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ISSUE #342



**Pancake Breakfast**  
Saturday, November 2, 8-11  
Timber Hall

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Sunday, November 3, 2019 – 2:00 a.m.



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**Embarrass Town Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 p.m.**

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# NOVEMBER 2019

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

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## Town of Embarrass

### Board Meeting

October 9, 2019

### PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese; Visitors: Dennis Niemi, Roland Fowler, Mickey White, Julie Vnak, Kathy Johnson, Bonnie Davies, Jack LaMar

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

*September minutes approved (Motion/ Wright: Second/ Rantala) Carried 3-0.*

*Treasures Report accepted (Motion/ Wright: Second/ Worsham) Carried 3-0.*

Rantala states roads are fine at this point even with all the rain we have been having.

Maintenance Report was given by Wright.

A hunter was seen on the walking trail and at the Pyhala Homestead, sheriff was notified, and hunter was located. Visitor expressed her concern with the board about the situation. Maintenance to purchase more no hunting signs.

Bog walk has been repaired and reopened. Compliments were given on the care given to the walking trail and repairs to the bog walk.

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala) to purchase new tires for the trailer. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala) to put the Cub Cadet up for bids. Carried 3-0.*

Campground applicant speaks to the board. Supervisors completed an interview and were very pleased. *(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to hire the applicant as the 2020 Heritage Campground Caretaker. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to sign and return the support letter for Mesabi Trail from the IRRRB. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright) to sign resolution (MN St Stat. 204.16) to designate the Town Hall as the 2020 polling place. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Rantala: Second/Wright) to approve and sign the two cemetery deeds. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright) to have clerk work on grant for plow truck and to allow clerk more hours until work is completed. Clerk to close office at regular time and remain in office to work on grant when needed. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to sign the SISU agreement with the correction of a few typos. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham) to leave board supervisor positions as they currently are. Carried 3-0.*

Julie Vnak spoke to the board about her interest in purchasing the Pyhala Homestead. Julie explains how she would love to be a caretaker of the homestead. She is aware there is nothing livable on the property and has no intentions on tearing anything down. Her plan would be to build something livable to move into but would want to keep it fitting with the homestead. Julie would also like to build a second cabin to bring overnight guests to the area to share her passion with. Julie also provides to the board a second proposal if they are not ready to sell, she would be interested in buying a couple acres with the buildings which would give the township a little more money with the sale and provide a caretaker on the property. Wright asks if she would keep it on the national register of historical places. Julie answers of course. Question by visitor was asked if the property is going to be sold. Wright explains right now we are just talking nothing is being done at this time. Still currently looking for any paperwork stating the family is to have first option to purchase the homestead.

*(Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala) to approve the claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala) to have bank records signers updated. Gary Rantala, Roy Worsham, Gene Wright, Jennifer Boese and Mary Novak on all banking accounts with Northern State Bank and Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union. Carried 3-0.*

*(Motion/ Rantala: Second/Worsham) to approve board audit. All claims and disbursements found to be accurate. Carried 3-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Boese



## Clerk's Corner

Ice candle orders are being taken now for \$3 each. Please get your orders in ASAP so the guys can get the

marking stakes in before the ground freezes. Ice Candle Celebration will be held on December 14 with Coffee An' at the town hall after the lighting of candles until 6:00. We are looking for volunteers to help with the placing and lighting of the candles. Please call the Clerk's Office if you would like to volunteer.

Next board meeting will be held November 13 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Clerk's Office is closed November 11 for Veterans Day and November 28 for Thanksgiving.

Have a great month and Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

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or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at 984-2084.

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# Waasa Township

## Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 3, 2019; 7:00 p.m.

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

**Visitors:** David Hess and Creighton Cox

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

**Minutes Approval:** *Steve moved to approve the August 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

**Treasurer's Report:** August Receipts were \$1,082.98 from St. Louis County (2019 MN DNR PILT) and St. Louis County \$10,520.00 (2018 Taconite Production-Aug. '19 Distribution). Total August Disbursements were \$2,026.84 from General Fund, \$9,545.19: Road & Bridge Fund, \$490.00: Cemetery Fund and \$3,254.81: Town Road Aid Fund. *Steve accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).* The Treasurer proposed that #61 CD at the Embarrass Vermilion Federal Credit Union be cashed and deposited in our account to pay for the Class 5 gravel project on Norby, Koskela, Teinila, Appaloosa and Niemi Roads. *Steve motioned to cash the CD #61 in the amount of \$19,995.67. Mike seconded the motion. Carried (3-0).*

### Approval to Pay Bills:

Blomberg & Sons, \$15.65, Gas for Mowing T. Hall  
 Davey Do Right Services, \$735.00, Cemetery Lawn Care  
 Gibson, Sandra, \$4.74, Binder for MN Election Laws  
 Lake Country Power, \$74.58, Electricity for Town Hall  
 Menards—Virginia, MN, \$59.52, 6-LED Bulbs for T. Hall  
 Rock, Snow & Fire, \$19,200.00, Haul, Place & Graded  
 Appaloosa & Niemi (1200 yd.)  
 Rock, Snow & Fire, \$21,128.00, Second Contract-Koskela,  
 Norby & Teinila (1283 yds. Gravel)  
 Sipola, Steve, \$29.00, Mileage for Rd. Inspection During  
 Gravel Placement

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

**Visitors Addressed:** One of the residents present asked if some road signs could be replaced on Salo Road. The Clerk suggested he call St. County Road Department to ask. He also, thanked the township board for improving the condition of Beckman Road.

**Road Report:** Steve had done a road inspection just a few days ago. Township roads are in good shape now and the graveling and grading is complete for the season.

**Old Business:** A Superior Fuel Company contract has been signed by Mitch for the next two years. The tanks will be switched out by Superior Fuel on September 25. At that time

Lakes Gas will be informed of the switch and will need to pick up their tank.

Dean DeBeltz of Twin Metals called to say he hasn't forgotten us and plans to give a report about the wells proposed to be drilled on township property near the cemetery.

Township Board meeting date for November was discussed. It was originally set for the second Tuesday, thinking there could be an election on November 5. Since we found out that there is no election this year, *Mitch motioned to have the November meeting on the November 5. Steve supported. Carried (3-0).*

**New Business:** Papers were signed by the Board Chair for the CDBG Requalification Program and will be sent back to St. Louis County.

Mitch installed more LED light bulbs in the meeting room and entrance of the Town Hall. The old fluorescent bulbs have been stored.

Proposed revisions to St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance #62 were reviewed.

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

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

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

## Notice: Change to the Waasa Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

## WAASA

## CEMETERY NOTICE:

Please remove all decorations from graves before the snow is here to stay. It makes spring clean-up much easier.

Thank you!

## PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



**Tuesday, November 5**

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

Hostesses: Sharon Maki & Lorraine Jarve

Come Join Us!! New members are welcome and needed. For more information, please contact Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.

## "HOMESTEAD HOLIDAYS" at the Nelimark in November and December

*Submitted by Ron Sutton*

The **Nelimark** had a very good summer with many visitors from around the area and the world stopping in Embarrass at this "destination" to tour historic sites and share cultural differences and become educated to Minnesota rural ideas and places. The Museum is closed for October as volunteer artisans prepare the house and grounds for Christmas openings.

The Nelimark Homestead Museum will be decorated and open for the holidays on two weekends of both November and December. Holiday baked goods of many flavors and recipes, home crafted gifts and great conversation are sure to be had for all.

Ladies from all around the Range wait every year for these weekend openings. The Museum is being redecorated for the holidays and for community people for the Christmas and winter season ahead. November dates are Friday and Saturday, November 8 and 9 and December dates are Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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## Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

Meeting: Monday, November 4,  
2019  
6:30 P.M.

EMBARRASS TOWN HALL

Please note the change in start time. Discussion and planning will continue about this year's annual Christmas party. Please come and join us. For more information contact: Linda Cox, President (218) 984-3002 or (218) 780-4143.



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# SISU HERITAGE

## Monthly Mtg. October 2019

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Mickey White, Leone Graff,  
Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer

Guest: Paul Knuti

A quorum was not present. No motions were made.

1. September minutes were reviewed and accepted with the corrections in spelling of Kristen Vake & Rukavina.
2. September financial report was presented. Fifty-four people attended the Steve Solkela concert for a total of \$270 and with a \$10 donation.
3. Membership report: 3 new. Currently 162 – 26 lifetime.
4. Dates for the next weekend events at the Nelimark will be as follows:  
November 8 & 9 – December 6 & 7.
5. Jeff Sterle, public accountant, will give the audit report next month.
6. Paul Knuti gave an update on the Historical Site Task Force. There is a meeting w/ IRRRB for a discussion on restoration resources & tourist efforts. He was invited to attend a MN Historical Society luncheon w/ contributors.
7. Marlin B. & Jennifer B. will be working during the winter months on brainstorming ways to improve & market tours in Embarrass.
8. Dates set for 2020:  
Sauna Days – June 6 (Saturday)  
Apostolic Concert – June 21 (Sunday)  
Community Night Out – Sept. 13 (Sunday)

Minutes still pending. Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela



### Embarrass MN Post Office

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**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 Region Fair

### Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2019

*Pending Approval*

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Dan Theel, Terri Joki;  
Trustees: Rodney Dale, Floyd Joki; Members Present:  
Chris Dale, Lisa Gibson, Bonnie Meier, Sue Beaton,  
Amber Johnson, Tiana Hess

#### Call to Order

Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Sue volunteered to take minutes in Janine's absence.

#### Minutes

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

#### Treasurer Report

- Terri reported that the fair revenue and expenses are still coming in and we will have a clearer picture of overall proceeds from the Fair at the November meeting.
- Terri noted that our first pancake breakfast of the season went very well and that storage rentals in the pole buildings are going well.
- Jerry pointed out that the payment for the 40-foot storage container is shown as an expense this month.
- Terri reported that ERFA pays sales tax based on total fair revenue annually and she is taking care of that.
- In reviewing the financials, it was noted that we have not had a quilt raffle for two years and perhaps that money could be used elsewhere. After discussion, *Jerry moved that the \$1,182.14 that is sitting in the Quilt Raffle fund be changed to a line item that supports funding for improvements in the animal barn. Lisa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Lisa moved to accept the treasurer's report. Rodney seconded. Motion carried.*

#### Old Business

- Policy Updates.
  - The committee distributed a 5-page policy manual for review. They noted that many policies were combined and redundancy was removed. Copies are available for review in the Timber Hall Office. At the November meeting, suggestions from members will be noted and reviewed. At that time, a decision will be made to accept or make changes for another review round.
  - Sue suggested that now that the overarching Policy Manual is nearly approved, we should turn our attention to policies we need to agree to and enforce during the Fair. For example, topics like

Animals at the Fair, Camping on the Grounds, Safety and Security During the Fair, and many more, have requirements that the coordinators manage, but they should also be put in writing. Sue has begun to draft topics that need documenting and suggested that in the Spring, committee chairs review areas they are in charge of to make sure that we all know the expectations and can enforce our own rules consistently. General agreement was achieved and this topic will be revisited in April/May.

- Property update. (Jerry)
  - Baseball field. No update on whether the tree branches were trimmed.
  - Loading dock removal. Floyd said he would take care of dismantling the dock before the next Fair.
  - Accessible parking – leveling. It appears that Winger has attempted to fix the uneven pavement by cutting a groove on the surface. Sadly, the spots are still not level and water forms puddles rather than draining off of the pavement. No further action is being taken at this time.
  - Fair Tent. All agree that the purchase of another tent (canopy) for the Fair is a great idea. All agreed to table this expense (roughly \$1000) until next Spring when the Fair is at hand. Permanent anchors for windy days were discussed and will need to be revisited as strong gusts of wind could actually damage the canvas.
- Power to the Horse Arena/Animal Barn. Jerry stated that running power to the horse arena was cost prohibitive. Items to add to the agenda for discussion in the Spring are:
  - Purchase of a quiet Honda generator to use at the horse arena
  - Consider installing 8-foot fiberglass panels to the south side of the animal barn to allow for more light
  - Amber reiterated that the highest priority for the animal barn is to improve the gates

**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.**

**New Business**

- Walking. Chris reported that beginning November 4, the Timber Hall will be open for indoor walkers from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. No vote was required as indoor walking had been approved at a previous meeting. Walkers are expected to change into walking shoes and use caution near the entrance in case of melting ice. Sue stated that she will contact the Timber Jay to ensure the information is made public.
- Jerry announced that PolyMet is interested in holding a public meeting in Timber Hall (possibly in December).
- Jerry stated that the two broken organs in the back of the Timber Hall are destined for the dump.
- Registration forms for tables at the Annual Holiday Boutique held in conjunction with the December 7 Pancake Breakfast are published in the Flying Finn and available from Sue Beaton by calling 218-750-2718.

**Miscellaneous**

Sue asked for clarification regarding the 2020 Fair dates because there are 5 full weekends in August. The Fair will be held the last full weekend, which is August 28, 29, and 30.

The November Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, November 2, from 8 to 11 am in Timber Hall. All are welcome.

*Sue moved that the meeting be adjourned. Terri seconded. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted, Susan K Beaton

***Kiitos Paljon!***

*Thank you to the Embarrass Region Fair and those who selected me as*



*Grand Marshal for the 2019 Embarrass Fair. I was honored and humbled to represent this community. Thank you so much.*

*Vern Keskitalo*

**Town of Embarrass**

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Some Auto Fluids

**\*\*\* OBITUARIES \*\*\***

**Marion Saranpaa, 94**

Marion Saranpaa, 94, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2019 at Waterview Shores Assisted Living in Two Harbors. Marion Lilly Saranpaa was born on December 12, 1924 in Embarrass, MN to Mike and Anna (Kujala) Pyhala. She was the youngest of 17 children. She married Floyd A. Saranpaa on June 15, 1945 in Virginia, MN. They made their home in Embarrass, MN.



Before Marion got married, she had been employed as a folder for the Model Electric Laundry in Seattle, WA. Three months later, she was employed as a mechanic for Boeing Aircraft Co., during WWII, building B17s and B29s. After Marion got married, she attended schools at Embarrass, Babbitt, and Virginia to attain her GED. Marion had to leave school to find employment to pay for a much-needed surgery for a severe sinus infection, that was the reason why she moved to Seattle, WA.

Marion was a life-long member of the Embarrass and Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church. She had been the treasurer of the Embarrass Church since 1974. She loved the Lord and taught Sunday School for 17 years. Marion and her husband loved attending all the church conventions, traveling east and west.

She was a reporter for the Embarrass Area News for the Range Facts paper in the 1940's. She was also a radio announcer over WKKQ, giving the Babbitt-Embarrass Area News for 3 years. Marion was also a Fire Warden for Embarrass Township for 70 years. She was the bookkeeper for the Saranpaa Saw Service. She also had the honor of being Grand Marshal at the Embarrass Fair, sharing the honor with Dorothy Bruno.

She loved gardening and for many years, she displayed her produce and canning at the Embarrass Fair. One year, being the top winner with 23 ribbons, 20 of the blue. She raised chickens and sold eggs, and raised collies and sold puppies. In her spare time, she enjoyed exercising Race Horses.

She loved her husband and her family. Marion and Floyd had the best 52 years of marriage. She was blessed and will be very much missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; all her brothers and sisters; and her husband, Floyd Saranpaa in 1998.

She is survived by her son, Steve Saranpaa; grandson, Jeff (Janell) Saranpaa; granddaughter, Julee (Kyle) Borg; son, Kirk Saranpaa; daughter, Kathy (Mike) Duich; granddaughter, Angela Duich; and many, many nieces and

nephews. A funeral service was held Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church in Embarrass. Pastor Jon Salo officiated. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

**Marvin Lamppa, 86**

Marvin Lamppa, 86, of Duluth, formerly of Babbitt, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, in the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth. A memorial service was held on Monday, Oct. 28 at Atkins-Northland Funeral Home in Duluth. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery in Cloquet and a time of lunch and fellowship followed in the Fireside Room of the funeral home.

Marvin was born on Feb. 14, 1933, in Embarrass, to William and Helen (Sipola) Lamppa. He married Carolyn Card on April 9, 1981, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Marvin received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and his graduate degree from the University of Minnesota. He taught history in Iron Range schools and community colleges for many years. He also developed and taught a course in the history of Minnesota's mining districts for Bemidji State University before becoming director of the Iron Range Interpretative Program in 1977. During his time as director, he served as a member of the State Historical Records Advisory Board and was instrumental in bringing about the Iron Range History Center, a state-of-the-art archives and research facility in Chisholm, known as Minnesota Discovery Center today.

His master's thesis, Ghost Towns and Locations of the Vermilion and East Mesabi Mining Districts, was the launching of a passion for historical preservation of the Iron Range. He established the first Iron Range history course for the Aurora-Hoyt Lakes High School, which is still in use today. Marvin's unique way of storytelling captured his audience and inspired them to pursue their own passions. Marvin is known as the writer and host of an epic twelve-hour documentary series for PBS/WDSE-WRPT, Iron Country, which premiered in 2000. In 2004 he received the Northeast Minnesota Book Award for a companion book, Minnesota's Iron Country, Rich Ores, Rich Lives.

Marvin Lamppa will be remembered as a legendary teacher, mentor, coach, author, public speaker and storyteller. He will be deeply missed by family, relatives and friends.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lamppa; son, Robert (Anne) Lamppa of Ashland, Mass.; daughter, Pamela Lamppa of Webster, Mass.; stepdaughter, Amanda Teague of Duluth; stepson, Allen Teague of Priest River, Idaho;

brother, William Lamppa of Virginia; grandchildren, Christopher Serrilla, Justin Teague, John Lamppa, Thomas Lamppa and Sarah Serrilla; and four beautiful great-grandchildren, Molly, James, Clark and Julianne.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Carol Koska.

#### **Leo G. Pullar, 89**

Leo George Pullar, 89, of Hoyt Lakes, formerly of Embarrass, died on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019, at the Essentia Health-Northern Pines Nursing Home in Aurora, surrounded by loving family. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Hoyt Lakes with Pastor Barbara Hegfors officiating. A Masonic Service was also held on Sept. 24. Military honors were accorded by the Aurora-Hoyt Lakes Color Guard. Arrangements were by Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora. Memorials are preferred for Trinity United Methodist Church.

He was born on Dec. 22, 1929, at home in Koochiching Township, to Ervin and Dorothy (Hunstable) Pullar. At 17, Leo joined the U.S. Army. He served as a Military Policeman in Washington, D.C. He was very proud to have served as one of "Truman's Boys". Leo was married to Merna Smeland on Sept. 6, 1952. After working numerous jobs, he got a job with Erie Mining Company, where he retired after 36 years as a locomotive engineer. He really loved his job, even though it was shift work and 10-hour-plus days.

While living in Embarrass, he was elected to the Town Board of Supervisors. He was instrumental in starting the volunteer fire department (which he was a part of) and in building the Embarrass Town Hall. After moving to Hoyt Lakes in 1966, he ran a small engine shop in his free time. He fixed many lawn mowers and snowblowers for the community. He could fix anything.

He was a Past Master, Hiram Award winner, and a 50-year member of the Biwabik Masonic Lodge 293. He was a Past Patron and 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 262 in Biwabik. He was also a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

To know Leo, was to love Leo. He was a man of great integrity. He loved everyone and would help anyone in need. He loved to visit, tell stories, and jokes, even with total strangers. Merna was always waiting for him, because he would be talking with someone. He loved to fish, hunt, and travel, especially in the old school buses that he transformed into campers.

He is survived by his wife, Merna; sons, Chris (Tammy) of Hoyt Lakes and Steven (Karin) of Shafer; daughters, Julie (Stephen Vanderburg) Johnson of Barnes, Wis., and Patricia (Richard) VonderHaar of Sauk Rapids; grandchildren, Angela, April, Richard, Jennifer, Theresa, Matthew and Amy

Jo; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; sisters, Jacquelyn (Floyd) Christianson, Doreen (Gordon) MacMurray, Judith (Herb) Fuller and Cathie Eldridge, all of International Falls, and Karen Tupper of Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Etta Jean, Dorothy (Elaine), Marguerite (Peggy) and Nancy; and brothers, James, Jerry, Patrick and Michael.

## Ice Candle & Holiday Gathering Saturday, December 14, 2019

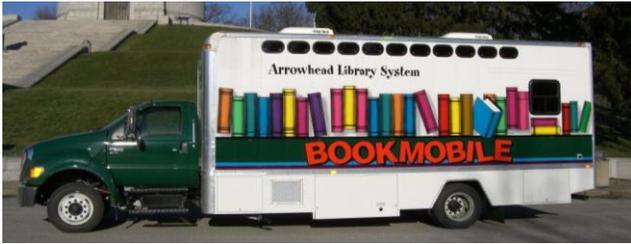


Join us at Embarrass Cemetery for the  
Display of Candles in memory of loved ones.

Holiday Gathering will be at the  
Town Hall from 4-6 pm.  
Christmas goodies (Coffee An') will be served  
along  
with crafts for the kids!  
Come and enjoy the Holiday Spirit in our  
community and the beauty of ice candles.

We will be taking donations of Christmas  
cookies or bars for the Ice Candle & Holiday  
Gathering. If you can donate cookies or a pan  
of bars to this worthy event it will be greatly  
appreciated by all who attend. Volunteers are  
also needed to help place ice candles at the  
cemetery that afternoon. This is a fun time  
for everyone to get involved.

Call the Clerk's Office at 218-984-2084 if you  
have any questions or wish to volunteer.  
Thank you for your help!



### ALS BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System bookmobile. Local stops and times include:

#### Wednesdays

Four Corners: November 13, 5:15-6:30

Timber Hall: November 20, 4:30-5:15

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768; (218) 741-3840 or check out our web site at [www.alslib.info](http://www.alslib.info).



### BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 12:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- ❖ Monday, November 4 @ 2:00 p.m.: Book Club, 6:00 p.m. Friends of the Library meeting
- ❖ Wednesday, November 6 @ 3:30 p.m.: Make your own leaf necklace using alcohol ink. Class is limited to 16, pre-register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- ❖ Thursday, November 7 & 21 @ 2:00 p.m. – Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- ❖ Closed November 28 & 29. Happy Thanksgiving!

## 2019 Holiday Boutique and Pancake Breakfast

- Wanted:** Holiday Craft Vendors
- When:** **Saturday, December 7**  
Set up will be 7 to 8 am; sales open from 8 to 11 am; tear down must be completed by noon.
- Where:** Timber Hall. One 8-foot table and two chairs provided;  
You provide table skirt/covering.
- Cost:** \$15 (checks made out to Embarrass Region Fair Association or ERFA)
- Commit:** Complete the form and return with payment by December 1 to: Sue Beaton, 5308 Highway 21, Embarrass, MN 55732
- Questions?** Call or text Sue at 218-750-2718

The Holiday Boutique and Pancake Breakfast is a fundraiser for the Embarrass Region Fair Association.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Types of Items I Sell \_\_\_\_\_

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COME ONE, COME ALL!**



# **Chili Cook Off**



**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 9TH  
11:00AM-3:00PM  
EMBARRASS TOWN HALL**

**FREE WILL OFFERING**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH**

**WANT TO BE A CONTENDER?  
ENTRY IS FREE!  
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT  
(218)290-3139 TO REGISTER!**

## HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass  
Pulpit Supply **Office hours**

Tues & Thurs 4:30-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hopenlutheranembarrass@gmail.com)  
218-984-2037

### Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee an' follows worship every Sunday

November 3	Paul Buettner
November 10	Billie Rouse
November 17	Kristen Foster
November 24	Paul Buettner

**Communion:** October 13 & 27

### Other Events:

- Thursdays – Coffee & Crafts, 9 a.m.
- November 6 – All Saint's Sunday
- November 9 – Chili Cook-off @ Embarrass Town Hall 11-3, Free Will Offering. Proceeds going to benefit Hope Lutheran Church Youth
- November 16 – Confirmation Class 9-12

**God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!**

## PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

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

Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

November 3	Jon Salo
November 10	David Tumberg
November 17	Gerry Southerton
November 24	Jerry DeVries

\*Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to 12/8/19 due to lack of quorum on 10/12/19.

## EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF EMBARRASS

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732  
218-984-3402

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

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

### **Weekly Schedule:**

Sunday

Family Bible classes: 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

"Kids on the Rock", 4:00 p.m.

ENGAGE Youth Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

### **Special Events:**

Saturday, November 2:

8:30 a.m. Men's Habitat for Humanity Build

9:00 a.m. Women's "Work-in-Progress"

Sunday, November 3: Habitat for Humanity lunch and envelope stuffing ministry, 12:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 16: Teen Girls Fellowship, 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17: Ministries Team Meeting, 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, November 24: Thanksgiving Service, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 28: Men's Thanksgiving Prayer, 7:00 a.m.

### **Sunday Messages:**

November 3 "We Still Believe: The Return of Christ"

November 10 "Personal Instructions for the Pastor"

November 17 "The Church is Family"

November 24 "Let's Not Follow the Money"

<b>Sept. 22</b> 53/78 pc .14"	<b>Sept. 23</b> 47/60 pc .03"	<b>Sept. 24</b> 43/70	<b>Sept. 25</b> 46/73 pc .03"	<b>Sept. 26</b> 33/62 trace pc	<b>Sept. 27</b> 33/63 pc .15"	<b>Sept. 28</b> 27/54
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<b>Oct. 13</b> 31/39 pc .12"	<b>Oct. 14</b> 31/42 pc .04"	<b>Oct. 15</b> 32/42	<b>Oct. 16</b> 37/44 pc .07"	<b>Oct. 17</b> 37/43 trace pc	<b>Oct. 18</b> 34/52	<b>Oct. 19</b> 38/59
<b>Oct. 20</b> 26/63	<b>Oct. 21</b> 26/60	<b>Oct. 22</b> 42/51 pc .68"	<b>Oct. 23</b> 33/51 pc .10"	<b>Oct. 24</b> 33/40 trace pc	<b>Oct. 25</b> 24/39	<b>2019</b>

<b>2018</b>	<b>Oct. 1</b> 31/48	<b>Oct. 2</b> 33/46	<b>Oct. 3</b> 39/49 pc .01"	<b>Oct. 4</b> 29/58 pc .44"	<b>Oct. 5</b> 29/43 pc .30" sn 1.40"	<b>Oct. 6</b> 32/41 pc .30" sn .40"
<b>Oct. 7</b> 36/43 pc .01"	<b>Oct. 8</b> 36/46 pc .04"	<b>Oct. 9</b> 37/42 pc .38"	<b>Oct. 10</b> 36/40 pc 1.18"	<b>Oct. 11</b> 28/37 pc .65" sn 1.70"	<b>Oct. 12</b> 25/34 pc .04" sn .20"	<b>Oct. 13</b> 19/39 trace pc trace sn
<b>Oct. 14</b> 24/41 trace pc trace sn	<b>Oct. 15</b> 28/33 trace pc trace sn	<b>Oct. 16</b> 27/39 pc .02" trace sn	<b>Oct. 17</b> 28/38	<b>Oct. 18</b> 21/38	<b>Oct. 19</b> 32/67	<b>Oct. 20</b> 24/55 pc .05" sn .20"
<b>Oct. 21</b> 20/56 trace pc trace sn	<b>Oct. 22</b> 23/47	<b>Oct. 23</b> 23/49 trace pc	<b>Oct. 24</b> 20/42	<b>Oct. 25</b> 19/50 trace pc	<b>Oct. 26</b> 40/46 pc .28"	<b>Oct. 27</b> 40/44 pc .09"
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