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EMBARRASS, MN 55732
SEPTEMBER 2022
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Neli is Open
Th-Sat, 10-4

Saturday Market 9/3, 10-4
Info Center

Sisu Heritage, Inc. presents
“Community Night Out”
Seitaneimi Homestead
Sunday, September 11
4:00-6:30p.m.



Embarrass Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the October 2022 issue to the
Embarrass Clerk's Office by September 22, 2022.

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

Town of Embarrass

Regular Board Meeting

August 2022

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Lori Worsham, Roy Worsham, Tracey & Dan Muhvich, Thomas Hammond, Shireen Lee

Present: Jack LaMar, Alyssa Hammond, David Bialke, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Meeting called to order by LaMar with The Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

Motion/ LaMar: Second/Hammond to approve July 2022 minutes. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Hammond: Second/Bialke to withdraw \$3,000 from the Credit Union account that was a grant/donation towards the restrooms and put into the local grant fund. Carried 3-0. Motion/Hammond: Second/LaMar to approve the Treasurers Report. Carried 3-0.

Maintenance Report was given by Hammond. Continuation of mowing township properties, trees removed from campground and roadways. Town Hall cleaning and maintenance. Completion and continuation of Property Inspection items. Clerk informs supervisors summer hire is willing to stay until needed but will move on if a better opportunity comes along for employment. Motion/ Hammond: Second/LaMar to keep summer hire on until December 31 to cover for maintenance that will be on light duty when returns. Carried 3-0. Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to have maintenance purchase and repair sections of the Nelmark Museum ramp that are in need and replace the worst boards on the bleachers at the ball fields, limit of \$500 was given to maintenance to purchase. Carried 3-0. Clerk has been in contact with CXT (restroom manufacturer) on solar lights at the new restrooms. CXT sent replacements. Electrician is to install and invoice to be sent to restroom manufacturer for payment. (Clerk notes: Clerk was asked to open box by CXT representative and discovered only one replacement was sent. After discussion on the solar boxes, clerk was asked to go open the boxes at restrooms to take pictures and flip

breakers to see if they will charge properly. After two days still not working. CXT to call back with the next step.

Road Report was given by Bialke. Burns on the side should be pulled in. Some need brushing. In the spring pull the class five up from the sides. Hanka Nevala needs a culvert. Pylka rocks are sticking up, which is hard on the plows. Gravel should be placed on the cemetery road. Brushing should be done on the sides of the cemetery road. LaMar asks Bialke to come up with a scope of work that needs to be done, broken up by roads. Township does not have the equipment to do such a job as these, so will have to be bid out at some point.

Heritage Park & Campground Report given by Worsham. Campground running smoothly and doing well. Spraying for mosquitos has been done a few more times and will need to be done again with upcoming fair. All sites will be full for fair.

Motion/LaMar: Second/Bialke to approve the Tobacco and Liquor License for Trapline. Carried 3-0. LaMar & Clerk sign.

August Primary Election results were reviewed by supervisors. Motion/LaMar: Second/ Hammond to approve the results. Carried 3-0.

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

Meeting adjourned by LaMar at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

Embarrass Transfer Station



7530 Koski Rd
Embarrass, MN



Hours of Operation

Thursday

10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m

September Clerks Corner

Big SHOUT OUT to my AMAZING parents, Bruce and Marge Cornelius for volunteering with me and providing some of the supplies, time spent painting, replacing some of the posts and wood, landscaping to give the signs around the township an upgrade and a fresh new look. Also, for all the plants you brought over and planting them at the front entrance at the Town Hall. It's beautiful. I am so fortunate to have these two as my parents. To my husband Greg, thank you for hauling rock and mulch to the sites and running back and forth daily watering the new plants by the finished signs. The Heritage Park & Campground on Salo Road and Cemetery sign along Hwy 135 are finished, the signs at the Weather Station on Hwy 21 and Campground directional sign on the corner of Salo Road are in the works. We still have more signs to go, it's been fun, and they are looking great. (Pics on Page 6.)

The Restroom Project at the Information/Visitor Center is officially completed. Pavilion built by C&C Winger. New picnic tables, planters and garbage cans were purchased and placed. Solar lights inside the restrooms are not currently working but should be soon. The grounds are looking great, thank you to Linda Cox and the Embarrass Garden Club they all have done a beautiful job. This project was a success with the grants and donations covering over 95% of the cost.

Hope that 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 30. It was a good season for the campground and reservations are being taken for next season. A very special thank you to Lori Worsham, Heritage Park Campground Host.

Community Night Out will be held at the Seitaniemi House Barn on September 11, 4 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. with live music and food. Grab your lawn chairs and go enjoy some food and music. This event is sponsored by SISU Heritage. More information about this event is included in this issue of the Flying Finn.

It is not too early to start thinking about purchasing your Ice Candles for your loved ones. They can be purchased through the end of October. Call the Clerk's Office at 218-984-2084 for more information. or email embarrastownship@frontiernet.net

Clerk's Office will be closed on Labor Day Monday, September Labor Day.

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

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The Flying Finn makes a great gift for someone who has moved out of the community!

The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcome announcements about community events and community groups. These submitted announcements are printed here and on following pages. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn necessarily endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material.



Waasa Township

3795 Highway 21

Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Carrie Westvik, Nina Honkola and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: Eric Pulkinen and Lily Pulkinen

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

Minutes Approval: *Mike moved to approve the June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Carrie supported. Carried (3-0).*

Treasurer's Report: Total Disbursements for June 8, 2022 were Regular Meeting: \$3,442.40. Receipts: \$29,433.67 from St. Louis County 5/22 Tax Apportionment. *Steve accepted the report and Mike supported. Carried (3-0).*

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

- Daugherty, Kim, \$60.00, Election Training for Deputies & Head Judges
- Embarrass Region Vol. Fire Dept., \$22,123.35, Fire Contract for Aug. 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023
- Gibson, Sandra, \$48.10, Mile. Reimb: Clerk's Election Training & Copied Keys
- Lake Country Power, \$76.03, Electricity for Town Hall
- Range Coop-Babbitt Cenex, \$22.61, Gasoline for Mowing Town Hall
- Sipola, Steve, \$33.93, Mile. Reimb: Road Inspection (X2)
- U.S. Treasury, \$277.42, Second Quarter

Road Report: Steve inspected the roads on July 6. A grading will be needed soon on Beckman and Skarp. The conditions will be monitored.

A resident voiced concerns about Niemi Road. In May after a heavy rain, he said Niemi Road was nearly impassable at the end of the road and around a culvert. He had ordered a load of fill for the problem area, it was dumped and spread. Now he asked that we cover the cost. The Clerk reminded the board that only the board is authorized to order gravel and have road work done.

Township residents should contact the Road Supervisor, Steve Sipola, the clerk or another board member when an emergency situation occurs. It will be taken care of as soon as possible. Clerk's note: phone numbers for the town board are posted near the door on the town hall and at the posting places in Embarrass such as, the Post Office, Credit Union and Trapline Convenience/Liquor Store.

Cemetery Report: Veikko Niemi's cremains were laid to rest on June 22 next to his wife Irene Niemi.

Sexton, Steve took a complaint about long grass at the cemetery. He called Davey Do-Right Services and he was there 2 days later. He had had some equipment issues.

Old Business: The Clerk has not heard from Deputy Matt Kelley, who was asking to attend a board meeting.

The Clerk and her Deputy attended the 5-hour Election Training in Virginia on June 27.

New Business: *A resolution appointing Election Judges for the 2022 Primary and General Elections was adopted by a motion by Mike and Steve. Carried (3-0).* The following people will serve this year: Linda Asleson, Kim Daugherty (Head Judge), Lorenda Daugherty, Bonnie Keller, Linda Koskela, Carole Marks, Meghan Martin and Julie Shere.

The Embarrass Region Fire Department contract for the period of August 1, 2022 and terminates on July 31, 2023 was signed by the board chair and the clerk.

Permission was granted by Supervisor Mike Johnson to Frontier Company to locate, construct, operate and maintain telephone facilities on or along township roads and/or highways. At this time, it is referring to work on Koskela Road.

It was noted that the Internal Revenue Service mileage reimbursement rate went up to 62.5 cents per mile, effective July 1, 2022.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the City of Babbitt in acknowledgement of our donation to the Ambulance Service and signed by Mike Rhein, Babbitt Ambulance Supervisor. All other mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: *Mike moved to close the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and was supported by Steve.*

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

VOTE MATTHEW RAY
EMBARRASS TOWN BOARD
NOVEMBER 8

My name is Matthew Ray and I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and explain why I'd like to earn your vote for Township Board Supervisor. I was born and raised in rural Minnesota in a community much like the one I live in now. I have resided in Embarrass for the past 18 years with my wife and two lovely daughters. We have made Embarrass our home, and what happens here is important to my family and myself. My job allows me the chance to interact with a large population of residents of our community on a daily basis and hear firsthand issues that people find important. I ask for your vote because I want to listen to the residents of our community and not only help to keep, but also to improve, the greater community that I would be proud to represent.

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ERFA Organization Planning Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2022

Pending Approval

Present Board: Gustave Schroeder, Jerry Meier Trustees: Sue Beaton (acting secretary), Bonnie Meier

Members Present: Roland Fowler, Tana & Mike Johnson, Floyd Joki, Sherie Joki, Terri Joki, Shireen Lee, Doug Mattson, Rodney Dale, Judy Nelson, Teila Kivela

Visitors: Paul Knuti, William Ramponi, Sarah Wallert Ramponi

Note: In the future, we will try to separate the Organization attendance from Fair attendance

Call to Order. Gus called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm and reminded everyone that this meeting is an organizational meeting and the Fair meeting will commence at approximately 6:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 1 organization meeting were distributed for review. No changes. Shireen moved to accept. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: No treasurer's report was available.

Old Business

Maintenance Priorities (Gus/Jerry/Tana).

A new water line has been added on the arena side of the grounds. Thank you Floyd.

Status of Grant /Bids (Gus/Jerry/Tana).

Tana stated that Operation Round Up includes grants offered through Harvest Foods. Since their focus is on preserving resources, our bathroom and kitchen sink needs are a good fit. That request is due the end of August.

Tana stated that she has a meeting in September regarding the AEOA (BER) grant.

Tana's final Grant training through the Minnesota Council for Nonprofits is in September.

Tana reiterated the importance of tracking volunteer hours so that we can apply for in-kind matching funds grants. She stated that since roughly July 1, we have tracked about 370 hours.

Paul Knuti suggested that community development grants are available and he will work with Tana to identify possible fits. He specifically mentioned Cleveland Cliffs Foundation in Duluth, Northland Foundation, and Lake Country Power (which we have already benefited from).

Feedback on strategic plan and meeting dates (all). No update.

Timber Hall Rental update (Jerry/Bonnie). No update.

New Organizational Business:

Volunteer Appreciation Event (Shireen). This event is in the planning stages. Shireen estimates about 200 volunteers are involved in the Fair and continues to collect names and contact information. She is proposing a program with guest speakers, dinner, and entertainment. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Shireen.

Paving recommendations (Tana). Tana said that Floyd Joki and Jim Hardy have been working on a layout.

Maintenance concerns. Gus said we need to look at the potential leak from the metal roof above the kitchen. A PVC pipe may be the answer. William Ramponi volunteered to take a look at it.

Agenda items: Arena, Out buildings, Timber Hall – no updates

Personnel concerns. The importance of communication was discussed as well as creating a phone tree. The Timber Hall needs more Web presence. We continue to seek a Secretary and a Web Designer. Jerry stated that he is willing to step down as Treasurer if a suitable replacement comes forward and Sue also stated that she will be stepping down as Trustee when her term ends in January. The Vice Chair (Lisa Gibson) is tasked with finding candidates for board positions. Please let her know if you are interested in holding an office. Jerry also said that he would like someone else to take over storage building rentals.

Agenda item: New information, concerns – no discussion.

Deliverables & Want List (Gus & Tana)

Gus stated that Mesabi Sign Company can print signs, one sided, to be posted along 169 to point people down Hwy 21 toward the Fair as well as two 6 ft x 4 ft banners. Sue moved that we approve up to \$800 for creating these signs; Shireen seconded. Motion carried.

This meeting ran over into Fair time and so discussion was terminated but Tana pointed out that this is the heart of what we need to cover. Future meetings will strive to begin on time and move more quickly.

Embarrass Region Fair Association Minutes

The minutes of the July 21 meeting were published in the August Flying Finn and were not reviewed at this meeting.

Team Penning (August 19-21)

Doug stated that Team Penning and the Ride, Raffle 'n Roll for ALS are set to go and people were setting up the arena.

FAIR Business (August 26-28): Update

Advertising. Sue shared the print ads that are running in the East Range Shopper and the TimberJay. Ads are also in the Hometown Focus. Radio spots: 23 spots on Radio USA (Country) 99.9; 23 spots on WTBX 93.9; and 25 spots on WEVE 97.9. (Cost was slightly under \$1000).

Tents. Jerry said the replacement canopy for last year's tent is on backorder and will likely not be available by fair time. One new tent has arrived. Tana volunteered her 20x20 tent. Sue stated that as long as one tent is pitched in front of the stage and the other in the grassy area in the middle of the south grounds, we should be fine.

Volunteer wristbands (Jerry/Gus). Jerry moved that volunteers receive "weekend" wristbands even if they only volunteered a few hours one day. Shireen seconded. Motion passed. Fair members are asked to provide wristbands to their recruits ahead of the Fair. Contact Jerry for wristbands.

Event Updates:

All event chairs present stated that they are ready for the Fair with the following caveats:

Exhibit Building. Sadly Amber's employer is unable to give her Fair weekend off so members are kicking into gear to cover the Exhibit Building. Bonnie Meier is the point person and is accepting help from anyone who can help label, display, and judge entries.

Animal Barn. Amber's animals will be on display and a family member will be present. (no judging)

Horse Show/Team Penning. Doug stated that the drag has been purchased.

Grounds. Charlie has worked with STS to put up fencing for parking. The lawn has been mowed and will not be mowed again prior to the Fair weekend (rainy!). Charlie also stated that this will be his last Fair as a leader. He provided these suggestions for the future: Floyd could coordinate the STS group; we should advertise for lawn mowing in the Spring; we need a small storage building for fence posts, snow fencing, and rebar as several rolls of snow fencing have disappeared. He also stated that he will be 90 in November and he has been involved in 45 Embarrass Region Fairs! Gus offered praise and gratitude to Charlie for his years of service and commitment to the Fair.

Cornhole Tournament. Sue said she will contact Kevin for an update.

Parade. Teila Martin stated that Northeast Range High School marching band will be in our parade. The past fee has been \$500 and they will honor that this year but next year the price will be \$750. After discussion, a vote was taken and by a majority ERFA will pay \$500 this year.

Signs to help control traffic were discussed. Sherri and Terri Joki will seek signs and we will use our VCC volunteers to help control traffic.

Miscellaneous

Sue stated that it is imperative that we provide specific information to the Township about what jobs need to be done and who they should see on the Fairgrounds. Jobs and schedules were identified and Sue will handle with Jennifer, Township Clerk.

Rodney made a motion to adjourn. Jerry seconded. Motion carried. Gus adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Beaton, Trustee

Future Meetings:

Aug 25	6:00 p.m.: Complete Fair Set-up
Sept 8	5:30 p.m. Organizational planning meeting
Sept 15	5:30 p.m. Organizational planning meeting 6:30 p.m. Fair Meeting
Sept 29	5:30 p.m. Organizational planning meeting
Oct 20	5:30 p.m. Organizational planning meeting 6:30 p.m. Fair Meeting

POSTAL NEWS



Embarrass MN Post Office

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Monday-Friday 7:00am-11:00am

Saturday 7:00am-9:00am

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Sisu Heritage, Inc.

Monthly Meeting.

July 2022

Present: John Kinnunen, Mickey White, David Pike, Linda Koskela, Pat Heikkila, Cindy Scherer

Guests: Paul Knuti, Roberta Pike

1. The July minutes were reviewed and approved, motion by Pat H., second David P., MC.
2. The financial reports were presented, a motion by Mickey W, second David P., MC.
3. Membership remains the same as last month: 148 – 30 lifetime.
4. Paul K. reported September is the start date to put the Apostolic Lutheran Church on the National Registry.
5. SISU Heritage Inc. will be selling Raffle tickets at the Embarrass Region Fair on August 26-28, 2022.
Five prizes will be drawn on September 11 at the Community Night Out.:
 - 1-Portable Generator 2200-1800 Watts
 - 2-SISU Heritage Lifetime Membership
 - 3-Pebble Spa Package
 - 4-\$100 gas card
 - 5-Irma's Finland House Gift Basket
6. Assignments were finalized for Sunday, September 11, 2022 at the Seitaniemi Housebarn – Waasa Township for Community Night Out. Enjoy music by Preston Gunderson, tour the Housebarn and sample chili, pie and coffee!

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

Next meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monday September 19, 2022

Community Night Out

Sunday, Sept 11 ~ 4-6:30 pm



Live Music
by singer/songwriter
Preston Gunderson

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EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage of Embarrass is celebrating their annual Community Night Out on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 4-6:30 p.m. at the historic Seitaniemi Homestead. Singer-songwriter Preston Gunderson will provide the music. Come for a free outdoor concert and a tour of the restored housebarn at this family-friendly event.

Bring your own beverage, blanket and lawn chair. Chili, pie and coffee will be available.

Freewill donations are gladly accepted. Proceeds go to Sisu's restoration projects in Embarrass and the surrounding area. Local businesses sponsoring this event include C&C Winger Construction, Benville Service, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union and Wintergreen Northern Wear

The Seitaniemi Homestead is located on Comet Road in Waasa, between Embarrass and Babbitt. Watch for signs on Hwy 21. Call 218-984-3012 or visit sisuheritage.org for more information.

***** OBITUARY *******Senator David J. Tomassoni, 69**

Senator David J. Tomassoni, 69, of Chisholm, died of complications from ALS on Aug. 11, 2022, at Solvay Hospice in Duluth. A special thanks to the amazing staff at Solvay Hospice for taking such great care of him in his final months. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Aug. 19 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Chisholm with Fr. Paul Strommer as celebrant. Interment was in the Chisholm Cemetery. The family asks that memorial donations be directed to Never Surrender.

David was born on Dec. 5, 1952 in Bemidji, to Chester and Helen (Bertolini) Tomassoni. David was a lifelong Chisholm resident. He was united in marriage to Charlotte A. Gauvin. David was a loving, caring son, brother, father, husband, grandfather and friend. His personality was bigger than life. He always had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes. He lit up a room when he walked in. His passion for the people of Chisholm and the Iron Range for the last 30 years in the Minnesota Legislature is second to none. He loved hockey and all sports in general, but most of all he loved his family. David has left a mark on everyone who crossed his path. He truly will be missed.

David is survived by his wife, Charlotte; children, Dante (Tiffany), Danny (Anna) and Chauntell (Mark) Morris; six grandchildren, Cecilia, Crosby, Wyatt, Davinia, Veronica and Josephina; sister, Mary Jo (Richard) Newbauer; brothers, John (Nancy) and Dick (Jane).

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Phyllis C. Nevala, 84

Phyllis Cresten Nevala, 84, formerly of Embarrass, died peacefully on Aug. 2, 2022, at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. Thanks go out to Essentia Hospital in Virginia, Vermilion Senior Living in Tower, St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth and Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia. The family wishes to honor Phyllis's request that there be no formal funeral service.

Phyllis was born on March 24, 1938, in Burns, Ore., to John and Inez (Dahl) Tregear. She was an avid reader. She enjoyed watching sports on television and she loved Jeopardy. Phyllis was very active in community events, both in Embarrass and at Alice Nettle Towers in Virginia, where she had resided for the past 16 years.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Dawn Allen, Gwen (John) Kuznak, Jill (Curt) Waisanen and Beth Rolfson; son, Kenneth (LeeAnne) Erickson; sister, Janice (Joseph) Mesojedec; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Inez Tregear; husband, William Clifford Nevala; son, Mitchell Erickson; and granddaughter, Meaghan Allen.

Eric L. Koski, 70

Eric Leslie Koski, 70, died on Aug. 1, 2022. Funeral services were held on Aug. 14 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Ely with Paul Desilets officiating.

Eric was born on Sept. 11, 1951, to Edward and Eleanore Koski, the fifth of six children. Eric grew up near Tower on the family homestead. He attended school for a time in a one-room schoolhouse and later graduated from Tower High School. One of his first jobs was working at the nearby Y-Store. He also worked for the Forest Service, clearing and fixing campsites in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. After attending college in Ely to pursue an interest in art, he began working for US Steel Minntac as a mobile equipment operator.

On March 30, 1972, Eric married Diana Kortkamp. Both had an interest in spiritual matters and a love of nature and a desire to live in harmony with the Earth. These common interests led them on a lifelong study of the Bible. On Dec. 2, 1973, they were baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses and enjoyed sharing Bible truths with others. Together they raised four children, built a home, raised various animals, and always made time to take in the beauty of their creator's handiwork.

Throughout his life Eric loved the outdoors and his family. He especially loved hikes with his family any time of year, kayaking on the river near his home, feeding the various wildlife and capturing pictures of nature, the people he loved, and of old things that were disappearing, with plans to paint these later.

Eric is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Diana Koski; son, Cameron (Heather) Koski of Embarrass; daughter, Melody Koski of Virginia; son, Aaron (April) Koski of Fargo, N.D.; daughter, Laura (Aaron) Burchfield of Kingman, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Mariah, Jonas, Ethan, Rafe and Quinn Koski; brothers, Kenneth (JoAnn) Koski and Dennely (Sandra) Koski, both of Tower; sister, Sally (Mike) Leoni of Embarrass; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Eleanor Koski; sister, Susan; and brother, Gary Koski.



**Embarrass Flower
& Garden Club**
September 12 – 7 p.m.

Embarrass Town Hall.

Please join us.
Cost per person for joining the club
is only \$15/yr. Masks are
requested for in-person meetings.

If you have any questions,
please contact: Linda Cox
President, 218-984-3002
or (218) 780-4143.



Babbitt Public Library

Monday-Thursday
12:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Friday
12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

Curbside service
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PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB September 6, 2022 at 7p.m.

Hostesses:

Lynne Stuckey and Kelly Sheffield.

Plans will be started for the Community
Halloween party.

Anyone interested in participating in the
club's activities, please come join us or
contact Lynne Stuckey at (218) 410-
0167

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

All Services at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion – First Sunday

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732

218-984-3402, www.efreechurch.com

E-mail: marlinb@efreechurch.com

Sunday

Family Bible Classes, 9 a.m.

Family Worship, 10 a.m.

Wednesday

ENGAGE Youth Ministry – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Men's Prayer – 6 a.m.

Special Events

- Baptism Service at the Jon Anderson home, Thursday, September 1, 5:00 p.m.
- Kids on the Rock kick-off at the Bjornrud home, Wednesday, September 21, 4:00 p.m.

GARAGE SALE

(Former Northern Comfort Bed & Breakfast)

4776 Waisanen Road

Embarrass, MN 55732

Friday and Saturday, Sept 9th and 10th 9-4 both days

Items for the camper, fisherperson, gardener, home cook, crafter, reader, pet lover snowmobiler, bicyclist and do it yourself expert!

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass

Office hours

Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

hovelutheranembarrass@gmail.com

218-984-2037

Services begin at 10:30 a.m.

**Interim Pastor, Brian Birk of Tower
Confirmation Instruction at 9:30 a.m.**



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Hwy 21 and Hwy 135 (Four Corners)
Sep 7 & 28; Oct 19; Nov 9 & 30; Dec 21

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2022		July 26 41/72	July 27 47/71 pc .35"	July 28 48/74 pc .09"	July 29 44/67 pc .29"	July 30 46/74
July 31 59/82	Aug. 1 58/78 pc .79"	Aug. 2 51/72	Aug. 3 52/78 pc 1.15"	Aug. 4 44/71 pc .05"	Aug. 5 44/78	Aug. 6 59/84 pc .50"
Aug. 7 54/74	Aug. 8 50.67 pc .05"	Aug. 9 48/73	Aug. 10 47/83	Aug. 11 40/75	Aug. 12 40/79	Aug. 13 53/71 pc .10"
Aug. 14 47/74	Aug. 15 56/80 pc 1.33"	Aug. 16 57/76 trace pc	Aug. 17 57/73 pc .55"	Aug. 18 54/81 pc .11"	Aug. 19 59/78 pc .05"	

Precipitation August 2021 total = 1.92"

Precipitation August 2022 to-date = 5.41"

Aug. 1 41/78 trace pc	Aug. 2 47/76	Aug. 3 48/81	Aug. 4 48/86	Aug. 5 51/86 trace pc	Aug. 6 61/81 pc .47"	Aug. 7 54/76
Aug. 8 58/72	Aug. 9 59/77	Aug. 10 64/88	Aug. 11 61/83 pc .22"	Aug. 12 50/78 pc .08"	Aug. 13 38/71	Aug. 14 33/71
Aug. 15 48/85	Aug. 16 62/89	Aug. 17 62/85	Aug. 18 65/90	Aug. 19 66/91	Aug. 20 66/91	Aug. 21 62/89 pc .13"
Aug. 22 38/67 trace pc	Aug. 23 48/76 trace pc	Aug. 24 42/83	Aug. 25 42/78	Aug. 26 42/77	Aug. 27 45/63 pc .07"	Aug. 28 57/62 pc .26"
Aug. 29 57/72 pc .69"	Aug. 30 52/75	Aug. 31 40/71				2021