MOTHER’S DAY - MAY 12

Emarrass Cemetery - May 27, 9:00 a.m.
Followed by Coffee @ Town Hall

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m.
*Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar*
Please submit materials for the June 2019 issue to the Embarrass Clerk’s Office by May 23, 2019. 218-984-2084, embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net
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Town of Embarrass
Board Meeting
April 10, 2019

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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

Visitors: Paul Knuti, Roland Fowler, Jack LaMar, Bill Wright

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Zane Beaton with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of March 13 minutes after correction of time (Motion/Gary: Second/Zane) Carried 3-0.

Treasures Report accepted (Motion/Beaton: Second/Rantala) Carried 3-0.

Rantala gives road report. Roads are muddy at this time but in pretty good shape considering. Too early to tell if gravel is needed. Worsham points out Hanka Nevala Road culvert was frozen up but the county did go and thaw it out.

Clerk advised the board that a campground caretaker is still needed but we may have an interested couple. Jack LaMar also states he may know someone that may be interested. Clerk will send information with the job descriptions. Mary Novak spoke with another campground about running campground without a caretaker and described what they have done to keep things running smoothly.

Clerk reported to the board she spoke with Mike Salo and he is planning on returning as the tour guide in late May. Paul Knuti expresses to the board that tours are not being promoted. He suggests having the tours start at the Nelmark instead of the Visitor Center. Novak voiced her concerns with the start of the tours remaining at the Visitor Center. Stating that while the tour guide is waiting and getting paid to sit and wait for a possible tour patron at the Visitor Center, the bathrooms get cleaned, the brochures get stocked and other work is done. Being that maintenance doesn’t work on weekends this helps keep the area clean. Knuti also believes there needs to be some sort of signage for tours and some sort of one page brochure to send out. Knuti would like to see the two boards work together and figure out some sort of budget to get some of these ideas done. Worsham would like to speak with SISU about the lease. Worsham pointed out his concerns on plowing and that the township should not be responsible plowing. Beaton would like to reevaluate what needs to be done. Jack LaMar, Vice President of SISU, will deliver the message to Marlin Bjornrud, President of SISU, to see if something can be set up so the boards are able to meet. LaMar also mentions that at the last SISU meeting there was discussion held on the topic of communication between the two boards. The board is aware that Wednesday’s are not good evenings to meet with Bjornrud. Knuti re-asked the question if the board is going to make a commitment to promote the tours and do something to increase the tours. Roland Fowler speaks and says until the two boards meet no decisions should be made. Board feels it shouldn’t all be on the township that SISU should be a part of this and meeting with them should resolve many issues. SISU meetings are the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The board supervisors plan to attend the SISU meeting.

Maintenance report was given by Worsham. Moving of snow on township properties. Skating rink kept clear and heating shack stocked with firewood. Rink was closed 3/12/19. Blower unit removed from John Deere and brush unit attached. Info Center building cleaned and vacuumed. Worked on ice dams at the Town Hall rear of building. Pole barn was prepped for work area construction. Set up and break down of various meetings. Continuation of regular daily maintenance duties. Worsham points out that the Husqvarna riding lawn mower needs a new transmission. Approved to have the lawn mower repaired at Grande’s. (Motion/Worsham: Second/Beaton) Carried 3-0. Bad boy lawn mower was discussed and the estimates that Worsham received. Bill Wright commented that he knows someone and may be able to get the bad boy mower at a lower price and possibly even delivered. Worsham spoke about the estimates he received for grader tires and proposed that we get two for $2523.78 from Pomp’s Tire Service. Purchase the two tires for the grader. (Motion/Beaton: Second/Rantala) Carried 3-0. Clerk to advertise for two
LaMar has also finished a grant application to fund a channel and it does have the Ice Candle Celebration on it. LaMar informs that make sure everything is transferred from old computer to Office and also believes should have someone come in to tours.

Worsham mentioned the Welcome to Embarrass signs that were taken down by St. Louis County. They were taken down and if the township wants them back up they have to be purchased for $500 a piece and all they will say is Embarrass Township, then in ten years they will be taken down again and the township will be given the choice to pay for them again to be put back up. That is the counties new policy. Rantala explains about signs for historical properties on Hwy 21 and Hwy 169, he was advised about getting information in for any Embarrass events that the township may have. Novak thinks this would be a good opportunity to get something in about the tours. Novak shows a list of where brochures are distributed, suggesting that the board has something smaller not so expensive made to be given out. The current brochure was discussed and was pointed out that some changes should be made and there may be grants to help with the costs of printing.

Renew the liquor and tobacco license for Trapline. (Motion/Rantala: Second/Beaton) Carried 3-0.

Worsham commented on the Tower Ambulance meeting that the clerk and Worsham attended on April 1, 2019. Worsham spoke with other local ambulance services and provided feedback. Drop any further discussion with the Tower Ambulance Service at this time. (Motion/Rantala: Second/Zane) Carried 3-0.

Worsham mentioned the condition assessment proposal on the Pyhala House and the proposal.

Small discussion was held on the May clean up. Clerk will get in contact with locals to ask for help cleaning the roads in the township.

Accept the claims and correspondence (Motion/Beaton: Second/Worsham) Carried 3-0.

Roy adjourns the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese
Job Opening

The Embarrass Township will have an opening for a seasonal Maintenance Laborer. This position will be Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with possible more hours. The position will be held from June to August. Please stop by The Embarrass Town Hall Clerk Office for an application. Call Jenny Boese with questions at 984-2084.

Seasonal Maintenance Labor shall complete the following duties:
1. Carry out responsibilities set by the Township Board of Supervisors, Clerk and Maintenance Contact.
2. Coordinate and resolve work-related problems.
3. Mowing, raking, trimming, and clearing away brush
4. Painting and repairing masonry or woodwork features of buildings.
5. Cleaning of Town Hall, rest rooms, and other work and public areas
6. Transport garbage and waste to disposal area.
7. Replenishes bathroom supplies, light bulbs and other supplies.
8. Transport equipment and tools to work sites.
9. Maintains equipment when needed.
10. Set up and take down tables & chairs at Town Hall.
11. Abides by all local, state and federal safety and health laws.

Job Descriptions are subject to change with different activities that the Township is engaged in.
Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 7. Must be at least 16 years or older.

2019 Embarrass Roadside Cleanup

Attention Embarrass Residents!

May is roadside cleanup month in Embarrass. Please call the town hall at 984-2084 to sign up to clean a specific road or location. Garbage bags can be picked up at the town hall as well.

If there is enough interest, we would like to have an appreciation lunch on June 1 at noon. Please RSVP by May 23.

Call 984-2084 when your bags are ready to be picked up.

Thank you for helping keep Embarrass beautiful!
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.

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.

Clerks Corner
It’s going to be a busy month!
Roadside cleanup will be the
entire month of May here in
Embarrass. Stop in to the town
city hall to pick up garbage bags.
Call 984-2084 when your bags are ready to be
picked up. If there is enough interest, we would
like to have an appreciation lunch on June 1 and
noon for those who participated. Please RSVP by
May 23. Thank you in advance for helping keep
Embarrass beautiful.
The Heritage Park Campground will be opening
soon, weather permitting. The township is still
looking for a 2019 campground caretaker. Call the
clerk’s office to make a reservation or to receive
information on the campground caretaker
position.

Historic Embarrass tours will be starting after
Memorial Day with Mike Salo returning as the
tour guide. Tours will be Thursday - Saturday at
1:00 p.m., starting at the Visitors Center which is
located on the corner of Hwy 135 & Hwy 21.
(Across from the old 4 corners gas station) Any
questions please call the clerk’s office.

National Sauna Day will be Saturday, June 8,
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Nelimalk Homestead
Museum on Hwy 21 & Salo Road. For details call 984-3012.

Memorial Service will be held May 27 at 9:00 a.m.
at the Embarrass Cemetery. Coffee and rolls will
be served at the town hall after the service.

Looking for a place to hold your graduation
party or other events? The Embarrass Town Hall still
has some available dates.
Please call the clerk’s office at 984-2084 with
any questions on the above topics. Leave a
message to have your call returned. Hours are
Monday - Thursday noon - 4:00 p.m.

Have a great month everyone!
Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk
218-984-2084
embarrastownship@frontiernet.net
Waasa Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

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

Visitors: Dean DeBeltz and Carroll Eckman

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

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

Treasurer’s Report: $3,076.60 was received from St. Louis County in Town Road Aid and $9,927.00 from also from S.L.C. in 2018 Taconite Production Tax-2019 Distribution. Total February Disbursements: $2,320.94. Mitch accepted the report and Steve supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay March Bills:
Gibson, Sandra, $14.13, Clerk Office Supplies
Lake Country Power, $93.27, Electricity for Town Hall.

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

Visitors Addressed: Dean DeBeltz explained the wells which will be drilled on leased township property on Kaunonen Lake Road have not yet been drilled due to the extreme winter weather we’ve had and equipment break-down. Stainless steel piping will be used. He is hoping they will be done by early June. A question was asked about the use for these wells and Mr. DeBeltz explained that they are for water quality monitoring and will continue to be used for many years to come including during the operation of the mining, once all permits are secured. The use of these wells will be the largest hydrologic study done in the country.

Road Report: Township roads are frozen.

Old Business: At the February Regular Meeting, a motion was made and carried to invest the $5,000 received from Twin Metals MN in a CD at the Members Cooperative Credit Union. However, when Bonnie contacted Members, she was told that in order to do that an active checking account would need to be opened. The original motion was rescinded by Mitch. He then motioned to purchase a 1 year CD at Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U. at a rate of .499% and was supported by Steve.

Mail Ballot Voting has been researched by the Clerk and will bring her findings to the Annual Meeting on March 12. Sandy asked the St. Louis County Auditor’s Office for clarification of how Mail Balloting would work if adopted by our township. Phil Chapman stated that the approximate cost for the county to administer mail balloting for both the Primary and General Election is $500.00. Most of that expense is due to postage. Waasa’s expense for both Primary and General was $3,194.12. Ballots would be mailed out to each registered voter in the township 30-40 days in advance. The voter can vote at home at their leisure and has the option to use the postage paid envelope provided or turn it in to the County Auditor’s Office in Duluth or Virginia.

The Clerk asked if anyone wanted to add anything to the Annual Meeting Agenda. Everyone agreed that a report from Twin Metals would be informative for the public. Mr. DeBeltz stated that he hoped that his manager of operations would be free to attend. Also, a representative from the Embarrass Region Fire Department would be more than welcome.

New Business: After review of the budget, Mitch, with support from Steve, motioned set the recommended 2020 levy at the same amount as it has been for several years:

- General Fund: $15,000.00
- Road & Bridge Fund: $8,000.00
- Fire Fund: $11,000.00
- Total 2020 Levy: $34,000.00

Motion carried (3-0).

Dave Hatfield of Davey Do Right Services was contacted for a price quote for doing lawn care at Amanda Cemetery for this season. There is no change in the charge. Mitch motioned to continue using Dave Hatfield’s service with support from Steve. Carried (3-0).

The up-coming April 5 Spring Short Course was discussed. Bonnie, Sandy and Steve plan to attend. Newly elected officers (Steve) will be reimbursed by MATIT Agency for the registration cost.

Efforts to bring Broadband to St. Louis County are in motion. The Clerk will seek more information on this for the next regular meeting in April.

Classification of a 80 acre parcel to State Tax Forfeited Land was reviewed. No action was taken by the board.

Local Board of Appeal & Equalization for Waasa is tentatively scheduled for April 24 at 4-5 p.m.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed, including a letter from Northwoods Partners asking for a donation. The Clerk will seek more info about the group and ask that a representative attend the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment: Mitch moved to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and was supported by Steve.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Mitch Lind, Waasa Board Chair
Quarter 3 Honor Roll 2018-2019


Baseball Games (4:30 p.m.)
(Home Games @ Soudan Field)
May 3 @ Floodwood
May 6 HOME vs Mesabi East
May 9 @ Chisholm
May 10 @ Mt Iron
May 13 @ Nashauk-Keewatin
May 16 @ Silver Bay
May 17 HOME vs North Woods,
May 21 HOME vs Wrenshall
May23 HOME vs Cherry
May 24 HOME vs Cook Cty

Softball Games (4:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise)
Home games @ Babbitt Field across from Hideaway
May 3 @ Floodwood
May 7 @ Chisholm
May 8 @ Mt Iron
May 9 @ Silver Bay
May 11 @ Cook County (4:00 p.m.)
May 13 HOME vs Mesabi East
May 16 HOME vs Chisholm

PIKE SANDY WOMEN’S CLUB

Community “Pot Luck” Family Night
Tuesday, May 7
6-9 p.m. - Pike Town Hall
6862 Hwy 68, Embarrass, MN
Join us for an evening of good food, good music, and community friendship. Please bring a potluck food item. (hot dish, sandwiches, casserole, pie, cake, bars, cookies, veggies, salads, anything you wish.)
Coffee, lemonade and water will be provided.
Music will be provided by the “HUTTER BUNCH”.
For more information, contact: Sandy Gorrill at 749-2408.

National Sauna Day
Saturday, June 8 ~ 9-4
Nelmark Homestead – Hwy 21 & Solo Rd, Embarrass
traveling saunas on display
food – games – demonstrations
music – door prizes – raffle
Music by Bill Maxwell & Cowboy Angel Blue
Farmstead Artisans Gift Shop & Museum
homemade – handmade – Finnish items – books – free coffee
Sponsored by Sisu Heritage and these generous businesses:
Lamppa Manufacturing, Fortune Bay Resort, Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union, Como Oil, C&C Winger
For details: 218-984-3012 or www.sisuheritage.org
Embarrass Region Fair Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2019
Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Terri Joki, Dan Theel, Janine Patten; Trustees: Rodney Dale, Floyd Joki and Paul Knuti


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

Minutes
The minutes of the March meeting were distributed for review. Lisa moved to approve the minutes; Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report
The financial report was distributed showing checking & savings account activity and balances for the period 3/22 – 4/17/19. Terri said that the Fair would save $400 by paying the insurance bill in full versus monthly. After membership discussion, Jerry moved to pay insurance bill in full. Sue seconded. Motion carried. Jerry moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business
• Online calendar for Timber Hall and Website. (Jerry). Jerry is working on calendar and website. Jerry requested Fair photographs for the website. Audrey said she will look for photos when she gets out the fair materials. Craig said he will provide to Jerry contact info for a person who has photographs from the 2018 fair.
• Policy update. (Chris, Paul, Lisa). Jerry said that the updated policy manual has been edited down to ten pages. Lisa noted that the rental and storage building policies still need to be added. Sue is starting to proof and edit the new policy manual for review by the membership at the May meeting.
• Financial Committee. Jerry asked the membership for volunteers for the Financial Committee. Joe questioned the need for the Committee given that each Fair committee already has a budget. Jerry pointed out that only the Treasurer is aware of the fair budget and there should be additional planning & oversight of expenditures. Sue read by-laws pertaining to the Fair’s budget and Jerry stated that a financial committee was one of the audit recommendations. Janine Patten, Jo Hardy and Frank Maki volunteered for the Financial Committee.
• Marketing Committee. Jerry asked the membership for volunteers to form a Marketing Committee to promote and advertise the Fair – no one volunteered. Sue stated that the Queens could help promote the Fair and entertainment by advertising on the back of the Queen float and handing out promotional flyers during parades. The membership thought this was a good idea and Chris volunteered to help Sue pass out flyers.

New Business
• Building & Grounds Committee. Rodney stated that a new lawn mower is needed. After membership discussion, it was decided that the Building/Grounds Committee should research and make a recommendation for a new mower including the cost.

New Business
• The next Pancake Breakfast is May 4. Jerry said that Ducks Unlimited has rented the Timber Hall for May 4, following the Pancake Breakfast and that it will not interfere with the Pancake Breakfast. Sue said the Queens would like to have a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in June or July; the fundraiser was tentatively scheduled for July 13.

• Standing Fair Committee Reports.
  Entertainment, Sound System. Gus texted in names of bands that are booked so far. Sue will contact him about promoting the bands.

Miss Embarrass Region. Bonnie can’t attend Fair Board meetings so Sue will act as her liaison. The Queen float needs a spare tire, Floyd said he will take care of it. Sue stated that Bonnie requests a $300 candy budget for the parades. It was decided the Financial Committee will look into paying for the candy. Sue said the Queens needs 10,000 raffle tickets. Terri said Bonnie should contact her for information regarding the online printing of raffle tickets.

• Mud Run. Floyd said Mud Run is on track.

Team Penning. Doug explained that the belt buckle designs are ready and the cost of the buckles will be donated to the Fair. Lisa moved that the Fair purchase the belt buckles with the understanding that the cost of the buckles will be donated to the Fair. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Frank stated that Team Penning would like to purchase 13 additional panels so they won’t need to be borrowed anymore. Jerry said to put the request on next month’s agenda.

• Classic Car & Truck Show. Darwin requested $400 for Car Show budget and asked that exhibitors be exempt from paying Fair admission. Lisa pointed out that everyone pays admission; volunteers, horse show participants etc. It was decided that exhibitors will continue to pay Fair admission. Darwin asked for 1,500 flyers and Dan suggested setting up bleachers for the Car Show, if space permitted.

Vendors. Janine and Sue reported that they are receiving vendor agreements for both the grounds and Timber Hall.

Miscellaneous
• Amber asked when the barn will be empty and Joe said it would be by the end of May. Amber requested new animal stalls for the barn. Jerry asked her to provide costs and fundraising information at the May meeting.

Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Secretary
The Embarrass Region Fair Association will meet on Thursday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.

New Members are Welcome!
Trapline Liquor
4897 Hwy 21
218-984-BYOB (2962)
traplineliquor@yahoo.com

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Open Mon-Sat, 8 am-10 pm
Sunday 11 am – 6 pm

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Trapline Convenience Store
4897 Hwy 21 - - - 218-984-2962
Monday – Saturday 8am-10 pm, Sunday 11 am-6 pm

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

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

READY TO GO:
- Sandwiches
- Ice
- Coffee

FROZEN ITEMS:
- Ice Cream
- Pizzas

ATM
- Lottery
- Cigarettes
- Tobacco Products
- DNR Licenses
- Landfill Cards

OTHER:
- Cleaning Supplies
- Baking/Cooking Items
- Toilet Paper
- Misc Personal Care
- Some Auto Fluids
Embarrass Transfer Station
7530 Koski Rd
Embarrass, MN

Hours of Operation
Thursday
10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday
12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m

Embarrass Flower and Garden Club
Meeting: Monday, May 6, 2019
6:00 P.M.
EMBARRASS TOWN HALL
We will be discussing upcoming garden tour with other garden clubs, June meeting possible speakers and planting our local gardens. Coffee and refreshments will be available. Whether you are a beginner or experienced gardener, please come and join us and network with the local gardeners in Embarrass and surrounding areas. For more information, please contact: Linda Cox, President (218) 984-3002.

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

Wednesdays
Four Corners: May 8 & 29, 5:15-6:30
Timber Hall: May 15, 4:30-5:15

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768; (218) 741-3840 or check out our web site at www.alslib.info.
BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

❖ Every Tuesday – Adult Coloring Club from 1-2 p.m.
❖ Thursday, May 2, 2:00 – Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Babbitt Library
❖ Monday, May 6
  2:00 p.m. Book Club
  6:00 p.m. Luffarslojd: Scandinavian Wirework with Faith Clover. This old craft is part of the tradition of making beautiful and useful objects for everyday use, using one’s hands and simple tools. Learn more about luffarslojd and make a basic hook or two to take home! All tools and materials will be provided. This is a 90-minute program for ages 14 and older. Please sign up at the Library to attend this program. This program is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
❖ Wednesday, May 15, 3:30 p.m. – Cactus Pet Rock. Maximum of 24 people, sign up at the Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
❖ Thursday, May 16, 2:00 p.m. – Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Babbitt Library.
❖ Wednesday, May 29, 3:30 p.m. – Solar Flower Pot Craft. Maximum of 12 people, sign up at the library. Cost of class is $4.00. Sponsored by the Friends of the Babbitt Library.
❖ Thursday, May 30, 3:30 p.m. – Sons and Daughters of the Northern Lights with the Sutter Brothers. For over thirty years, The Sutter Brothers – Ross and Bart have traditional Scandinavian and American songs and tunes. Sutter Brothers will present a 50-minute program of music and stories, poetry and song that explores the experience of Scandinavian immigrants, their ancestors, and their descendants. This program is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

SISU GEARS UP FOR SUMMER SEASON

Sisu and the Nelimark artisans are getting ready to kick off the 2019 summer season with the museum opening weekend beginning Thursday, May 30 and the First Community Concert at the historic Apostolic Church on June 2 and then hosting National Sauna Day “Sauna Day” on June 8 at the Nelimark.

The artisan group has been busy at the museum cleaning and reorganizing the building displays for the summer hosting. There will be a new traveling St. Louis County display to see. The Sisu board has been busily planning for the first concert (hopefully one of many) at the church and for the Saturday celebration of Sauna Days.

The Nelimark opens for three days each week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10-4 p.m.) on May 30 and continues through the summer into the fall until the last weekend in September. Coffee An’, fresh breads and goodies along with new crafts and goods will be available.

The opening community concert will be held at 3 p.m. June 2, one you won’t want to miss with the “Whirled Muse” trio performing. TICKETS will be available at the door: $10 donation for adults; $8 for Sisu members and children 12 and under are free.

Saturday, June 8, from 9-4, is a wonderful opportunity presented by Sisu Heritage for your family to come out to the Nelimark for sauna celebration. There will be building displays, visiting saunas, and a reasonably priced noon luncheon of mojakka with artisan breads & butter and hot coffee. Walk the homestead grounds, visit and shop the museum, have a cup of coffee, take a ride & community tour of Finnish historical sites with Mike Salo, sit and enjoy visiting with friends and neighbors and picnic with your kids. Admission is free for the day; but donations to Sisu are always welcome and door prizes will be offered.

After the old-fashioned hard Embarrass winter it will be great to enjoy the fresh June sunshine and find out what everyone has been up to since last year!
Rodney A. Maki, 69
Rodney “Rod” Alan Maki, 69, of Embarrass, died on April 3, 2019, at his home surrounded by family. A Celebration of Life was held on April 13 at Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora. Military Honors were accorded by the Aurora-Hoyt Lakes Color Guard. Interment will be in the Embarrass Cemetery.

Rod was born on April 8, 1949, to Elias and Allie (Maki) Maki in Biwabik. Rod grew up in Makinen and attended school in Aurora, graduating from Aurora-Hoyt Lakes High School in the class of 1967. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969 and served until his honorable discharge in 1975. Rod was united in marriage to Sarah Marie Lerfald on Nov. 29, 1980, at the Sand Lake Chapel in Britt. He was employed by Erie/LTV Steel for thirty years until it closed. He then worked at Hibbing Taconite until his retirement. Rod enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing and hunting. He was an avid sports fan, supporting all Minnesota teams. Rod took the greatest pleasure in spending time with his family and friends. His grandchildren adored their “Grandpa Doodle”.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Sarah Marie; three daughters, Angie (Jeff) Miller, Stacy (Troy) Davidson and Sherry (Jerry) Maki; eleven grandchildren, Travis Erickson, Shauna Sampson, Chayce Sampson, Eric Erickson, McKenzie Sampson, Ethan Erickson, Dylan Maki, Cole Maki, Blayze Davidson, Kaiden Maki and Ava Redetzke; four great-grandchildren, Ryan, Keagan, Kael and Landyn; sister, Doris (Roger) Moberg; four brothers, Rico (Hazel), Glenn (Doreen), Valerie (David) Maki; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Teresa Erickson; brother, Loren Maki; son-in-law, Glenn Erickson; and his parents.

Albert V. Asleson, 93
Albert “Buck” Vandoren Asleson, 93, of Embarrass, died on March 29, 2019, in St. Michael’s Health and Rehabilitation Center in Virginia. Funeral services were held on April 3 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Babbitt with Pastor Jonathan Varns officiating. Spring interment will take place in the Waasa Cemetery.

Buck was born on April 2, 1925, in Greenbush, the son of Asle and Nedeline (Buley) Asleson, and grew up in Greenbush, one of 10 children in his family. Buck served in the United States Navy during WWII from June 1943 to January 1946 and was assigned to the Construction Brigade’s 33rd and 4th Battalions “Seabees”. He was stationed on many different islands in the South Pacific and was on Okinawa at the end of the war. His unit received a commendation for building an airstrip in a record time of 19 days. Buck married Lois VanDeHey on July 5, 1952. They moved to Embarrass in 1960 and raised four children there. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Saint Louis County. Buck was active with his Church Council, served on the township board, the Embarrass-Vermillion Federal Credit Union board, and was an instructor for snowmobile and gun safety training courses. He was often found woodworking in his garage, and fixing and repairing just about anything. Buck liked to read and study the Bible, and enjoyed word search puzzles.

Buck is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lois; children, Ronald (Linda) Asleson of Embarrass, Debra (Ben) Jeziorski of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., and Sharon (Mark) Weise of Plymouth, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by children, Albert, Donna and Ginger; and siblings, Oscar, Arlo, Gladys, Beatrice, Clara Minnie, Velma, and two brothers in infancy.

Kurt D. Goodwin, 74
Kurt Douglas Goodwin, 74, passed away on April 17, 2019, at the Northern Pines Nursing home in Aurora. Kurt was saved by grace though faith in Christ’s work upon the cross. His simple faith secured his place in heaven. A gathering of friends will be held from 12 noon until the 1 p.m. service on Saturday, April 27, at the Palo Congregational Church in Aurora with Pastor Mike Wefel officiating. Military Honors will be accorded. The family would like to thank the Palo Congregational Church for the use of their facility and the Gibson family for all their help in coordinating many services and details.

Kurt was born on Oct. 24, 1944, in Ottumwa, Iowa, to Kenneth and Kathleen Goodwin. He grew up mostly in Embarrass and graduated from Embarrass High School in 1962. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 17. He served his country from 1962-1966 in the Vietnam War, of which 18 months were in Okinawa. He later married Peggy Hill on March 30, 1970. They had two children. Kurt worked at Minntac, as a U.S. Mail Carrier, at Texaco Oil Refinery, Erie, Monson Trucking, and retired from LTV Steel as an electrician. In good humor, he referred to “work” as “Oh, dirty word.”

In addition to being a very generous and kind soul, he loved spending time with family and friends. You could find him reading a book or his Bible, solving crossword puzzles, telling jokes, drawing up house plans in case he won the lottery, target shooting with his daughter and grandkids when they visited, listening to the “oldies” station, and using his computer to Facebook, talk politics, and tell others about Christ.

Kurt is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughter, Lisa Goodwin-Toller of Chaska (Gary Gibson of Roanoke, Va.); son, Sean Goodwin (Tammy Kinnerson) of Painesville, Ohio; sister, Karen (Tony Martinson); grandchildren, Austin and Morgan Toller of the Twin Cities; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Kathleen; brother, Karl Goodwin; nephew, Brandon Martinson; and great-nephew, Jordan Tucker.
Charles E. Maki, 91

Charles Everett Maki, 91, of Woodbury, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at Saint Therese of Woodbury on April 11, 2019. A gathering of friends will be held from 12 noon until the 1 p.m. service on April 27 at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury. Lunch will follow the service.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1928, to Finnish immigrants in Virginia, a place he was always proud to call home. Chuck was an industrious youth, working as a laborer, and distinguished himself as both a scholar and musician. His talent on the piano allowed him to earn a living as part of the Collegian Orchestra, a dance band that played regularly in bars and halls on the Iron Range. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy the day after graduating from high school near the end of World War II, attaining the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class. After completing his service, he remained in the Naval Reserves and returned home to attend Virginia Junior College, where he met his future wife, Bertha Norha of Embarrass. They were wed in July 1949.

After attaining an associate degree, he earned entrance to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where he completed his baccalaureate. In his early career as an electrical engineer he contributed to the U.S. atomic weapons program at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico, and to the NASA Apollo Program as a Honeywell Corp. Chief Engineer. He furthered his education with a master’s degree in engineering from Yale and an MBA from Arizona State University. In his later career as a telecommunications and electronics manufacturing executive, Chuck traveled the world and earned a reputation for honesty, integrity, and professional skill wherever his path led him. He retired from his position of executive vice president and general manager at Landis & Gyr North America of Lafayette, Ind., in 1990.

Wherever he called home, Chuck was regularly involved in both community and church. In retirement, he dedicated himself to his wife Bertha, enjoying their summer home on Lake Vermilion, and mastering the art of furniture design and building. Chuck will be remembered as a man of uncommon intelligence and graciousness, who could seemingly accomplish anything he applied himself to.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Bertha; sons, Peter (Winifred), Paul (Susan), Robert (Susan) and Karl (Kristin); daughter, Beth (Rock) Crawford; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Ruth Ann; parents, Elmer and Lydia (Rivers) Maki; and sister Evelyn Petri.

Norma JoAnn Miller, 75

Norma JoAnn Miller (nee Hanson), age 75 of Bensalem, PA, formerly of Embarrass, MN, died peacefully in her sleep on April 23, 2019, at home surrounded by her family. Born March 30, 1944, in Hillsboro, OR, to Alfred and Isabelle (Kjella) Hanson of Embarrass, MN. Norma was received into heaven by her parents, brother Lowell, sister Sandy and many other loving family members and friends who have preceded her in death. A Memorial Gathering celebrating her life was held on Friday, April 26, 2019.

Norma was raised in northern MN where she learned the values of family and friendships. She has shared many loving stories of growing up without much but, feeling like you had everything because you had family and friends. As a child for Christmas, she would receive nail polish and a pair of socks and her friends recall how she would come into school and share her nail polish with them. Norma was an amazing cook and baker and is remembered by her baking skills and recipes, especially her cookies and brownies. Mostly because the directions say, “add until it looks right,” instead of actual measurements.

Norma met her husband of 55 years in Embarrass, MN, where they raised their four children and were surrounded by a wealth of family and friends. In 1986, Richard and Norma moved to Bensalem, PA where Norma worked as a waitress until 1995 when a brain tumor stole her sight and she was forced her into early retirement. Norma was a fighter from birth until her death. She was born prematurely at 4 lbs. and spent her first 6 weeks in the hospital. She spent her life learning and teaching others that even though life is hard, it is great and to keep your loved ones close at heart. After losing her sight, that fighter spirit was stronger than ever, and she learned to survive in her new world in only the way Norma could. She never complained about her new obstacles and was the first to make you know she was just fine. She did things like mowing the lawn, shoveling snow (against her family’s advice) and of course, continued to take care of her family and home.

A loving mother and wife, Norma was a remarkable source of strength and stability to her family. She enjoyed spending her vacations after moving East, by going “home” to Embarrass and spending time with her brother, sisters and extended loved ones and friends.

Survivors include her loving husband and soulmate Richard Miller, her four children; John (Sharon) Miller of Claymont, DE, Dean (Carin) Miller of Babbitt, MN, Cheri (Lance) Rodriguez of Bensalem, PA, and Lisa Cusmina of Mount Joy, PA; her brother Alvin (Sandy) Hanson of Virginia, MN, Ilene (the late Herb) Young of Embarrass, MN and Julie (Richard) Okstad of Aurora, MN, 11 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston
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218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Coffee an’ follows worship every Sunday
Communion
May 12 & 19

Other Events:
- Thursdays – Coffee & Crafts, 9 a.m.
- Burial for Audrea Kuehl will be Friday, May 10, 11:00 a.m. at the East Pike Cemetery with lunch to follow at the Pike Sandy Town Hall. Family and friends are welcome.
- Dedication of the new Communion ware in memory of Audrey Kuehl during 10:30 a.m. worship on May 12, Mother’s Day. All are welcome. We practice Open Communion.
- Confirmation Sunday during worship on May 19 for Kenzie Rasmussen.
- Communion class open to all baptized school-age children, taught by Pastor Evelyn, Wednesday, May 22, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Please call or email the church with the name, age of your child, and contact info. We practice Open Communion. All from the community are welcome.

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