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Thursdays 1-3 p.m.
Town Hall

Primary Election
Tuesday, August 11
Check your Town Hall for Times



Fifth Annual
Ride, Raffle, n Roll for ALS
Saturday, August 15, 2020

Embarrass Town Board Meeting
August 12, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the September 2020 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by August 24, 2020.

AUGUST 2020

Ladies Coffee, Exercise Group and Bookmobile Services
are all canceled for an indefinite period of time.

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Neli Open 10-4

2 Hall Rental



4-H Meeting
(check with
leader)

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Flower &
Garden Club
Virtual
Meeting,
CANCELED.

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Conversational
Finn 1-3 p.m.

Neli Open 10-4

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*Primary
Election*

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Embarrass
Town Board
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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Conversational
Finn 1-3 p.m.

Neli Open 10-4

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Sisu Meeting
Maximum 10
persons, 6'
apart for social
distancing

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Conversational
Finn 1-3 p.m.

Fair Board
Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Timber Hall

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Neli Open 10-4

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Conversational
Finn 1-3 p.m.

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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 9 a.m.-4 p.m.). Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Photos or other materials will be returned as soon as possible. The township regrets that it is unable to purchase or reimburse for materials which are published. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or other submitted material. Call 218-984-2084 with any questions. ***** Thank you. Diane Nelmark, Editor

Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting – July 15, 2020
PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Wally O'Farrell

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

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

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the June 10 minutes. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried 3-0.

Road Report was given by Rantala. A couple of complaints were received. Rantala and others have driven the roads in question, and all have come to an agreement that they are in good shape and grader operator has been doing a good job. A few roads now need grading after the recent rain and the Information/Visitor Center also needs grading, paying close attention to the Hwy 21 entrance side. Rantala will contact grader operator. Worsham speaks to explain the chloriding of six roads that has been completed. *Motion/Wright, Second/Rantala to transfer \$500 out of General Fund into Road & Bridge Fund to cover snow plowing costs. Carried 3-0. Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to have Rodney Dale bring a load of black dirt to the cemetery. Carried 3-0.*

June maintenance report was given by Wright. Wright says the maintenance crew has been very busy the past month. Mowing of all town properties, roadside cleanup, outhouses at Info Center reopened, repaired water leak at campground, replaced GFCI breaker at campground, power washed roofs and cleaned outhouses at the Town Hall, repairs to the Husqvarna mower, trees blocked and wood split for woodshed at rink and campground, Pyhala

Homestead house broken into evening of 6/29 and report made along with pictures of individuals sent to sheriff, field at Pyhala mowed 6/2, daily maintenance duties, and maintenance worker has returned with no restrictions. BEST little league notified township of July/August season. *Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham for Wright to check on the needed repairs of the GMC and to get the corrected repairs on the truck. Carried 3-0.* Nelmark basement windows have been ordered and will be replaced when they come in. Tennis area at the Town Hall will be locked due to cracks and heaves in the cement. Board feels it is unsafe for the public. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to close and lock up the tennis court. Carried 3-0.*

Light at campground is flickering and disturbing camping patrons. Clerk, Davies and a camping patron have all contacted Lake Country Power to see if light can be replaced. It is not a Lake Country Power owned pole, so the problem is the townships. Board would like the cost of the light to be looked into. Roger Davies has investigated costs and has come up with an estimate of \$250 for the light plus the additional cost of labor. Clerk suggested the pole to be replaced by Lake Country Power so that any problems would be handled by them and not the township. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham for clerk to contact LCP to see what the cost will be to have it switched to LCP pole and have replaced with LED light if it will cost less than \$500. Carried 3-0.* Campground host believes there is a leak that still exists in the shower house, maintenance let water run for thirty minutes in both showers and no leaks noted. It is suspected to be coming over the threshold for the shower stalls and causing pooling by sink in south shower room. Suggestion made to get actual handicapped thresholds to prevent this from occurring. Wright would like the maintenance to bring the shower mats into town to wash at least once

a month, also for the outhouse to be cleaned of spider webs when things slow down.

Sexton Wally O'Farrell was notified of family members cremains that were placed in a lot that are not wanted in the family plot. The board would like a court order before the cremains are removed and placed in a different location and the family is to purchase a lot where the cremains are to be placed. O'Farrell will also contact the funeral home to get information on what and how this can be done. The board agree that all costs will be covered by the family. *Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala that there are too many legal variables. Bring us a court order and it can be done. Carried 3-0. Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham pending legal opinion that the move will be allowed being that no way that the township can be held liable. Carried 3-0.*

Flower Club has requested that rain gutters be placed at the Information/Visitor Center. A barrel has been donated to the club to collect the rain to water the plants. *Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham to remove gutters from the back side of the town hall then have maintenance place on one side of the Information/Visitor Center. Carried 3-0.*

Notice of Candidate Filing. Two supervisor positions and the Town Clerk are up in November. The filing dates are July 28 through August 11.

Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to sign and approve the contract with the Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department for \$27,135.35 for the period of August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2021.

Discussion was held on the CARES Act Federal Funding that the township is eligible to complete an application to request funds due to the COVID – 19. Embarrass is eligible to receive \$14,624 but clerk explains that very specific guidelines must be followed on what the money can spent on. The supervisors would like to discuss this further at the next meeting after they have all had more time to think about where the money could be spent. Because of COVID-19 the supervisors agreed that a temperature gun and face shields should be purchased for the township workers to check temperatures before the workday starts. Supervisors would also like to see the bottom part of the Clerk's Office door remain closed during office hours.

Notice was received from St. Louis County regarding the turnaround on Petrell Road. The county needs to have it widened to allow the snowplows to fit. Worsham agrees to go to Petrell Road to measure and contact family of the turnaround area to see what can be done.

Supervisors sign the State and Federal Surplus Form.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept the election judge list presented by the clerk for the Primary Election on August 11, 2020. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to approve ATVAM signs to be placed on township properties by Gene Wright. Carried 2-0. Wright abstained.

Discussion was held on possibly putting heat tape on sections at the townhall. Clerk was asked if there have been any more leaks. Clerks explains that there are no leaks during the summer season only during the spring when the snow and ice are melting.

Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright for maintenance to mow the Pyhala Field every even year in mid-July. Carried 3-0.

Supervisors agree on the date of July 24 at 9:00 a.m. to meet with Marlin Bjornrud, SISU President.

Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to approve and accept the claims 17533 – 17558 (\$9,994.37) and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to close the meeting at 9:10 p.m. to discuss roof at townhall and employee conduct. Carried 3-0.

Worsham adjourns meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

Clerks Corner

Hard to believe August is already here.

August 11 is the Primary Election. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will be taking precautions and following state guidelines to ensure the public's safety.

August board meeting will be held August 12.

Take care!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

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 1/4 Page = \$8; 1/2 Page = \$13;
 Full Page = \$22

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*The Flying Finn, 7503 Levander Rd
 Embarrass MN 55732*

Email embarrastownship@frontiernet.net
 or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.



Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

The Embarrass Flower & Garden is suspending all future meetings due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We plan on having some interesting speakers in the future. Please check the Flying Finn for future announcements. For further information, please contact: Linda Cox, President (218) 984-3002 or (218) 780-4143.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

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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.



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Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Mitch Lind, Steve Sipola, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: David Hess

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

Minutes Approval: *Steve moved to approve the May 6, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: None. Total Disbursements May 6, 2020 Regular Meeting: \$15,928.76. No Receipts. *Mike accepted the report and Steve supported. Carried (3-0). A motion was made by Mike and supported by Steve to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Building Fund to the Road & Bridge Fund to cover the bill submitted tonight for graveling Taapa and Dale Roads. Carried (3-0).*

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

Gibson, Sandra, \$67.73, Postage roll, certified mail, paper & lg. envelopes

Lake Country Power, \$76.37, Electricity for Town Hall—Credit was applied

Lossing Building Ctr, \$37.10, Sealant, trim for hall door, pine casing

MAT, VOIDED, Registration for Spring Short Course 4/3/20 (CANCELLED)

MATIT, \$1,763.00, Commercial Pkg. Insurance

St. Louis County Auditor, \$2,510.64, Snowplowing 2nd half 2019-2020

Sipola, Steve, \$16.10, Road Inspections (28 miles)

Address Visitors: None.

Road Report: Graveling and grading work was done on Taapa and Dale Roads recently. St. Louis County was hired to grade the rest of the township roads. After Steve inspected all roads, he said they are in good shape, even in the trouble spots. **Mitch rescinded the motion made at the April 15, 2020 Regular meeting to gravel Heikkila Road. Supported by Steve. Carried (3-0).* Note: After the Road Inspection Meeting of May 16

it was decided that grading Heikkila Road would improve the trouble spot.

Rock, Sand & Snow will be asked to give us an estimate for roadside brushing after looking at the problem areas. Steve is willing to get together with Mr. Schuering to flag where work is needed to be done.

Cemetery: The VFW of Babbitt held a moving Memorial Day Service at the Waasa and Argo Cemeteries. It was very much appreciated by those in attendance.

In preparation of Memorial Day, the sexton did some spring clean-up, filled some sinking graves and seeded grass. The Waasa Town Board would like to thank Kirk Saranpaa for volunteering his help for these tasks. His efforts are very much appreciated.

Old Business: St. Louis County Rural Road Department has been contacted to design signs for the township boundaries and for Waasa Cemetery both on Highway 21 and on Salo Road. The Design Dept. has not finished working up the plans as of this date. When designs are ready, they will be sent to the Clerk for the Board's approval.

The Babbitt VFW has shown some interest in doing a memorial to Waasa Veterans. At this time it is not known how much money is available for the project. The board discussed possibly contributing to the project. A representative of the group plans to attend our July Regular Board Meeting to give us a report.

New Business: Mitch reported that the riding Ranch King mower is in poor condition. He would like to purchase a new Cub Cadet Lawn Tractor with 54 inch blade from L&M at an approximate price of \$3,800. *Mike moved that Mitch may ask that a Cub Cadet be held for us until the July meeting, if possible. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

The purchase of a Facebook sign for the town hall was tabled.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the MN Demographic Center stating that Waasa population estimate as of April 1, 2019 is 226 and the household estimate is 108. These numbers are down from 2018, when they were 232 population and 110 households. All other mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: *Mike moved to close the meeting at 8 p.m. and was supported by Mitch. Carried (3-0).*

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

WAASA TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Waasa Township: Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. General Elections will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

The following Township Offices to be filled in the November Elections are:

- (One) Board Supervisor – 4 year term
- (One) Treasurer – 4 year term

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk, Sandra Gibson, at her home. Please call 218-984-3305. The filing period begins Tuesday, July 28, 2020 and ENDS at 5 p.m. on August 11, 2020. A \$2.00 fee is required.

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk



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Town of Embarrass

**Notice of Primary Election
and
Notice of Candidate Filing**

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of the Town of Embarrass, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota. **Primary election** will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk at the Clerk's Office located at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Road. Filing dates are from July 28, 2020 to August 11, 2020. The Clerk's Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday. The following Township Offices are to be filled in the November Elections:

- (Two) Board Supervisor
- (One) Town Clerk

Each position is a four-year term. A two-dollar fee is required with each filing.

Filing for offices closes on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (The Clerk's Office will remain open until 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2020.)

Embarrass Region Fair Association

**The July 16 Meeting of the
Embarrass Region Fair Association
is Cancelled**

The Embarrass Region Fair Association will meet again on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.

New Members are Welcome!

REFLECTIONS FROM CAMP - August 2020

Submitted by Heritage Campground Caretaker, Lorri Fjerstad

As the patrons roll into camp, some pulling Castles, other arrive by road-weary Ford, some trailering cars and kayaks, some on four-wheelers, some two-wheel motorcycles or bikes. Whatever the mode of arrival, a successful arrival at Heritage Camp in Embarrass Township is marked this month by our Sisu Spirit and proudly displayed Red-White-and-Blue, along with the Finnish flag (blowing fiercely) below!

This July 4, 2020, Independence Day, may have found us reflecting more deeply the cost and/or losses of freedom. My Thoughts Reflecting Fact: "What we gain too easily we do esteem too lightly." I am third-generation removed from my grandfather's WWI Infantry Soldier days. He worked in pre-front communications, installing the wires for the U.S. Troops radio transmitters. My grandchildren could not fathom the conditions of that time before seeing the movie **War Horse**.

This places me in gratitude (extremely thankful heart!) for my fellow camp tenders, their stories and sharing facts from which each have come to be present, alive, here and now, at this time in our history. From the Conversational Finnish "Coffee Clucks" (I think that's what my Norwegian grandmother called gathering held on Thursday afternoons at the Town Hall of like-minded conversationalists) to the gifts and opportunities we get. A refreshing rhubarb slush, pulla (delish), local grown lettuce or Blu-Barb jam. It's all good, I can testify to this! And I am feeling especially blessed to have stumbled into this, the BEST Embarrass Camp Community.

The characters at play have varied from last months Sisu Spirit (undaunted resolve) in French Fur Trappers and Traders to our Native American friends and personal hard life lessons... Boxed in, still finished sixth in 1952 Olympic Trial, Werner Wiita "finished strong" (proud). Punfully intended and dubbed World's Fastest Finndian.

Barry Mayor, Green Bay Packers, pro player graced camp for a visit. Great conversation and life lessons again being shared. "Come, Join My Fire" led to gentle reminiscing about other talents and hardships (Jim Thorpe). Jim Thorpe, 1887-1953, Fox Nation, Indian Name "Wa-tho-huk" means Bright Path.

Talents and encouragement by our fellow travelers through this journey. We (me 😊) are all on-call life. Because I'm concluding I like me BEST when at Embarrass Camp and Heritage Park. MN at your service, where we're learning (and sharing) our heritage, histories and experiences from family to the present pleasures found by this camp host in loving and laughing (and forgiving one another for errors we make). I am able to conclude more completely that we are all human with all of our foibles and biases, we are loved and (Education of Man) it is still a "Be You Ti Ful" world in which we live.

A few more matters of interest that were discussed:

- Turtle Island (Kilpikonna Saari) Sami - Dark skinned Finnish of short stature, from Northern Finland, Lapland
- As our conversation, much like the Embarrass River meandered along, filled us with laughter, delight welled up from recesses of a more quieted mind. Is this the way life used to be? Visiting, relaxing with my neighbor or friend?
- Land deeds, history, Walsh Road, Eagles Nest and Bear Head Park and palindromes (works spelled same front and back. Soap Stone Dealer in Finnish we say "ppuakivikaupp". Which put my mind to better understand life and words of a 1952 poem by Mark Ehrmann's Desiderata and there is a pattern of life unfolding. 😊
- Politics and Policies BEST are by and for We the People, as we sit around the table and share our individual stories and life experiences.

I'd like to end with a joke that was shared. "So, there's ABC, NBC and CBS, do you know what they each stand for?" I said No, I don't, tell me please. "All 'Bout Cowboys, Nothing But Cowboys and Cowboys Buffalo's and Indians". I said but Indians doesn't start with S. "Sioux 😊"

Remember, when life gets heavy you are Welcome to come Experience Camp Reflections and the Starry, Starry Nights over, under Embarrass Fairgrounds and Heritage Park & Campgrounds, Embarrass, MN. We're happy to report all is well with our (all-American) soul.

*** OBITUARIES ***

Linda Rae Dale, 67

Linda Rae Dale Linda, 67, of Warroad, formerly of Embarrass, passed away on Thursday, July 2, 2020, at home surrounded by her loving family. A special thank you to the hospice team for the wonderful care they provided, and to Kecia Stroot for officiating the service.

A celebration of Linda's life was held on July 25 in Embarrass at the Nevala farm.

Linda was born on March 28, 1953, in Virginia, to Robert and Delores Nevala (Abelson). Linda attended school in Embarrass, where she met the love of her life, Ronnie Dale. Linda graduated from JFK High School in Babbitt, and was baptized and confirmed at the Embarrass Evangelical Lutheran Church. Linda and Ronnie were married on Feb. 20, 1971, in Embarrass, where they began their life journey together. While living in Embarrass, Linda and Ronnie had two daughters, Tia and Cari.

Linda enjoyed her job at Four Corners Café where she would greet all customers with her unforgettable smile. In 1985 Linda and Ronnie moved to Warroad, where she began employment at Reed's Landing Motel. In 1987 she started working for Marvin Windows. Linda had an excellent work ethic, which was shown with determination to succeed. While employed, she earned a Business Microcomputing diploma in 1998 and an AAS degree in Supervisory Management in 2003, with President's List Honors in 2000. After 29 years of service, in 2016, Linda retired from her supervisor position at Marvin.

In 2018 Linda and Ronnie decided to become snowbirds and wintered in Parker, Ariz. Linda enjoyed spending time with family, watching her grandchildren play sports, collecting antiques, reading, puzzle books, karaoke, drag racing and happy hour with friends. She was an active member of the Warroad Eagles Auxiliary and supported the Alzheimer's "Walk to Remember" and the breast cancer "Relay for Life." Linda and Ronnie enjoyed traveling, which many times included special friends, Chopper and Cindy Roadfeldt and Jack and Gwen Hegstad.

Linda is survived by her husband, Ronnie Dale of Warroad; daughters, Tia (Scott) Moyer of and Cari Hoffman, both of Warroad; grandchildren, Mikaila of Scottsdale, Keegan of Warroad, Jaron of Warroad, Korbyn (Taylor Moser) of Red Lake Falls, Kanon of Warroad and Jayce of Warroad; first great-grandchild due in November; father, Robert Nevala of Embarrass; brothers, Lyle Nevala of Duluth and Steve Nevala of Chaska; in-laws, Norman (Wanda) Dale, Robert (Laura) Dale, Rodney (Chris) Dale, Gary (Kathy) Dale, Craig (Karen) Dale, Gwen (Craig) Keskitalo, Tammie (Kjell) Lysnes and Wayne (Kathy) Dale; along with several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, Delores (Dolly) Nevala; brothers, Bruce and Daryl Nevala; nephew, Travis Nevala; and sister-in-law, Deb Plaqemann-Nevala.

Darrell Williams, 52

Darrell Williams, 52, of Embarrass, died on July 17, 2020, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. Funeral arrangements are with Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora.

Harold W. Hietala, passed away on July 11, 2020, at Silver Bay Veterans Home. The family thanks staff of A wing at Edgewood and staff at Silver Bay Veterans Home for their care of Harold. In respect of the fact that Harold spent his life as a public servant, concerned for and working for the public good, in this time of COVID a private memorial will be held.

Harold was born to Arne and Ellen Hietala, raised in Pike Township, and educated at Pike-Sandy School 14, Embarrass High School, Virginia Junior College, UMD and the U of M. In 1968 he was a summer term geologist for Hanna Mining, then taught school in Austin, Minn. In 1969 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in VietNam in the XXIV Corps Artillery where he earned the Bronze Star, achieved the rank of Sergeant E-5, and began his battle with PTSD. After arriving home Harold worked for the MN Dept of Health in Minneapolis. He then moved back to the Iron Range, working for St. Louis County for 35-plus years in Environmental Services, first with the Health Dept. and from 1991 as the Solid Waste Program Administrator until his retirement. He served as a Pike Town Board Supervisor and for 10 years on the state Water Well Contractors and Mineral Explorers Advisory Council; he was a Knight of Kaleva and a Junior Curling instructor to many area youth.

Harold met Janet in Junior College. They were married in 1973 and built their home in Pike Township, raising daughter, Mindy, and son, Eric. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren came along to brighten his life. Harold was social and enjoyed his old classmates, the many friends made throughout Environmental Services, Kaleva and curling through the years. Hunting, fishing, wild ricing, shedd hunting, gold panning "out west", logging, potato planting, riding his Harley, visiting Linda.....You name it, he did it.

He was a perpetually brisk walking, task oriented, slim Finlander rushing through life.....an honest, loving, decent man. He will be missed.

Harold loved his family and will be deeply missed by his wife, Janet; daughter, Mindy (Paul) Martin; son, Eric (Bethany); grandchildren, Tanya Montgomery (Mike - children Amelia, Allen, Aiden, Alec and Aliza), Allen (Beth - children Will and Kate), Brendan (Anna- children Aria, Erika and Isabelle); brother, Marvin (Marge) Hietala; special sister, neighbor, friend, Linda Gish; brother-in-law, Richard (Cindi) Knipfer and family; nieces, Wendy and Shelley; close nephew, Steven; many cousins, especially Ron, Roger and Chuck; and his lifelong friend, William Raida.

He was preceded in death by his niece, Donna; and other relatives.

*** OBITUARIES ***

Marvin "Marv" Bernhardt Niemi, 86, died on July 8, 2020, at Essentia Health-Northern Pines in Aurora after a twenty-year courageous battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on July 16 at the Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora with Pastor Isabelle Westman officiating. Social distancing of six feet was observed. Marvin's family preferred that all who attended wear a mask. Military honors were accorded by the Aurora-Hoyt Lakes Color Guard. Interment was in the Rauha Cemetery in Palo.

Marv was born on Aug. 23, 1933, to John and Lempi (Heikkinen) in Biwabik. He grew up and attended school in Embarrass, graduating from Embarrass High School in the Class of 1951. Marv then enlisted in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean Conflict. Upon his honorable discharge, Marv furthered his education at Virginia Junior College. He was united in marriage to Gladys Ranta on June 8, 1957. Marv was employed as an Asphalt Superintendent and was a member of the Operations Engineers Local 49 for 47 years. Marv was a member of the former Aurora VFW where he served on their Color Guard, as well as in several other capacities, the Aurora Legion Post, the Hoyt Lakes VFW, and Palo Congregational Church. Marv enjoyed spending time with this family and took the greatest pleasure in being a grandfather.

Survivors include his wife of sixty-three years, Gladys; one son, Clark (Lisa) Niemi of Eveleth; three grandsons, Kyle (Carly) Niemi of Eveleth, Daniel (Alyssa Belange) Niemi of Hoyt Lakes and Dylan Niemi of Eveleth; two step-great-grandchildren, Taylor and Carter; a great-granddaughter due in November; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; seven brothers; five sisters; and a foster brother.

Natalie "Sis" Chinn, 70, of Babbitt, passed away on June 26, 2020, at her home. A celebration of life was held on July 18 at Tank's Restaurant & Bar in Babbitt.

"Sis" was born on June 12, 1950, to Wayne "Bud" and Joyce (Tibbetts) Baird in Minneapolis. She grew up in Babbitt, graduating from John F. Kennedy High School. She attended cosmetology school in the cities after graduation. "Sis" enjoyed Viking fan events, camping, fishing, hunting, pontooning and her annual houseboat trip on Birch Lake. She also enjoyed winning at pull-tabs!!

She is survived by her husband, Bill Chinn of Babbitt; sons, Kevin (Cheryl) Lantz of Coleraine and Kyle (Anita) Lantz of Embarrass; grandsons, Taylor and Cameron Lantz of Coleraine; brothers, Gary Baird of Minneapolis and Mitch (Dawn) Baird of Golden Valley; sister, Jackie (Greg) Aho of Burnsville; nieces, Kaci Baird and Jessy Aho of Burnsville and Caitlin (Billy) Fox of Forest Lake; nephew, Mark (Elizabeth) Mercurio of Farmington; great-nieces, Gina and Gabi Mercurio, Shyla and Marla Baird; and great-nephew, Easton Dornbach.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne "Bud" Baird; mother, Joyce Baird; sister, Gail Sundblad; and her beloved dog, Suki.

Ray Roy Koski, 74 of Embarrass, passed away on June 24, 2020, at his home. The family would like to thank the Essentia Health East Range Hospice and the Essentia Health Oncology and Infusion Center for their caring hearts and kindness during Ray's care. A graveside service was held at Greenwood Cemetery on July 2 with Pastor Gus Layman officiating.

Ray was born on Jan. 20, 1946, in Virginia, to Walter H. and Signe (Hill) Koski. He graduated from Mt. Iron High School in 1964. Ray continued his education at Virginia Junior College and Bemidji State University, earning his Bachelor's Degree. On August 3, 1968, he was united in marriage to Irene Wudinich in Mt. Iron. He taught history for a couple of years in Michigan and returned to his roots on the Iron Range where he became employed at US Steel MinnTac. He retired from US Steel MinnTac after 33 years. Ray felt fortunate to have been able to enjoy his retirement to the fullest. Ray attended Heritage Trail Bible Church over the course of many years.

He loved hunting and was an avid partridge hunter. Ray enjoyed fishing, both in the summer and winter, and loved boating. He liked to listen to old music and loved old cars of any kind, but old Fords in particular. He enjoyed attending car races, car shows, and tractor shows with his son. His granddaughter Brookelyn was the light of his life, and he always had a close bond with his best bud, Walt. He really enjoyed spending time every day in his garage working on numerous projects. His garage was his getaway, his comfort zone, and his man-cave.

A proud accomplishment of his was having walked the entire Mesabi Trail from start to finish over the course of several years.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; son, Walter Koski; daughter, Pam (Jeff) Cerar; granddaughter, Brookelyn; an aunt; an uncle; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, John and Catherine Koski, and Oscar and Ida Hill; an uncle; and several aunts.

Marlene June Kari, 84, of Blaine, formerly of Embarrass, passed away on Feb. 5, 2020, at Park River Estates in Coon Rapids. A private family burial will take place at the Waasa Cemetery.

Marlene was born on June 26, 1935, in Biwabik, to Evan Sr. and Martha (Erickson) Kinney. On June 18, 1955, she was united in marriage to Howard Kari in Embarrass.

She is survived by her daughters, Wendy Kari and Lynn Catherson, both of East Bethel; sons, Robert (Susie) Kari of Ocoee, Fla., and Patrick Kari of Fridley; grandchildren, Josh, Justin, Brandon, Brianna, Jacob, Erik and Callen; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard; son Roger; brother, Evan Jr.; and sister, Eileen Dahl.

SISU HERITAGE, INC.

Monthly Meeting – June 2020
MINUTES PENDING

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Pat Heikkila, Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer, Ron Sutton, Heather Mahoney, Carol Knuti

Guests: Paul Knuti

1. Marlin welcomed our new board member Heather Mahoney and asked her to introduce herself with a bit of information on her background.
2. January 2020 minutes were reviewed and stand as approved.
3. January 2020 thru May 2020, a total of (5 months) financial reports were presented by Cindy and accepted with the correction of St. Louis County to State Historical Society on the May-Apostolic Lutheran Church finance report. Motion Pat H., second Ron S. MC
4. Ron S. suggested the Nelimark Museum use the balance from the \$1,500 Blandin Technology grant to purchase (6 months) internet service. This trial run could then be re-evaluated for next year's purchase.
5. The artisans opening for the Nelimark Museum is July 2, 2020.
Diane Jarvi cancelled June concert – rescheduled for July 11, 2021.
“The Accidental Ensemble” cancelled their August concert.
Community Night Out is still scheduled for September 13, 2020
6. Paul K. presented an update on the Historical Site Task Force. The SISU Board voted to hire LHB as consultants to do the evaluation & nomination of the Apostolic Lutheran Church for the National Register. LHB hope to begin work the 2nd week of July. A Task Force Work Plan was handed out which lists plans for Grant options, Time Tables, Budget, SISU Heritage involvement, and / or refining numerous objectives.
Work complies by the team of Paul K., Ron S., and Jack L.
7. Paul K. provided a proposed Embarrass signage list for the Mesabi Trail. Bob Manzoline heads the signage for the trail, he suggested that SISU Heritage review the list / suggest additions and deletions. The project is scheduled for year 2021.
8. John K. worked on getting bids for painting the Apostolic Lutheran Church. His recommendation for the project was Vermillion Painting from Tower w/labor, materials, etc. @ \$4,600. Pat H. motion to accept, no second. Pat's rescinded the motion. Marlin will have John seek more than one bid.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

SISU HERITAGE, INC.

Monthly Meeting – July 2020
MINUTES PENDING

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer, Heather Mahoney, Mickey White, John Kinnunen

Guests: Paul Knuti, Marti Kinnunen

1. June 2020 minutes were reviewed and declared approved.
2. Financial reports were accepted as presented with a motion, Mickey W., second John K. MC.
3. Mickey W. will update the membership list. No new members at this time.
4. The SISU board through e-mail unanimously voted to hire Vermillion Painting to paint the Apostolic Lutheran Church. The project is underway.
5. Marlin received a request from a grandson of a member of the Apostolic Lutheran Church for a wedding in May 2021. A fee of \$100 for rental was quoted, motion, Mickey W., second John K. MC.
6. To approve, a request for a 15x100 foot easement to put a sign for the Mesabi Trail through the Hanka property, motion John K., second Mickey W. MC. Paul K. will report to the head of the Embarrass signage team that SISU endorses the approval of the suggested proposed signage list.
7. The LHB consultants are sending two people on August 4, 2020, to begin research at the Apostolic Lutheran Church. Marlin will be there to open the church.
8. The Seitaniemi Community Night Out is still on the agenda for September 13, 2020. Planning due to COVID-19 will be addressed at the August meeting.
9. Marlin presented these guidances for the Historical Site Task Force:
 - a. Complete the National Registry of the Apostolic Lutheran Church
 - b. Assess work needed on the Hanka Homestead barn
 - c. Continue to investigate the historical interest of the Pyhala Homestead
 - d. Add people from political or media areas to the Task Force and local residents who have interest

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

East Range “Larry Nanti” Little League

2020 Little League Majors

August 4

Minors I vs Mt Iron (home), 5:00 p.m.

Minors II @ EG, 5:00 p.m.

Majors at Chisholm 6:30 p.m.

August 6

Minors II vs Mt Iron (home), 5:00 p.m.

Minors I at Chisholm, 5:00 p.m.

Majors (Bye)

TOURNAMENTS TBA...



SISU HERITAGE, INC.

Nelimark Artisans Meet to Prepare for Opening on July 2 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

The concert scheduled for August 27, with “Accidental Ensemble” has been canceled. It will be rescheduled for the summer or 2021.

Sisu Heritage, Inc. will host its annual “Community Night Out” at the Seitaniemi Homestead on Sunday, September 13, 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. There will be pie and special live music, featuring “Dean and Debbie”. Dean Kleven and Debbie Bigelow are a husband/wife team from the Twin Cities, who present the “crooner” music of the Big Band era. They perform professionally in the Twin Cities area.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening outdoors with your friends. We will not be serving chili, cornbread, or coffee this year, so feel free to bring a picnic supper for your family, if you would like.



If you choose, feel free to wear a mask for health safety. There will be plenty of room for social distancing, since we will be outside.

Business sponsors for this event are Knuti Farm, Benville Service, Como Oil, Fortune Bay Resort and Casino, Embarrass/Vermillion Federal Credit Union, Mealey’s Sauna and Gift Shop, and Wintergreen.

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Registration: 8:30 – 10:15 am

Kickstands Up: 10:30 AM

Fifth Annual Ride, Raffle, n Roll for ALS Saturday, August 15, 2020

*** Dice Role * 50/50 Pot * Lunch***

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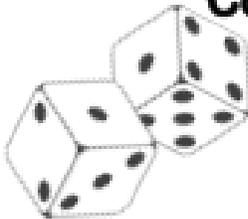
*** Quilt Raffle * Rider Raffle ***

Timber Hall, Embarrass, MN

Registration:
\$25 per Rider
\$15 per passenger

*** Breakfast ***

Open to the Public
8:00 am – 10:00 am
Cost: \$5.00



Due to COVID-19 Restrictions,
the ride may feel a bit different
in 2020, but our fight against
ALS will continue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION TEXT:

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[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hovelutheranembarrass@gmail.com)
218-984-2037

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, all church services are being canceled for August 2020. Formal church services will begin on September 6, 2020 based on synod guidelines. For further information contact the church office at 984-2047.

God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)
www.apostoliclutheran.org

Services will be held Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus outbreak, Social Distancing guidelines recommended by the Governor's Office will be adhered to. The church will be sanitized after each service in preparation for the following Sunday.

If you are not comfortable attending in person, we invite you to join us as we visit multiple Apostolic Lutheran's Churches across the country. Here are a few of the churches who have services available online:

Kingston Apostolic Lutheran Church (Bob Tumberg, Kingston, MN) (YouTube and Facebook)
Jon Salo (Facebook)

www.sprucegrovealc.org (Wolf Lake, MN)

www.nymalc.org (New York Mills, MN)

www.apostoliclutheran.org (links and information for all churches in the federation)

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Tuesday ENGAGE Youth Ministry – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Adult/Teen Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1 – Wiffleball Tournament, Bjornrud Home, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Messages:

August 2 "The Big Wedding Reception"
August 9 "The Final Battle"
August 16 "GWT"
August 23 "Everything New"
August 30 "Come, Lord Jesus!"



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