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EMBARRASS, MN 55732  
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Pancake Breakfast  
Timber Hall  
October 1  
8-11




**Happy Halloween**

**Embarrass Town Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Please submit materials for the November 2022 issue to the  
Embarrass Clerk's Office by October 20, 2022.

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## Town of Embarrass

Special Board Meeting

September 7, 2022

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Jack LaMar, Alyssa Hammond, Dave Bialke, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Gene Wright, Tom Hammond, Isaiah Hammond

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by LaMar with the Pledge of Allegiance. LaMar informs those present the reason for the meeting is to address the needs for maintenance and the issues at hand regarding maintenance. LaMar gives Maintenance Supervisor Hammond the floor. Hammond discussed the reasons she was given by maintenance for resigning. Hammond has been reaching out to maintenance to check work status and see what should be prioritized. Currently the township has summer hire, Lisa Gibson as the only maintenance employee until lead maintenance returns. Hammond has prioritized the Cemetery, Town Hall, and Campground to be mowed along with restroom cleaning, garbage pick-up and added winterizing the campground when season is over. Clerk to check with lead maintenance to get the instruction guide for winterizing the campground. LaMar states he will do the winterizing of the campground. Summer hire will be starting new employment but has offered to come in on some weekends for a few hours, board approved during August meeting for Gibson to work until end of December. (Clerk notes: Gibson left keys with clerk on 9-15 at end of workday, stating she feels there is enough help from clerk and supervisors to do the maintenance work that needs to be done, she feels she is no longer needed, very thankful to the clerk and supervisors for everything and enjoyed her time working for the township. Currently Clerk has been cleaning town hall inside and the outside entrance area. Clerks husband has been picking up garbage from Town Hall, Information Center and Campground and has brought to dump station. Clerk along with Bonnie Davies have been cleaning and stocking restrooms at Information Center) LaMar states going forward need to have leadership and communication improvements as well as safety being important, communication is a

big part of that. The board will work with maintenance to provide a better work environment. needs to be protected and given the resources to be able to do their job. Part of that is feedback from maintenance to the supervisors. Wright tells the supervisors that Gibson needs to be paid for being the only maintenance employee at this time and should be retro paid. LaMar agrees Gibson has stepped up immensely and feels an increase in wage should be given, all supervisors agree, Motion/Hammond: to increase the wage of summer hire, Lisa Gibson. Second/LaMar. Discussion had. Motion continues; retroactive Gibson's wage to regular maintenance wage starting July 18 when lead maintenance went out for surgery then starting August 30 to receive lead maintenance. Carried 3-0. Maintenance wages were discussed, and supervisors feel maintenance wages should be adjusted. Discussion was had. Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to post and file for a Town Meeting, September 28 at 6 p.m., business/agenda to increase the salary for maintenance and ask town to adjust the levy for 2023. Carried 3-0. With being shorthanded temporarily with maintenance employees the board signs resolutions of conflict (C6000/Appendix B: Minn. Stat 471.88, subd.5) to step in when needed for township maintenance duties as paid employees. Resolutions signed. Motion/Lamar: Second/Hammond. Carried 3-0. Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to post for maintenance position opening, ending on the September 22. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. by LaMar.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

Board Meeting  
September 14, 2022  
PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Bill Wright, Roy & Lori Worsham

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

LaMar calls the meeting to order with The Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 p.m.

Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to approve the August 10, 2022 minutes. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Hammond: Second/LaMar to take \$3,000 from EVFCU savings account that was a donation towards the Information Center Restroom Project and move it to the Local Grants account. Carried 3-0. Motion rescinded and corrected the amount to \$2000. Question was asked on the \$6,113.67 receipt from EVFCU savings that was deposited into the local grants fund in July of 2021. A \$12,000 donation from St. Louis County was received. An invoice for prep work was paid with part of the donation. The remaining \$6,113.67 went into savings until it was needed towards another invoice for the project, which in July of 2021 the money was then transferred to Local Funds after the Local Grant Fund was opened and invoices due for payment were then paid. Second/LaMar to put \$1110.00 from the Post Office Rental Payment into savings each month and the remaining \$100 into the Post Office Fund. Carried 3-0. Boese and Novak encourage supervisors to meet with them when there is time to look and learn the State Auditors CTAS program Boese and Novak work with to better understand where funds, claims, disbursements, receipts and reports are kept. Supervisors agree.

Maintenance Report was given by Hammond. Information Center restroom floors were painted with grip paint. One solar light was replaced waiting on other repair kit. Lead maintenance out on medical leave, second maintenance turned in resignation. Summer hire will be starting new job but will stay on for weekends to help. Job posting was posted, few applicants have applied, deadline is September 22 to have applications in. Pyhala hayfield was mowed by Gus Schroeder.

Bialke gives road report and explained work that should be done on township roads. Clerk to type Baalke's scope of work report and supervisors will be discussed later posting for bids on the work needed.

Caretaker Lori Worsham gives the Heritage Park Campground report. Campground has been full and running smoothly. Most sites are full till the closing date. Discussion was had on the overflow area for campers during the fair weekend and the amount to charge and how to set the area up. To be discussed next season to make the final decision. Motion/LaMar: Second/Bialke to offer a 25% discount across the board at the Heritage Park Campground after October 1st, Carried 3-0. Motion/LaMar: Second/Hammond to rehire Worsham's for season 2023 as Heritage Park and Campground Caretakers. Carried 3-0. Worsham's are

thanked by all for the great service and dedication to the campground.

Cemetery Deeds approved and signed by the board.

Supervisors discuss updates for the Employee Handbook.

Motion/Hammond: Second/Bialke to approve the Claims and Correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Motion/ LaMar: Second/Hammond to approve the Audit completed by the supervisors. All claims and funds found accurate and in order. Carried 3-0.

LaMar adjourns meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

## October Clerks Corner

What a beautiful time of year with all the colors of the trees. We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful area.

Reminder to all of those who have planters and décor at the cemetery to please have them removed by October 15.

Please get your Ice Candles ordered for the Ice Candle Celebration on December 17. Ice Candles are \$4 each.

Special Thank you to Lisa Gibson the township's summer hire. Thank you for all you did and for going above and beyond for the township.

November 8 is the General Election. All Embarrass residents are encouraged to get out and vote at the Town Hall.

### Election Announcement: Attention Embarrass Township Residents

The upcoming election in November for Supervisor Seat 3 has 2 candidates who are no longer eligible. The ballots have been printed and can no longer be changed.

- Candidate Matt Ray is ineligible to run for the township board because his residency is in Pike Township, and he has an Embarrass address.
- Candidate Dave Bialke has decided to withdraw his candidacy.
- The remaining candidate Mikayla Durkee will remain on the ballot and is eligible.

Citizens interested in running for the Board of Supervisors are encouraged to run an informational write-in campaign.

In the event an ineligible candidate is elected. A special election will be held.

Attached in this issue is a sample ballot.

Have a great month everyone.

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

### ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

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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.

### Embarrass Transfer Station



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**Saturday**

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### POSTAL NEWS



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## Waasa Township

3795 Highway 21

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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

Visitors: Eric Pulkinen and Dave 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 July 6, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Mike supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Total Disbursements for July 6, 2022 Regular Meeting were: \$22,766.34. Receipts: \$208.77 from St. Louis County 5/22 Tax Apportionment Correction. Mike accepted the report and Carrie supported. Carried (3-0). Mike motioned to transfer \$22,123.35 from General Fund to Fire Fund and transfer \$3,000.00 from General Fund to Cemetery Fund. Carrie 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).

- Dale, Rodney, \$85.00, 1-Load Class 5 Gravel for Niemi Road
- Davey Do-Right Services, \$2,310.00, Cemetery: Mowing 6X
- Gibson, Sandra, \$56.89, Mileage Reimbursement, Food for Election Training, Copies
- Lake Country Power, \$78.49, Electricity for Town Hall
- Sipola, Steve, \$18.13, Mileage Reimbursement Road Inspection

Road Report: Steve inspected the roads on August 2 and found them looking good with the exception of near the end of Niemi Road where some holes are forming. There is a possible need for a culvert replacement in that spot. Steve will call on Pat Erchel of St. Louis County Road Department to take a look at it since it seems to be sinking.

During a recent rain storm the driveway going down to the lower section of the cemetery got washed out and

there's a hole toward the back also. Steve will have the county check these out also.

Cemetery Report: A burial of cremains took place on July 22. Doug Padget was laid to rest on the Ed (Nilo) Hendrickson plot.

Old Business: The new sump pump seems to be doing its job now.

Both the Clerk and her Deputy have completed their mandatory Election Training for this cycle. Training was given for our 6 election judges on July 20 by the clerk with the cooperation of Embarrass Township.

Mike is going to look into getting help to put up the two Waasa Cemetery signs and the two Welcome to Waasa signs.

New Business: The AutoMark Election machine will be tested on Monday, August 8 at 9 a.m. It is open to the public.

Sandra reminded everyone that the Candidate Filing Period began on August 2 and runs thru August 16 at 5 p.m.

Approval was granted to Meghan Martin for a hall rental August 3 – 6 by Mike and Carrie. Carried (3-0).

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and was supported by Steve.

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



## Babbitt Public Library

### Monday-Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Check out the Babbitt library Facebook page or [babbittlibrary.blogspot.com](http://babbittlibrary.blogspot.com) for upcoming events.

- Book Club starts October 3, 2022 in the City Hall conference room @ 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Book they will be discussing will be "Oh My Stars" by Lorna Landvik
- Babbitt Library Facebook
- Preschool Story Time - Monday's
- Adult Book Talk - Tuesday's
- Young Adult Book Talk - Wednesday's
- Children's Take & Make Kits every month

## Embarrass Flower & Garden Club

October 3 – 7 p.m.  
Embarrass Town Hall.

Please join us.  
Discussion will continue on our 8<sup>th</sup>  
District Horticultural Meeting in the  
Spring of 2023.

Please come and network the  
Gardeners of Embarrass. Visitors  
are welcome and coffee an' will  
be served by the members.

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



## PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

October 4, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Planning for Community Halloween  
party.

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club's activities, please come join us or  
contact Lynne Stuckey at (218) 410-  
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### ERFA Organization Planning Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022 - 5:30 pm

*Pending Approval*

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

**Members Present:** Tana Johnson, Shireen Lee, Rodney Dale, Chrissy Dale

**Visitors:** Paul Knuti, William Ramponi, Sarah Wallert Ramponi, Vi Hildebrandt, Jon Smith, Andrea Trumbath

**Call to Order.** Gus called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm and reminded everyone that this meeting is an organizational meeting and the Fair meeting will commence at approximately 6:30 pm. He then asked that we introduce ourselves as there were several new faces around the tables.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the August 18 Organization Planning Meeting combined with the ERFA Meeting minutes of the same date were available for review. No changes. *Shireen moved to accept. Sue seconded. Motion carried.* The minutes of the September 8 Organization Planning Meeting were available for review. *Tana moved to accept. Shireen seconded. Motion carried.*

**Treasurer Report:** Jerry provided a Summary of the Year-to-Date account balances in a new format by budget category and stated that this will help us to budget for next year's fair. Income from the fair is positive \$3,610.02. Anticipated income will increase with the pancake breakfasts and storage building rentals. Anticipated expenses include sales tax and propane. The increase to \$5 gate fee helped enormously. Sue stated that attendance was approximately 4,100 paid adults. Detailed breakdown provided in the Fair portion of the meeting.

Janine pointed out that Thank You notes are due to the Embarrass Region Fire Department for their volunteer participation and the Tower Fire Department for financial contributions in July and August.

*Shireen moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Janine seconded. Motion carried.*

### Old Business

- Volunteer Appreciation Event, October 15, 4:30 pm (Shireen)—tabled for Fair meeting to approved budget.
- Leak from metal roof above kitchen. William Ramponi replaced the piping and added a snow slide. He and Gus agree that this may do the trick. William donated his time and materials. Huge Thank YOU to William.
- Candidates for membership and board positions. According to our bylaws, officer nominations are to be presented at our January 19 meeting with a vote at our February 16 meeting.

### New Organizational Business

- Committee Proposals. (Tana & Paul) As part of the reorganization effort Tana requested approval from the board to permit the formation of a planning committee. The Planning Committee can be expected to advise the board on governance structure, submitting recommendations to the board for their approval. Clarification of roles, responsibilities, and expectations will benefit the health of the board and help for future grant applications. *Paul moved that the board approve the formation of a Planning Committee. Janine seconded.* The Planning Committee will meet at the Timber Hall on Thursday, September 29, at 5:30 pm.
- Energy Expenditure Proposal (Tana). We have been awarded up to a \$20,000 grant from AEOA to cover 1/3 of the cost to address specific energy improvements to Timber Hall. Tana explained items on our project list that fall under energy improvements include replacing doors, insulation, chinking and replacing and restoring rotting and damaged logs. Funding from other sources will be necessary to meet the remaining two thirds. *Tana moved for a resolution to apply for grants from St. Louis County, IRRRB, and Northland Foundation be approved. Chrissy seconded. Motion passed. Tana additionally mentioned a list of potential sources that she could apply for grants to be included in the minutes pending submission.*
- CDBG Application. (Tana) Tana explained the CDBG grant is only applicable to us for ADA needs because the median income in our area is not considered low to moderate as determined by official governmental sources. There is a difference between ADA Compliant and Handicapped Accessible. Tana will be looking at the CDBG grant in terms of replacing the non ADA compliant doors (a high priority). The deadline for this application is October 15.
- Commitment of funds for CDBG application. (Tana) Not required at this time.

- Fundraising Events (Shireen)

- Bingo/raffle status. Sue and Shireen will research further to determine if this is a viable offering for us.
- Coffee at Hall. Shireen suggested that providing a space for community members to meet for coffee would be a viable use for Timber Hall. Others mentioned that the Town Hall is staffed and already provides that space. Heating and staffing are a concern. Tabled.
- Spaghetti Dinner. Shireen stated that she know a few people who are certified ServSafe and could potentially serve as our “certified food protection manager.”

- **POST MEETING NOTE FROM SUE:** If we want to cook and serve more often, we should upgrade our license with the Dept of Health to a Seasonal Permanent Food Stand License. The cost is \$290/year and gives us 21 days per calendar year. (This would replace our current Special Event Food Stand License which covers our pancake breakfasts plus two days and does not require a ServSafe kitchen manager. Our current license is \$95 annually)

**POST MEETING NOTE FROM TANA:** No future organization meetings will be taking place at this time. The planning committee will meet 9/29 at 5:30 pm. at the Timber Hall. If interested in being a part of the planning committee, contact Tana Johnson at 218-269-1331.

#### **Miscellaneous**

Gus asked for any community feedback. There was none. This meeting ended but rolled right into the ERFA meeting. Respectfully submitted, Susan Beaton, Trustee (acting secretary)



### **Meeting Minutes September 15, 2022 - 6:30 p.m. Pending Approval**

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

Members Present: Roland Fowler, Tana Johnson, Floyd Joki, Sherie Joki, Shireen Lee, Rodney Dale, Chrissy Dale, Jim Hardy, Jo Hardy, Holly Johnson

Visitors: Paul Knuti, Vi Hildebrandt, Jon Smith, Andrea Trumbath, Dick Turnow

Call to Order. Gus called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm.

Minutes of the July 21 and August 18 meeting were approved at the earlier meeting.

Treasurer Report. Jerry provided a Summary of the Year-to-Date account balances in a new format by budget category and stated that this will help us to budget for next year's fair. Income from the fair is positive \$3,610.02. Anticipated income will increase with the pancake breakfasts and storage building rentals. Anticipated expenses include sales tax and propane. The increase to \$5 gate fee helped enormously. Sue stated that attendance was approximately 4,100 paid adults.

Fair Attendance: Sue summarized the attendance based on wristband sales and stated that the number of wristbands sold at the north gate was slightly higher than the south gate for the total weekend.

Friday, 100 Daily bands were sold; 320 Weekend bands were sold

Saturday, 1,449 Daily bands were sold

Sunday, 1,257 Daily bands were sold

If we assume that everyone who bought a weekend band also attended Saturday and Sunday, the overall paid attendance was 4,166. Keep in mind that children 10 and under do not pay and volunteers and vendors are not charged for wristbands. Estimates indicate that this compares favorably with past years and future Fair attendance will be recorded so that we more readily compare from year to year.

Team Penning (August 19-21)

- Paul noted that income from Team Penning was lower than expected because of a few factors:
  - The number of teams competing was reduced from 110 teams last year to 82 teams this year.
  - One cow went missing at the start and consequently had to be paid for.
- The weekend was well attended.

## Fair Feedback (August 26-28)

The focus of this meeting was feedback about the Fair. Detailed notes will be available at the October 20 meeting. Several ideas for changes and improvements were mentioned and documented for use as we look forward to our 2023 Fair on August 25-27.

Volunteer Appreciation Event – Shireen stated that the event scheduled for October 15 at 4:30 pm, Timber Hall, will include pizza, salad, beverage; a program listing honorees will be assembled; and she has lined up two speakers. The current estimate is 133 attendees and Fair leads are asked to invite the folks that volunteered with them during the Fair. Shireen moved that a ceiling of \$1500 be budgeted to cover the expense for food and dining supplies. Jerry seconded. Motion passed.

## Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, October 1

- Advertising—Sue will contact the East Range Times and TimberJay. Gus will set out signs the week of September 26.
- Volunteers—Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jerry and Bonnie Meier if you are able to help.

## Miscellaneous

Holly raised a concern about the two-meeting format. She felt that the minutes of the Fair meeting and the Treasurer's Report should be reviewed and approved at the Fair portion of the meeting and that she is confused by the 5:30 meeting and what control they have over the Fair board.

Tana stated that we are in a transition time that is kind of confusing for everyone (and several agreed). Tana explained that the goal of the organization meeting is to create a structure of the organization so that we can better function as a non-profit business. There is obvious overlap and we are still trying to figure out approaches to improve the health of the nonprofit business, and grow the vital activities and events that take place on the property such as the annual fair. Tana apologized for the confusion, thanked people for their honest input, and suggested that in the future, the traditional monthly meeting should continue but to include agenda items specific to the management of the organization in addition to items related to fair activities. Tana stressed that the nonprofit business is a business; the fair is an event, and that it is important the business is managed as well as events.

Gus emphasized that the Timber Hall and property are 30 years old and in need of attention. Many members are invested in the Fair and ensuring the Fair happens every year and others are wanting to ensure that the Timber Hall is maintained, electric and heating bills paid, and revenue sources are found to improve and maintain the property.

This would also encompass promoting Timber Hall as an Event Center year round with the idea that the annual Fair is just one of many events sponsored at Timber Hall. Both approaches are imperative to ensure the continued existence of both the Timber Hall and the events held on the property. People are the greatest asset, and it is imperative everyone knows that whatever role they are interested in, their support is wanted and needed.

All agreed that we are in a state of change and flux and moving forward is different and often confusing. It was agreed that the traditional monthly meetings would continue with the inclusion of organizational agenda items. It was also decided that the previously noted "Organization Meeting" would no longer be held at this time and that a Planning Committee would meet on Thursday, September 29, at 5:30 pm. If interested in being a part of the Planning Committee, please attend and/or contact Tana Johnson at 218-269-1331.

Adjourn: Tana moved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:33 pm. Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Beaton, Trustee (acting secretary)

## Future Meetings:

- 29 Sept – 5:30 pm Planning Committee Meeting
- 20 Oct – 5:30 pm Planning Committee Meeting followed by 6:30 pm Embarrass Region Fair Association Meeting.

**Pancake Breakfast**

8 to 11 am - Timber Hall

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Adults \$6, children (6-10 years) \$3, and under 5 years FREE.

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**2022**

November 5 and December 3

**2023**

January 7, February 4, March 4

April 1, May 6

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact: Jerry & Bonnie Meier 218-984-3506

**Thank you for supporting the Embarrass Region Fair Association!**

**SAMPLE BALLOT INFORMATION. Each position also has a write-in option.****U.S. Representative District 8**

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**Judge - 6th District Court 10**

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**Judge - 6th District Court 11**

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Theresa M. Neo, NONPARTISAN

**Judge - 6th District Court 15**

Leslie E. Beiers, NONPARTISAN



**\*\*\* OBITUARY \*\*\*****Gerald Salo, 85**

Gerald "Gerry" Salo, 85, of Tower, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 2, 2022, at his son Darrel's house in Red Wing. A special thank you to St. Croix Hospice for the love and care they showed Gerry in his last days. A graveside burial took place on Sept. 24 at the Ely Cemetery followed by a celebration of life at the Lindsoe Cabin on Fall Lake.

Gerry was born on Feb. 24, 1937, in Embarrass, to Francis and Lila (Maki) Salo. He graduated high school and joined the U.S. Navy. After the Navy, Gerry married Kathy Pucel and together they had three children, Darrel (Dollie) Salo, Terry Salo and Debra (Chris) Hedin. Kathy passed away in 1986. Gerry later married his high school sweetheart, Joanie Lindsoe, who also had grown children, Dawn (Scott) Chaffee, Sue (Mike) Maternowsky, Greg (Marcy) Lindsoe and Chris Lindsoe. Together they started the second chapter of Gerry's life in Tower.

Gerry loved the outdoors and spent his whole life fishing, hunting, picking blueberries, eating numerous baked goods, and watching sports. He also enjoyed spending time with his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews from both of his families. Joanie passed in 2016 and Gerry remained in their home until his health declined.

In 2020, Gerry moved in with Darrel and Dollie in Red Wing, where he started the final chapter of his life. He enjoyed running errands with Dollie, stopping for beer and cheese curds, going for car rides around the Mississippi River, and patronizing many of the local restaurants. As his health declined, he still enjoyed his nightly Bismarck and cup of coffee, and numerous episodes of Mannix. Gerry always had a twinkle in his eye and loved when family and friends came to visit.

**Wallace L. Johnson, 88**

Wallace "Wally" LeRoy Johnson, 88, of Biwabik, died on Sept. 1, 2022, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. A memorial service was held on Sept. 10 at the Community United in Christ Church in Biwabik with Pastor John Szarke officiating.

Wally was born on Oct. 5, 1933, to LeRoy and Elsie (Rannila) Johnson in Biwabik. He graduated from Aurora High School in the class of 1951. Following high school, Wally loaded a bus with two suitcases and attended Business School in Minneapolis. Wally was united in marriage to Arlene Mickelson on Dec. 28, 1956, in Biwabik. Wally was employed as a Human Resources Manager for Erie Mining and later for Cleveland Cliffs. He retired after 30-plus years of service. He was an active member of the UCC in Biwabik, having served

as a Supervisor of Religion Education and the Church Council. Wally was instrumental in starting the church mission of building homes in Mexico. He was also a member of the Biwabik City Council. Wally enjoyed being outdoors and spending time as his hunting shack in Brimson and his cabin in Comstock. He and Arlene enjoyed wintering in South Padre, as well as traveling around the world and the U.S. Wally's greatest passion was the love and devotion he had for his family.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene; daughter, Judi (Tom) Stecker of Embarrass; five grandchildren, Jenny Cross, Samuel and Lydia Johnson, Jeremy (Ellie) Stecker and Tanya (Dustin) Rabideaux; seven great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Andrea Johnson; nephew, Scott (Mary) Kuukari; and niece, Lorrie (Scott) Bradt.

He was preceded in death by his sons, Douglas and David; sister, Lorraine Kuukari; and parents.

**Edward F. Klimek, 70**

Edward Francis Klimek, 70, of Mt. Iron, loving husband, father, and coolest dude, was set free from this world on Aug. 28, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his wife and daughters. A Memorial Mass was held on Sept. 2 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia with Rev. Father Brandon Moravitz as celebrant.

Ed was born on July 16, 1952, to Elwin and Marvel (Patzoldt) Klimek in Hibbing. He was the third of four children. He graduated from JFK High School in Babbitt in 1970. He spent his youth on the football field and in the hockey rink, which is how he ended up with his golden tooth. Ed met his babe of a wife, Lynda Kachmarzinski, in high school, and they married at St. Pius Catholic Church on July 21, 1973. They drove off into the sunset in a 1964 Corvette that he painted in time to celebrate their nuptials. They moved first to Mt. Iron, then settled in Embarrass to raise their family. Ed was a proud US Steel employee from 1972 until his retirement in 2006. He served as a surveyor, railroad worker, and finished his career as a millwright. Ed and Lynda welcomed two daughters, Jennifer in 1981 and Teresa in 1985. He taught them how to be good neighbors and to love well.

Ed was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2004 after seven years of symptoms. While Parkinson's ended up being the largest battle of his life, this was not his defining trait. Ed loved stock car racing, both dirt track and NASCAR, fishing, hunting and adventuring with his family. He is most proud of his beautiful family, being a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed the challenge of small business

ownership, having business ventures with his wife and parents.

He was proud to have learned skills of logging with his father, timber framing which he learned at North House Folk School, and deconstructing and reconstructing historic log buildings. He at least attempted to pass along this skill to his daughters, but they only enjoyed the deconstruction. He obtained his private pilot's license and shared that hobby and skill with his family and guests throughout the years. He had many memories of Canadian fishing trips and looked forward to hunting trips with his friends and family. He shared a love of traveling and adventures, even into his later years, taking his grandchildren to Alaska and on a helicopter ride over Glacier National Park.

Ed romanced his wife over their 49 years of marriage with many getaways, buying flowers regularly, and sometimes a car. He was a proud supporter of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Minnesota Street Rod Association, and National Hot Rod Association. He was a past board member of the United Steelworkers Credit Union and past president of the Hibbing Raceway. He selflessly dedicated himself to his family, unceasingly setting the example of generosity, the value of good character, the importance of love and forgiveness, graciousness without expectation, and, of course, how to be the coolest dude.

Ed is survived by his wife, Lynda; daughters, Jennifer (Matthew Clark) Klimek and Teresa Appelwick; grandchildren, Hunter and Isabelle; sister, Meylonie (Robert) Schatz; brother, Louie; sister-in-law, Betty Klimek; brothers-in-law, Rusty (Lorraine) Seelen, Willy (Rose) Seelen, Jim (Pam) Kachmarzinski and Donald (Janine) Kachmarzinski; many nibblings and great-nibblings; and many beloved cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elwin and Marvel; brother, Darren; in-laws, Lawrence and Lena Kachmarzinski; sister-in-law, Janice Kerr; brother-in-law, Duncan Kerr; and all of his piblings.

#### **Delores L. Richter, 88**

Delores Lillian Richter, 88, of Embarrass, died on Aug. 26, 2022, at Carefree Living in Ely. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 28 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Argo Cemetery in Babbitt.

Delores was born on Jan. 29, 1934, in Embarrass, to George Salo and Edna (Maki) Salo. Her family moved to Ely where she graduated from Ely High School. She went on to join the U.S. Air Force, where she proudly served during the Korean War. Following her time of service, she moved to Huntington Beach, Calif., where she was married and started a family while working as a secretary. Then, after many years, she

moved back to Minnesota. Delores was a very kind-hearted, generous, giving person. She loved the country, the lakes, family and friends. She loved cooking and gatherings. She touched many lives with her love and friendship.

Delores is survived by her children, Ron Richter, Jimmy Hart and Maria Durnford; aunts and uncles; many nieces and nephews; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother; and son, Mike Richter.



## **Sisu Heritage, Inc.**

### **Monthly Meeting. September 2022**

Present: John Kinnunen, Mickey White, Pat Heikkila, Heather Mahoney, Tom Sheehan, Cindy Scherer, David Pike, Linda Koskela

Guest: Roberta Pike

1. The August minutes were reviewed and accepted with a motion by Mickey W., second Tom S., MC.
2. The financial report for August was presented with a motion by Tom S., second Mickey W., MC.
3. Mickey reported 6 new memberships: 154 – 30 lifetime.
4. An evaluation of Community Night Out: Wonder weather, new people attended, twenty-three pies were donated, a new membership, Preston Gunderson got the good-sized crowd singing. Winners were drawn for the Raffle Tickets:
  - 1-James Petroskey - Portable Generator
  - 2-Dennis Alto - SISU Heritage Lifetime Membership
  - 3-Patricia Kallio - Pebble Spa Package
  - 4-Mitzi LaNier - \$100 gas card
  - 5-Dan Rasmussen - Irma's Finland House Gift Bag
5. Gutters have been installed on the Apostolic Lutheran Church.
 

The historic signs at properties in Embarrass will be replaced. A motion by Cindy S. to accept Advantage Emblem / Duluth to replace and install the signs, second Tom S., MC.
6. A building on the Hanka Homestead needs new roofing. After consulting a person from the MN Historical Society to replace the shingles. First, SISU, will get two bids for the cost of repairing the roof.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

**Next meeting, 6:30 p.m., Monday October 17, 2022**

## PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

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

All Services at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion – First Sunday

Annual Meeting – October 9

## 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.

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

218-984-2037

Services begin at 10:30 a.m.

Temporary Pastor, Billie Rouse

Sunday School Begins October 2.

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## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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### Sunday

Family Bible Classes, 9 a.m.

Family Worship, 10 a.m.

### Monday

Men's Bible Study – 7 p.m.

### Wednesday

Women's Bible Study – 9 p.m.

Kids on the Rock – 4 p.m.

ENGAGE Youth Ministry – 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday

Men's Prayer – 6 a.m.

### Special Events

Saturday, October 1 – Men's Breakfast,  
8 a.m.

Sunday, October 2 – Missions Sunday

Sunday, October 16 – Ministries Team  
Meetings – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday-Saturday, October 20-22,  
ENGAGE Youth Retreat

Sunday, October 30 – "Name Tag"  
Sunday

### Sunday Messages:

October 2, Missionary Speakers

October 9, "You First"

October 16, "Gifted for A Reason"

October 23, "Integrity Matters"

October 30, "Let's Get Our Spurs On"

<b>2022</b>						<b>Aug. 20</b> 60/77 pc .15"
<b>Aug. 21</b> 48/76 trace pc	<b>Aug. 22</b> 46/77	<b>Aug. 23</b> 55/81 pc .04"	<b>Aug. 24</b> 56/82 pc .49"	<b>Aug. 25</b> 53/66 pc .10"	<b>Aug. 26</b> 44/73	<b>Aug. 27</b> 45/77 pc .22"
<b>Aug. 28</b> 45/77 trace pc	<b>Aug. 29</b> 59/74 pc .16"	<b>Aug. 30</b> 55/69 pc .03"	<b>Aug. 31</b> 51/75	<b>Sept. 1</b> 55/78	<b>Sept. 2</b> 55/85	<b>Sept. 3</b> 43/78
<b>Sept. 4</b> 33/67	<b>Sept. 5</b> 39/69	<b>Sept. 6</b> 42/73	<b>Sept. 7</b> 44/79	<b>Sept. 8</b> 43/79	<b>Sept. 9</b> 58/80	<b>Sept. 10</b> pc .15" 42/62
<b>Sept. 11</b> 32/69 trace pc	<b>Sept. 12</b> 33/69	<b>Sept. 13</b> 33/75	<b>Sept. 14</b> 38/71	<b>Sept. 15</b> 41/63	<b>Sept. 16</b> 56/69 pc .28"	<b>Sept. 17</b> 55/62 pc .65"
<b>Sept. 18</b> 58/69 pc .76"	<b>Sept. 19</b> 50/66	<b>Sept. 20</b> 48/76	<b>Sept. 21</b> 48/81	<b>Sept. 22</b> 34/56 trace pc	<b>Sept. 23</b> 31/57	<b>Sept. 24</b> 31/57 pc .15"

<b>2021</b>			<b>Sept. 1</b> 40/76	<b>Sept. 2</b> 39/77	<b>Sept. 3</b> 54/67 trace pc	<b>Sept. 4</b> 56/66 pc .02"
<b>Sept. 5</b> 49/74 pc .08"	<b>Sept. 6</b> 35/64 pc .04"	<b>Sept. 7</b> 36/74 pc .80"	<b>Sept. 8</b> 52/72 pc .09"	<b>Sept. 9</b> 48/67 pc .66"	<b>Sept. 10</b> 36/68	<b>Sept. 11</b> 37/78
<b>Sept. 12</b> 45/68 trace pc	<b>Sept. 13</b> 32/65	<b>Sept. 14</b> 32/72 pc .26"	<b>Sept. 15</b> 33/65 trace pc	<b>Sept. 16</b> 33/75 pc .44"	<b>Sept. 17</b> 51/81 pc 1.20"	<b>Sept. 18</b> 31/64
<b>Sept. 19</b> 48/71	<b>Sept. 20</b> 63/86	<b>Sept. 21</b> 47/71 pc .47"	<b>Sept. 22</b> 29/63	<b>Sept. 23</b> 29/69	<b>Sept. 24</b> 33/71 pc .01"	<b>Sept. 25</b> 43/59 trace pc
<b>Sept. 26</b> 49/62	<b>Sept. 27</b> 34/77	<b>Sept. 28</b> 33/77 trace pc	<b>Sept. 29</b> 47/79	<b>Sept. 30</b> 47/81		