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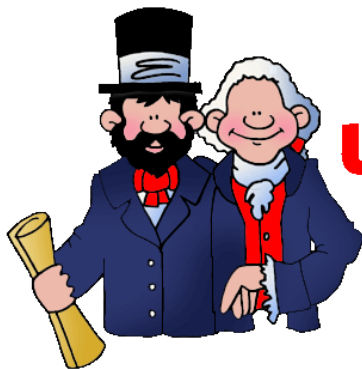


Pancake Breakfast
CANCELLED

Feb 2 – Groundhog's Day

Super Bowl Sunday  February 7

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥



**United States
Presidents
Day
February 15**

Embarrass Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the March 2021 issue to the
Embarrass Clerk's Office by February 18, 2021.

FEBRUARY 2021

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| 14 Valentine's Day | 15 Presidents' Day Office Closed SISU Meeting Maximum 10 persons, 6' apart for social distancing | 16 Ladies Coffee | 17 | 18 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Fair Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Timber Hall | 19 | 20 |
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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, or e-mail them to 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

Reorganizational & Regular Board Meeting

January 13, 2021

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Roy Worsham, Gene Wright, Bernie Mettler, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Ed Udovich, Roland Fowler, William Wright, Dawn Marks

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Worsham with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to approve the December 2020 minutes. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to select Wright as Board Chair. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to select Worsham as Vice Chair. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to continue holding the board meetings every second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. and to be adjusted if need be. Carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on compensation for town officers and employees. *Motion/Worsham: Second/ Wright to give cost of living raise of 1.3% to all maintenance, treasurer, and clerk. Regular maintenance was not given a raise last year so he will get a dollar raise. Carried 3-0.*

Motion/Mettler: Second/Wright for Worsham to be road supervisor. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham for Mettler to be maintenance supervisor. Carried 2-0.

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

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to retain the polling places. Town Hall, EVFCU, Trapline Liquor, Trapline Convenient Store and Post Office. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham/ Second/Mettler to leave the rates of Heritage Park and Campground, Flying Finn subscriptions, Town Hall rentals, Cemetery costs, Ice Candles and Tour rates all the same. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler for the 2021 Ice Candle Celebration to be held on December 18, 2021. Carried 3-0.

Board reads and signs the Code of Ethics and the Open Meeting Law Policies.

Upcoming training opportunities were discussed and reviewed.

Worsham reads maintenance report for December. Snow clean up several days at all township properties, ensure heating shack had ample wood supply, new cutting edge for ATV plow purchased and installed, respond to Post Office for report of no exterior lights, new truck picked up Wednesday the 30th. Ice Candle Celebration- Flagging of graves for candle placement, 614 ice candles were made by Roger and Bonnie Davies, Natalie Nelmark volunteered as part of an Honor Society commitment, she assisted in all aspects of the preparation. Community and 4H volunteers handled majority of candle placement and lighting. The board shows great appreciation for those who had a part in the Ice Candle Event. Wright would like maintenance to plow to the brush pile at the campground and burn it. Maintenance worker Ed Udovich tells the board that he walked to the burn pile to check but is concerned he will get stuck with the plow truck plowing a path to it and says that there is public using the trail for skiing, snowshoeing, ATV's and snowmobiles. The board supervisors all agree if public is using the path/trail then not to wreck it by trying to plow. Wright says they can walk to the burn pile.

Wright speaks about the grant received from IRRRB for the Information Center restrooms. Wright explains that the clerk did get an extension on the \$45,000 grant funds, but with the COVID-19 funds are low and does not think we should be spending any extra money. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to get ahold of Chris Ismil with IRRRB and talk with him about the grant. Also, to speak with Commissioner Paul McDonald to discuss the funds that were going to be asked of by St. Louis County. Carried 3-0.*

Chief Tom Martin with the Embarrass Fire Department joins in on the meeting by zoom. Worsham asks about the 3% increase that the department will be asking of. Martin explains some of the costs and with COVID-19 more

funds are being used, it has been a busy year. Martin would like to meet with the board to discuss this and the board agrees. Board will discuss a day and time to meet with Martin.

Bids for the truck, trailer and heaters were opened. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the bids on the trailer for ten dollars and the heaters for one hundred one dollars and fifty cents. Carried 3-0. Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the bid for the truck for two hundred sixty dollars. Carried 3-0.*

Marks speaks about her concerns about Governor Walz wanting mask mandate to become law before giving up emergency powers. Marks comments on the letter released by Governor Walz on January 7. She is asking for people to call all county commissioners and your representatives to release St. Louis County from the executive powers of Governor Walz. Businesses are being hurt and some shut down permanently, families are unable to get together, cities, towns and townships are having financial difficulties. Fairs and fundraisers are among many that are being stopped that help communities survive. Marks states COVID-19 is real, and that people have died from it but also has a survival rate of 99.07%. Marks explains that the COVID relief funds that the township got was twenty-five dollars a person and believes citizens freedom and rights are worth more than that. Board is to be non-partisanship so does not comment.

Complaints need to be called in to the office with a name attached to the complaint to be creditable. All complaints should be brought before the entire board. *Motion/Worsham: Second/ Mettler for all complaints to be called in to the township office. Clerk will take the name, contact information and complaint/concern and it will be discussed at a board meeting.* Discussion had on plowing the parking lot between the two ball fields. W. Wright does not agree with it being plowed, states it will destroy the new truck. Worsham explains he told maintenance to plow the parking lot because it is good for the whole community so people can park vehicles to unload and load snowmobiles or public parking for snowshoers or cross-country skiers, township bought a plow truck to use it. Motion was withdrawn by Worsham, clerk to contact MATS to get the proper procedure on how complaints should be received.

Motion/Worsham: Second/ to plow the Nelimark Museum with the new truck and charge the same as previously and bill to Nelimark every other time. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to continue to plow half of the parking lot between the two ball fields. Carried 3-0.

Estimate for box spray liner, rack with light and toolbox was reviewed. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to purchase the items for the truck and to take it out of the recreation fund. Carried 3-0.*

Ford 150 truck has been dying out on the highway and parking lot. Fuel pump is suspected to be the problem. *Motion/Mettler: Second/Worsham to get the truck fixed. Carried 3-0.*

Discussion on getting estimates on the town hall roof so clerk can look into grants. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to get estimates on a roof for the town hall. Carried 3-0.* May have to do more caulking or minor repairs if it starts to leak like it has in past springs as the snow melts until the funds are available.

Discussion had on maintenance hours. Wright would like Udovich to work Wednesday -Saturday. Worsham does not agree to take all Udovichs Saturdays. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to adjust maintenance schedule Roger Monday – Thursday, Ed Tuesday – Friday. Saturdays if needed to plow and if either maintenance is available to come. Carried 3-0.*

Worsham brings up the grant work completed by clerk for the truck. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to give clerk two-hundred-dollar bonus for all the grant work that has been done. Carried 3-0.*

Motion/Mettler: Second/Worsham to accept the claims (17704-17724, \$6,188.54 and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Worsham adjourned meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

Clerks Corner

The monthly Board Meetings will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in 2021. The Annual Meeting will be held on March 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in honor of Presidents' Day.

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

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Memorial Forest Monument:

Names can be added for the price of \$50 a name. The honoree does not need to be a resident of Embarrass Township. Contact Clerk's Office at 218-984-2084 for more information.

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Embarrass, MN

**Hours of Operation**

Thursday

10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m



Waasa Township Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Carrie Westvik, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson; **Visitors:** Nina Honkola

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

Minutes Approval: *Mike moved to approve the November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts for today:

State of MN, \$40.04, 2020 Yr. End Advance

State of MN, \$9,012.70, 10/20 Tax Apportionment

Total Disbursements November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting: \$2,329.95. *Steve accepted the report and Mike supported. 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).*

- Babbitt Weekly News, \$45.00, Notice of General Election
- Johnson, Mike, \$324.74, Reimb: Smart Sign Co.— Waasa Twp. & Cemetery
- Lake Country Power, \$81.50, Electricity for Town Hall
- MN Association of Twp. Insurance Tr, \$340.00, Worker's Comp
- St. Louis County, \$40.00, 2020 County Plat Book

Visitor In-Put: None.

Road Report: Roads are frozen and in good condition.

Old Business: Mike reported that the informational signs (Waasa & Cemetery) he ordered are being shipped.

The "Wish List / To Do List: Mike has received one electrical estimate for 2 outlets at a price of \$800.00, some of the new window plastic is up but, the sidewalk patching will need to wait for warmer weather in the spring. Carrie has found a piece of siding that is a close match for the back of the town hall. It will be put up on a warmer day.

New officers, Mike Johnson and Nina Honkola, will take the Oath of Office on Monday, January 4 at the Waasa Town Hall at 7 p.m. Bonnie will meet with Nina to give her some instructions sometime before the Regular Board Meeting on January 6.

Waasa Township follows the MN mandates during the pandemic. Each person in attendance must wear a mask and only 5 visitors in addition to the 5 board members are allowed in person. Our meetings will continue to be via phone. For those that would like to join in on the meetings remotely make the **TELECONFERENCE CALL: 701-802-5057 & USE ACCESS CODE: 3131553.**

New Business: Mike will represent Waasa at the Annual Meeting of the Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department being held via Zoom on January 5.

The 2021 MAT Officer List was reviewed by the board.

The Menards Government Account Authorized User was updated.

This is Treasurer Bonnie Keller's last meeting in office. She was presented with a plaque for her 37 years of service to our township. It is hoped we can continue to honor Bonnie in the spring or summer with a cake and coffee gathering.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: *Mike moved to close the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and was supported by Carrie.*

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



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PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



Due to COVID-19 we have made the very difficult decision to cancel all club events from September 2020 through May 2021.

Embarrass Flower and Garden Club



The Embarrass Flower & Garden will not be scheduling any in-person meeting in February due to COVID 19. Please check the Flying Finn for future announcements. For further information, please contact: Linda Cox, President (218) 984-3002 or (218) 780-4143.

Pancake Breakfast



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Embarrass Region Fair Association Pancake Breakfasts are **cancelled** until further notice.



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Embarrass Region Fair Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2021

Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Terri Joki, Janine Patten;
Trustees: Rodney Dale, Floyd Joki

Members Present: Bonnie Meier, Lisa Gibson, Chris Dale, Amber Johnson, Kevin DiCatri, Roland Fowler

Call to Order. Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the October meeting were distributed for review. *Kevin moved to approve the minutes; Lisa seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report

The financial report was distributed showing checking & savings account activity and balances for the periods 10/16/20 – 12/31/20 and 1/01/21 – 1/21/21. Kevin asked why there are so many small expenses for Lake County Power. Terri explained that there are two electric meters that are invoiced separately. Jerry said that a significant upcoming expense is pressure testing the overhead kitchen extinguisher. *Kevin moved to accept the treasurer's report. Charlie seconded. Motion carried.*

Old Business

- Timber Hall Update. Jerry said that there is one upcoming rental in June. He also said that he was contacted by the Health Department about possibly using Timber Hall two days a week to administer Covid-19 vaccines. Kevin said that the logs on the front of the building are cracked and rotting in places and will need to be repaired this year. Kevin said that he would look into the costs of material and how much labor would be needed to make the repairs. Kevin also pointed out that the light over the front doors needs to be replaced.

New Business

- Nominations for Board/Trustees. Jerry asked for nominations and there were none. He pointed out that he cannot serve another term as Chair and that Terri is stepping down as Treasurer. Jerry said

that he was willing to replace Terri as Treasurer but someone needs to replace him as Chair. It was decided to advertise for volunteers and people to serve on the Board.

- Kevin said that in recent years the number of participants in the Horseshoe Tournament has declined. He suggested that we reduce the number of horseshoe pits, have a smaller tournament and add a bags tournament; which is more popular and people of all ages can participate. The membership agreed that this is a good idea. Kevin pointed out that we will need to acquire regulation boards for the tournament.

Miscellaneous

- Lisa said that she wants to hold the Barrel Run this summer, regardless of the pandemic since it is an outdoor event that allows for social distancing. She asked that the proceeds be used to purchase a timer for barrel racing, team penning etc. Amber volunteered to put together the Fairbook.

Charlie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lisa seconded. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

The Embarrass Region Fair Association
will meet again on

Thursday, March 18, 2021

at 6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.

New Members are Welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Embarrass Region Fair is recruiting New Fair Board Members & Volunteers.

Fair Board Members: Responsibilities include attending one meeting per month and helping to supervise the fair.

Volunteers are needed for the following:
Working at the admission gates (fair weekend)
Fairgrounds maintenance
Fair event committees

For more information call

Jerry at 984-3506

SUBMITTED BY READER, DAWN MARKS

Open letter to my people of the great Northland

would like to address the people of our small town, Embarrass. I was born on what is now the Stromberg Road, went to Embarrass School before it's closing. Even though I do not live in Embarrass now, but not far from home, just down 904.

As a person who loves this area and wants to see it grow and prosper, I have been deeply involved in politics that affect us. The most recent being the Emergency Orders our Governor has been operating under.

We are now 10 months into "flattening" the curve. He has used 6 million dollars on a warehouse for bodies that will NEVER see a body. Instead, it is being used to store PPE that has NEVER been distributed. Our cities have gotten \$75.34 per capita, that is per person. Our townships, \$25.00. Our Governor claims to be following science yet has nothing to show us that is scientific as to these lock downs. In fact states that did NOT use lockdowns are faring much better then we are. He has closed school, business, and government buildings. He is failing his people. And yet, the emergency powers continue.

We are now being told that MN is 41st place at rolling out vaccine. What is he doing with the vaccine? And yet at the same time the MN Senate has conducted an investigation showing that as high as 40% of Covid death have been reported wrongly. Deaths due to car accidents, drownings, heart attacks and much more have been reported as Covid. This pumps up his numbers as well as monies from the Federal Government. With a wrongly reported death, people who had insurance for life, car or home would NOT get paid as the death is recorded as Covid.

We NEED to be released from this Emergency powers misuse. Please read in the State Constitution sec 12:21 under emergency powers as to what else Walz can do to his people. It is frightening to say the least. We as a people need to call our county Commissioners and tell them we want St. Louis County to opt out of any monies from Walz. This is how he is keeping us in check. Promise of monies that WE as a people never see.

On January 6th I attend a protest against Walz at our state capitol. Walz called it a violent and dangerous protest. I am here to tell you there was NO violence, no danger, no threats. He continued his lie as we went to the mansion later claiming he had to have his 14-year old son removed for his safety. Yet I was also there, no violence, no threats, only 2 tweens with BLM signs that showed up as we were dwindling down. Yet another lie of Walz to keep his power and attempt to make the people who contradict him look dangerous.

Walz's response to our protest? Jan7th, he put out a memo to a select few stating he will give up his emergency powers IF the legislature make his mandates law! YES, LAW! Forever and ever! BLACKMAIL! This letter is on the internet, as some who should not have gotten it did. Yet, to be clear, he can and WILL resort to emergency powers when we do not comply. Call ALL county commissioners even if you do not live in their district, they STILL represent you as a whole. Pressure them to opt out ASAP. If we do not do something soon our small businesses will no longer be running, people will leave, we will be dead in the water.

Lastly, his use of his powers to enact the EPA standards of California on Minnesota. Yes you read that right. Walz wants to use his emergency power t bring Minnesota's water, air and emission standards to that of CALIFORNIA! Our mines, logging and even small farms would close their doors. Our townships fire and ambulance services would not be able to afford new equipment to meet these standards. The DEFF they use on semis is s corrosive and dangerous yet WE would have to have that in our clean area! It would destroy our lakes and rivers, not to mention the cost.

We NEED to stand up people. It is now or never. I love this area, I have traveled the world and always come home to God's country. We have been excellent stewards of this land and some rinky dink tyrant in St. Paul has no idea how to care for it or the people. We are the people of this Northland. We can take care of ourselves and the environment. We need to stand tall and call him out on this.

Northeast Range Honor Roll 1st Quarter 2020-2021

A Honor Roll

12TH GRADE: Anne Barich, Oskar Koivisto, Willa Koivisto, Alexia Lightfeather, Phoebe Morgan, Gracie Sperling, Ethan Zaitz, James Zupancich

11TH GRADE: Audrey Anderson, Erin Backe, Joscelyn LaSart, Rylan Poppenhagen, Hannah Reichensperger

10th GRADE: Logan Meskill, Cassidy Turner

9TH GRADE: Aubree Gerlovich, Hailey Lindquist, Ruby Milton

8TH GRADE: Kyle Kratz, Danica Sundblad

7TH GRADE: Mabry Prall

B Honor Roll:

12TH GRADE: Robert Bielejeski, Christopher Ferguson, Isaac Hendrickson, Luther Johnson, Ariel Kalinowski, Bralyn Lislegard, Sadie Theel, Trinity Warlof

11TH GRADE: Kenny Aase, Wyatt Gorsma, Landyn Houghton, Amara Lampton, Thia Lossing, Alysia Miller, Ryan Milton, Jenna Smith, Calvin Winger

10TH GRADE: Mariah DeJoode, Layne Kaufenberg, Jacob Mackai, Jennie Nelson, Emily Westvik, Jonathan Zaitz

9TH GRADE: Abby Koivisto, Zander Lislegard, Mikko Maki, Wesley Sandy

8TH GRADE: Noah Backe, Joshua Burton, Chelsey Nelmark, Greyson Reichensperger, Maizy Sundblad, Ian Sundsahl, Lydia Wright

7TH GRADE

Chloe Adkisson, Hannah Aldrich, Avery Buschman, Tuuli Koivisto, Robert Swartz



MARTI KINNUNEN OF EMBARRASS RECEIVES

2020 CEO LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

(January 21, 2021) – Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) is proud to recognize Marti Kinnunen of Embarrass, one of six honorees statewide who received the 2020 CEO Award of Excellence. The award recognizes exceptional employees who demonstrate outstanding leadership, inspire colleagues, drive innovation, and build community.

“I am so proud of our honorees,” said Patrick Thueson, CEO of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. “In their own unique ways, they show amazing dedication, professionalism, creativity and compassion in our mission that helps one in 65 Minnesotans through services that inspire hope, change lives and build community.”

Kinnunen, area director with Personal Support Services, is approaching her 25th year with LSS. She was recognized for her sustained dedication to the individuals with disabilities she serves in LSS supported living homes, as well as the team of LSS employees she leads. During new challenges with COVID-19, Kinnunen exemplified this commitment by stepping into direct care roles when needed and offering a calm, thoughtful presence.

Kinnunen continually seeks knowledge and resources that help grow her team’s ability to provide support that is customized to everyone’s needs and goals. Most recently, she worked with her team to find new ways they could incorporate technology to offer more independence to the individuals they support. Colleagues admire her positive attitude, encouraging leadership and innovative approach to person-centered support.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota began in 1865 when a Lutheran pastor and his congregation opened an orphanage for children near Red Wing in southeastern Minnesota. Today, with 2,400 employees and 10,000 volunteers, Lutheran Social Service is committed to a vision where all people have opportunity to live and work in community with full and abundant lives. Statewide, the organization seeks to foster safe and supportive homes for children, restore health and wellness in families, empower people with disabilities to live the lives they imagine, and promote health, independence and quality of life for older adults. For comprehensive information about the work of LSS, visit www.lssmn.org.

*** OBITUARIES ***

Delores M. Vraa

Delores M. "Laurie" Vraa, 82, of Embarrass, died on Jan. 7, 2021, in Essentia Health - St. Mary's Medical Center. A memorial service was held on Jan. 23 at the Embarrass Town Hall. Spring inurnment will take place in the Embarrass Cemetery. Memorials are preferred and may be directed to the family, 5593 Taylor Road, Embarrass, MN 55732.

She was born on Sept. 13, 1938, in Goodridge, the daughter of Reuben and Florence (Rindahl) Stenvik. Laurie married Curtis Vraa on March 9, 1957, in Goodridge, and they moved to the Embarrass area in the early 1960s. She was a longtime employee at Jenia's Appliance in Virginia, a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Embarrass, and a former member of the Aurora Women of the Moose. Laurie loved to bake, cook, dance, snowmobile, travel, and enjoyed winters in Yuma, Ariz.

Laurie is survived by her husband of 62 years, Curtis; children, Steven (Joanie) Vraa of Embarrass, Neal (Nancy) Vraa of Red Lake Falls, Kevin (Robyn) Vraa of Embarrass and Michael (Amy) Vraa of Babbitt; sister, Betty Coan of Thief River Falls; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Tom Vraa; and siblings, Robert and Adeline.

Carol J. Kangas

Carol Jean Tuomala Kangas, 83, of Sandy Township, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her children on Jan. 11, 2021. The family would like to thank Essentia Hospice for the care and kindness they gave Carol. Services were held on Jan. 18 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia. Burial followed at the Ely Cemetery.

She was born on Jan. 6, 1938, in Minneapolis, the daughter of Carl and Caroline Ersbo. Carol grew up in Tower. She married Richard Tuomala of Ely, and together they had five children. Eventually, they moved to Mt. Iron where they resided for 23 years, until Richard's passing in 1990. Carol married Kenneth Kangas in 1993, and they were married for 19 years, residing in Sandy Township.

Carol was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was happiest when she was gardening, baking, painting, spending time with her family, and traveling. She enjoyed entertaining her family and friends. Christmas was her favorite holiday, and she made sure that all of her family, no matter where they lived, received packages of potica, tarts, homemade bread, and Christmas goodies.

Carol is survived by her brother, Sanford Ersbo of Mt. Iron; her five children, Deborah (Bruce) Hoff of Gilbert, Sheri

(Wally) Hunsinger of Rocky Top, Tenn., Lorinda (Rex) Purcell of The Villages, Fla., Richard (Diane) Tuomala of Dale City, Va., and Jacinta (Alan) Woehrle of Becker; five stepchildren, Kelly (Arron) Sheffield of Sandy Township, Kim (Mike) Peterson of Britt, Kerry (Helen) Kangas of Embarrass, Kris (Gordon) Meacham of Embarrass and Kendall Kangas (Donna Ohlgren) of Champlin; grandchildren, Bryan, Brandon and Nick Hoff, Wallace III and Kristopher Hunsinger, Patrick Jones, Wilson Purcell, David and Dylan Tuomala, Jacob and Katlyn Woehrle; step-grandchildren, Joshua, Luke and Christopher Beyer, Jim Peterson and Karen Devak, Kayla Pandel, Renee Lane, Melissa and Marcell Meacham; nine great-grandchildren; and 10 step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her three siblings, Lorraine, Nancy and Lowell; her husbands; and her step-granddaughter, Jennifer.

Dwight D. Light

Dwight D. Light, of Embarrass, left this world on Dec. 27, 2020, at his home, peacefully in the compassionate care of his loving wife after a short battle with brain cancer. Dwight loved Montana and wanted his cremains spread on Skalkaho Pass in Montana. To keep everyone safe from Covid-19, there will be no funeral. A celebration of life will be planned for a later date.

Dwight D. Light was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Frank and Donna Light and was raised on the family farm in Gowrie, Iowa. Dwight graduated from Prairie Community High School in 1977 and attended Westman College in Le Mars, Iowa. He went back to school at age 50 to Mesabi Range Community College and graduated in May of 2012 from the Practical Nursing Program. He found his calling at Waterview Pines (St. Michael's). Dwight loved his residents and they loved him back. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, reading, writing, fishing, camping, horseshoes and gardening, but most of all he loved his family and friends. He was a kind and gentle man.

Dwight is survived by his wife, Cathy; sons, Troy (Stacy) Davidson of Babbitt, Dennis Davidson of Embarrass; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren; mother, Donna Light of Fort Dodge; sister, Duana Light of West Des Moines, Iowa; brothers, Bruce (Sue) Light, of Gowrie, Iowa, Mark (Sandy) Light of Adel, Iowa; sisters-in-law, Cindy (Steve) Vesel of Hibbing, Sherry (Bob) Riddel of St. Michael, Minn., Lori (Fred) DuFalt of Hibbing; and his two very special friends, Leslie Aubin and Kaitlen Flannigan of Virginia; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Light; father and mother-in-law, Larry and Miriam Guderian; and father-in-law, Tony Freshour.

REMEMBERED LOVED

*** OBITUARIES ***

William R. Lamppa, 92

William R. Lamppa, 92, of Embarrass, died on Dec. 12, 2020, in Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. Private inurnment will take place in the Embarrass Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Tower Area Food Shelf or the ACLU.

He was born on April 11, 1928, in Embarrass, the son of William E. and Helen (Sipola) Lamppa. He was a graduate of Embarrass High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota - Duluth. Bill served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He married Shirley A. Stafford on March 27, 1956. Bill was employed as a social worker for St. Louis County and Hennepin County. He authored three poetry books, enjoyed cross country skiing, writing, reading and loved to drive the back roads of Embarrass. In his younger days, he boxed, won county high school basketball championships; and enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping with his Dad and younger brother. Bill enjoyed spirited conversations and sharing his thoughts via the local editorial pages.

Bill is survived by his sons, Jason (Kirsten) Lamppa of St. Paul and Clayton Lamppa of Embarrass; grandson, Joshua Lamppa; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Shirley; brother, Marvin Lamppa; and sister, Carol Koska.

Reva M. Tyssedal

Reva May Tyssedal, 82, of Virginia, formerly of Embarrass, died on Dec. 12, 2020, at Essentia Health in Virginia.

Reva was born on Jan. 30, 1938, in Pine River, to Raymond and Thelma (Smith) Houser. She married Donald Tyssedal on Jan. 29, 1955. Reva worked in housekeeping at the Virginia Regional Medical Center and retired from there with many years of service.

She enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting. Reva made clothing, and hand made several scrub tops for the nurses at the hospital. In her spare time, she worked jigsaw puzzles. Family was of utmost importance to her and she enjoyed all of the times camping and putting on fish fries for family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Scott (Cris) Tyssedal of Minneapolis, Jeff (Lori) Tyssedal of Embarrass and Loni Baird of Babbitt; grandchildren, Krista, Jeff, Tiffany, Trevor, Tyler and Brandon; nine great-grandchildren; siblings, Eva Shaine and Bob Houser; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Thelma; husband, Donald; son, Kevin; son-in-law, Brad; and brother, Fred Smith



SISU MEETING MINUTES

January 2021

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Heather Mahoney, Ron Sutton, Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer, Jack Lamar, Carol Knuti

Guest: Paul Knuti

1. October minutes were reviewed and accepted.
2. Cindy S. presented financial reports for September 2020 thru December 2020. Motion to accept by Jack L., second Ron S. MC.
3. Paul K. gave an updated on the National Registry Project. Motion by Heather M. to make a payment of 75% to LBJ for work on their evaluating document, with the contingency Paul will check on the estimate, second by Jack L., MC.
4. Motion by Ron S. to make payment on an invoice to Embarrass Township for insurance on the house and garage at the Nelimark Homestead, snow plowing, and the copier (2 year agreement thru 2021), with contingency Mickey White will check on number of SISU lifetime members, second Jack L., MC.
5. Bids for gutters and downspouts and repairs on the East wall at the Apostolic Lutheran Church were reviewed and discussed. Motion to accept Arrowhead Roofing from Hibbing for work on gutters and downspouts by Ron S., second Jack L., MC. Motion to accept Greenstone from Ely for work on the basement wall and landscaping by Heather M., second Jack L., MC.
6. Board members received the SISU Heritage 2021 Proposed Budget. By consensus it will remain the same as year 2020. The February Annual Meeting would not meet state Covid-19 guidelines, therefore, our meeting will be postponed for a later date. A nominating committee will be selected in the mean time to contact members to fill three open board positions.
7. Tentative dates scheduled:
 - Sauna Day – Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ Nelimark Homestead
 - Diane Jarvi – Sunday, July 11, 2021 @ Embarrass Apostolic Lutheran Church
 - Community Night Out – Sunday, September 12, 2021 @ Seitaniemi Housebarn
8. The board supports hiring a grant writer to secure funds for an Interpretive Plan that would complete the work on the Seitaniemi Housebarn. Jack L. will check into the process of contacting a grant writer for this project.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

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February 14 Gary Kangas

February 21 Gerry Southerton

February 28 Jerry DeVries

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Wednesday ENGAGE Youth, 6:30
p.m.

Saturday, February 20: Men's
Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 21: Annual
Church Meeting 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY MESSAGES:

February 7 "A Busy Man"

February 14 "Challenging
Questions"

February 21 "The Tension Rises"

February 28 "The Storyteller"

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