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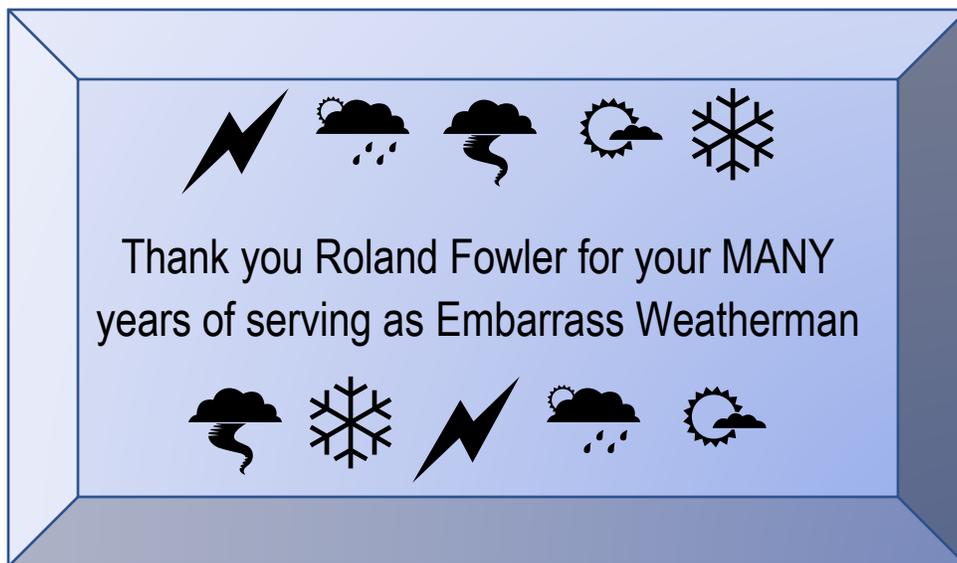


Conversational Finn
Thursdays @ 1
Nelimark Homestead

National Sauna Day

Saturday, June 2, 2018 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Nelimark Homestead



NEW Embarrass Clerk's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar

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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 8am-3pm). 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

May 13, 2018

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

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

Visitors: Charlie Chernak, Sue Chernak, Cindy Koivisto, Mickey White, Bob Manzoline, Rodney Dale, Chris Dale, David Ferrian, Chris Alaspa, Jeannine Bjornrud, Jeremy Schwarze, Bill Wright, Gene Wright

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Bernie Mettler with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Roy to accept the April 11, 2018 minutes. Second by Bernie. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Bernie to accept the Treasurer's Report. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Jeannine Bjornrud gives a report on the SISU. Jeannine thanks the town board for the partnering at the Nelmark Homestead Museum. Volunteer hours for last year was a total of 1168 hours. Jeannine states that the goal is to present our community, the Iron Range as a welcoming place and an uncommon place, keeping the history alive with tours and stories. Sauna Days will be June 2, Rhubarb Days June 7-9, Christmas at the Neli November 9-10 and December 7-8. Thursdays are Finn Conversation and Fridays are bread day. Jeannine compliments the maintenance crew on the clean bathrooms at the Information Center.

Maintenance Report for April was given by Roy. Snow removal earlier in the month. Shed has been cleaned, power washing of rugs and town hall steps to prepare for painting. Flower beds were cleaned. Water at the campground was turned on and have been working on water leaks on campsite. Started cleaning up at the cemetery and the information center. Hanka Nevala Road was closed but has since been reopened. Regular daily cleanup and maintenance were completed. *Motion by Roy to approve the purchase of a lawn sweeper. Second by Bernie. Carried 2-0. Motion by Bernie to hire Dave Joki to put in a culvert on Sauna Road. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.*

Campground caretaker contract for 2018 season was signed by the board and Cindy Koivisto. Cindy states that the maintenance crew did a good job getting the campground ready and grouting of the shower. Dick Tornow should be arriving in the middle of the month.

Post Office Report was given by Bernie. Landscaping has been done and the asphalt for the parking lot should be done in about a month.

Chris Alaspa speaks about the Little League and was excited to announce that 65-70 kids signed up. Registration cutoff date for little league is May 15. Chris also thanks Bernie for all the help he did getting funds from St. Louis County for the fields needed improvements. Chris states he has ordered two porta potties for the fields and asks the board to split the cost. *Motion by Roy to pay for one of the porta potties. Second by Bernie. Carried 2-0.* Lake Country Power has been contacted and will be coming to reconnect the service at the Art Lamppa Field. Chris would like to thank the maintenance crew for getting the garbage cans out that he had asked for.

Mesabi Trail update was given by Jeremy Schwarze and Bob Manzoline. Prospector has been contacted and all is good. The two trails will have a separation of 24 feet. The trail will follow the roadway by the weather station, credit union, post office and greenhouse and pick up again after the greenhouse parking lot and will have to skirt up the hill by the Nelmark. The Mesabi Trail will tie into the existing bike trail and will be no conflict with the campground or the ball fields. On Sauna Road a short section of paving will be done. Continue past Sauna Road on the rail grade all the way up. Benson Road will also have a short section paved. Benson Road does have one party objecting the trail. It would cost \$1.8 million to build the trail for the estimated 6 miles, but now looking at 9 miles, so they are also looking for more funds. Jeremy and Bob will come back when it is time for the board to approve the trail.

Charlie Cherek from Bear Island Land Company and Bear Island Surveying Company is working with the Fabish family. Fabish's are trying to sell their home and business. The land they own in the back they are looking for an easement through the cemetery. Questions were asked by some residents which were not at all interested

in giving an easement. This easement was asked for in the past and it was a no then and residents feel the same today. *Motion by Bernie to deny the easement through the cemetery. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.*

Resignation letter from Deputy Clerk Sandra Gibson was read by Bernie. *Motion by Bernie to accept Sandra's resignation. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.* Sandy was not present at the meeting but the board wishes Sandy well and would like to thank her for her service with Embarrass Township.

Motion by Bernie to accept the Claims and Correspondence. Second by Roy. Carries 2-0.

Bernie announces that he is running for St. Louis County Commissioner and would like the public to know that his seat will be up this election here in Embarrass.

Motion by Bernie to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Emb. Town Clerk

Clerks Corner New Clerk's office hours are noon - 4:00 p.m. closed on Fridays. Please feel free to call and leave a message if the office is closed and your call will be returned. The Heritage Campground is now open and sites are available. Please call the clerk's office at the Town Hall or you can call the campground caretaker directly at 410-7080 to make your reservations.

Heritage Homestead Tours have begun, please call the office for information or to plan a tour. Tours are Thursday - Saturday, starting at 1:00 at the Visitors Center with Mike Salo as your guide.

National Sauna Days are June 2 and Rhubarb Days are June 7-9 at the Nelimark Homestead Museum.

Road side cleanup is still going on until June 11. Stop by for garbage bags then call the office to let us know where you cleaned and maintenance will pick up the filled bags. Thank you in advance!

A HUG thank you to maintenance for all your hard work to make the cemetery beautiful for Memorial Day! Many compliments have been received.

The next board meeting will be June 6 at 6 p.m. Congratulations 2018 graduates!! Best of luck to you all!

*Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk
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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.



Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting April 11, 2018, 7pm

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Phil Hebl Emily Quick, and Sandra Gibson

Absent: Visitors: Robert Curtis, David Hess, Kevin Kappes, Jordan Salmi and Chris Alaspa

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

Minutes Approval: *Emily moved to approve the February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (2-0).*

Treasurer's Report:

Receipts: \$93.91 from St. Louis County Auditor ('17 Forfeit Land Apportionment) and \$56.31 Embarrass Vermilion Fed. Credit Union (Quarterly Dividend). Total Disbursements from March 2018 Regular Meeting: \$1,655.29. *Emily accepted the report and Phil supported. Carried (3-0).*

Approval to Pay Bills: *Emily moved to approve payment of the bills listed below and payroll with support from Mitch. Carried (3-0).*

Bills for April Meeting

Babbitt Weekly News, \$54, Ad for Annual Meeting
Blomberg & Sons, \$10, Gasoline for Snowblower
Sandra Gibson, \$10, Reimbursement: 2018 Township Manual
East Range Shopper, \$45.60, Ad for Annual Meeting
L & M Supply, \$1,688.88, Snowblower
Lake Country Power, \$79.47, Electricity for Town Hall
Lakes Gas Co. #45, \$154.35, Propane for Heating Town Hall
St. Louis County Auditor, \$105, 1st & 2nd half Waste Assessment
U.S. Treasury, \$193.65, Form 941—1st quarter

Receipts Received by Clerk

Embarrass Verm. Fed. Credit Union, \$56.31, Quarterly Dividend
St. Louis County, \$93.91, '17 Tax Forf. Land Apptmt

Visitors: Chris Alaspa presented a plea for any contribution the board was willing to make to the Embarrass Little League team for equipment. They are in desperate need of more equipment for the growing number of players and teams. Babbitt, Soudan, Pike, Waasa and Tower are combining with Embarrass to make up at least 4 teams of kids from age 8-12 years old. The board noted that MAT Attorney, Steve Fenske informed us that MN statue 365.10 sub. 14 allows a contract for service related to health, social or recreational purposes. "The service the little league provides is a recreational service available to kids in the township. Thru the contract the town can provide money to the little league through the contract". Embarrass Little League is a non-profit organization. *Mitch motioned to donate \$1,000.00 to Embarrass Little League with support*

from Emily. Carried (3-0). The clerk will draw up a contract/resolution which will need to be signed by the board and Chris Alaspa at the May Regular Meeting.

Road Report: We are beginning the seasonal road break up period of the year.

Old Business: Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting were reviewed.

A lot of information was obtained from the Spring Short Course attended by the Clerk & Treasurer on April 6.

It was decided that since the Clerk is now paid hourly for her work, she will also be paid hourly for training and meetings, rather than the way the officers are compensated (\$50/training & meetings).

The up-coming Local Board of Appeal will be held May 9 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. All three board members plan to attend.

New Business: Robert Curtis was in attendance to represent Babbitt VFW. He reported that VFW Post 1539 would like to donate funds to our cemetery as a memorial to Ben Niemi, a long-time member of Post 1539 and Waasa Sexton for many years. The funds obtained from the organization will be used for flagpole/flag maintenance at Amanda (Waasa) Cemetery. Mr. Curtis is planning to volunteer his time to keep up such maintenance. When he needs to make a purchase of parts, etc. he will need to submit a claim to the township. *Mitch motioned to accept funds from the Babbitt VFW Post 1539 as a memorial to Ben Niemi with a second by Emily. Carried (3-0).* How to handle these funds in a special fund or a separate savings account will be discussed at the May Regular Board Meeting. We were informed that the American Legion plans to continue placing flags on individual graves of veterans each Memorial Day.

Jordan Salmi was present to represent his company, East Range Lawn Care out of Aurora. He made the board an offer of a free one-time mowing and trimming of our cemetery. This would allow the board to critique his work and gives him an idea of how much he would need to charge if the board hires his company. He presented adequate liability insurance. *Emily moved to have East Range Lawn Care mow the cemetery for free for the first mowing before Memorial Day. Phil seconded. Carried (3-0).*

It was discussed by the board to only put ads in our legal newspaper (Babbitt Weekly News) for advertising the Annual Meeting. We will no longer put ads in the local shopper due to the additional cost and that it failed to generate any additional attendance.

A hall rental by Stacy Davidson on April 28 was *approved by Emily and supported by Mitch. Carried (3-0).*

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Emily 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



BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ❖ *Saturday, June 2, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.: Up North Craft & Vendor Extravaganza. Sponsored by Friends of the Library*
- ❖ *Monday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.: Kate St. Vincent: How can you write the story of your life? Get real world solutions to the challenges memoir writers face. Discover ways to capture elusive memories, especially in writing dialogue. Learn what to consider in sharing that family secret and in deciding what of your life story to include, what to leave out, and how to put it all together. Get the essentials of writing life. This program is funded with money from the MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.*
- ❖ *Wednesday, June 6:00 p.m.: Conch Shell spinners*
- ❖ *Monday, June 11: Reading Takes You Everywhere Summer Reading Program Begins!*
- ❖ *Tuesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.: Brodini Comedy Magic Show offers fun and exciting magic tricks that are so cool you won't believe your eyes! Magician Graylyn Morris will raise spirits and test kids' powers of concentration as he manipulates ropes, scarves, balls, and other magician props in a perplexing "no you see it, now you don't" performance! This program is for all ages.*
- ❖ *Wednesday, June 13, 1:00 p.m.: (Kids Stuff) Lemon Line Up Puppet Show*
- ❖ *Tuesday, June 19, 1:00 p.m.: Preschool Story Time, Reading Takes you to Fairy Tale Lands*
- ❖ *Wednesday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.: (Kids Stuff) Reading Takes you on a Vacation Around the World*
- ❖ *Wednesday, June 20, 3:30 p.m.: Pine Cone Bouquet*
- ❖ *Tuesday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.: Preschool Story Time, Reading Takes you Fishing*
- ❖ *Wednesday, June 27, 1:00 p.m.: (Kids Stuff) Reading Takes you Traveling*
- ❖ *Thursday, June 28, 2:00 p.m.: Bingo*
Lisa Pennala, Librarian

Town of Pike

REGULAR MEETING

Pike Town Hall, April 10, 2018

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Chairman Rasmusson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from March 13, 2018 were accepted as read by Johnson/Langowski 2-0. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 2-0.

Claim forms 2150-2157 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

All of the new LED lights have been installed in the hall.

Donations for Wuori & Embarrass Little League, Women's Club, VinE, and PSB Fire Dept Spaghetti feed were all approved on a motion by Johnson/Langowski 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

The minutes from the 2018 annual meeting were read and accepted by Langowski/Johnson 2-0.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be a regular meeting **Tuesday, May 8, 2018**, at 7:00 p.m. @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Langowski/Johnson 2-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

These minutes have been approved by the Town Board

PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



We will be on break during the months of June, July & August. See you back at the Pike Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4 HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

For more information on the club, please call Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.

Homestead Tours

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays @ 1:00 p.m.

Tours begin at the Visitors Center which is located on the corner of Hwy 135 & Hwy 21 (across from the old 4 Corners location). Any questions please call the clerk's office.



Heritage Park Campground

Sites are filling up fast!

Call 984-2084 or 410-7080 for reservations. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.
(Updated map below.)

WAASA CEMETERY NOTICE:

All cemetery flowers, real or artificial, must be placed in a sturdy planter such as an anchored metal pedestal planter. **Decorations made of plastic or Styrofoam fastened only by wire are NOT ALLOWED!** These tend to blow away in the wind and make maintenance of the grounds difficult. For more information, please call 218-984-3305.



Celebration of the SAUNA set at Embarrass

We celebrate LIFE at Embarrass

There are a number of things that are worth celebrating in the life for a family coming together on a spring/summer Saturday: enjoying a soft, warm slice of fresh biscuit (or as it is known in Embarrass, "pulla") drenched with real butter just out of the oven with hot coffee on Saturday morning, going sauna on a late Saturday afternoon or evening, or the relief experienced when one drifts off into slumberland after a full day of hard work on a Saturday night.

SAUNA DAY

National Sauna Day is Saturday, June 2 and a full schedule of recreational activities and number of guest exhibitors is planned for this first weekend of June celebration.

It was five years ago that Embarrass highlighted the beginning of summer by declaring the first Saturday of June as National Sauna Day. The declaration has evolved to become a community holiday every June since that year.

Hot coffee with fresh baked goods are featured at the community gathering spot as folks congregate for conversation with neighbors and friends, enjoying sitting in the sunshine over lunch and listening to live music. We can't think of a better way to welcome summer. The Nelimark visiting spot will be the place to meet on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Nelimark Museum is across from Timber Hall next door to the Embarrass Fire Hall on Highway #21. Finnish music will be featured, along with food and crafts and a number of sauna exhibits for you to check out.

HISTORY TOURS

Embarrass has seven sites on the National Register of Historic Places. Guided tours of Embarrass community sites and homesteads will be available on Friday and Saturday, June 1-2 at 1:00 p.m. Call 984-2084 for tour reservations. You can enjoy a leisurely and educational three-hour tour of a number of community points of interest.

CAMPING

RV/tent camping sites will be available at Heritage Park & Campground. (See ad on page 7). The Nelimark Homestead is a short walk from the campground on the community exercise trail. Stroll down to the Embarrass River and visit the Pyhala Homestead site in the evening.

PICNIC

Families are invited to bring their picnic baskets and chairs to Saturday's events. Hot dogs, chips and brats and all the fixings will be available for sale at the Sisu Tent site. Sit in the shade and enjoy the music and conversation.

YOUTH BASEBALL

If you want to watch, there is a full day of youth baseball slated next door at the Embarrass ball fields on Saturday.

CELEBRATE SUMMER ON SATURDAY!

National Sauna Day

Saturday, June 2 ~ 9-4

Nelimark Homestead ~ Hwy 21 & Salo Rd, Embarrass



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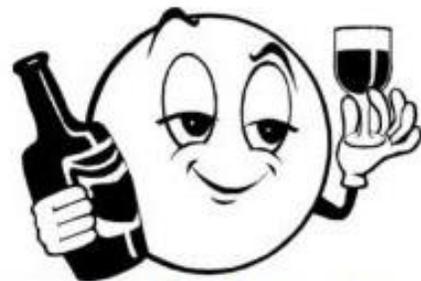
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Sisu: The Art of Inner Strength

This is an excerpt from the original article in the BBC Capital / By Olga Smirnova

(Submitted to the Flying Finn by Mary Novak)

“Sisu will get you even through granite,” my Finnish mother-in-law used to say. If you look at the enormous grey outcrops of granite scattered since the ice age through the Finnish countryside and forests, you’ll realise that getting through them is not just difficult, it is pretty well impossible.

‘Sisu’ in Finnish means strength, perseverance in a task that for some may seem crazy to undertake, almost hopeless. My mother-in-law experienced the bombings of the Winter War (1939-1940) when Finland was attacked by the much superior Soviet army but managed to mount a resistance to remain independent. The New York Times ran an article in 1940 with the headline “Sisu: A Word that Explains Finland”.

So, what is this almost mythical quality that appears to be so Finnish? “It is a special thing that is reserved for especially challenging moments. When we feel that we came to the end point of our preconceived capacities. You could say that sisu is energy, determination in the face of adversities that are more demanding than usual,” says Emilia Lahti, a researcher of sisu from Aalto University in Helsinki.

Lahti’s route to a fascination with sisu is through survival and success after a physically and psychologically abusive relationship, and she has also become a social campaigner and promoter of sisu. “We all have these moments when we all need to reach beyond what we think we are capable of. At the end of physical, emotional and psychological endurance. And then we have some kind of force that allows us to continue even when we thought we couldn’t,” says Lahti. For Finns, that ‘second wind’ of inner strength is sisu.

What’s in a word?

The history of the concept may help us understand its continuing resonance in Finnish culture today. The word originates from ‘sisus’, which literally means ‘guts’ or ‘the intestines’ in Finnish. In 1745, Daniel Juslenius, a Finnish bishop, defined ‘sisucunda’ in his dictionary as the location in the human body where strong emotions come from.

“With Lutheran philosophy this word came to denote more of a bad quality, that you are somebody really bad at taking orders, a misfit,” says Lahti. But the idea of sisu came to be embraced by Finnish intellectuals as a particularly Finnish quality during the period the new nation was built. Finland became independent from Russia in 1917, and sisu can be seen as a ‘social glue’ that helped define the nation.

“In the 20s they needed to find some characterisation for Finns as an independent nation. So sisu was a very good positive thing. It gave us a feeling that there is something positive about us. It gave us the reason why we have survived as a nation in the cold. It was a young nation looking for those positive sorts of images of itself. All this strengthened the idea that there was something special in the Finns,” Rauno Lahtinen, cultural historian from Turku University points out.

Finnish history during the last 100 years has reinforced the notion of sisu as a particularly Finnish trait. Following Winter War, Finland honourably paid in full its reparations to the Soviet Union, despite the great hardship this imposed on the nation, so avoiding further threats to its independence. Sisu captured the sentiment of the country’s honourable survival.

The word is also frequently used to explain Finland’s sporting achievements and feats of physical endurance. Veikka Gustafsson became a national symbol of sisu in the 1990s, when he became the first Finn to climb Mount Everest in 1993. By 2009 he had climbed all 14 of the world’s 8,000m peaks (eight-thousanders, as they are called) without supplementary oxygen. This made him the ninth climber in the world to have achieved this. He also climbed peaks in Antarctica, naming one of them ‘Mount Sisu’.

Gustafsson not only named a mountain after Sisu; his five-year-old son is also called Sisu, and for a while (not any more) he became the face of a popular Finnish sweet called “sisu pastils”.

Having become the embodiment of sisu, who does Gustafsson admire as having sisu? “If I think of the Sherpa people in Nepal, they have lots and lots of sisu. And I think the Balti people who were helping us in the expeditions in Pakistan. They also have lots and lots of sisu,” he says.

For all the sweetness of sisu pastils, sisu has its downsides. Even Gustafsson admits that Finnish sisu also denotes an element of stubbornness, “I do my own thing. If you have sisu, you don’t just endure adversity but you endure what Emilia Lahti calls ‘silent relentlessness’,” he says.

Gustafsson is adamant that the country would not be the same without it. “If it had not been for sisu, I would have been speaking Russian to you,” he tells me – a reminder of the Soviet attack in 1939 when Finland managed to preserve its independence.

Wherever you live, that same spirit of resilience is still worth remembering today, says Gustafsson: “The biggest obstacles are between our ears, what we tell ourselves.”

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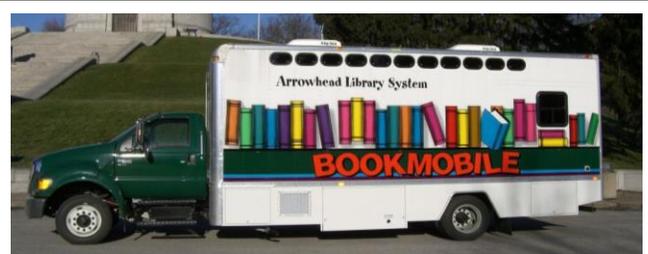
Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

Meeting: Monday, June 4, 2018

6:30 P.M.

EMBARRASS INFORMATION CENTER

We will be meeting at the Embarrass Information Center at the corner of Highways 21 & 135 to plant the planters (weather permitting). Please call for updated information (218)780-4143.



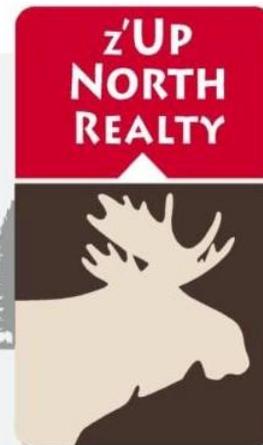
ALS BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, June 6 & 27

Four Corners: 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

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.



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Thank you Rodney Dale
for filling in graves at the
Embarrass Cemetery this
spring!

Thank you!
Thank you to everyone who has
sent HAPPY RETIREMENT
WISHES to me after my
retirement as Embarrass Deputy
Clerk. Whether it was a card, a
gift or a hug, I really appreciate
everything you have done for me!
A huge thank you is due the
Tuesday Coffee Ladies Group for
the beautiful cake, flowers &
card. Last but not least...Thank
you to Jenny, Roger & Bonnie for
the enjoyable Retirement Party &
gifts. It will not be forgotten!
God Bless, Sandy Gibson

 **ST LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS**
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2142

ISD 2142 Regular School Board Meetings
Location: District Office
Working Session: Mon, June 11 @ 5:30 p.m.
Board Meeting: Mon, June 25 @ 5 p.m.

Embarrass Region Fair Association

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2018

Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Dan Theel, Terri Joki, Sue Beaton; **Trustees:** Floyd Joki; **Members Present:** Bonnie Meier, Chris Dale, Audrey Kalinowski, Charlie Fowler, Tiana Hess, Amber Johnson, Kevin DiCatri, Lisa Gibson, Sherie Joki, Jim Suihkonen, Jeff Anderson, Karla Montzka, Lori Lilienthal, Tom Helgerson

Call to Order: Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 19 meeting and the treasurer's report were distributed. *Kevin moved to accept the minutes. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report: Terri provided the Treasurer's Report. *Lisa moved to accept the treasurer's report. Chris seconded. Motion carried.*

Old Business

- Policies. Committee will meet in July.
- Timber Hall Rental Update. Bonnie and Jerry Maier have volunteered to handle the rental of the Timber Hall. Roy Worsham will continue to handle storage unit rentals. The Fairbook page regarding rental will be updated accordingly.
- Embarrass Region School Reunion and associated pancake breakfast will be postponed until October 6, 2018.
- C&C will complete the concrete accessible parking spaces per original specs by the horseshoe pit and between the Timber Hall and the exhibit building before the Fair.
- Floyd reported that the sandboxes will be completed before the next horse show event.
- Property. (1) Charlie stated that all mowers are working; blades are being sharpened and a new battery is being purchased. (2) Storage space is limited and Jerry stated that a 40 ft. Connex storage unit is available. He will bring more information to the June meeting.

New Business

- Internet Presence. Jerry volunteered to set up a Web page under the domain name "embarrassfair.org." The site will house policies, meeting minutes, Timber Hall rental calendar, etc. Jerry will maintain the site at no cost to the Association.
- Jerry announced that Iron Gun Studios, Chisholm, has asked and been granted permission to park vehicles around the Timber Hall during filming at the Pyhala Homestead on Tuesday, May 22.
- Canopy/Tent. Jerry suggested that we purchase our own canopy/tent like the one we borrowed from the

Tower Fire Department last year. Audrey moved that we purchase a tent at least as large as the one we borrowed with a price not to exceed \$1000. Discussion resulted in Terri volunteering to provide size and cost estimates at our next meeting but all agreed a tent is needed.

- Raffle tickets. Queen candidates in the past have sold raffle tickets. No queen candidates have been identified this year. Sherie and Terri will contact local youth groups to see if they are interested in selling tickets as a fundraiser.
- Signage. Bonnie reported that the Fair signboard needs painting. She suggested that this may be a good 4H project but regardless of who does the work, she was granted permission to paint it. Concern for a tree that is blocking the sign was expressed. *Sherri moved to remove the tree; Kevin seconded. Motion passed and Floyd volunteered to remove the tree.*

Standing Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were noted:

- **Fairbook and Exhibits.** Audrey Kalinowski. Audrey extended the deadline for ads and corrections to Thursday, May 24.
- **Livestock building.** Amber Johnson. Amber discussed estimates for Class 5. Using volunteer labor in June to remove sand, the building will be made ready. *Kevin moved that Amber could spend up to \$1000 on materials for the floor; Audrey seconded. Motion carried.* Amber also reported that she is enlarging some cages and making repairs.
- **Entertainment.** Everything is set.
- **Mud run.** Floyd & Sherie Joki. The sanction contract is ready to sign. A request was made to have 4-wheelers enjoy the mud pit as a separate spectator sport. Insurance is the greatest drawback. If a 4-wheeler club provides their own insurance and organizes the event, Fair would support it.
- **Team Penning.** The new leadership for team penning is Jim Lindland, chair; and Frank Maki, co-chair.
- **Parade.** Leadership for the parade is still needed.
- **Vendors.** Sue Beaton. Sue has unopened mail that will bring the total vendors up.
 - The Babbitt VFW has a new post commander and WILL provide Bingo at the Fair.

Miscellaneous

- Camping Rules. Lisa provided a draft of rules for those who camp in the arena area. See separate document.

Chris moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lisa seconded. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan K Beaton, Secretary,
Embarrass Region Fair Association

Embarrass Region Fair Association

Arena Camping Rules

==DRAFT VERSION==

- All horses on Embarrass Region Fairgrounds must have a copy of current negative coggins.
- Horses must be securely tied or fenced-in at all times.
- Manure piles must be spread out for mowing purposes.
- Hay piles must be picked up.
- Running/loping horses around the outside of arena is strictly forbidden.
- No horses are allowed south of the blacktop driveway, near the Timber Hall, or behind Exhibit buildings.
- All dogs must be on a leash and have proof of current rabies shot.
- Pick up after your dog.
- All passenger cars/trucks (not pulling a trailer) must park in the fairgrounds parking lot on the south side of the blacktop driveway or in the grass lot behind the Timber Hall.
- Campfires are allowed in fire rings only.
- Trash must be placed in designated garbage barrels.
- Quiet times are from 10 pm to 6 am.

Please respect your fellow campers and enjoy the Fair!

Northwoods Saddle Club

May 10, 2018 Meeting minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

Officers present: Tiana, Miranda, Audrey, Ed

Members present: Hannah, Naomi, Daniel, Ariel

Secretary's notes read, no discussion or corrections needed.

Motion to accept by Naomi, second by Daniel, carried

Treasurer's report read, no discussion or corrections needed.

Motion to accept by Naomi, second by Ariel, carried.

Coggins vet clinic in April had a good turnout.

Remember Babbitt parade is on Saturday June 16 at 3 p.m. this year. Park at by the ball field and ride over. Hannah will be carrying a flag in that parade and the Tower 4th of July parade too.

Arena clean-up/maintenance day is scheduled for June 3 at noon. No horses allowed at the arena during clean up. We will be mowing, rock picking, edge trimming, finish the rest of work started last fall. If you show up to work please sign up in the announcers stand and receive ½ off at the June play day.

We will be doing a brunch so bring something to share. A grill is being brought. We have people bringing hot dogs, chips, pop, and fruit so far. All are welcome.

Discussion on changing last 2 playday dates to early but it was decided to leave them.

Discussion on replacing missing gates.

Motion made by Naomi, second by Daniel, carried

Next meeting is June 7 at 7 p.m.

Motion by Naomi to adjourn meeting second by Daniel, carried.

Adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Miranda King Secretary

June 9th Ribbon Play Day 9:30am

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B.E.S.T. Little League Season 2018



Minors 5PM

June 5th EG III @ BEST 1
BYE – BEST II



June 7th BEST I @ Mt. Iron
EG III @ BEST II

June 12th BEST I @ Aurora
BEST II @ Mt. Iron

June 14th EG I @ BEST I
Aurora @ BEST II

June 19th BEST II @ BEST I
Aurora @ BEST II

June 21st BEST II @ EG I (Eveleth)
BEST I @ Biwabik

June 26th Biwabik @ BEST II
BEST I @ EG II (Gilbert)

June 28th EG II @ BEST II
Chisholm @ BEST I

July 10th BEST II @ Chisholm
BYE – BEST I

July 12th BEST I @ EG III (Gilbert)
BYE – BEST II

July 17th Mt. Iron @ BEST I
BEST II @ EG III (Fayal)

July 19th Aurora @ BEST I
Mt. Iron @ BEST II

Majors 6:30 PM

V. White @ BEST I
BEST II @ V. Blue 5:00

BEST I @ Mt. Iron
BEST II @ V. Black

BEST I @ Aurora
V. White @ BEST II

EG I @ BEST I
Mt. Iron @ BEST II

V. Grey @ BEST I

BEST II @ BEST I

BEST II @ V. Grey 5:00
BEST I @ Biwabik

EG I @ BEST I
BEST I @ EG II (Eveleth)

BEST II @ Biwabik
BEST I @ Chisholm

EG II @ BEST II
V. Blue @ BEST I

BEST II @ Chisholm
V. Black @ BEST I

BEST I @ V. White
Mt. Iron @ BEST II

“Cheer!”



Brats

hamburgers



Go Team



hotdogs

July 23-26

*Minors Tournament hosted in Embarrass games at 5 & 6:30 pm

*Majors Tournament hosted in Eveleth



Embarrass Flower & Garden Club

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, the Embarrass Flower & Garden Club took the Embarrass Birchwood and Vermilion 4H clubs to Cook, MN to enjoy a day at the greenhouse. The clubs were invited to come to the Watering Can Garden Shop by co-owners Diane Pascuzzi and Gina Nukala, to make fairy gardens and enjoy a day outdoors. Afterwards the members enjoyed pizza in the park. The 4H kids had a great time, planting, buying fairy garden materials and creating their own little fairy world(s). Diane was the perfect hostess and spoke to the kids about the in's

and out's of fairy plants and helped them construct their miniature creations. We want to thank both Diane and Gina for all of their help in stimulating the next generation of gardeners and opening up their greenhouse(s) to all of us. Their plants are beautiful, reasonably priced, and well worth the trip to Cook, MN. For more information about the club contact Linda Cox, President, (218) 780-4143.

*** OBITUARY ***

James F. Dunstan, 74

James F. Dunstan, 74, of Richland Hills, Texas, passed away on May 16, 2018, at North Hills Hospital with family at his side. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Jim's family wants to give a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Brookdale Assisted Living; they were an amazing addition to our family and loved Jim in a way that turned a building into home for him.

Jim was born on Aug. 4, 1943, in Ely, to Floyd and Ina Dunstan. He grew up in Ely and attended Ely High School, graduating in the class of 1961; most people in Ely knew him only as "Yama". Following Junior College in Ely, Jim attended Bemidji State University. On June 15, 1968, Jim married his true love, Connie Niemi. They built a home together in Embarrass, and you could always find Jim either working in his yard on some project, having an adult beverage with the neighbors, or helping someone in the neighborhood. Nothing spoke to Jim quite like a project to be tackled.

Jim worked hard over many years in the mining industry. Most of his years were spent at Minntac, where he met some of his best lifelong friends. He loved to tell stories about working on the Bull Gang. His hard work there to support his family brought him a lot of pride. Jim had the biggest heart and loved to share whatever he had. He spent many years as a volunteer firefighter for Embarrass Township. He also took a great deal of joy in playing a certain character in a Big Red Suit every year in December. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels, the Elks Club, Land

of the Loon, the building of Timber Hall, and to anyone who might need a helping hand.

But most of all, Jim loved his family. He was beyond devastated when he lost his wife Connie last year. His favorite thing to tell new friends is that they almost made it to 50 years, which would be this June 15. It brings his family a great deal of comfort knowing they will celebrate this milestone together. Jim's two kids were his world; he loved supporting them in school activities when they lived at home and put in countless miles on the road to visit them after they moved away. But Jim's very favorite role was that of Papa. He loved his grandkids; he would proudly wear that title whether it was given out of love or by blood. He lived for the days of going to one of their activities, working on a project, or playing games. He bragged to anyone who would listen about their accomplishments.

Jim is survived by his son, Grant (Melissa) Dunstan; daughter, Jaime (Jeff) Sather; grandchildren, Emily and Lucas Sather; sisters, Mary (Tom) Witherow and Bonnie (Jack) Swanson; sister-in-law, Lynn Dunstan; brother, Richard (Desi) Dunstan; brothers-in-law, Dennis (Paula) Niemi and Allen (Judie Kauchick) Niemi; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Connie; parents, Floyd and Ina; brother, Arthur; and parents-in-law, Eugene and Bertha Niemi.

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Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee an' follows each worship service

Communion

June 3 & 24

Other Events:

Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

Road Clean-up: Saturday, June 9, 12 p.m. Ages 12-adult meet at church.

Hope's Day Camp (Vacation Bible School) will be July 16-20. It is open to all kids who complete grades K-5 this spring. Day Camp will be led by staff from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. Registration starts in June. Mark your calendars and save the date!

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June 3

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Saturday, June 16, 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday

Family Bible classes: 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays beginning June 13

Adult/Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Special Events:

Prayer Gathering. Sunday, June 30, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Messages:

June 3 "Tell Me About This Kingdom"

June 10 "How Do We Get In"

June 17 "Walk By Faith, Not By Sight"

June 24 "Freed to be Slaves"



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