-law, Liz (Paul) White of Crossville, Tenn., and Marie (Joe) Hallett of Columbus, Ohio; brother-in-law, Sid (Marilyn) Tregillis of Sylvania, Ohio; numerous cousins and their families; former spouse, Lenore Lampi (Chris Soares) of Duluth; and an enormous multitude of friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Martin “Benny” and Martha; aunts and uncles, Louis and Helen Mordini, Laura and Bob Carlson, Gloria and John Folman, Michael “Mela” Rukavina, Catherine “Katie” Rukavina, Anne and Roy Thornton, Joseph “Joey” and Arlene Rukavina; cousins, Kay Marie Rukavina and Roberta Louise “Bobbi Lou” Sisler; and his beloved in-laws, Reino and Viola Lampi.
**OBITUARIES**

**Helen R. Kallio, 91**

Helen Ruth Kallio, 91, of Ocala, Fla., Virginia and Embarrass, died on Jan. 6, 2019, at the Superior Residences Assisted Living facility in Ocala, where she had resided since July 2018. A private family burial will take place this summer at the Embarrass Cemetery.

Helen was born to Tilta and Nick Kangas on Oct. 24, 1927, in Florenton. She graduated from Embarrass High School. On June 23, 1945, she married Eino Kallio and was married 63 years before he passed away in 2008. Helen worked many years at the Cluett-Peabody Shirt Factory and retired from the Virginia Regional Medical Center.

Helen is survived by her sons, Ronald (Rebecca) Kallio of New Port Richey, Fla., and Thomas (Patricia) Kallio of New Brighton; daughter, Peggy (Gary) Ahistus of Ocala, Fla.; six grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; grandson; five brothers and four sisters.

**Leonard R. Pylka, 99**

Leonard Raymond Pylka, 99, of Duluth, formerly of Aurora, passed away peacefully with his children by his side on Jan. 3, 2019, at Chris Jensen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Duluth. He requested that no service be held at this time, but there will be a graveside service in the spring of 2019 at Forest Hill Cemetery in Aurora.

He was born on July 19, 1919, in Embarrass, to John and Annalisa Pylka. He was the youngest of 16 children, born on the odd years, including a twin brother. He graduated from Embarrass High School and worked for the DM&IR Railroad from 1941-1954. Leonard enlisted with the U.S. Army in 1942. He was a proud WWII veteran, stationed in California, the Aleutian Islands and Saipan. When he returned home from the war, he married his sweetheart, Irene Maki.

In 1954, Leonard began working at Erie Mining Company and retired in 1981 as an Area 1 Warehouse Foreman. In 2007, he and Irene moved to Duluth. Leonard was a loyal Iron Ranger. He continued to read the Mesabi Daily News to keep in touch with his community, its families and the mining industry. He never stopped being organized or being a number cruncher.

Leonard was a charter member of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Aurora. He was a member of the Aurora American Legion where he served as historian and finance officer. Leonard was honored as Grand Marshal of the Aurora Fourth of July parade. He received an award for being the “Last Man Standing” of the WWII veterans at Post 241 in Aurora.

Leonard enjoyed gardening, hunting, camping and fishing. He and Irene traveled numerous times to Texas, Florida, Hawaii and Finland. He was an avid Twins baseball fan and he and Irene took many trips to watch them play.

He is survived by his daughter, Peggy (Doug) MacDonald of Duluth; son, Bruce (Susie) Pylka of Sawyer; grandchildren, Shelly (Doug Koda) Crist, Jason (Mina Yee) MacDonald, Chad (Jessi) Pylka and Wade (Courtney Keyler) Pylka; six great-grandchildren, Auston, Dylan, Finley, Mason, Emilia and Easton; sister-in-law, Anerva Pylka; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Irene in 2014; parents; and 15 brothers and sisters.

At Christmastime, Leonard said “I've lived a good life.” Sisu, Leonard!

**Martha V. Norha, 89**

Martha Violet Niemi Norha, 89, of Virginia, passed away on Dec. 31, 2018, at Essentia Health St. Mary’s in Duluth. A funeral service was held on Jan. 5, 2019, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron with Pastor Joyce Piper officiating.

Martha grew up in Embarrass and attended Embarrass High School. She was united in marriage to Arnold Norha in October 1953. The couple moved to the Mt. Iron area where they raised their daughters.

Martha was a faithful member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron for decades. She enjoyed volunteering with the women’s quilting group there. She also volunteered with the Virginia Historical Society and Meals on Wheels. Martha retired from Arrowhead Nursing Home as a nurse’s aide.

She loved her family and friends, and her grandchildren were a source of joy. She was a loving person to her family and friends and will be greatly missed. She was a beautiful person inside and out.

She is survived by her children, Margaret (Joseph) Sullivan, Rebecca (Robert) Enger and Amy Norha; grandchildren, J. Matthew Sullivan, Nick Sullivan (Amber Dennis), Ryan (Jessica) Enger, Paul Enger Esq. (Alex Berns), Martie Enger, Holly Norha and Sophia Norha; great-grandchildren, Emma and Mariah; sister, Lillian Angelo; and sisters-in-law, Bertha (Charles) Maki and Joyce Niemi.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold; siblings, Eleanor, Ben, Arthur and Helen; and in-laws.
Leonard M. Rent, 90

Leonard Martin Rent, 90, of Embarrass, and formerly of Aurora, died peacefully on Dec. 14, 2018, at Northern Pines Nursing Facility in Aurora. A Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Aurora on Jan. 4, 2019.

He was born on June 23, 1928, in Summerville, the son of Anton and Anna. He graduated from Orr High School in 1946. He served in the U.S. Marines at the end of WWII and served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War; he was decorated with the Korean Service Medal and two Bronze Stars. Upon his return, he married Dorothy Ann Carlson on Nov. 17, 1951.

He was an active member of Holy Rosary Church in Aurora, Holy Spirit Church in Virginia, and the American Legion. He worked for Erie Mining Co. as a draftsman, retiring in 1985. He enjoyed gardening, family camping trips, using his handyman skills, and spending time with family. He was a kind, gentle and honorable man.

He is survived by his very special friend, Carla Olson of Embarrass; daughters, Cyndee (Brian) Forsman of Aurora and Sandy (Tony) Addy of Virginia; son, John Rent of Chicago; grandsons, Arik (Jessica) Forsman of Duluth, Nick (Angel) Addy of Gilbert and Jon (Kristi) Addy of Mt. Iron; and great-grandchildren, Amelia, Arlo and Zinnea.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy in February 2001; son, Clayton; parents; and siblings, Ann, Agnes, Angie, Jenny, Mary, Henry, Joe and Tony.

Timber Hall
February 2
8-11 a.m.

Your monthly breakfast date!

Looking for vendors for a Team Penning Horse Tack Swap to be held at the March 2 Pancake Breakfast

If you are interested in reserving a table or need more information, please contact Pam at 218-780-8882.
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076 Embarrass, MN 55732
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston
Office hours
Tues & Thurs 4:30-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com
218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Coffee an’ follows each worship service

Communion
February 3 & 24

Other Events:
• Thursdays – Coffee & Crafts, 9 a.m.
• Saturday, February 9 – Confirmation Class, 9 a.m.–noon
• Sunday, February 10 – Annual Meeting after worship
• Sunday, February 24 – Skating & Sledding at the rink and hill, noon – 3 p.m.

God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF EMBARRASS
5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732
218-984-3402
Website: www.efreechurch.com
E-mail: embfree@frontier.com

Weekly Schedule:
Sunday
Family Bible classes: 9:00 a.m.
Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays
Women’s Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
Kids on the Rock, 4:00 p.m.
ENGAGE Youth Gathering, 6:30 p.m.

Special Events:
Men’s Night Out, Saturday, February 2, 6:00 p.m. at Sulu’s in Tower
Ministries Team Meeting, Sunday, February 10, 12:15 a.m.
Couples Night Out, Sunday, February 17, 6:00 p.m., Music by Aaron Sutton

Sunday Messages:
February 3 We Still Believe “The Holy Scriptures”
February 10 “I Pledge Thee My Troth”
February 17 “No Respect”
February 24 “What Are the Commandments Saying To Us?”

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)
www.apostoliclutheran.org
Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

February 6 Holy Communion, Jon Salo
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