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Firefighter Appreciation and
Pancake Breakfast 8 am-11 am
Timber Hall, April 1

Happy Easter – April 9

Embarrass Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
@ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the May 2023 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by April 20, 2023

Wouldn't it be lovely if Autism only lasted for one month?

APRIL 2023

						1 Pancake Breakfast Timber Hall 8-11
2 4 Corners 4-H 4 p.m.	3 Flower and Garden Club Mtg	4 Ladies Coffee	5 Bookmobile at Four Corners 5:00-6:00 p.m.	6 *Town Hall Rental*	7	8
9 Happy Easter 	10 Office Closed	11 Ladies Coffee	12 Township Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	13 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. ERFA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Timber Hall	14	15
16	17 Sisu Meeting 6:30 p.m.	18 Ladies Coffee	19	20 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Flying Finn Deadline	21	22 April 22, 1970, was the first Earth Day,
23 *Town Hall Rental* 30	24	25 Ladies Coffee	26	27 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	28	29 *Town Hall Rental*

THANK YOU CHARLIE FOWLER FOR THE DONATION OF SEVERAL NEW AMERICAN FLAGS TO THE TOWNSHIP

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

Regular Board Meeting

February 8, 2023

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Bill Wright, Roxanne Wright, Rodney Dale, Christine Dale, Thomas Hammond

Present: Jack LaMar, Alyssa Hammond, Shireen Lee, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Meeting called to order by LaMar with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:04 p.m.

Motion/Lamar: Second/Lee to approve the February 2023 minutes with one word change. Carried 3-0.

Treasurers Report reviewed. *Motion/Lee: Second/LaMar to transfer Post Office Fund to new Post Office Fund from category of Capital Gain to Revenue Fund category section in CTAS program being that the Post Office rental payment has repaid the township funds used and now making revenue, all funds in the current fund to be transferred to new fund. Carried 3-0.*

Maintenance Report. When skating rink is no longer usable for the season a sign is to be posted and to put on the website and Facebook page. *Motion/Lee: Second/Hammond to purchase the list of tools provided by maintenance to replace the ones stolen with funds received from insurance claim. Carried 3-0.* Lee will be taking a ride with maintenance to be shown township roads.

Motion/Lamar: Second/Hammond to approve the use of the Information Center area for monthly craft / farmers market held by locals. Carried 2-0. Lee abstains being she is a part of the group.

Motion/Lee: Second/LaMar to post for Cemetery Sexton position and to accept sextons' resignation, also to purchase a thank you gift for Wally O'Farrell's years serving as sexton. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Lee: Second/Hammond to approve the sale of beer by the Babbitt Lions, for the 2023 Embarrass Fair. Carried 3-0. Clerk signs and returns to Lions.

Motion/Lee: Second/LaMar to write a letter of support for the Embarrass Region Fair Board to apply for grants to help with the Timber Hall and grounds. Carried 3-0. Lee given permission to write the letter on behalf of township board supervisors then to give to clerk to type and get to the fair board member. Supervisors approve of Lee's letter. Carried 3-0.

Discussion was held on 2024 proposed levy.

Discussion on budget setting to be put in CTAS program.

Motion/Lee: Second/Hammond to approve the claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

2022 Audit completed by supervisors. *Motion/Lamar: Second/Lee to approve the 2022 audit finding and claims, disbursement, and receipts all found accurate and in order. Carried 3-0.*

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

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

April Clerks Corner

The LBAE (Local Board of Appeal & Equalization) meeting will be May 2 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall.

Roadside Cleanup will be coming up soon. Watch for postings on the dates. Garbage bags can be picked up at the town hall.

Happy Easter to you all.

Have a great month everyone!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

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PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

April 4, 2023, 7 p.m.
Pike Town Hall

Hostesses: Jean Haavisto, Lorraine Jarve, and Nan Beckman

Agenda:

- Guests of the Pike Town Baord who will be honoring their Clerk, Jodi Backman, for her 20 years of Service.
- Selecting 2023 Scholarship recipient
- Preparations for Annual Bingo, Bake and Bazaar scheduled for April 19 at 7 p.m.

For inquiries about the scholarship or interest in Club Membership, call Lynne Stuckey at 218-410-0167.

ARROWHEAD BOOKMOBILE

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April 5 and 26

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

BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday-Friday
10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Check out the Babbitt library Facebook page or babbitlibrary.blogspot.com for upcoming events.

- Babbitt Library Facebook
- Preschool Story Time - Monday's
- Adult Book Talk - Tuesday's
- Young Adult Book Talk - Wednesday's
- Children's Take & Make Kits every month

Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Carrie Westvik, Steven Sipola, Kim Daugherty, and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: Linda Koskela

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

Minutes Approval: Steve moved to approve the January 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes after two minor corrections were made. Carrie supported. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: January Receipts were $610.12 from St. Louis County 12/2022 Tax Apportionment. Disbursements will be reviewed by the clerk and treasurer and a revised report will be brought to the March meeting.

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

Claims:

- Blomberg Oil, $18.94, Fuel for Snowblower
- Daugherty, Kim, $422.25, MAT Training for Treasurer, Motel & Mileage
- Gibson, Sandra, $64.48, Clerk's Office Supplies, Postage Stamps
- Lake Country Power, $95.66, Electricity for Town Hall
- MN Benefit Association, $405.00, Term Life Ins. For Board--Bronze Plan
- St. Louis County Auditor, $25.00, AutoMark: Disk Programing for 11/2022 Election
- Sipola, Steve, $13.10, Mileage Reimb. to Blomberg's
- eCheck Payments:
- Superior Fuel Company, $1.00, Tank Rent
- Superior Fuel Company, $1,333.69, Heating Fuel for Town Hall

Visitor In-Put: Linda stated she appreciates having the "Township Contact Information" available for town board members names and phone numbers. The clerk stated that in addition to picking one up at the town hall they are posted at the Post Office, Embarrass C.U. and Trapline.

Road Report: Roads are in good winter condition. The board appreciates the good job SLC is doing at the town hall drive and in front of the garage for the school bus to get through.

Cemetery: There were 2 burials in January, Bruce Scholl on the 19th and Darlene Graupman on 28th. Both were casket burials. Charging a township fee for sexton work was tabled.

Old Business: The 2024 levy was discussed. There will be a 3% increase in the fire contract for next year. The increase would amount to approximately $663.70. The board decided to table the levy recommendation for the March 1st Regular Board meeting.

Treasurer brought estimates for a new computer. Mike moved to purchase a computer from Target for approximately $299.00 plus ordering computer software online. Carrie supported. Carried (3-0).

The estimate for hall window replacement has not yet been received. The clerk will request the contractor to have it submitted by the March 1st meeting.

Mike has been in contact with Vic Lund, SLC signage department. The signs we need for "Waasa Township" and "Waasa Cemetery" are on order.

New Business: The Menards 2023 Users Account was filled out.

Waasa's Local Board of Appeal & Equalization is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2023 at 4-5 p.m.

Conduct Yearly Audit: The months of October and August were chosen for review. Records were found to be in order. Mike moved to accept the audit and Carrie supported. Carried.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and was supported by Steve. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk, Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair

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Sisu Heritage, Inc.

Monthly Meeting
January 2023

Present: John Kinnunen, Mickey White, Tom Sheehan, David Pike, Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer.

Guests: Marti Kinnunen, Paul Knuti, Roberta Pike

1. The December minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion by Mickey W., second Tom S., MC.
2. The financial report was presented and accepted with a motion by David P., second Mickey W., MC. Linda K. approved the payment of the Sterle & Associates (2021 audit), second David P., MC.
3. Membership has no changes.
4. Paul K. informed the board the recommendation from the State office for the second phase of putting the Apostolic Lutheran Church on the National Registry could be completed by June.
5. **Valerie Myntti is the scheduled speaker for the SISU Heritage Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 26, 2023. She will use a slide show presenting the Development of Co-ops.** A Philosophy of Finnish Cooperatives, "Finnish History in a Nutshell / immigration from Finland to the USA 1880-1920".
6. Election of board members John Kinnunen, Mickey White, Marlin Bjornrud, & Heather Mahoney at the Annual Meeting to continue their three-year terms on the board.
7. Marlin B., sent a revised recommendation for a proposed budget for the Apostolic Lutheran Church, Cindy S. made a motion to accept, second Tom S., MC.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

Next Meeting is Monday, April 17, 2023

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

What causes autism?

- Research indicates that genetics are involved in the vast majority of cases.
- Children born to older parents are at a higher risk for having autism.
- Parents who have a child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) have a 2-18 percent chance of having a second child who is also affected.
- Over the last two decades, extensive research has asked whether there is any link between childhood vaccinations and autism. The results of this research are clear: Vaccines do not cause autism.

Intervention and Supports

- Early intervention can improve learning, communication, and social skills, as well as underlying brain development.
- Many children affected by autism also benefit from other interventions such as speech and occupational therapy.

Associated Challenges

- An estimated 25-30 percent of people with autism are nonverbal or minimally verbal
- Nearly half of those with autism wander or bolt from safety.
- Nearly two-thirds of children with autism between the ages of 6 and 15 have been bullied.
- Nearly 28 percent of 8-year-olds with ASD have self-injurious behaviors. Head banging, arm biting and skin scratching are among the most common.

Autism In Adulthood

- Teens with autism receive healthcare transition services half as often as those with other special healthcare needs. Many young adults with autism do not receive any healthcare for years after they stop seeing a pediatrician.
- More than half of young adults with autism remain unemployed and unenrolled in higher education in the two years after high school. This is a lower rate than that of young adults in other disability categories, including learning disabilities, intellectual disability, or speech-language impairment.
- Of the nearly 18,000 people with autism who used state-funded vocational rehabilitation programs in 2014, only 60 percent left the program with a job. Of these, 80 percent worked part-time at a median weekly rate of $160, putting them well below the poverty level.
- Nearly half of 25-year-olds with autism have never held a paying job.
- Research demonstrates that job activities that encourage independence reduce autism symptoms and increase daily living skills.

For more information, download Autism and Health: A Special Report by Autism Speaks.

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*** OBITUARY ***

Irene H. Sipola, 94

Irene H. Sipola, 94, an Embarrass resident for many years, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on March 1, 2023, on the family farm. A funeral service was held on March 9 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with coffee an' following the service. Interment was at the Waasa Cemetery.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Edgewood Vista for caring for Irene, particularly during the COVID lockdown. She enjoyed the music during the Friday Happy Hours. The family especially appreciates the staff of Caring Edge for the tremendous hospice care they gave to her, as well as the help given to the family during this journey.

Irene was truly dedicated to serving residents at area nursing homes. Should family and friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Activities Department at Waterview Pines, 1201 8th St. South, Virginia MN 55792.

Irene was born to Emil and Ida Harju on March 7, 1928, in Pike River and grew up in Vermilion. She graduated from Embarrass High School in 1946 and married William "Bill" Sipola on Jan. 29, 1947.

Like those who grew up during the Depression, Irene and her family made do with few resources, learning to deal with hardships with good old Finnish “sisu”. In 1947 she and Bill started a milk delivery business in Embarrass, Sipola Dairy, which they operated for 47 years until their retirement in 1994, when it was sold to new owners, becoming Dahl Sunrise Dairy. They initially bottled milk in a two-room house, which had no insulation, to get the business started. Irene worked at the Arrow Shirt Factory so they could buy milk bottles for the dairy business.

Irene was Bill's right hand on the farm, driving the tractors to rake and bale hay to feed the cows, stacking bales in the hay mow, repairing fencing, cutting and hauling firewood, as well as carrying 50-pound sacks of oats. She tended the summer garden, which yielded vegetables, potatoes and berries. The corn stalks were fed to the cows, each known by name, just so they could have a "treat." Family, friends and the neighborhood kids alike enjoyed strawberry, raspberry, and rhubarb pies, homemade root beer, and squeaky cheese fresh out of the oven. Creamy rice with warm raspberry sauce was always a summer treat. The sauna was heated twice a week, with friends stopping by to partake as well as to enjoy coffee an'.

As if her days weren't busy enough, Irene spent her evenings knitting, embroidering, crocheting, and mending. She was always ready to document an event with her camera and many memories are now enjoyed by browsing through numerous photo albums and home movies. Irene always cared greatly for animals, especially Jake, her beloved cat. Irene's recent pastimes included jigsaw and word-search puzzles as well as watching The Price Is Right, and of course, the Twins and Vikings.

Irene became a nurse's aide in 1974 at Arrowhead Nursing Home (now Waterview Pines, formerly St. Michael's Health and Rehabilitation Center). She thoroughly enjoyed caring for the residents, and enabled those residents who spoke only Finnish, to communicate their needs. Upon retiring in 1990, her volunteer work included helping Pat in the beauty shop at the White Community Nursing Home in Aurora and joining Vickie on nursing home resident "van outings" (with both St. Michael's and St. Raphael's Health and Rehabilitation Centers). Irene was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2007. Her volunteer activities continued until 2017. Her job as an aide, which she said wasn't work at all, and her volunteering were tremendous highpoints in her life. She loved it!!

Irene is survived by her two sons, Steven (Carole) of Embarrass and Charles (Sandra Makkyla) of Babbitt; one daughter, Diana (Roger) Moore of Virginia; grandchildren, Brandon (Amy) Sipola, Joshua (Julie) Sipola, Alicia (Mark) Hansen, Gina (Ryan) Millis, Jennifer (Jay) Templeman, Zachary Wagenbach (significant other Brittany Karnik), Alex Makkyla, Maija Sipola and Derek Lamppa; and eight great-grandchildren, Luke, Kaitlin, Linnea, Julia, Josie, Jenna, Jamie, and Taylor.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Sipola; sister, Viola Ellis; granddaughter, Tami Sipola; and twin infant daughters.

Alan Bozicevich Sr., 75

Alan Bozicevich Sr., 75, of Pine Island-Lake Vermilion, died unexpectedly on March 2, 2023, in his home. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Alan was born on April 29, 1948, in Virginia, the son of Matt and Dena (Nevin) Bozicevich. He was a proud member of the IBEW Local 294 Electricians Union in Hibbing.

Al was a man of amazing musical talent, playing guitar and fiddle, and singing in many bands, including the Sundowners, Iron Country, Frankie Kramer and Jack of Diamonds. Al enjoyed singing and playing for friends and family over the years. He loved the woods more than anything else: hunting, fishing, trapping, logging and the special times spent at the deer shack on the Vermilion River which he and grandpa Matt built from logs.

Al was a true “jack of all trades” and a man with a big heart, always willing to teach and help many family members and friends whenever he could. He was a great storyteller and enjoyed making others smile with his sense of humor.

Al will be missed by his kids, Al “Little Al” (Paula) Bozicevich Jr. of Embarrass and Amy “Pumpkin” Bozicevich (Scott) of Virginia; grandson, Matt Bozicevich of Mt. Iron; brother, Ed (Barbara) Bozicevich of Fayal Township; niece, Mona Pittman of Virginia; fiancée, Cathie Kishel and her family; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Embarrass Flower &Garden Club

Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Embarrass Town Hall.

Contact Linda Cox at 218-780-4143 for more regarding joining or volunteering with the Garden Club.

The Cook Area Garden Club and the Embarrass Flower & Garden Club invite you to the 2023 - 8th District Spring Meeting

DATE:	May 20, 2023
LOCATION:	Virginia Elks Club,
	220 North 5th Avenue West, Virginia, MN
9:00 AM	Registration, Coffee, Country Store, and Raffles
10:00 AM	8th District Business Meeting, Anne Badaniak / Linda Cox, Co-Presidents Presiding
11:00 AM	Break for Country Store
11:30 AM	2023 8th District Scholarship Announcements
12:00 Noon	Plated Lunch, served by MB Deli, Virginia
1:00 PM	Keynote: Floral Designer Maija Biondich will present creative ideas for flower arrangements.
2:00 PM	Raffles (Door prize drawings throughout the day.)

Maija Biondich, former owner of Silver Lake Floral in Virginia is an expert in floral design. In 2019, when she closed her business, she already had a total of 40 years' experience of working with flowers. She will demonstrate her expertise and offer tips in floral arranging.

Cost: $25.00 per person Registration deadline: Saturday, May 12, 2023

Name(s):_____Garden Club:_____

Address:_____City:_____Zipcode:_____

Phone:_____Email:_____

# of tickets @ $25.00 each_____Checks payable to: Cook Area Garden Club

Mail to: Anne Badaniak, 9849 Dickenson LN, Britt, MN 55710

Questions? Anne Badaniak, (218) 290-3677 or Linda Cox (218) 780-4143

March 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Pending Approval

Present Board: Gustave Schroeder Trustees: Sue Beaton, Janine Patten

Public Present: Zane Beaton, Charlie Fowler, Amber Johnson, Tana Johnson, Mike Johnson, Tawni Martin, Ken Overton, Bonnie Overton, Toni Theel, Jared Wright.

Call to Order. Gus called the meeting to order at 6:45. Jared volunteered to keep time. Tana volunteered to take notes. Minutes of the February 16 Meeting were read by Tana Johnson.

Treasurer Report. Janine handed out the year-end summary of accounts for review. In addition, Janine reported that ERFA received checks from fair vendors totally $1,450. At the March Pancake Breakfast, 291 breakfasts were served and Timber Hall door donations were $173.50. In addition, ERFA received donations from the Would-Have-Been Embarrass Class of 1971 (Gene Wright, Candy Anderson, Connie Krtinich), James Kramar of Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union and D&D Accounting. Thank you! ERFA is grateful for their support and generosity.

The Amendment to the bylaws for the New Board Structure was presented for the second time. Copies of the amendment to bylaws and the current bylaws were provided. Janine and Tana gave an overview of the amendment, that included the difference between the current board structure and the new structure, defining a self-perpetuating Board and increasing the Board size to 12 directors to help advance the mission of the ERFA. The proposed structure is used by 90% of nonprofits. The reason for the new board structure is that the current structure is not producing the results needed to sustain the ERFA. Questions were sought, none were asked. The amendment to the bylaws for the new board structure will be put to a vote in April. To receive a copy of the amendment email Janine at j9patten@yahoo.com.

Highlights from Committee Updates:

Finance Committee. Janine reported she has nearly completed an operating budget.

Nominating Committee. Six people have committed to serve on the Board. Four people are undecided. Recruitment is ongoing.

Strategic Planning Committee. Tana briefed proposals for website design. Website proposals are being accepted and evaluated; a recommendation to the Board is expected soon. Additionally, letters requesting relational and financial support were sent to Townships within the Embarrass Region. ERFA representatives followed-up by attending seven annual Township Meetings on Tuesday March 14th and requesting support. Nearly all the townships warmly supported the ERFA mission and several pledged financial support.

Grant Committee. Tana reported that she submitted for Congressionally Directed Spending to Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Tina Smith and Representative Pete Stauber. Spending is supported by the Embarrass Township, Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Department and Sisu Heritage. She stated that paperwork is processing with St. Louis County and AEOA for the Timber Hall door project. She also introduced the opportunity to apply for three different initiatives; the Grant Writing Assistance Grant from IRRRB, an Arrowhead Regional Arts Council Grant, and a free Virtual and interactive Fundraising Training opportunity from RaiseMN. Tawni Martin and Amber Johnson expressed interest in attending the fundraising training.

Project Updates. Tana reported the door project is moving forward. Contractor is ordering materials. Attendees gave their preferences for door color (green)and hardware (bronze). This is in line with a poll taken at previous meeting.

Team Penning and Ranch Sorting. Raffle tickets are available for purchase from Team Penning and Ranch Sorting members and at area locations including the Trapline Liquor and Convenience Store.

Sentence to Serve (STS) / Community Service (CS). Charlie Fowler reported he was in contact with the person in charge of the STS and CS program and they hope to provide a couple of people to help with summer maintenance.

Fair Committee. Sue reported Fair preparations are beginning. She will confirm the event chairs for fair events. In addition, the division of responsibility for outdoor vendors was clarified; vendors that sell a product are managed through Sue. Vendors that do not sell anything are considered entertainment and managed through Gus. Sue said that the Board needs to decide on whether to have ax throwing this year. Sue reported that she has found someone to call Bingo at the fair; she is working to determine and secure the proper license if needed. Additionally, use of the kitchen for Saturday and Sunday during the fair and relevant insurance was discussed. The final decision was postponed until next meeting.

Livestock Barn. Amber Johnson and Tawni Martin expressed intent to manage the livestock barn again this year, pledging to remain onsite throughout the duration of

the weekend. Amber requested security at the Livestock Barn; because, last year, individuals entered the barn after hours causing disruption. An additional request was made for a wheelbarrow, extension cords and lantern or flashlight. Amber was advised to prepare and submit market research and justification to be considered for funding.

Demo Derby. Jared Wright expressed interest in developing the derby and adopting commonly used Derby rules. Gus affirmed that operational and promotional changes need to happen. Jared will reach out to the Hardys/Johnsons.

Little Miss Embarrass. Toni Theel expressed interest in overseeing a Little Miss Embarrass competition for girls ages 8-13 with the coronation to take place at the fair. Toni's interest was well received. Toni will provide the ERFA with a budget and required support.

Miscellaneous.

Marketing Committee needs chair. Send email to j9patten@yahoo.com to receive more information.

- April 1, Pancake Breakfast (8-11 a.m.). Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation.
- April 12, Strategic Planning Meeting 6:00 p.m. Timber Hall
- April 20, Embarrass Region Fair Association Meeting 6:30 p.m. Timber Hall
- May 6, Pancake Breakfast (8-11 a.m.). Blood Drive. Over half of the available slots are filled. Visit mbc.org to reserve yours.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Thank you to Tana Johnson for taking notes at the meeting and typing.

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Trustee

Upcoming Pancake Breakfasts!

Timber Hall, 4855 Hwy 21, Embarrass

Join us for all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit cup, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee. Adults $6, children (6-10 years) $3, and under 5 years FREE.

Saturday, April 1, 8 - 11 a.m. Volunteer Firefighter Appreciation. Volunteer Firefighters will receive a FREE Pancake Breakfast.

Saturday, May 6, 8 - 11 a.m. Along with the Pancake Breakfast, there will be a blood drive at Timber Hall. Help to save lives by donating blood. Sign-up at www.mbc.org.

Sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS….

Submitted by Shireen Lee

If this meme speaks to you, and you are interested in being part of an Embarrass Community Quilting Club, please contact Shireen at lee4embarrass@gmail.com 218-780-4945 for more information.

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Sunday
Family Bible Classes, 9 a.m.
Family Worship, 10 a.m.

Monday
Men's Bible Study – 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Women's Bible Study – 9 a.m.
Kids on the Rock – 4 p.m.
ENGAGE Youth Ministry – 6:30 p.m.

Meetings:
Saturday, April 1 – Renewal Night of Worship, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 7 – Good Friday Communion Service, 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 9:

- Easter Breakfast 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- Easter Worship 10 a.m.

Sunday, April 16 – Habitat for Humanity meal and envelope stuffing ministry, 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 23 – Ministries Team Meetings, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 29 – Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, April 30 – Teaching seminar on "giving", 6 p.m.

Sunday Messages:

April 2	"It's All About the Message"
April 9	"Who Do You Live For?"
April 16	"The Life of an Apostle"
April 23	"Be Separate"
April 30	"The Joy of Repentance"

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass

Office hours
Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30 – 7 p.m.
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Services begin at 10:30 a.m.
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2023						Feb. 25 -29/11 sn .50” pc .04”
Feb. 26 -15/22	Feb. 27 -10/26 trace sn trace pc	Feb. 28 13/29 sn .40” pc .11”	Mar. 1 6/35 sn .20” pc .02”	Mar. 2 -17/19 sn .60” pc .05”	Mar. 3 -18/27	Mar. 4 2/37
Mar. 5 -4/38	Mar. 6 1/42	Mar. 7 7/38	Mar. 8 6/39	Mar. 9 25/36 sn .20” trace pc	Mar. 10 19/36 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 11 10/30
Mar. 12 16/25 sn 3.70” pc .33”	Mar. 13 -9/20 sn 2.40” pc .08”	Mar. 14 -15/28	Mar. 15 -14/34	Mar. 16 22/42 pc .04”	Mar. 17 5/31 snow 3” pc .24”	Mar. 18 5/15 sn 2.50” pc .03”
Mar. 19 4/24	Mar. 20 -4/41	Mar. 21 -6/30	Mar. 22 -3/31 snow 4” pc .37”	Mar. 23 11/35 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 24 -4/36	Mar. 25 -5/43

2022		Mar. 1 16/27 sn .10” pc .01”	Mar. 2 4/30 sn .40” pc .02”	Mar. 3 -27/22	Mar. 4 -27/20	Mar. 5 -16/29
Mar. 6 21/24 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 7 3/30 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 8 0/31	Mar. 9 5/34 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 10 -18/13	Mar. 11 -19/17 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 12 -28/10
Mar. 13 -27/22 sn .60” pc .08”	Mar. 14 -1/30	Mar. 15 4/37	Mar. 16 27/50 pc .03”	Mar. 17 32/52	Mar. 18 32/41	Mar. 19 12/47
Mar. 20 14/49	Mar. 21 19/55	Mar. 22 30/42 pc .11”	Mar. 23 28/32 sn 1.80” pc .47”	Mar. 24 27/33 trace sn pc .02”	Mar. 25 22/46 trace sn pc .02”	Mar. 26 12/33 snow 2” pc .11”
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