Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, February 1, 8-11
Timber Hall

Happy Valentine’s Day

Annual Meeting of
Sisu Heritage

Sunday, February 16, 2020 - 2:00 P.M.
Embarrass Town Hall
The public is invited to attend.

Embarrass Town Board Meeting
February 12, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

*Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar*
Please submit materials for the March 2020 issue to the Embarrass Clerk’s Office
By February 20, 2019. 218-984-2084, embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net
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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 9 a.m.-3 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 and Reorganizational Meeting
January 8, 2020

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese
Visitors: Kirk Saranpaa, Bill Wright, Paul Knuti, Mickey White, Jack LaMar

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Worsham with The Pledge of Allegiance.

December minutes approved as printed with correction of the spelling of Knuti. Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala for Worsham to remain as Board Chair. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright for Rantala to be Vice Board Chair. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to adopt schedule of second Wednesday of each month for board meetings at 6:00 p.m. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to leave chair supervisors pay as it is. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to increase treasures pay $25.00 a month. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to increase clerks wages by $1.03 an hour. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave sextons pay as is. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to table campground caretaker wages until able to speak with caretaker. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to table maintenance until maintenance has returned and a meeting is held. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham for a $1.01 increase in lead maintenance hourly pay. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave summer hire wages as is. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave tour guide wages as is. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to increase grader operator hourly wages by $0.59

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave training pay as is. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to leave extra meeting pay as is. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to keep Rantala as roads supervisor and Wright as maintenance supervisor. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to designate Timber Jay as the official publishing newspaper. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham to designate EVFCU, Embarrass Town Hall, Embarrass Post Office, Trapline Liquor & Convenience Store as the Embarrass posting places. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to change one-week RV camper w/water & electric from $130 to $150. Up the $300 a month (4 weeks) to $450. Primitive (tent) sites to $15 a day with the 7th day free. Primitive (tent) monthly rate from $200 to $300. Season for RV from $1,250 to $1,500. Dumping station cost stay the same at $10 for non-campers. Shower prices stay the same at $3 for non-campers. Firewood $3 a day was questioned and tabled till ask maintenance. Carried 3-0. (Clerk notes: spoke with maintenance and firewood is $3 a cart load not a day)

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to leave Flying Finn yearly rates at $15.00. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to leave the Town Hall rental rates the same. Carried 3-0.
Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to leave cemetery rates the same after discussion was held. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to raise the price of Ice Candles from $3 to $4 each. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to table the tour rates until meet with Marlin Bjornrud. Date to be determined to meet with Bjornrud. Carries 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to have the 2020 Ice Candle Celebration on December 19, 2020. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept the letter to the next reorganizational meeting. Carried 3-0. Novak has come up with a few ideas on where the money may be used, one was on the Embarrass website but is also looking for other ideas. Novak also spoke about an idea she has with doing tours through cell phones. People interested could get a virtual tour through an app on cell phones.

Novak speaks and explains she applied for a $1,500 technology grant, which was approved. Novak has come up with a few ideas on where the money may be used, one was on the Embarrass website but is also looking for other ideas. Novak also spoke about an idea she has with doing tours through cell phones. People interested could get a virtual tour through an app on cell phones.

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Novak has access and may have. Board reviews and signs the Code of Ethics and Open Meeting Law Policies. Board reviewed the upcoming training opportunities.

Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to accept the maintenance December report. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to hire Frank Maki as the grader operator. Carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on making a contingency plan to have township roads plowed incase the county strikes. The township grader will be put into operation. Wright will speak with persons interested in plowing with the township grader. Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to hire Eric Garman as the grader operator during the county strike so our grader operator does not have to cross the picket lines. Carried 2-0. Worsham abstained.

Worsham speaks to explain that while at Fire Dept meeting it was discussed that the Fire Department will lead with a plow truck for any emergency calls they may have.

Rantala reports that currently the township roads are in good condition.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the letter to the Embarrass residents regarding the Pyhala. Carried 3-0. All board supervisors sign the letter.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to use our own attorney to look into the legalities of the Pyhala. Carried 3-0. Knuti informs the board he has access and can make copies of documents needed.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to keep the attorneys used in past, Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney & Brunfelt, LTD. Carried 3-0. Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to have designate attorney to the next reorganizational meeting in 202. Carried 3-0.

Wright explains to the visitors that questions will not be answered before the annual meeting and that the Pyhala does not need to be brought up at the February meeting. A lot of information is still needed. The letter being sent out will inform people of a meeting coming up, but a date has not been set yet.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to allow clerk to work on grant for election equipment. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Wright to approve and sign cemetery deeds. Carried 3-0.

IRRRB grant for $45,000 for the restrooms at the Information Center that was awarded was brought up by a visitor. Visitors were pleased about the clerk working on the grant and it being awarded. A meeting will be held most likely in February with the clerk, supervisor and IRRRB representative to discuss the options the township has being that the other portion of grant applies was not eligible by a CDBG grant. At some point there may be a need for residents to volunteer labor and supplies to complete the project of the restrooms at the Information Center.

The supervisors would like to thank Jared Wright for all the volunteering work he has done at the rink.

LaMar speaks to the supervisors and says he is available to help being the township is short a maintenance worker currently. Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to call LaMar if needed for maintenance. Carried 3-0. "LaMar" is also looking for other ideas. Novak also spoke about an idea she has with doing tours through cell phones. People interested could get a virtual tour through an app on cell phones.

LaMar speaks to the supervisors and says he is available to help being the township is short a maintenance worker currently. Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to call LaMar if needed for maintenance. Carried 3-0. Worsham tells the other supervisors he approved Roger Davies to purchase a leaf blower and a ladder being that Davies has been going home to get his for township use. Davies has also been using his personal snowblower for township use. Motion/Worsham: Second/ Rantala to purchase a gas snowblower for the township and spend up to $650 so Davies no longer has to use his own. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the Claims and Correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept the Treasures Report. Carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on the Fire Dept Annual Meeting and the 3% increase they are asking for. With the 7 new fire dept. volunteers’ new equipment is needed along
with training. The 3% increase is justified. Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to post for a special meeting to discuss the upcoming 2021 levy. Meeting will be held January 28 at 6:00. Carried 3-0.

Rantala leaves meeting.

Audit was completed by the supervisors and all claims were found accurate and in order. Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the audit. Carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned by Worsham at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

Clerk’s Corner

All 2020 Board Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of every month. Office will be closed February 17 to observe President’s Day.

I am looking for election judges for the upcoming elections in March and November. If interested, please give me a call at 218-984-2084.

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 a donation of $15 for one year, payable to the Town of Embarrass, 7503 Levander Road, Embarrass, MN 55732.

The Flying Finn makes a great gift for someone who has moved out of the community!

The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcome announcements about community events and community groups. These submitted announcements are printed here and on following pages. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn necessarily endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material.
Embarrass Resident:

The Embarrass Town Board is contacting Embarrass residents regarding the sale of the Pyhala homestead. This matter was discussed at the annual meeting held March 12, 2019 and the reconvened annual meeting held July 12, 2019. For the people who are not familiar with this piece of property, it is located at 4745 Salo Road. *(see below). The township board has been approached by three individuals who are interested in purchasing the property and maintaining the historical integrity of the property.

In the past the township has allotted money for restoration and maintenance of the property. The Pyhala homestead needs significant restoration with the township does not have the funds to execute. There may be grants available to help fund the restoration. In addition to the restoration, there are safety issues on the property that need to be addressed.

A special meeting on this subject will be held. Please watch for postings of the meeting date. By attending this meeting your input can be voiced. Comments may be mailed or emailed to the clerk’s office.

Please keep in mind the board has not made any decision one way or another on this subject.

Sincerely,

The Embarrass Town Board Supervisors
Roy Worsham, Chairman
Gary Rantala, Supervisor
Gene Wright, Supervisor

*A description was enclosed with letters sent to residents and can be provided by the Clerk’s Office upon request.

NOTE: THERE WAS AN ERROR ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE DESCRIPTION. The description indicates that that the Pyhala homestead is owned by Sisu Heritage. It is, in fact, owned fully by Embarrass Township.
**Waasa Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Mike Johnson, Mitch Lind, Steven Sipola, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson

**Visitors:** David Hess and Kevin Kappes

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

**Minutes Approval:** *Mitch moved to approve the November 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mike supported. Carried (3-0).*

**Treasurer’s Report:** November Receipts were $344.88 (Year-End Advance) from St. Louis County and $12,111.04 (10/2019 Tax Apportionment) from St. Louis County. Disbursements were: General Fund: $1,053.87, Road & Bridge Fund: 0, Building: 0, Cemetery Fund: $586.56. *Steve accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

**Approval to Pay Bills:**
- Davey Do-Right Services, $245.00, Mow & Trim Cemetery 1 X
- Keller, Bruce, $40.00, Snow Removal at T. Hall for Rental
- Lind, Mitch, $14.50, Mileage for Roadside Tree Trimming as per SLC Req.
- Lake Country Power, $83.33, Electricity for Town Hall
- Menards—Virginia, $2.49, Red LED Bulbs for Furnace Outage Alert
- MATIT, $320.00, Worker’s Comp. Insurance
- St. Louis County Public Works Dept. (Auditor), $2,510.64, 1st half Snowplowing 2019-2020
- Superior Fuel Company, $162.43, Propane Delivery 173.30 gal. Pre-Fill Gal/Switch Out

*Mitch moved to approve payment of all bills listed plus board payroll and PERA. Mike supported. Carried (3-0).*

**Address Visitors:** No input.

**Road Report:** Mitch cut some brush that hung over the roads when the snow plow went thru on Appalaoosa and Beckman Roads, as per request by St. Louis County. Mitch also cut some brush on Dale Road.

**Old Business:** The Clerk and Deputy Clerk will attend the Presidential Nomination Primary Training on December 10 in Virginia.

All was well after the town hall rental on November 27-29. The deposit was returned to the family.

**New Business:** Mitch has been having problems with the snow blower, which is used to clear snow at the town hall. It was purchased in March of 2019 at L&M. He plans to haul it in to get it checked out.

Mike volunteered to apply plastic to the inside of the hall windows to cut down on heating costs.

MAT is asking for suggestions for Short Course topics. It was brought up that it would be helpful to have more training sessions available for LBAE Training. The Clerk will email that suggestion.

The Clerk informed the board that her Acer laptop computer needs to be updated to Window 10 before Windows 7 is no longer available in January 2020. Her current computer is about 7 years old. The board was agreeable to either adding Windows 10 or purchasing a new computer.

Mitch plans to attend the Fire Department Meeting on January 7. The Embarrass Region F.D. is seeking a budget increase of 3% for townships for the year 2021. Mitch will research this issue before attending the meeting.

Due to the conflict of having the Annual Fire Department Meeting on January 7 at 7 p.m., the same time as our Regular Board Meeting, *Mitch moved to change the Regular Board Meeting to Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7 p.m.* Posters will be put up at the usual posting places around Embarrass to inform Waasa residents of the change.

An invitation from Northwoods Partners for an Appreciation Reception was extended to the board in gratitude of our past donation to them. *Steve moved to donate them $250 and Mike supported. Carried 3-0.*

**Correspondence:** All other mail was read and filed. In addition, the clerk reported that she received a nice call from Linda Pulkinen, stating how pleased her family is with the work that has been done to Niemi Road. She wanted the thank you extended to the whole town board.

**Adjournment:** *Steve moved to close the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and was supported by Mitch. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Mitch Lind, Waasa Board Chair
WAASA PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY
POLLING HOURS
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020 – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Waasa Township
2020 Meeting Schedule
All Regular Meetings Begin at 7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 5
Wednesday, March 4
Annual Meeting: March 10, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8
Wednesday, May 6
Wednesday, June 3
Wednesday, July 8
Wednesday, August 5
Wednesday, September 2
Wednesday, October 7
Wednesday, November 4
Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, January 6, 2021

THANK YOU
Eric Garman for volunteering and doing the plowing of township roads with his own truck while the county was on strike.

THANK YOU
Jared Wright for helping keep the rink in shape for skaters.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY

As you may or may not be aware, the process for voting in Minnesota for which candidate you want to be your party’s nominee for president has changed this year. On March 3, you will have the opportunity to vote in the first Presidential Nomination Primary held in Minnesota since 1992.

Since 1992, the vote was taken as part of party caucus events. In 2016, legislation was passed establishing a Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP). This primary is an additional statewide election that will be held in years in which a president and vice president are to be nominated and elected (every four years). The Presidential Nomination Primary has requirements and procedures that differ from state primary elections. Here’s what you should know:

Only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the Presidential Primary ballot; all other offices with a primary will be on the Primary ballot in August. Both the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and the Republican Party will be participating in this primary.

Instead of one ballot that contains all of the offices and candidates, each party participating in the Presidential Nominating Primary will have a ballot specific to their party. Because of this, voters must declare their party preference prior to receiving a ballot. A voter’s choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, be aware that a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party by the Minnesota Secretary of State, as required by Minnesota Statute 201.091, Subdivision 4a. How a voter voted on their ballot will be secret. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the Presidential Nomination Primary.

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot starting on January 17, 2020. If you are an unregistered voter, you can preregister to vote in the election prior to February 11, 2020, or you can register at your polling place on election day.

The Democratic Farmer Labor Party will have an “uncommitted” option on their ballot. If you select this option, you are telling the party that they wish for the delegates to be sent to their national nominating convention without being “bound” to cast their vote(s) for any one of their party’s candidates. If you would like further information about your party’s choosing of delegates and/or their national nominating convention, please speak with your party’s representatives.

The Minnesota Secretary of State’s Office estimates that it will cost approximately $11.9 million to administer the Presidential Nomination Primary statewide. Costs associated with the election are reimbursed to counties and municipalities. Current election law specific to the Presidential Nominating Primary can be found in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 207A and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215.

One final and important note – while the Presidential Nomination Primary replaces preferential polls that previously were conducted at precinct caucus meetings, precinct caucus meetings will still be held on February 25, 2020.
PIKE SANDY WOMEN’S CLUB

Tuesday, February 4, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Pike Town Hall

Hostesses:
Sandy Stahl and Thora Monson.

New members are always welcome. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Pike Sandy Women's Club is encouraged to call Sandy Gorrill at 749-2408.

ALS BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

**Wednesdays**

Four Corners: February 5 & 26, 5:15-6:30
Timber Hall: February 12, 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.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Pike Sandy Women's Club 2020 Scholarship Award will be given to a local graduating senior who lives in the Pike, Sandy, Wuori, or Embarrass Townships or in an Unorganized Township that borders Pike Township. The Scholarship Award will be announced at the April 7, 2020 meeting of the Pike Sandy Women's Club.

Your Letter of interest in this SCHOLARSHIP must be received prior to or no later than April 7, 2020. Please include in your letter, which College or Technical College you will be attending and any personal information about yourself, including your curriculum plus any extracurricular activities in which you have participated.

Please send your letter to:
Sandy Gorrill,
6801 Taylor Road
Embarrass, MN 55732.
749-2408
Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Johnson was absent.

The minutes from October 8, 2019 were accepted as read by Rasmusson/Langowski 2-0. The Treasurer’s report was accepted by Langowski/Rasmusson 2-0.

Claim forms 2384-2397 were accepted by Langowski/Rasmusson 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS:
November meeting was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:
Mr. Brinkman and internet/broadband representatives will attend the January meeting to explain how the township residents will be able to connect broadband to their homes.

The Town Hall Caretaker’s apartment is available for rent. No smoking & No pets. Two bedroom $650/mo. All utilities included. First month rent and damage deposit ($650) required at time of signing rental agreement.

Resolution #12102019, applying for a grant for voting equipment, was approved by Langowski/Rasmusson 2-0.

NEXT MEETING:
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2020, starting 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 Rasmusson/Langowski 2-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

**These minutes have been approved by the Town Board**
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Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

The Embarrass Flower & Garden Club will meet on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall. Annual membership dues of $15.00 are due at the February meeting. All local gardeners are welcome to attend, or people interested in going green. We will be discussing our upcoming projects and applied for grants. Coffee an’ will be served. Please come and enjoy. For more information please contact the President, Linda Cox – (218) 984-3002 or (218) 780-4143.

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Girls Basketball

- Monday 2/3 @ Silver Bay 4:45/6:15
- Thursday 2/6 @ Bigfork 7:15
- Tuesday 2/11 @ Chisholm 5:45/7:15
- Thursday 2/13 Home vs Nashwauk-Keewatin 5:45/7:15 (Parent’s Night)
- Tuesday 2/18 @ Nashwauk-Keewatin 5:45/7:15
- Thursday 2/20 @ Ely 5:45/7:15

HOCKEY (Ely/NER)

- Saturday 2/1 Home (Ely) vs Bagley, 1:00
- Tuesday 2/4 Home (Ely) vs North Shore, 5:00/7:15
- Friday 2/7 @ Moose Lake, 6:00 p.m.

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EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
6:30 P.M.
TIMBER HALL
**Trapline Liquor**
4897 Hwy 21
218-984-BYO (2962)
traplineliquor@yahoo.com

Don’t limit happy to an hour
Open Mon-Sat, 8 am-10 pm
Sunday 11 am – 6 pm

Come see us for your Celebration Needs!

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4897 Hwy 21 - - - 218-984-2962

Monday – Saturday 8am-10 pm, Sunday 11 am-6 pm

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- Milk, Eggs
- Bread, Butter
- Italian Bakery
- --- lots more!

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

READY TO GO:
- Sandwiches
- 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

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Here to serve YOU!
White Elephant is back in the Library, stop in and browse our new or used holiday items and many pieces of jewelry for sale.

Raffle Drawing – Purchase tickets at the Library for $5.00 each. Drawing will be on February 3, 2020. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Thursday, February 6 @ 2:00 p.m.: Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Monday, February 10 @ 1:00 p.m.: Recycle, Repurpose, & Restyle. Downsize your collections and “stuff” as you collect ideas for recycling household textiles and vintage linens, including Grandma’s doilies. Turn tablecloths, T-shirts, and thrift shop treasures into contemporary heirlooms and useful accessories. Learn Mary’s laundering/whitening tips and how, with basic sewing skills and fabric glue, to create special gifts with priceless memories attached. This free hour-long program is for young to mature adults and anyone interested in reusing household textiles. This program is funded with money from MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Wednesday, February 12 @ 3:30 p.m.: First 10 kids to come to the class gets to participate. Ages 4 and up – Parents must be present. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, February 9 @ 3:30 p.m.: Let’s Build a Snowman Class. Adults Only — Limit 12. Pre-register for class. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Thursday, February 20 @ 2:00 p.m.: Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

SISU HERITAGE
Meeting Minutes - January 2020
Present: Marlin Bjornrud, John Kinnunen, Pat Heikkila, Jack Lamar, Mickey White, Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer, Leone Graf

Guests: Calvin Hanka, Mary Novak, Paul Knuti

1. December 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved without corrections or additions.
3. December 2019 financial report was presented and accepted, motion Leone, second Mickey MC. Finalized copies of the proposed 2020 budget were distributed.
4. The Historical Site Task Force are making plans to get the Apostolic Lutheran Church on the National Registry and submitted a grant request for funding phase 1 of its preservation.
5. Plans for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 23, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. were finalized. Mickey is preparing posters and publications advertising our event and guest speaker, Kristen Vake. Nominations are needed to fill two openings on the SISU board for 2020.
6. A request for 200 more Centennial History Books be printed by the Echo. Motion by Pat, second John. Motion Carried.
7. Discussion was held on using available funds to hire a consultant or grant writer to work on a continuations plan for the Seitaniemi House Barn. Next step is to get bids from companies for work projects.
8. Mary Novak is conducting an outdoor activity called Geo Caching from the Adventure Lab Series. This is an International game! She was requesting permission to bring people to our SISU sites and place a cache (container) at the Hanka Homestead. Motion Pat H., all board members agreed.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela
Verner L. Keskitalo, 94

Verner Lavern Keskitalo, 94, of Embarrass, died on Jan. 3, 2020, at Essentia Health in Virginia. A memorial service was held on Jan. 11 at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in Pike with Pastor Jon Salo officiating. Inurnment will be in the Embarrass Cemetery at a later date.

Verner was born on Dec. 26, 1925, in Ottertail, to Evert and Selma (Hamari) Keskitalo. He attended country school and later enlisted with the U.S. Navy. He served during WWII in the Pacific on the USS Massachusetts. In 1946, he married Ella Lamppa and the couple began raising a family in Calumet, Mich., where Verner farmed with his in-laws until moving to Sault Ste. Marie, where he worked on the Mackinaw Bridge. In 1957, the family moved to Embarrass and he worked for Erie Mining Company. He retired from LTV Steel as a welder. Following his first wife’s death, he married Lempi (Tumberg) Neuvonen.

Verner was a member of Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church and the Steelworkers Union 4108. He enjoyed farming, baking chocolate chip cookies, and until this past fall, enjoyed walking and riding his bike. He will also be remembered for braiding and making wool rugs, picking blueberries, and being with nature.

Survivors include his children, Aleta (Richard) Roy of Embarrass, Craig (Gwen) Keskitalo of Embarrass and Gary (Shari) Keskitalo of Port St. John, Fla.; grandchildren, Aaron, Chad, Travis, Sheila, Perry, Allison, Kyle, Kirsten and Adam; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Ella; second wife, Lempi; and six siblings.

David L. Stickney, 81

David Lawrence Stickney, 81, passed away on Jan. 11, 2020, at his home in Embarrass surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held on Jan.17 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with Deacon Dan Schultz officiating.

Dave was born on May 12, 1938, in Virginia, to Lawrence V. and Florence I. (Nelson) Stickney, the second of three sons. After high school Dave worked as a roofer until he was hired by the new mining company, Inland Steel, now Arcelor-Mittal. He retired from mining in 2003.

He was married on May 17, 1975, to Judith “Judy” K. Gehlsen in Virginia. Dave enjoyed the Range life, especially country living, hunting and fishing. He was a volunteer with Cub and Boy Scouts for his sons, and a great supporter of his daughters. He always had a helping hand and a ready smile for everyone. He instilled in his children the foundation of being responsible, productive, hard-working, compassionate people, and taught them the fine art of Smear and Cribbage.

Dave was that rare person who never had a negative thing to say about anyone. He was a great listener, a good friend, uncle, brother, son, and the Best Husband, Father and Papa. As of December 2019, Dave had celebrated 47 years of sobriety. Bidder goes out, Dave!

Dave is survived by his wife, Judy. They were the proud parents and grandparents of Rick (Melanie Bird), Josh and Joe; Kate (Bryan Hendrickson), Mike, Alyssa and Abby; Dave Jr; and Sara (Wes Bruemmer), Nathan, Logan, Brennan, Genevieve and Tristan. He is also survived by his brother, Jerry; brothers and sister-in-law, Jane Haight, Jerry (Christine) and Jack Gehlsen; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Charles; niece, Jennifer; in-laws, Richard and Lorraine Gehlsen; brothers-in-law, Jay Gehlsen and Robert Haight; sisters-in-law, Barbara Stickney and Kathleen Knudsen-Gehlsen.
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass
Pulpit Supply 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 worship every Sunday
• February 2 Pastor Kristin Foster
and Holy Communion
• February 9 Worship with Billie Rouse
• February 16 Worship with Billie Rouse
• February 23 Worship with Billie Rouse and Holy Communion

Other Events:
• Thursdays – Coffee & Crafts, 9 a.m.

God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!

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

February 2 Jon Salo
February 9 Ryan Kandoll
February 16 Gerry Southerton
February 23 Jerry DeVries

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.
Wednesday
Women’s Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
“Kids on the Rock”, 4:00 p.m.
ENGAGE Youth Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

Special Events:
Saturday, February 8: Men’s Trivia Tournament at Sulu’s in Tower, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 9: Ministries Team Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
Sunday, February 16: Couples Night Out, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Messages:
February 2 “No Darkness At All”
February 9 “A Good, Good Father”
February 16 “God is Love”
February 23 “Breathless”
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