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EMBARRASS, MN 55732  
OCTOBER 2020  
ISSUE #352



**Pancake Breakfast!!**

**Saturday, October 3**

**8-11 a.m.**

*Timber Hall*

# Happy Halloween!



**Embarrass Town Board Meeting**

**October 14, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Please submit materials for the November 2020 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by October 22, 2020.

# OCTOBER 2020

Ladies Coffee and Exercise Group are all canceled for an indefinite period of time.				1 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	2	3 Pancake Breakfast at Timber Hall  <b>Hall Rental</b>
4 <i>Hall Rental</i>   4-H Meeting (check with leader)	5  Flower & Garden Club meeting canceled	6	7	8 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	9	10
11	12	13	14  Embarrass Town Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	15 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.  Fair Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Timber Hall	16	17
18	19 Sisu Meeting Maximum 10 persons, 6' apart for social distancing	20	21	22 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween!</i>

## FROM THE EDITOR:

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## Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting – September 9, 2020

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese, Visitor: Roland Fowler

Meeting was called to order by Rantala at 6:08 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to approve the August 12, 2020 minutes. Carried 2-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to approve the August 26, 2020 Plow Truck minutes. Carried 2-0.*

*Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright to approve the Treasurers Report after question was answered about the insurance payment that was made to MATIT. Carried 2-0.*

Rantala reports that the roads are good. Rantala was contacted about a tree down on a road, maintenance was contacted, and tree was cleared.

Wright reports that maintenance has had a busy month doing campground repairs, tree cleanup, mowing and other maintenance duties. Wright would like maintenance to start on staining the pavilion at the campground next week when the weather is warmer and asks the clerk to inform maintenance to get the supplies needed to do the job.

*Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright to supply the campground host with one hundred dollars to plan and host an end of season event on September 26 at the campground. Carried 2-0.*

Cemetery deeds were signed by the supervisors.

Roland Fowler would like two names put on the stones at the Memorial Forest and gives the clerk fifty dollars to do so. Wright says that the money will be held until the cost of the engraving in the stone can be found out. Let it be noted that there is still room for more names to be added to the memorial stones and names can be added but not at the townships expense. Clerk will find out the cost.

Clerk informs the supervisors that the CARES ACT funding was approved and received in the amount of \$14,625. Most of the funds will be used towards the extra employee that was kept on since March and the rest to be used on extra supplies needed due to the COVID-19.

Novak informs the supervisors she has driven most roads to do a weed inspection out here in Embarrass and believes she has found some wild parsnip and spotted nap weed. Novak will mark them and contact the county to see if they will remove the unwanted weeds.

Clerk will be writing up a letter of support to the St. Louis County Board for the STS (Sentence to Service Program), regarding the outstanding work they have done for the township for many years.

*Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright to accept the claims (17589-17616, \$12,472.77) and correspondence. Carried 2-0.*

Audit was completed, one claim number was out of order between the clerk and treasurers' records but the claim itself was correct. The order number of the claim was fixed, and all claims and disbursement were found accurate and correct.

Meeting was adjourned by Rantala at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

## Clerks Corner

The colors of the fall leaves are gorgeous all around the township! Took a ride the other day around Embarrass and to Aurora and it just amazes me year after year of all the beauty we have right here in front of us.

I want to give a BIG thank you to the garden club for the beautiful flowers and plants around the township. As always you did a wonderful job this summer.

Time to start ordering your ice candles for the Ice Candle Celebration on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Stop in or mail a check to 7503 Levander Road. Ice candles are \$4 each. Also, a reminder to remove any planters at the cemetery by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Presidential Election; a sample ballot is included in this issue of the Flying Finn. Please try to get out and vote. Your vote matters! Voting takes place for Embarrass residents at 7503 Levander Road from 7 A.M. until 8 P.M.

Have a great month everyone.

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.

# Embarrass Ice Candle Memorials



## Buy your Ice Candles! \$4 each

If you plan to buy a candle in remembrance of a loved one, please let us know as soon as possible by stopping by our office, mailing a check or calling us at **984-2084**.

Ice Candles will be lit on  
**Saturday, December 19th**

Watch the Flying Finn for  
more information.

Town Clerk Office  
7503 Levander Rd  
Embarrass, MN 55732

# SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

## FEDERAL OFFICES

### President and Vice-President

- Donald J Trump and  
Michael R Pence (Republican)
- Joseph R Biden and  
Kamal Harris (Democratic Farmer Labor)
- Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente and  
Darcy Richardson (Independence Alliance)
- Howie Hawkins and Angela Parker (Green Party)
- Kanye West and Michelle Tidball (Independent)
- Brock Pierce and Karla Ballard (Independent)
- Gloria La Piva and  
Leonard Peltier (Socialism and Libertarian)
- Alyson Kennedy and  
Malcolm Jarrett (Socialist Workers Party)
- Jo Jorgenson and  
Jeremy “Spike” Cohen (Libertarian Party)

### US Senator

- Kevin O’Connor (Legal Marijuana Now)
- Oliver Steinberg (Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis)
- Jason Lewis (Republican)
- Tina Smith (Democratic Farmer Labor)

### US Representative (District 8)

- Justin Schwartzbacker (Grassroots – Legalize Cannabis)
- Pete Stauber (Republican)
- Quinn Nystrom (Democratic Farmer Labor)

## STATE OFFICES

### State Senator (District 6)

- John J Moren (Republican)
- David J Tomassoni (Democratic Farmer Labor)

### State Representative (District 6B)

- Julie Burla (Republican)
- David Lislegard (Democratic Farmer Labor)

## COUNTY OFFICES

### North Soil and Water Conversation District Supv. (District 2)

- Gary Rantala

### North Soil and Water Conversation District Supv. (District 4)

- (write in)

### North Soil and Water Conversation District Supv. (District 5)

- Mark A Peterson

## TOWN OFFICES

### Town Supervisor Seat 2, Town of Embarrass

- Bernard Mettler

### Town Supervisor Seat 3, Town of Embarrass

- Roy Worsham

### Town Clerk

- Jennifer Boese

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

### School Board Member District 4, ISD 2142-4

- Chris Koivisto

## JUDICIAL OFFICES

### Supreme Court – Associate Justice 4

- Michelle MacDonald
- Paul Thiessen

### Court of Appeals – Judge 3

- Carol Hosten

### Court of Appeals – Judge 9

- Randall Slieter

### Court of Appeal – Judge 13

- Jeanne Cochran

### Court of Appeals – Judge 15

- Kevin G Ross

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Court – Judge 1

- Rachel C Sullivan

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Court – Judge 2

- Robert C Friday

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Court – Judge 3

- Robert Macauley

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Court – Judge 4

- David M Johnson

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Court – Judge 9

- Eric L Hylden

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Court – Judge 12

- Sally L Tarnowski

### 6<sup>th</sup> District Court – Judge 14

- Rebekka Stumme

# Waasa Township

## Regular Board Meeting

### Wednesday, August 5, 2020

### 7:00 p.m.

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

**Visitors:** David Hess and Nina Honkola

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 July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

**Treasurer's Report:** Receipts:

- Embarrass Vermilion Fed. C.U., \$15,451.88, Cashed in CD #63
- Range Funeral Home, \$75.00, Marlene Kari Burial Payment (Dig-- to be Pd to Sexton)
- St. Louis County, \$3,369.95, Oct. 2020 Tax Advance
- State of MN, \$685.50, Township Aid

Total Disbursements July 8, 2020 Regular Meeting: \$37,837.75. *Steve accepted the report and Mitch supported. 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).*

- Davey Do-Right Services, \$490.00, Cemetery Lawn Care—Lower Section & Hillside
- Embarrass Vermilion Fed. C.U., \$74.98, Bank Acct. Order: 500 Check Blanks
- Sandra Gibson, \$33.51, Supplies & Food for Primary Election & Training
- L & M Fleet Supply, \$24.95, Battery for Lawn Tractor
- Lake Country Power, \$74.43, Electricity for Town Hall
- Menards, \$115.23, Shields for Election Tables, Other Election Supplies
- O'Farrell, Wally, \$75.00, Cremains Burial—Marlene Kari
- Range Coop-Babbitt, \$25.52, Gasoline for Mowing T. Hall

**Road Report:** Steve has been in the process of contacting home owners to get permission to build

turn-arounds on Teinila and Norby Roads. An official from St. Louis County will be asked to ride with Steve to those roads to check out property lines. Rock, Snow & Fire is ready to work on the turn-arounds and the brushing on Beckman, Niemi and Taapa Roads when we give him the go-ahead.

**Cemetery:** In the past month our sexton had observed 2 burials, Marlene Kari and Ruth Reed. A lot was purchased by Waasa resident, Tonya Vanderlinde. The deed for the lot was signed by the board and filed. A copy was also sent to Ms. Vanderlinde.

**Old Business:** Mike found an on-line source for the (3) cemetery signs and (2) "Waasa Township" signs in green for a reasonable price. *Mitch motioned to have Mike order the signs on-line and Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

The purchase of a bench for the cemetery in memory of Ben Niemi which was approved at the July meeting. A generous donation of \$500 was received from Babbitt VFW Post 1539. The balance of the costs of the project will be picked up by the township. *The engraving, "In Memory of Ben Niemi—To Honor Our Veterans" was approved by Mike and supported by Mitch. Carried (3-0).*

**New Business:** *Mike motioned to sell the old lawn tractor with Mitch supporting. Carried (3-0).* The Clerk is asked to put a "for sale by sealed bids" in the Babbitt Weekly News and the Flying Finn. Ads will also be posted at the usual posting places and in Babbitt.

The preparations are being made for the Primary Election. Nine Election Judges have been trained in cooperation with the clerks of our township and Embarrass. The Waasa Town Board would like to thank Embarrass Township for their help and the use of their facilities for the training. Waasa polling hours on Tuesday, August 11 are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thus far, Michael W. Johnson has filed for Township Supervisor. Kimberly Daugherty and Nina Honkola have filed for the Treasurer position. Filing period ends on August 11 at 5 p.m.

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

**Adjournment:** *Mike moved to close the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and was supported by Mitch. Carried (3-0).*

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



## Embarrass Region Fair

### Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2020

*Pending Approval*

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Terri Joki, Janine Patten, Charlie Fowler; Trustees: Floyd Joki, Rodney Members Present: Bonnie Meier, Lisa Gibson, Chris Dale, Mitch Lind, Gene Wright, Lorrie Fjerstad, Amber Johnson

**Call to Order.** Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

#### Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were distributed for review. *Rodney moved to approve the minutes; Lisa seconded. Motion carried.*

#### Treasurer Report

The financial report was distributed showing checking & savings account activity and balances for the period 8/21/20 – 9/17/20. Terri pointed out that the August 28-30, Ranch Sorting and Team Penning events did exceptionally well this year. Because the events had substantially more participation and raised more money than when they are held during the Fair, Terri asked the membership, if next year Team Penning could hold their events on the weekend before the Fair. Bonnie asked if they would have the grounds cleaned up before the Fair and Terri said they would. Rodney pointed out that Team Penning did good job of cleaning up the grounds after their recent events. Lisa asked if it would reduce the gate for the Fair and Jerry responded that he didn't think it would significantly reduce the gate. After further discussion, *Jerry moved that in 2021 Team Penning and Ranch Sorting events be held on the weekend before the Fair (August 20, 21 & 22) pending approval by the Northwoods Saddle Club. Lisa seconded. Motion carried. Lisa moved to accept the treasurer's report. Chris seconded. Motion carried.*

#### Old Business

- Pens and panels for the barn. Jerry said that Frank picked up new panels for the barn and Amber

acquired some display cases for the exhibit building that will be used to display baked goods.

#### New Business

- Timber Hall update. Jerry said that there were several expenditures for Timber Hall which included plexiglass for the kitchen, and vent and ramp repairs. Bonnie said that the back door is difficult to close and should be repaired or replaced.
- Pancake Breakfast. Gene said that people will start arriving at 7:00 for the Prospector Club VIP ATV ride. Jerry said that breakfast will start at 8:00. He stated that tables should be set up at least 6 ft. apart with four chairs per table. Family groups can sit closer together. Patrons must wear masks when not seated.
- Everything Ice. Jerry introduced Lorrie Fjerstad, the Embarrass Campground host. Lorrie asked if the membership would support holding a dance at Timber Hall on December 19 as part the annual Ice Candle event in Embarrass. Jerry said that the Fair operates by committee and would need a volunteer to head a committee for the dance. Lorrie said she is willing to head a committee for the dance. Jerry said okay; the only drawback is how bad Covid may be in December.

#### Miscellaneous

- Jerry read the thank you notes, received by the Fair Board from Team Penning and the Ride, Raffle N Roll to Fight ALS Committee. Amber said that for the 2021 Fair she would be in charge of both the Exhibit Building and the Livestock Building.

*Bonnie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lisa seconded. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.*

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Secretary

***Next meeting:***  
**Embarrass Region Fair Association**  
 Thursday, October 15, 2020  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Timber Hall  
**New Members are Welcome!**

## PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



We regret to announce that we have made the very difficult decision to CANCEL the upcoming 2020-2021 club year beginning in September 2020 through May 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our way of life in an historic way. Our primary goal is to keep our members and the members of our community SAFE. This includes a cancellation of all events our club sponsors such as the annual Halloween Carnival, Spring Bingo Bazaar-Craft & Bake Sale and Community Pot Luck Dinner Music Night. ALL FESTIVITIES CANCELLED.



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# Town of Pike

## REGULAR MEETING

Pike Town Hall

September 8, 2020

Chairman Langowski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. All board members were present.

The minutes from August 18, 2020 were accepted as read by Johnson/ Rasmusson 3-0.

Treasurer's Report included a transfer from general fund to cemetery fund on a motion by Langowski/Rasmusson 3-0. The Treasurer's report was accepted by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0.

Claim forms 2498-2506 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

A dumpster for fall cleanup will be ordered. Permission for use of turnarounds on township roads will be obtained from residents where turnarounds are located.

### NEXT MEETING:

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, **October 13, 2020** starting at 7:00 pm. @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rasmusson/Langowski 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Jodi Backman, Clerk

\*\*These minutes have not yet been approved by the Town Board.\*\*

## 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.



## SISU HERITAGE

August 2020

Present: Cindy Scherer, Marlin Bjornrud, Jack Lamar, Pat Heikkila; Guest: Paul Knuti (A quorum was not present)

1. July minutes were reviewed. A suggestion was made to make sure in the minutes or statements that the church is listed as the "Apostolic Lutheran Church".
2. July finances were presented. They will be approved at the September meeting.
3. Membership report – 143 members of which 21 are lifetime.
4. Paul K. reported on the visit by three persons from LHB to begin the evaluation of the Apostolic Lutheran Church. They met with Paul, Ron, and Marlin at the church, then spent some time on their own. Paul took them on a tour of the homesteads. They visited the Minnesota Discovery Center and located Marvin Lamma's writings about the Apostolic Lutheran Church. The historical architect suggested we add gutters to the building. They will work on their reports, as well as interviewing a list of resource people.
5. The rest of the meeting was spend getting in place all the plans for the Community Night Out scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020.

Recorded by Marlin Bjornrud / Due to absence of secretary.



## SISU HERITAGE

September 2020

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

1. August minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. July financial reports were accepted with a motion by John K., second Mickey W., MC.
3. Membership Report: 1 new member / 144 lifetime (4 renewals)
4. Reviews of Community Night Out were positive. Many people attended for the first time. Jack Lamar was busy giving tours and answering questions. A variety of individual pieces of pie were popular, served with Covid-19 restrictions. A commend on how well the grounds had been mowed and trimmed.
5. A new Facebook page was created with Albums of the Apostolic Lutheran Church, Hanka and Seitaniemi Homesteads, by Heather M., with the help of Pat Heikkila. Check out: Sisu Heritage Inc. Embarrass MN.

6. Paul K. reported the LHB consultants are on track with their research, they suggested gutters and downspouts on the church would help with directing water away from the foundation. Arrowhead Roofing was contacted for an estimate. A second estimate will also be pursued.
7. John K. reported on getting two estimates to repair the east basement wall on the church. DBS out of Duluth & Greenstone from Ely were both contacted. The board will also get a third estimate before making a final decision.
8. Correspondence by e-mail came from Daniel Voss living in Bemidji. He has a 1900 Kimball pump organ owned by the Nelimark family which he would donate to the Nelimark Homestead. The artisans will also be informed and have input on this matter.
9. The board acted on behalf of Pat Heikkila on her letter of resignation from the SISU Heritage Board. We extend gratitude and appreciation for her time on the board. She has a heartfelt connection to the Hanka Homestead and Embarrass. Motion by Mickey W., second John K. MC.

Submitted by Secretary Linda Koskela



# RODNEY'S SAND & GRAVEL



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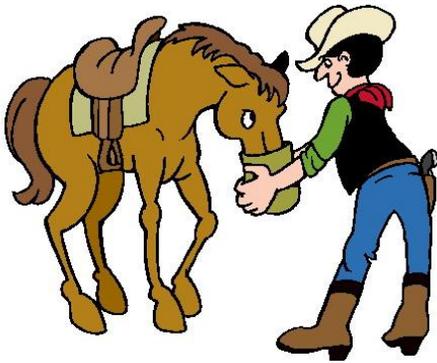
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**984-3215**



# Results from Team Penning and Ranch Sorting Events

## August 28/29/30, 2020



### Team Penning Friday Afternoon, 8-28-2020

#### **First Place**

The Movers, Jennie Nelson, Allyson Rolfson, Pam Peterson: 3 cows in at 44.321 seconds, earnings \$240.00, buckles for each rider, and additional earnings of \$300.00 for Best Time for both days with 3 cows

#### **Second Place**

3 Ladies, Tracy, Morgan and Deb: 2 cows in at 39.647 seconds and earnings of \$210.00

#### **Third Place**

Zeros, Roy Kennedy, JoDell Ederns, Levi Pearson: 2 cows in at 46.794 and earnings of \$195.00

### Saturday Team Penning 2020

#### **First Place**

Gary & The Pussy Cats, Gary Koupalla, Pam Peterson, Brook Woitalla: 3 cows with a time of 59.147 and earnings of \$600.00 and buckles

#### **Second Place**

Runnin for the Bunny, Jeff Thurlow, Danny Anderson, Matt Schultz: 3 cows with a time of 60.952 and earnings of \$420.00

#### **Third place**

Cassies Team, Shaun Hainey, Cass Hainey, Jeff Thurlow: 3 cows with a time of 60.996 and earnings of \$390.00

#### **Fourth Place**

Leslie and the Minions, Leslie Webb, Matt Schultz, Paul Knuti: 3 cows with a time of 63.716 seconds and earnings of \$330.00

### Sunday Ranch Sorting Morning class

#### **First Place**

Nichelle and Phil Scholemer: 6 cows in at 52.515 seconds and earnings of \$120.00

#### **Second Place**

Brandi Olsen and Tracy Connelly: 6 cows in at 78.517 seconds and earnings of \$100.00

#### **Third Place**

Corbet Hainey and Kristine Miller: 5 cows in at 66.170 seconds and earnings of \$80.00

### Sunday Ranch Sorting, Short go

#### (Final of the top 10)

#### **First Place**

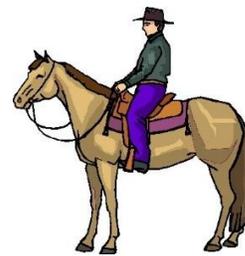
Danny and Heather Anderson: 18 cows in a combined two runs with a time of 53.238 seconds and earnings of \$600.00 and buckles

#### **Second place**

Jeff Thurlow and Bridger Schultz: 18 cows in a combined two runs with a time of 56.52 seconds and earnings of \$500.00

#### **Third place**

Nichelle and Phil Schloemer: 14 cows in a combined two runs with a time of 60.873 seconds and earnings of \$440.00



*Riders for Team Penning, Friday  
40 riders and 55 teams,*

*Team Penning, Saturday*

*50 Riders and 100 Teams*

*Ranch Sorting, Sunday Morning*

*Riders 35, teams 39*

*Ranch Sorting, Sunday Afternoon*

*Riders 55 and 87 Teams*

***77 Total Riders for the weekend of 2020***

## \*\*\* OBITUARIES \*\*\*

### **Arthur J. Lehtonen Sr., 81**

Arthur "Art" John Lehtonen Sr., 81, of Virginia, passed away on Sept. 3, 2020, at his residence. Funeral services were held on Sept. 14 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with Pastor Amy Janssen officiating. Burial took place at Florenton Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the Virginia Foundation in Art's name.

Art was born on March 1, 1939, in Virginia, to Arthur and Ila Lehtonen. Art was a hard-working miner for 43 years at LTV Mining. He also worked for the U.S. Forest Service, was a Pike Township Constable and Pike Township Fire Chief. He loved his accordion and worked his life in polka music. He was a very good dancer; the ladies lined up to dance with him. Art was an excellent fisherman, hunter and woodsman. He always stayed busy and did everything with his two sons. Art taught his grandson his knowledge. He was a very good trout fisherman and had the title of "Trout Master." He always drew a crowd when he fished and everybody knew where the fish were. Art could fix everything and anything. And he made the best skating rinks for the kids in Pike Township.

Art is survived by his sister, Arlene (Dale) Wiermaa; son, Arthur John Lehtonen Jr.; grandson, Leslie "Artie" Arthur Lehtonen; nieces, nephews and many extended friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Leslie W. Lehtonen.

### **Raymond R. Hotakainen, 84**

Raymond Richard Hotakainen, 84, went home to Jesus on Aug. 25, 2020, at Waterview Pines. "Be Faithful unto death and I will give you the Crown of Life." Rev 2:10. We wish to thank all the staff at Cornerstone Villa in Buhl, Northern Pines in Aurora, and Waterview Pines in Virginia for all of the TLC given to Ray; it was very much appreciated.

A Celebration of Life will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Timber Hall in Embarrass.

Ray was the first of nine children born to Arne and Kaino (Heino) Hotakainen of rural Sebeka. He grew up on the family farm helping his mother with siblings and chores while his dad worked on the railroad. He attended County School 171 and Sebeka Public Schools. In 1955 he began working for Pretac Mining in Hoyt Lakes. He married Iris Suehla in 1957 and they built a home in Embarrass and were blessed with four children.

Ray was a self-taught mechanic, enjoyed Farmall tractors, stayed busy in Papa's Fix It Shop and kept his yard like a park. His greatest enjoyment was watching his grandchildren play sports. After retirement from Erie in 1990, he and Iris

wintered in Ajo, Ariz., while sharing the love of Jesus in Mexico.

In 2007, Ray was stricken with the West Nile Virus and spent the remainder of his life in a wheelchair in care facilities. He was a people person and enjoyed meeting new people and helping them to adjust; they were family to him.

Ray is survived by his wife, Iris; children, Paul (Ruth) Hotakainen of Embarrass, Jody (Kenny) Blake of Makinen and Wanda (Alex) Pluswick of Virginia; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brothers, Mel of Sebeka, John (Carolyn) of Sebeka, Mar (Stephane) of Winter Haven, Fla., Rob of Washington, D.C., and Jerry (Kathy) of Lino Lakes; sister, Barb of Sartell; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori; parents, Arne and Kaino; brother, Kenneth; sister, Hazel (Harold) Klimek; and sisters-in-law, Leona and Sandy.

### **Carl W. Salmela, 68**

Carl W. Salmela, 68, of Duluth, died of natural causes at his home on Dec. 30, 2019. A graveside service was held at the Town of Vermilion Lake Cemetery on Sept. 15, 2020.

Carl was born on Feb. 9, 1951, and was the only child of Wayne and Mary (Gustafson) Salmela. They lived in Tower for most of their life and that is where Carl was raised. Later he moved to Virginia and then called Duluth his home the past several years. Carl was a graduate of Tower High School; as a student at UMD in the early 1970s he majored in Communications and also had a passion for photography. He enjoyed attending the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church in Embarrass and Virginia. Carl is survived by several Salmela and Gustafson cousins.

### **Kenneth Pulkinen, 77**

Kenneth "Ken" Pulkinen, 77, of Embarrass, passed away peacefully at his home with his lovely wife Linda at his side on Aug. 21, 2020.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1942, in Ely. He was an Army Veteran from 1961 -1964, serving in Germany. His passions were fishing, hunting, canning, baking, and making walking sticks and canes with his brother out of willow trees branches.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda, a great wonderful marriage; sister, Carol Pulkinen; daughter, Tina (Marty) Petron; son, Eric (fiancée Paula); grandchildren, Sam, Jacob, Christopher, Alex and Lilly; and great-granddaughters, Coraline and Brylly. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eino and Adele Pulkinen; sister, Arlene; brother, William "Billy"; and sister, Lois.

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## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass

### Office hours

Tues & Thurs 4:30-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hoperlutheranembarrass@gmail.com)

218-984-2037

All services begin at 10:30 am.

October 4 Tanya Roth (Seminary Student)

October 11 Billie Rouse (Communion)

October 18 Tanya Roth

October 25 Billie Rouse (Communion)

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## PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

[www.apostoliclutheran.org](http://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.

October 4 Jon Salo

October 11 Carl Lamppa / Annual Meeting

October 18 Gerry Southerton

October 25 Jerry DeVries

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732

218-984-3402

[www.efreechurch.com](http://www.efreechurch.com)

E-mail: [embfree@frontier.com](mailto:embfree@frontier.com)

Sunday Worship Services, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes, 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services, 11:00 a.m.

Monday Men's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday ENGAGE Youth, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Messages in October: "Burdens"

## POSTAL NEWS



### Embarrass MN Post Office

4878 Hwy 218-984-3027

#### Pickup/Retail Hours:

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

Saturday 7:00am-9:00am

Lobby is open 24 hours for those with post office boxes at this location

### Embarrass Transfer Station



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<b>2020</b>		Aug. 25 46/80	Aug. 26 45/82 pc .10"	Aug. 27 53/79 pc .03"	Aug. 28 52/76 pc .02"	Aug. 29 52/76 pc .03"
Aug. 30 39/70	Aug. 31 39/72 pc .19"	Sept. 1 38/66 pc .45"	Sept. 2 39/71 pc .22"	Sept. 3 50/70 pc .19"	Sept. 4 39/61	Sept. 5 33/67
Sept. 6 43/70	Sept. 7 41/72	Sept. 8 29/53 trace pc	Sept. 9 27/53 pc .16"	Sept. 10 27/58	Sept. 11 28/63	Sept. 12 30/70 pc .14"
Sept. 13 50/58 trace pc	Sept. 14 29/62 trace pc	Sept. 15 29/63 trace pc	Sept. 16 48/67	Sept. 17 25/60	Sept. 18 20/54	Sept. 19 20/61
Sept. 20 45/71	Sept. 21 54/70	Sept. 22 44/77	Sept. 23 39/78	Sept. 24 39/79 trace pc	Sept. 25 51/62	

**2020 September to-date precipitation = 1.16"**

**2019 September total precipitation = 5.10"**

**2018 September total precipitation = 6.65"**

Sept. 1 46/72	Sept. 2 50/68 pc .04"	Sept. 3 48/68 pc .14"	Sept. 4 46/60 pc .12"	Sept. 5 40/66 trace pc	Sept. 6 43/65 pc .12"	Sept. 7 38/73 trace pc
Sept. 8 40/57	Sept. 9 41/60	Sept. 10 47/62 pc .90"	Sept. 11 52/66 pc .03"	Sept. 12 47/57 trace pc	Sept. 13 47/53 pc 1.45"	Sept. 14 36/57 pc .21"
Sept. 15 36/66 pc .02"	Sept. 16 53/75 pc .01"	Sept. 17 53/82	Sept. 18 62/70 pc .95"	Sept. 19 53/78 pc .08"	Sept. 20 46/73	Sept. 21 48/77
Sept. 22 53/78 pc .14"	Sept. 23 47/60 pc .03"	Sept. 24 43/70	Sept. 25 46/73 pc .03"	Sept. 26 33/62 trace pc	Sept. 27 33/63 pc .15"	Sept. 28 27/54
Sept. 29 28/58	Sept. 30 41/52 pc .68"					<b>2019</b>