

THE FLYING FINN
7503 LEVANDER RD
EMBARRASS, MN 55732
MARCH 2019
ISSUE #384



Timber Hall

March 2, 8-11 a.m.

*Come for the Team Penning
Horse Tack Swap also!

Tuesday, March 12

Township Day

Embarrass 7:00 p.m.

Waasa 6:30 p.m.



Minnesota
Association
of
Townships

Minnesota Townships will hold their Annual Meetings.
Check with your local clerk's office for other meeting times.



Daylight Savings Time Ends - March 10

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

Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar

Please submit materials for the April 2019 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by March 21, 2019.

218-984-2084, embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net

MARCH 2019



Attn: Students who attended the Embarrass School. The town board is discussing painting and/or refinishing the trophy case that is in the Embarrass Town Hall. Because the case was donated by the school, the board would like input from former students to see if anyone objects to updating this trophy case. Please contact the Clerks Office or any board member if you have any questions or opinions on this subject.

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Pancake
Breakfast @
Timber Hall

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| 3 4-H Meeting | 4 Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m. Garden Club 6:00 p.m. | 5 Ladies Coffee 10-11 a.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m. | 6 Bookmobile @ Timber Hall 4:30-5:15 p.m. | 7 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m. | 8 | 9 |
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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

February 13, 2019

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Bill Wright, Gene Wright, Linda Keith, Paul Knuti, Jack LaMar

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Roy Worsham with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Roy to accept the January 2019 minutes. Supported by Gary. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Gary to accept the Treasurer's Report. Supported by Roy. Carried 2-0.

January Maintenance report was given by Roy. Christmas decorations were taken down and stored away. Rink has been flooded twice and Finnboni has been used. Small kitchen water froze up and drain in big sink froze up. Remedy was to replace ceiling tiles in small kitchen with gridded tiles, opened overhead for large kitchen to allow heat in. Repairs were made to stove pipe in heating shack at the rink. Many hours spent on shoveling and plowing with four wheeler. Brushes for the John Deere sweeper were purchased. Pole saw that was approved at January meeting was purchased. John Deere to five seasons for repairs to snow blower unit. Air compressor oil was changed as recommended with no changes in operation. Only a 15 amp draw not 30 amp as noted at last meeting. Heater at maintenance building is not functioning. This unit was problematic in past so the unit was disassembled, cleaned and reassembled last fall and still poised problems lighting and running properly. As a result there is no heated area to work on any equipment. The unused heater at the hall was discussed moving to the maintenance building. After looking at heater and further discussion it was decided that the heater can't be used for maintenance building. Jack tells the board that he worked on the heater at the maintenance building while he was employed for the township and

that it needs to be taken out and replaced because it is so old and will not work properly or if at all. Roy feels that maintenance needs a heated area to work for certain jobs. A proposed interior town hall projects list was created by maintenance as they thought some items should be addressed being that the town hall is used for meetings, social gatherings and rentals. A few of the items are emergency exit lights and signs, hard wired smoke detectors and GFI receptacles in the restrooms and kitchens should be up to current NFPA and electrical standards. Bill Wright states that none of this has to be done. Maintenance would also like to complete other items such as painting interior of hall including bathrooms. Gary thinks painting would be a good idea when time permits. Paul Knuti feels this is low priority and will cost money that doesn't need to be spent. Roy would like the painting tabled until other items are finished such as trimming and another outhouse is built. Fixing up the trophy case such as painting and lighting was also on the list. Roy felt it was ok for the trophy case to be cleaned and painted. Gene Wright feels somebody from the Embarrass school should be notified before painting the trophy case being it was donated from the school. Mary Novak suggests to put a small ad in the Flying Finn to notify anyone who may not want it painted. Bill asks who came up with this proposed project list. Clerk tells him maintenance. Bill says that is not maintenance job to draw up a report like this. Clerk tells Bill they feel some of the items are safety issues and should be pointed out to the board. Roy thinks that the exit sign should be updated. Bill says no it doesn't need to be and to just take the sign down at the back entrance. Clerk explains she doesn't agree with Bill's statement about taking the exit sign down. Clerk mentions a few things maintenance has done and are wanting to do. Bill speaks and says that maintenance doesn't work. Bill expressed his dislike that summer hire was given a pay raise after 6 months. Bill would like maintenance to create a time sheet of the hours spent at township properties. Roy says this was motioned on in the past and will have maintenance come up with a time sheet before the annual meeting.

Tower City Clerk, Linda Keith was present and approached the board with the Tower Ambulance Service Reports. The Tower Ambulance Service is asking for a portion of ambulance service costs from Embarrass Township for help to fund the service to Embarrass. Linda explains costs of running the ambulance and the equipment used. She took ¼ of Embarrass and proposed a price at \$15 a resident, but they are in the process of asking for a 25% increase from the other paying townships so the price would be increased. Roy voiced his concerns and does not feel the numbers add up. She asks for the board to take it to the annual meeting and to come to the Tower City Hall to get all the questions answered. She also asked if someone from the board would attend the commission meeting April 1 in Tower to get informed on what is going on. Roy says he should be able to attend the meeting. Bill says to Linda that we have no stake in this at all and shouldn't be here asking for money from the Embarrass taxpayers. Others at meeting voiced concerns. *Motion by Gary to deny at this point the Tower Ambulance proposal subject to further statistical analysis. Supported by Roy. Carried 2-0.* Gary explains to Linda that Embarrass values the work done by the Tower Ambulance but would like more information just as Roy stated.

Motion by Roy to leave the two CD's that are reaching maturity dates where they are. Supported by Gary. Carried 2-0.

Paul Knuti asks about a list of priorities from the board for the annual meeting. Roy says he has been working on one, but states that right now his priorities are a new lawn mower, rebuilding a new outhouse at the ballpark and to fix the outhouses at the information center. Tires on the grader need to be replaced as well. A plow truck is the number one priority for 2020 Roy explains.

The levy was discussed and Gary would like to keep the levy at what it is. \$154,000. Roy speaks and says that a new plow truck needs to be considered along with a new mower that will need to be purchased. Clerk points out that 2020 Taconite Tax prediction for is \$28,300 up \$3,573.00 from 2019. The reserve is starting to be built back up by \$1,000 being put back into savings from the Post Office monthly rental check. After more talk *motion by Gary to propose 2020 levy at \$154,000. Supported by Roy. Carried 2-0.*

Items tabled at last meeting were discussed. *Motion by Roy to raise the price of burial of cremains from \$75 to \$125. Supported by Gary. Carried 2-0.* The board reviewed emails from other township clerks for the pay for supervisors to attend other meetings and training.

Motion by Roy, \$25 for any other meetings attended and \$12 for training. Supported by Gary. Carried 2-0.

Zane spoke with the insurance agent and was unable to attend the meeting tonight but gave the clerk an update on the insurance deductible information given for Embarrass properties. Some of the township property is not valued at \$1000 so not in best interest to have deductible so high. Recommended by Zane that at the next property inspection meeting, all township items should be looked at more carefully. *Motion by Roy to leave the deductible at \$250 and not \$1,000. Supported by Gary, Carried 2-0.*

Jack LaMar speaks with the board about google maps. He explains that people are interested and many use google maps and the internet to plan trips. Using google maps is a good way to get information out about the township so people may come and visit. Roy likes the ideas that Jack presents but would like to see SISU more involved in some of these things and would like to see them pitch in more. Roy asks clerk for copy of the lease for Nelimark. Clerk has searched office and files and does not know where the lease is but will continue to search. Jack says he will bring the same ideas up to SISU board and ask if anyone has copy of the lease.

Motion by Roy to approve Claims and Correspondence. Supported by Gary. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Gary, meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

Town of Embarrass

Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Embarrass Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (3/19).

The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. This meeting will be held at:

Embarrass Town Hall
7503 Levander Rd.
Embarrass, MN 55732

Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk
March 1, 2019

Clerks Corner

The Annual Meeting will be held March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall. Residents will vote on the 2020 Levy along with hearing updates from local organizations and discuss other township business.

I would like to give a shout out to my son Dean and the rest of the Ely Wolves High School Hockey team and coaches. It has been so fun watching you all through the years. This is my sons last year playing hockey, I will surely miss watching him play.

Have you all checked out the MN Lottery website page or FB page? If not please do so. Some of us Embarrass residents were filmed in a commercial for the Bold North lottery ticket. Also, an editor for the Wall Street Journal was in Embarrass and there is a story in the January 31, 2019 issue which is also on the Embarrass website page so go check it out.

Have a great month everyone!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2019
6:00 P.M.

EMBARRASS TOWN HALL

Please note, that this is a new meeting time which started last month. Our club is preparing to sponsor the MN 8th District Horticultural Society meeting on April 27, 2019, at Giant's Ridge. The public is invited to come to our meeting and we will welcome those interested in helping us sponsor this big event. It is a fun time with raffle prizes, a country store, door prizes and a wonderful local guest sponsor who specializes in heirloom varieties. Please come and join us to learn more about the meeting, or call Linda Cox, President 218-984-3002.

Northeast Range Honor Roll**2nd Quarter 2018-2019**

A Honor Roll: GRADE 12: Taina Koivisto, Sophie Lenz, Mikayla Mellesmoen, Mersadies Stordahl; GRADE 11: Carolyn Desilets, Jolie Langevin, Shelby Nelson; GRADE 10: Dillon Gorsma, Oskar Koivisto, Alexia Lightfeather, Phoebe Morgan, James Zupancich; GRADE 9: Audrey Anderson, Erin Backe, Markus Maki, Natalie Nelmark, Hannah Reichensperge; GRADE 8: Rachael Kratz, Jennie Nelson, Alice Wolter, Jonathan Zaitz; GRADE 7: Abby Koivisto, Allie Larson, Hailey Lindquist

B Honor Roll:, GRADE 12: Chloe Aase, Jacob Bjork, Heidi Houghton, Kellsie Konstenius, Chelsea Larson, Shayler Lislegard, Maija Maki, Brett Porisch, Justice Porisch; GRADE 11: Kayla Johnson, Tracker Koivisto, Lara Poderzay; GRACE 10: Anne Barich, Niisa Honkola, Ariel Kalinowski, Kaleb Kappes-Bliss, Willa Koivisto, Sadie Theel, Ethan Zaitz; GRADE 9: Aili Bee, Rylee Dusich, Amara Lampton, Joscelyn LaSart, Thia Lossing, Rylan Poppenhagen, Kaya Sawyer, Jenna Smith; GRADE 8: Conner Berhow, Morgan Bush, Zoey Cameron, Kolton Kari, Layne Kaufenberg, Logan Meskill, Tori Sawyer, Emily Westvik; GRADE 7: Natalie Backe, Edee Flug, Aubree Gerlovich, Zander Lislegard, Mikko Maki, Ruby Milton, Wesley Sandy

Waasa Township **Annual Meeting Notice**

**Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of
Waasa Township, County of
St. Louis, State of Minnesota, the Annual
Meeting will commence:**

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Waasa Town Hall, 3795 Highway 21, Embarrass

to conduct all necessary business prescribed by
law.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be
postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

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

embarrastownship@frontiernet.net

or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.



BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Friends of the Library have an ongoing book sale in the hall outside the library.

Friends of the Babbitt Library are looking for crafters and vendors for their upcoming Up North Craft and Vendor Extravaganza on Saturday, June 1 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Babbitt Municipal Library at 218-827-13345 or email babbittlibraryfriends@gmail.com to reserve your tables. This is a fundraiser to raise money for the library. This is the second annual craft sale which is also during the Babbitt City Wide Rummage Sales.

- ❖ **Monday, March 4**
9:30 a.m. Library Board Meeting
2:00 p.m. Book Club
6:00 p.m. Friends of the Library Meeting
- ❖ **Thursday, March 7**
2:00 p.m. Bingo
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 13**
3:30 p.m. Book Bag Decorating
- ❖ **Thursday, March 21**
2:00 p.m. Bingo
- ❖ **Monday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. Colors of MN with Ryan J. Schroeder:** Did you know that in MN the color of rain is purple? Or that when Minnesotans see blue, they see a land of 10,000 lakes? Join author Ryan J. Schroeder as he explores the state of Minnesota and the colors that surround us through a reading and discussion of his book, "Colors of Minnesota." This is a 45-minutes program geared towards children ages 3-6. This program is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
- ❖ **Wednesday, February 27**
3:30 p.m. Photo Coffee Coasters

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.

POSTAL NEWS



Embarrass MN Post Office

4878 Hwy 218-984-3027

Pickup/Retail Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:00am-11:00am

Saturday 7:00am-9:00am

Lobby is open 24 hours for those with post office boxes at this location

Waasa Township

Reorganizational & Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, January 8, 2019

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

Visitors: Carroll Eckman

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

The swearing in of newly elected officers, Sandra Gibson as Clerk, Mitch Lind and Steven (William) Sipola as Board Supervisors, took place just before the meeting was called to order.

Reorganizational Meeting:

Selected Town Board Chair & Vice Chair: *Phil moved that Mitch Lind be the Board Chair and that Steve Sipola serve as Vice Chair with Mitch's support. Carried (3-0).*

Adopted Regular Board Meeting Schedule: *Phil Hebl moved to hold regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

Set Compensation for Town Officers, Maintenance Person and Cemetery Sexton: Some research had been done on wages in another township and was discussed. *Phil moved and Mitch supported the following changes in compensation: Board Chair--\$135/month, Board Supervisors--\$125/month, Treasurer--\$200/month, Clerk \$15/hour, Cemetery Sexton--\$15/hour, maintenance work--\$15/hour, Board & Treasurer Meetings and Training--\$50, Election Judges--\$12.50/hour and Annual Meeting Moderator--\$25/meeting. Carried (3-0).*

The following items were approved by Mitch and seconded by Steve. Carried (3-0).

Select Road Supervisor: *Phil*

Designate Official Newspaper: *Babbitt Weekly News*

Designate Posting Places: *Embarrass Post Office, Trapline Liquor & Convenience Store, Embarrass Credit Union and Town Hall*

Designate Bank/Financial Institutions as Town Depositories: *Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union*

Regular Board Meeting:

Minutes Approval: Phil moved to approve the December 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: \$848.50 was received from State of MN for Township Aid and \$20.20 in MV Credit-Ag. also from State of MN. A refund (Capital Credit) of \$83.81 was received from Lake Country Power and a check from Twin Metals MN of \$5,000 first lease payment (Well Monitoring Agreement). Total disbursements: \$1,337.54. *Mitch accepted the report and Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

Approval to Pay Bills:

- Cope & Peterson, LTD, \$1,000.00, Atty. Fees: Re. of TMM Well Monitoring Lic. Agreement
- Sandra Gibson, \$24.44, Reimb: Printer Ink & Misc. Office Supplies
- Lake Country Power (After Capital Credit was Applied), \$0.12, Electricity for Town Hall (Will not be paid till Feb. Mtg.)
- Lakes Gas Co. #45, \$612.00, Propane Heating Fuel for Town Hall
- 93 Printing, \$63.00, Treasurer's Ledger Pages (Jan. ck.#4211 was returned)
- St. Louis County Auditor, \$80.54, Services Completed for Proposed Tax Notices Prep & Del.
- St. Louis County Auditor, \$2,535.02, Snowplowing Twp. Rds. 2018-2019 (First half)
- U.S. Treasury, \$214.74, Fourth Quarter-941 Tax

Phil moved to approve payment of all bills listed on the agenda plus board payroll and PERA. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).

Visitors Addressed: Questions were asked about past minutes he read in the Flying Finn concerning Mail-in-Ballot Elections. The resident was assured that no change has been made yet. St. Louis County picks up all of the costs for Mail Ballot Elections. Waasa's expense for both the 2018 Primary and General Elections was \$3,194.12. This option will be discussed at the March 12th Annual Meeting and will be voted on by the *illegible voting* Waasa residents in attendance. The Clerk will be gathering more information on mail ballot elections pros & cons before the Annual Meeting.

Road Report: Phil is continuing to look into brushing township roads, most likely in the spring or summer.

Old Business: *Mitch motioned and Steve supported that Waasa Town Hall continue to be the polling place for our township should there be an election this year. Carried (3-0).* St. Louis County posed the question and it will be updated each year from now on.

New Business: The \$5,000.00 Twin Metal MN payment was deposited in our savings account. Whether to leave it there will be discussed at the February Regular Meeting.

Drilling of two wells is scheduled to begin mid-February. Steel piping will be used rather than PVC, as planned earlier. Representative from Twin Metals, Dean DeBelz is planning to attend our February meeting to give us updates.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Phil moved to close the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and was supported by Mitch.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk;

Mitch Lind, Waasa Board Chair

Embarrass Region Fair

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019

Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Dan Theel, Sue Beaton; Trustees: Floyd Joki, and Paul Knuti

Members Present: Tom Helgerson, Karla Monthera, James Suikkonen, Audrey Kalinowski, Ed Hanson, Janine Patten, Paul Knuti, Lisa Gibson, Kevin DiCastrì

Call to Order

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

Minutes

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

Treasurer Report

The financial report was distributed showing January 17, 2019 through February 20, 2019. Kevin asked about the dumpster fees and Jerry explained the rates. Kevin raised questions about who is required to provide insurance certificates. Jerry emphasized that all Timber Hall rentals must provide insurance certificates. Sue explained that the arts & crafts vendors in Timber Hall during the Fair are not required to submit insurance certificates. *Sue moved to accept the treasurer's report. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.*

Old Business

Policy Updates. Committee is almost finished with the updates. Updates will be submitted to Jerry for review.

Property update. (Jerry)

There are quite a few rentals for Timber Hall (July & August are almost full).

Jerry stated that our first Saturday of the month Pancake Breakfasts will not be canceled in lieu of hall rentals. Pancake Breakfasts are on track for March 2, April 6, and May 4. The March 2, Pancake Breakfast will include a Horse Tack & Supply Swap.

Jerry is working on an online calendar for Timber Hall rentals which will appear on the webpage.

New Business

Jerry read list of 2018 Fair improvements and successes. The 2018 Fair was well attended and all the events ran smoothly. Jerry, the Board and the members expressed their gratitude to retiring member, Roland Fowler for his many years of service and dedication.

Jerry compared the post-fair 2018 financials v. the post-fair 2017 financials, noting the improved financials due to the good weather and attendance in 2018.

Election of Officers for 2019. After Dan asked the floor for nominations (3 times for each position), the following officers and trustees were elected by unanimous consent. Chair: Jerry Meier (3rd year), Vice Chair: Dan Theel (2nd year), Secretary: Janine Patten (1st year), Treasurer: Terri Joki (3rd year), Trustee:

Rodney Dale (2nd year), Trustee: Floyd Joki (3rd year), Trustee: Paul Knuti (2nd year). Congratulations!

Brainstorm/Wish List for 2019. The membership suggested items for the 2019 Wishlist which will be typed up and distributed at the March meeting. A few of the top priorities are new lighting for Timber Hall, updating bathrooms, electrical repairs and improvements on the grounds, cross-bars for the Timber Hall doors and more storage space. Floyd said he would repair the damaged electrical line to the mud run.

Fair Kickoff / Committees / Ads. Jerry proposed starting a "building/grounds" committee to be established at the March meeting. Paul proposed having an independent audit of the Fairs financials and Jerry suggested that the fair should also have a financial committee that reports to the Board. Paul suggested that the Fair improve its marketing and perhaps a marketing committee should be formed.

Miscellaneous

Audrey will get Fair Book ad deadline information to Sue for the vendor letters. Sue will look into finding a coordinator for the Queens. It was suggested to print raffle tickets now so they can be sold at Pancake Breakfasts. Tom Helgerson from Nighthawk Entertainment stated that they are already confirming entertainment for the Fair Weekend and he will submit confirmed names and performances in time for Fair Book deadline in Mid-May.

Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting. Sue seconded. Motion carried. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Secretary
Embarrass Region Fair Association

The Embarrass Region Fair Association will meet on
Thursday, March 21, 6:30 at Timber Hall.

New Members are Welcome!



Team Penning
Horse Tack Swap

March 2

Timber Hall

8am-11am

If you are

interested in reserving
a table or need more
information, please
contact Pam at 218-
780-8882.



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Ross Litman, Sheriff

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: January 16, 2019

Media Contact: Duane Johnson, Emergency
 Management Coordinator
 (218) 726-2936

Public input wanted as County updates multi-hazard mitigation plan

Tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, blizzards, straight-line winds, ice storms, and droughts are the kinds of natural disasters most likely to cause widespread economic loss and personal hardship in St. Louis County. Taking steps to minimize the damage from a natural disaster is key to the County's multi-hazard mitigation plan (MHMP); and as the County works to update the plan, it wants to hear from the public.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management Division is working with the University of Minnesota Duluth – Geospatial Analysis Center (GAC) to update the County's plan. Also working on the update is a planning team of representatives from County departments, local municipalities, school districts, and other key stakeholders such as utility providers.

The St. Louis County multi-hazard mitigation plan covers St. Louis County, including the cities of Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Brookston, Buhl, Chisholm, Cook, Duluth, Ely, Eveleth, Floodwood, Gilbert, Hermantown, Hibbing, Hoyt Lakes, Iron Junction, Kinney, Leonidas, McKinley, Meadowlands, Mountain Iron, Orr, Proctor, Rice Lake, Tower, Virginia and Winton. The St. Louis County MHMP also incorporates the concerns and needs of townships, school districts, and other stakeholders participating in the plan.

"Hazard mitigation planning is a central part of our emergency management program," said Dewey Johnson, St. Louis County Emergency Management Coordinator. "Understanding the natural hazards that can cause serious impact to our communities and taking action to reduce or eliminate the impact of future disasters makes us more resilient. Hazard mitigation helps us to break the cycle of damage and repair caused by things like flooding, ice storms, and severe wind

events that can damage property, stress economies, and threaten life safety in our county."

Examples of hazard mitigation include improvements to roads and culverts that experience repetitive flooding; construction of safe rooms at campgrounds, parks, mobile home parks or schools to protect lives in the event of tornadoes or severe wind events; burying power lines that may fail due to heavy snow, ice or wind storms; ensuring timely emergency communication to the public through warning sirens and mass notification systems, and conducting public awareness and education campaigns to help people to be prepared to take safe action before, during, or following a hazard event. Some mitigation activities may be eligible for future FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding.

As part of the planning process, St. Louis County is seeking feedback from residents and businesses from across the County to incorporate into the plan:

- What are the natural hazards you feel pose the greatest risk to your community?
- Have you experienced a previous disaster event?
- What concerns do you have, and what sorts of mitigation actions or projects do you feel would help to reduce the damages of potential future events for your personal property, your community, or the County as a whole?

Comments, concerns, or questions regarding natural disasters and potential mitigation actions to be included into the plan update process should be submitted to St. Louis County Emergency Management Coordinator Dewey Johnson at 218-726-2936 or johnsond@stlouiscountymn.gov.

There will be additional opportunities for public feedback throughout the update process. A draft of the plan will be posted on the County website for public review prior to submission of the plan to the State of Minnesota. Future news releases will be shared with the media to notify the public of these opportunities.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every five years in order to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs.

To All St. Louis County Township and City Partners,

St. Louis County is updating its Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as is required every 5 years by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The update is being funded by a grant from the Minnesota Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security with an in-kind match from St. Louis County. We are asking our cities and townships to assist us in getting the word out by posting a link of the St. Louis County media release on your website, in your newsletter(s), etc. We will be contacting cities in the near future to set up meetings to discuss the plan update. The media release (see link below) explains the update and reason for the plan in detail. I look forward to working with all of you on this important update!

Trapline Liquor

4897 Hwy 21

218-984-BYOB (2962)

trapneliquor@yahoo.com

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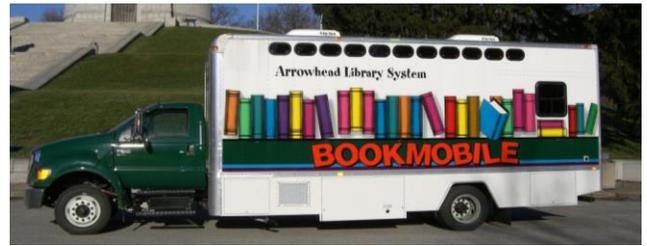
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Quilts of Valor

Ceremony held in Embarrass

Quilts of Valor were given to Embarrass WWI servicemen on Feb. 9 at Embarrass Town Hall.

A ceremony honoring their service included a speech recognizing their fight to protect our Country, assuring every American could keep their freedom, under the most dangerous of conditions.

The Quilt represented a "Thank You for Serving our Country" with the warmth of the quilt draped over their shoulders to bring healing, hope, and comfort.

Refreshments were served after the presentation by Gwen Keskitalo, daughter in law of Verner.

Front Row: Accepting for Ray Syrjanen-Army was his nephew Bruce Cornelius, Verner Keskitalo-Navy and Veikko Niemi-Army. Middle row Monica Curtiss-President, Post 1539 Auxiliary. Back row from left to right representing Babbitt Honor Guard are Glen Anderson, Darwin Salo, Joe White-Commander 1539, and Rob Curtiss. Photo by Carly Evancevich.

***** OBITUARIES *****

Audrey L. Kuehl, 71; Audrey Louise Kuehl, 71, a longtime resident of Embarrass, died on Feb. 18, 2019, in her home, surrounded by her family after a two-year battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on Feb. 21 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia with Pastor Evelyn Weston officiating. Spring interment will take place in the East Pike Cemetery.

She was born on Aug. 13, 1947, in Fergus Falls, the daughter of Edwin and Mary (Frazier) Thom and was a 1965 graduate of Pelican Rapids High School. Audrey grew up in Erhard and married Ed Kuehl on July 29, 1967, in Pelican Rapids. They lived in Fergus Falls and Aurora prior to moving to Embarrass. She was employed as a legal secretary with Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney & Brunfelt, Ltd. for 38 years. She was an active member of Hope Lutheran Church in Embarrass, having served as the chair of the church council and the woman's aid; she was a member of the Embarrass Flower and Garden Club and had served as their secretary. Audrey loved sewing, quilting, embroidery, baking, and working in her flower beds.

Audrey is survived by her husband of 51 years, Ed Kuehl; children, Christopher (Angela) Kuehl of Flagstaff, Ariz., Ingrid Kuehl of Brainerd, Emilie (Kevin) Eisen of Minneapolis and Cheryl (Todd) Engseth of Cambridge; siblings, Mary Meder of Fergus Falls, Elsie Emery of Erhard, Beverly Keil of Dent and Barbara Kjono of Fergus Falls; grandchildren, Linnae, Liam, Justin, Hasan, Ali, Nadiya, Braeden, Aili, Clayton, Chad, Derek, Megan and Dillon; great-grandchildren, Emme, Layna, Kooper, Axel and Madeleine; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, James Griffin and Lorraine Meder; and sons, Vernon and Robert Schuety.

Martin C. Monson, 88; Martin Carl Monson, 88, of Pike Township, passed away on Feb. 15, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. A memorial service was held on Feb. 21 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pike with Pastor Don Stauty officiating. Military honors were accorded by the Virginia Honor Guard.

Martin was born on Oct. 23, 1930, to Anton "Tony" C. Monson and Laura C. Axtell in Cohasset. He attended school in Cohasset and Grand Rapids. Martin volunteered to join the U.S. Air Force on Nov. 28, 1947, at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. He was honorably discharged in December 1951. Martin was trained as an electrician, but was sent to Germany. While there, he became a member of the Berlin Air Force where he served in the fire department at the Fossberg Air Base as a fireman.

Martin was united in marriage to Thora Elaine Inglebret on Dec. 24, 1955, in Grand Rapids. The couple then made their home in Pike, where they have resided for almost 60 years.

He joined the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union in 1958 and worked as a licensed plumber and pipefitter until 1998. Martin was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church for over 50 years. He was one of the founding members of the Pike-Sandy Fire Department. Martin loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and being outdoors, especially spending time at his cabin in Canada.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Thora; children, Shane (Sherrie) Monson, Kerry Monson and Holly (Craig) Johnson, grandchildren, Clinton, Mallory and Dylan, great-grandson, Derek; siblings, Ruth Stejskal and Wally Monson; numerous nieces,

nephews and extended family. Martin was preceded in death by his parents; numerous siblings; and grandson, Michael Monson.

Lucy A. Zahnow, 70; Lucy A. Zahnow, 70, of Hoyt Lakes, formerly of Embarrass, died on Feb. 7, 2019, at Essentia Health-Northern Pines Care Center in Aurora, following a courageous 14-year battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on Feb. 16 at The Evangelical Free Church in Embarrass with Pastor Marlin Bjornrud officiating. Spring burial will be in the Embarrass Cemetery.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1948, in Breckenridge, to Vincent and Rosella (Faust) Bernard. Lucy was united in marriage to Arnold Zahnow on May 23, 1969 in Wheaton. Lucy was a member of The Evangelical Free Church in Embarrass and enjoyed crocheting and sewing; she especially loved taking care of her many grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Lori Zahnow, Darin Zahnow, Kyle (Jamie) Zahnow, Perry (Rachel) Zahnow, Angela (Brad) Allen, Lisa (Ken) Krueger and Sherwin (Shelby) Zahnow; 11 grandchildren; siblings, Robert (Betty) Bernard, Bernadette (Roger) Showers, MaDonna (Dennis) Carlson, Angeline (Loren) Granberg, Daniel (Lynn) Bernard and William (Laurie) Bernard; brother-in-law, Dale Kangas; sister-in-law, Linda Bernard; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold; sister, Rosemary Kangas; and brother, Edward Bernard.

Eugene M. Johnson, 81; Eugene "Gene" Morris Johnson, 81, of Amery, Wis., passed away on Feb. 5, 2019, at his home in Amery. Funeral services were held on Feb. 9 at First Lutheran Church in Amery. A private family interment will take place at a later date at the Amery Cemetery.

Gene was born at home on Feb. 26, 1937, in Tower, to his parents, Walter and Teresa Johnson. He attended Embarrass Public Schools in Embarrass and graduated from high school in 1955. Gene received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1959 and his Masters of Arts from UMD in 1963. He was united in marriage to Wanda Pederson in 1959 and the couple made their home in Amery where they raised their three children, Craig, Paul and Sarah. Gene began his teaching career at Amery Public Schools in September 1959 and retired from teaching in May 1990.

Gene loved the outdoors and environment - trees, plants, birds and animals. He especially liked working in his yard, gardens and shrub/flower beds, planting and giving away flowers, especially dahlias and gladiolus. Gene devoted time to managing his woods and conservation plots, planting trees, wildflowers and cutting firewood. He enjoyed fishing local lakes and Lake Vermillion, camping/fishing trips to Canada, and traveling in his campers. Gene also enjoyed visiting with and spending time with family and friends.

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Wanda; children, Craig of Fairmont, Paul of Menomonie, Wis., and Sarah (Mark) Crane of Nashua, N.H.; grandson, Matthew (Kara) Kobernick of Nashua, N.H.; brothers, Larry (Debbie) of Two Harbors and Reinhold (Pat) of Tower; sister-in-law, Evelyn Johnson of Aurora; other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Teresa Johnson; and brothers, Albert, Walter Jr. and Richard Johnson.

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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:

Concert by Matt Hofland, Sunday, March 17,
10:30 a.m.

Ministries Team Meeting, Sunday, March 17,
12:15 p.m.

"Remembering" service, Saturday, March 23,
6:30 p.m.

Potluck Fellowship Meal, Sunday, March 24,
12:15 p.m.



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| March 3 | Holy Communion, Jon Salo |
| March 10 | Gerry Southerton |
| March 17 | Bob Tumberg |
| March 24 | Jerry DeVrie |
| March 31 | Gerry Southerton |

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| Feb. 11 -25/2 | Feb. 12 -25/10 | Feb. 13 -10/16 trace sn | Feb. 14 -22/2 | Feb. 15 -23/25 | Feb. 16 13/41 | Feb. 17 2/24 |
| Feb. 18 -12/15 | Feb. 19 10/20 snow 9" pc .50" | Feb. 20 -4/14 snow 3" pc .15" | Feb. 21 -2/10 | Feb. 22 0/12 | Feb. 23 -18/17 snow 5" pc .20" | Feb. 24 -21/29 |
| Feb. 25 17/27 snow 5" pc .27" | Feb. 26 -22/25 | Feb. 27 16/22 | Feb. 28 5/40 | | | |