SCHOOL STARTS!
September 3
Watch out for buses!

Community Night Out
Sunday, Sept 8 ~ 4-7 pm
Seitaniemi Housebarn ~ Waasa Township
(Comet Rd off Hwy 21 between Embarrass & Babbitt)

Embarrass Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 p.m.

*Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar*
Please submit materials for the October 2019 issue to the Embarrass Clerk’s Office
By September 19, 2019. 218-984-2084, embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net
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Town of Embarrass
Board Meeting
August 14, 2019

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese
Visitors: Mickey White, Roxanne Wright, Bill Wright, Paul Knuti, Gene Wright, Phyllis Constant, Dennis Constant, Roland Fowler, Diane Nelmark

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Worsham with the Pledge of Allegiance.

July 10 minutes accepted as presented. (Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham) Carried 2-0.

Treasures Report accepted. (Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham) Carried 2-0.

Road Report was given by Rantala. Chloride has been sprayed on Hanka Nevala and Sauna Road.

Campground Report was given by clerk. Campground running smoothly and has been pretty full with the construction workers in the area. Booked for the Emb. Fair.

Maintenance Report was read by Worsham. (Motion/Worsham: Second /Rantala) to accept maintenance report. Carried 2-0.

Accept Beaton’s resignation as Chair Supervisor. (Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala) Carried 2-0. Worsham nominates Gene Wright to be appointed to the board to fill Beaton’s seat until next election in 2020. (Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala) Carried 2-0. Gene Wright accepts the nomination and reads the Oath of Office. Supervisors decide to have Wright as Maintenance Supervisor and Worsham to move to Chair Supervisor, Rantala to stay as Road Supervisor. May want to discuss next month to rotate supervisor positions.

Novak speaks with the board about the hiking trails. Novak recommends putting some sort of spray to kill off the grass and trees growing on trails. Novak gives Clerk information for a contact on spraying.

Motion to table pending estimate on gutters pending more estimates and more detailed information. (Motion/ Rantala: Second Worsham) Carried 3-0.

Knuti asks the board if it would be possible to review having the county assume responsibilities on the township roads, would be cheaper and better quality. Worsham says he will look into it but assuming it wouldn’t be cheaper. (Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright) to check with the county on the price to grade the township roads. Carried 3-0.

Pyhala Homestead was discussed. Knuti asks if there is budget amount on what to spend on the appraisal. (Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright) to get estimates on appraisals for the property. Carried 3-0. Wright explains the board has not decided on anything yet and nothing will be decided without all the information we can get on the piece of property. More discussion was had on appraisals. Discussion was held on Pyhala family and township agreement from years ago that needs to be checked into before any property can be sold.

Knuti asks if anything will be done to potentially repairing and restoring the house and foundation. Worsham speaks and says no we can’t get people to respond to phone calls or emails to get anything done.

Temporary Easement was reviewed by the board. Letter from concerned landowner was read by the board. The board explains to the landowner that the land will be surveyed, and the contractor will not cross over township property. (Motion/Wright: Second/ Rantala) to sign the temporary easement agreement for Mutch’s Forestry to go on Embarrass property. Carried 3-0. Board would like to ask of Mutch’s Forestry to give a 30-foot bumper between the property line.

(Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala) to remove Zane Beaton from all NSB and EVFCU accounts and add Gene Wright to the accounts. Carried 2-0.

(Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala) to take the tires, chloride and culvert payments out of Municipal State Aid Account rather than the Road and Bridge Account. Carried 3-0.

Worsham brings up the 2020 levy spending asked about at July’s meeting.

- Worsham’s wish list- Plow truck, chloride, tires for grader and gravel for some roads.
- Rantala’s wish list- Plow truck, looking at trails, sprucing up ball fields and possible water supply at fields.
(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to bill the Prospector’s $574.00 for the chloride. Carried 3-0.

(Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala) to accept Claims and Correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

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Clerk’s Corner

Hope everyone had a great time at the Embarrass Region Fair! Very special thank you to the Fair Board and all the volunteers that make this event possible year after year. Don’t forget to mark your calendars for next year’s fair.

The Heritage Park Campground will be wrapping it up September 30th. Thank you to our Heritage Park Campground host Cindy for the fantastic job again this year. The Finnish Homestead Tours will also be coming to an end on Labor Day weekend. Thank you Mike Salo for a great job as the tour guide. Mike has also been nominated for the Iron Range Hospitality Award!

Thank you to the two summer hires Erin and Darren. Great job kids!

Community Night Out will be held at the Seitaniemi Horse Barn on September 8th, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. with live music and food. Grab a lawn chair and go enjoy the evening. This event is sponsored by SISU Heritage.

It is not too early to start thinking about purchasing your Ice Candles for your loved ones. They can be purchased now through the end of October. Call the Clerk’s Office for more information.

Clerk’s Office will be closed Monday, September 2 in honor of Labor Day.

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

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**Waasa Township**

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 2, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Visitors:** Jack Coombe, Kevin Di Castri, Mavis Di Castri, Lois Asleson, Bruce Keller, Kevin Kappes, Floyd Joki, Mike Johnson, Kevin Gibson, Ken Pulkinen, Carroll Eckman and C.L. Cox

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

**Minutes Approval:** Steve moved to approve the June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Receipts received from Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union in the amount of $73.49 for the quarterly dividend. Total June disbursements: $1,259.80. Phil accepted the report and Steve supported. Carried (3-0).

**Approval to Pay Bills:**

- Blomberg & Sons, $14.60, Gas for Mowing
- C&C Winger, Inc., $8,910.00, Class 5 Gravel Delivered @ $18/yd.
- C&C Winger, Inc., $2,500.00, Culvert & Installation
- Coombe, Jack, $115.00, Reimb: 33 gal. Diesel Fuel & Lath Stakes
- Davey Do Right Services, $420.00, Cemetery Lawn Care
- East Range Shopper, $29.75, Gravel Hauling Boxed Ad
- Ely Shopper, Inc., $7.50, Classified Ad for Gravel
- Embarrass Region Volunteer Fire Dept., $20,853.38, Fire Dept. Contract for 1 year
- Gibson, Sandra, $128.59, Mileage: S. Course Training, Parking Fee, Misc. Office Sup.
- Lake Country Power, $70.64, Electricity for Town Hall
- MN Association of Townships, $100.00, Summer Short Course (2) Registrants
- U.S. Treasury, $283.73, Tax Form 91

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

**Visitors Addressed:** Discussion went right into the Beckman Road improvement project. There was a difference of opinion on how much Class 5 gravel is needed to complete the project. Jack Coombe believes there should be 800 more yards applied. Phil thought less. Jack went on to explain the process he used to smooth out the material as it was delivered. He also worked on approaches. He has submitted a bill for his expenses for lathes and diesel fuel.

Some in attendance said their roads are not in the best condition either and that the township should not spend only on one road. A resident of Niemi Road said his road has been in poor shape for some time now.

**Road Report:** Steve assumed the duty of checking on the condition of all township roads recently. He reported that Niemi Road has wash-outs and is very rough. Teinila, Norby and Appaloosa Roads are also rough. Another inspection will be done by Mitch soon. When gravel is ordered for Beckman, it would be a good time to order extra for these roads.

**Old Business:** Price quotes were reviewed by the board. The clerk had received several calls from area contactors. By the expired date (July 1), the Clerk had received quotes from C&C Winger, Red Top Construction, Mesabi Bituminous and Rock, Snow & Fire. Mitch moved to accept the quote from Rock, Snow & Fire with a price of $16 per yard and the alternate being Mesabi Bituminous with a price of $18 per yard. Steve supported. Carried (3-0). The clerk will draw up a contract with the contractor and stipulate that work is done by the end of August.

Mitch will purchase and install new LED light bulbs for the meeting room of the Town Hall, which were approved in May.

Bill Addy was back to put a new burner in the hall furnace but, we have not received the bill as of this date.

Information was received on the policy for townships holding savings:

Lucinda Messman of MN Association of Townships stated that, “The recommended levels are between 6 months and a year of operating funds. That said, it is up to the board. Does your township have a fund balance policy? If not, it is recommended. That dictates how much the board can spend.

Basically, the supervisors are responsible for the funds. The treasurer can recommend a level to hold at, but the board complete has discretion here”.

The board did not take any action on MATs recommendation for adopting a policy for the retention of minimal savings.

Bill Addy hasn’t returned to the hall to install the new burner in the furnace. Clerk’s Note: Mr. Addy had installed the burner after a reminder call was made.

A request by a township resident was received by the clerk to borrow tables and chairs from the town hall on July 19.

Request was met with approval.

**New Business:** A written resignation was received tonight from Supervisor Phil Hebl. The board accepted it with regret.
Mitch asked if anyone in attendance would be interested in filling the position on the board until Phil’s term is up. Mike Johnson volunteered. *Steve motioned that Mike Johnson fill the vacancy until the November 2020 election. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

In the absence of Phil, both Mitch and Steve will share the duties of Road Supervisor until the end of the year.

The Clerk and Supervisor Mitch attended the Summer Specialized Training in Duluth on June 27. Information and materials were obtained. One of the sessions was on the process of abandoning a road. A resident asked if we were planning to do this for South Skarp Road. The board responded to the question by saying that the status of S. Skarp is in a closure status only. An abandonment process has not been initiated.

**Correspondence:** All mail was read and filed.

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

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Mitch Lind, Waasa Board Chair

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**PIKE SANDY WOMEN’S CLUB**

**Tuesday, September 3**

7:00 p.m. - Pike Town Hall  
6862 Hwy 68, Embarrass, MN

Hostesses: Sandy Gorrill & Barb Maki

We will be planning the 2019 Annual Halloween Carnival. All members are encouraged to attend and help plan our biggest event of the year.

New members are welcome. All inquiries are referred to Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.

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**Embarrass Flower and Garden Club**

Meeting: Monday, September 2, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
EMBARRASS TOWN HALL

The public is invited to join us. Coffee and goodies will be available. For more information contact: Linda Cox, President (218) 984-3002.
Embarrass Region Fair
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2019

Pending Approval

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


Call to Order
Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes
The minutes of the July meeting were distributed for review. Charlie moved to approve the minutes; Craig seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report
The financial report was distributed showing checking & savings account activity and balances for the period 7/18 – 8/14/19. Jerry pointed out that $8,000 was transferred from the savings account for fair start-up costs and insurance. He also said that expenses that are not reflected in the Treasurer’s report include replacement batteries for the floor scrubber (approx. $600), parts for electrical repairs, electrical boxes and rain covers (approx. $300), and tractor parts (approx. $250).

Old Business

New Business

Standing Fair Committee Reports
Livestock Building. Amber said that the barn floor is very uneven and needs to be graded before it is compacted. She asked about animal pen set-up. Charlie said the STS crews can set-up the animal pens if someone will supervise - Floyd said he would supervise. Amber requested a Port-A-Potty be placed between the barns. Craig said he would move a Port-A-Potty, rather than rent an additional one. Amber said she needs a picnic table next to the barn for chicken testing.
Entertainment. Karla said that music is ready.
Mud Run. Floyd said Mud Run is ready except for the P.A. and emcee.

Flying Finn Fun Run. Bonnie brought in one of the new undated Flying Finn t-shirts. Last year’s t-shirts will be handed out to people who work the gates.
Classic Car & Truck Show. Darwin said that he passed out 1,000 flyers. He said that last year there were 68 entries, if the weather holds out, he’s hoping for 100 this year. Jerry brought up reconfiguring the car show entrance to make it easier for the classic cars and trucks to enter. Roping off the north entrance and having cars use the south entrance was suggested. Jim said there should be signs indicating the location of car show entrance. Craig said he would take care of the signs.
Parade. Sherie said the parade is going fine.
Vendors. Janine said that there are still one or two vendor spaces open inside Timber Hall and there is still space available under the eaves.
Port-A-Potty & Dumpster Rental. Terri said both are taken care of.
Fair Security. Sherie said it was scheduled.

Miscellaneous
Terri asked if events people will be at the August 22 meeting. Amber said that she would put a fair schedule on the white board. She would also like flyers containing the schedule. Terri said she would make copies of the flyers to put at the gates. Charlie said that the Township would be on the fairgrounds Friday and also that anyone who want help from STS crews, should schedule it with him.

There will be a meeting the night before the Fair - Thursday August 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded. Motion carried. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Secretary

The Embarrass Region Fair Association will meet on Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.

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- Energy Drinks
- Candy, Chips

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- Sandwiches
- Ice
- Coffee

FROZEN ITEMS:
- Ice Cream
- Pizzas

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- Toilet Paper
- Misc Personal Care
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**SISU Heritage**
Monthly Mtg. - August 2019
APPROVAL PENDING

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Pat Heikkila, Linda Koskela, Jack LaMar, Cindy Scherer, Mickey White, Ron Sutton; Guest: Paul Knuti

1. July minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion Pat, second Jack – MC.
2. July financial report was presented. A CAN Surety Bond was cancelled. Jack made a motion to correct June to July date on the financial report, second Mickey – MC.
3. Membership report: 164 members (2 new) – 22 lifetime
4. Correspondence:
   a. Custom line Sauna from Duluth plans to bring 2 saunas for next yrs. Sauna Days.
   b. SISU Heritage signed w/Como for a fixed rate ($1.29) thru April 2020-up to 1,000 gallons.
   c. Kristin Bauke, news anchor Channels 6 & 10, would speak on “Eye on Mining” at the SISU Annual Mtg.
5. Work schedule is set for the Embarrass Fair!
6. Community Night Out for Sept. 8 was discussed, and plans finalized!

**New Business**
7. Ron Sutton, Historical Society representative, proposed contacting Steve Solkela-“One- Man Band” for a Sunday, October 13 concert at the Apostolic Church.
8. Pat Heikkila suggested contacting “4-Blue Teardrops”, a 50’s-60’s music for The Sauna Days in June of next year.
9. Setting Goals for the Winter Months: 3 Assignments
   a. John and the Church committee generate bids for stabilizing the East wall/painting of the building.
   b. Representative of SISU board and the Embarrass Town Clerk plan promoting & Marketing of Tours in Embarrass.
   c. A task force of Jack L., Paul K., & Ron S. to put a plan for addressing the maintenance of our Historical Sites in Embarrass.
10. To be presented to the Embarrass Township – Jack listed new suggestions for the agreement of maintaining property responsibilities for the Nelmark. A regular review of the Agreement/with yearly inspection included.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela
BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 12:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

❖ Monday, September 2 – Closed (Labor Day)
❖ Thursday, September 5 @ 2:00 p.m.: Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
❖ Thursday, September 19 @ 2:00 p.m.: Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
❖ Monday, September 23 @ 1:00 p.m.: Author Allen Eskens.
Spend an hour with bestselling Minnesota author Allen Eskens! His program I’m Not Supposed to Be Here: My Implausible Journey to Becoming a Writer, will focus on this path to becoming a writer and the content of his novels, along with an expert reading and Q&A session. This program is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
❖ Thursday, September 25 @ 1:00 p.m.: Siama’s Congo Roots
When COMPAS Teaching Artist Siama Matuzungidi is joined by Dallas Johnson, their harmonies are inspiring and their joy is contagious as they perform and encourage everyone to use their imagination to transport them to the DR Congo. This sunny and joyful performance will leave everyone feeling energized and happy. Free program for all ages. This program is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
❖ Monday, September 30 @ 6:00 p.m.: 321 Art Studio Autumn Landscape
Adults and older teens of all art skill levels from beginning to advanced will enjoy spending time with other artists while learning to draw and paint from teaching artist Amy Lucas-Peroceski. This hour-and-a-half program is free with all supplies provided! This program is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
*** OBITUARIES ***

Carl R. Tuominen, 86
Carl Richard Tuominen, 86, of Vermilion Lake Township, died on Aug. 16, 2019, at New Journey Residence. A funeral service was held on Aug. 21 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with Rev. Don Stauty officiating. Burial took place at Vermilion Lake Cemetery.

Carl was born on Aug. 9, 1933, in Vermilion Lake Township, to Lauri and Vienna (Myllysita) Tuominen. He was baptized into the faith on Dec. 22, 1933. Carl grew up in Embarrass and graduated from Embarrass High School in 1952. He was united in marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Elaine Marion Hujanen, on Sept. 13, 1952. Together they raised five children. Carl started working for US Steel when he was 19 years old and retired after 40-plus years.

Carl taught his children many life lessons like honesty, kindness and gentleness. He showed the value of a good work ethic by never being late and never missing a day of work in all his years of employment. He lived his life as an example of how to be a loving husband and a kind and gentle father. Carl instilled in his children faith and told them about the love of God. He walked in faith every day; even when his health was failing, he continued going to church.

Carl was an excellent card player and especially excelled in playing cribbage. His favorite cribbage partner was his brother, Jim. He and Elaine did some traveling. They took several trips to the state of Virginia to see their daughter, Nancy, and her family and they went twice to Alaska to see their grandson, Neil. Carl was just as happy to go and visit friends and neighbors. He knew the value of the simple act of visiting. Carl and Elaine were a great support team for their family and went to all the events for all their children, in-laws, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. Carl loved children and never missed the opportunity to hold a baby! They spent many summers camping out at Hoodoo Point, where they made many long-lasting friendships. Faith, family and friends were the highlights of their lives.

Carl and Elaine were charter members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Carl served as an elder and an usher. They were members of the Tower Soudan Ski Club, Tower Soudan Athletic Association, and charter members of the MTA, a fun group that got together to eat out and laugh!

Carl and Elaine were inseparable. Carl’s favorite job in life was taking care of his beloved wife, Elaine. They were married for 63 years, and after she died, he was lost without his best friend. They are now reunited in Heaven and we look forward to seeing them again.

Carl is survived by his children, David, Steve (Deb) and Patti (Jamie) Quick, all of Tower, Nancy (Johnny) Peery of Hot Springs, Va., and Paul, also of Tower; nine grandchildren, Neil Tuominen of Anchorage, Alaska, Joel (Becky) Tuominen of Hoyt Lakes, Joshua (Gina) Quick of Eveleth, Jesse (Katie) Quick of Esko, Jacob Quick of Tower, Ashley (Brandon) Brown of Staunton, Va., Emily Peery and Logan Peery, both of Hot Springs, Va., and Colton Tuominen of Tower; six great-grandchildren, Josie and Mila Quick, Will and Troy Quick, and Izak and Jocelyn Brown; sisters, Joyce Wiitala and Linda Lehtonen; brothers, Lauri (Joyce) Tuominen Jr. and Michael Tuominen; sister-in-law, Annette (Paul) Herring; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elaine; brother, Jim (Carol) Tuominen; sisters and their husbands, Beverly (Pee Wee) Johnson and Elaine (Jack) Johnson; sister-in-law, Georgine Tuominen; and brother-in-law, Melvin Wiitala.

Michael Folman, 65
Michael “Farmer” Folman, 65, of Pike-Sandy, passed away on July 23, 2019, after a short battle with cancer. A celebration of life was held on Aug. 3 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He was born on Feb. 25, 1954, in Virginia, to Archie and Georgine Tuominen; and brother, Melvin Wiitala. At the age of five, his classmates christened him with the nickname “Farmer” when they moved “to the country”. He attended Virginia High School where, during his junior year, he met his future wife Lori Drieman. On Sept. 15, 1973, they were joined in marriage. In October 1977, Mike and Lori moved to Pike-Sandy, finding their “forever home”, where they raised two amazing children, Peter and Mindy, and many happy memories were made.

He attended Eveleth Tech Collage and graduated with his degree in heavy equipment mechanics, which provided him with the opportunity to work for IRRRB and Giants Ridge for more than 32 years. He retired in 2017, which gave him more time to spend with those he loved.

In 2006, Mike and Lori received the best anniversary gift, a trip to the beach. Their granddaughter Ashley, who melted his heart, and all others quickly learned where they ranked after her birth. She was #1 in his eyes.

Farmer enjoyed dirt bikes, motorcycles, farming, and constant “tinkering in the garage” with a cold beer in hand. “The tough struggle is over…the pain is gone…he did all he should and finally could no longer resist the new adventures afoot…new things to do…new fields to cross…he’s not far away…but Farmer has left the building.”
He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lorraine; children, Peter Folman and Mindy Folman, both of Eveleth; granddaughter, Ashley Folman; brothers, Patrick (Joy) Folman and Jerry (Cathy) Folman; sisters, Elaine (John) Braun and Debra (Cleet Conaway) Folman; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Carol Lamppa Koska
Carol Lamppa Koska, of Brooklyn Park, died on July 22, 2019. At her request, there will be no services. Inurnment was in the Embarrass Cemetery. Memorials may be given to C.E.A.P. or the Animal Humane Society.

Carol was a teacher for many years. She loved her job and cared about each and every student. She also cared about the world, wishing for world peace, helping those less fortunate, and being concerned about the environment, our changing climate, and all of the wildlife on our planet. She wanted to make this a better world.

Carol enjoyed reading, music, gardening, crocheting, her dogs, and her family. She especially enjoyed traveling with Dick in their motorhome, taking the back roads, and meeting so many wonderful people. She much preferred camping by a mountain stream enjoying the natural world.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Koska; and brothers, Bill Lamppa of Embarrass and Marvin (Carolyn) Lamppa of Duluth.

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT:
PAT SURFACE IN CONCERT

On Sunday afternoon, September 8, you are invited to a concert of delightful music along with the opportunity to sit on the lawn at the Seitaniemi Homestead and House Barn and enjoy a tasty helping of homemade chili and cornbread along with a slice of the best pie you can find anywhere in Minnesota. Coffee will be served.

Pat Surface comes to us with some of the best sound around, entertains and gives enjoyment for all ages.

You can visit with your friends and neighbors and explore the house barn site after you listen to the music and enjoy supper with your kids or your better half. Several Sisu members will be available to guide you on the tour and answer your questions. If the weather turns rainy, we will have the Sisu tent set up on the grounds.

The free event begins at 4 p.m. located at 8162 Comet Road two miles to the left off Co. Highway 21 between Embarrass and Babbitt. Signs will be up to show the way to the historic site.

Community Night Out is the annual end-of-the-summer event presented by Sisu Heritage on the second weekend of September. This even serves as a fundraiser for Sisu Heritage to assist with restorations and preservation of older log buildings and farmsteads in our community. Donations are appreciated and the proceeds from the meal are used for this cause.

The details of this Sunday afternoon event have been planned by the volunteers of Sisu – pies of many flavors and designs have been baked with love and the beef chili prepared from Linda’s famous recipe along with Jeannine’s delicious buttered cornbread. You won’t want to miss it. Sunday from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Seitaniemi Housebarn at the end of Comet Road.
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 76, Embarrass
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston
Office hours
Tues & Thurs 4:30-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com
218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Coffee an’ follows worship every Sunday

Communion: September 1 & 22

Other Events:
- Thursdays – Coffee & Crafts, 9 a.m.
- Sunday, September 1 – Farewell worship for Pastor Evelyn Weston
- Sunday, September 8 – Worship led by Kari Olson, ELCA Deacon Candidate
- Sunday, September 15 – Worship led by Billie Rouse, PCUSA Lay Minister
- Sunday, September 22 – Hymn Sing Worship led by Pastor Kristin Foster

Confirmation classes begin in September, led by Pastor Art Dale. Classes will be on or two Saturday mornings each month, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. If you have a student in Grade 6 or older, please come Sunday, September 15, for a planning meeting following worship, and bring your family calendar to help choose dates.

God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF EMBARRASS
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E-mail: embfree@frontier.com

Weekly Schedule:
Sunday
- Family Bible classes: 9:00 a.m.
- Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday
- Women’s Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- “Kids on the Rock”, 4:00 p.m.
- ENGAGE Youth Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

Special Events:
Ministries Team Meeting: Sunday, September 15, 12:15 p.m.
40th Anniversary “Remembering Service”. Saturday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Messages:
- September 1 “We Still Believe: Holy Living”
- September 8 Missions Sunday
- September 15 “It’s About the Church”
- September 22 “Sound Doctrine”
- September 29 “Paul’s Testimony”

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)
www.apostoliclutheran.org
Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

September 1 Mark Sunnarborg
September 8 Jon Salo
September 15 Gerry Southerton
September 22 Jerry DeVries
September 29 Timothy Munida, Kenya
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