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EMBARRASS, MN 55732
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and Boutique!

Timber Hall

December 1, 8-11 a.m.



**Ice Candle
& Holiday Celebration
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018
4:00-6:00 P.M.
Town Hall & Cemetery**



Merry Christmas
December 25

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 12, 5:00* p.m.

*Note time change due to Employee Potluck following meeting.

Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar

Please submit materials for the January 2019 issue to the Embarrass Clerk's Office by December 20, 2018.

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DECEMBER 2018

						<p>1 <i>Pancake Breakfast & Holiday Boutique @ Timber Hall</i></p> <p><i>Town Hall Rental</i></p>
<p>2 4-H Meeting</p>	<p>3 Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m. Garden Club 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Ladies Coffee 10-11 a.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10 Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m. SISU Meeting @ 6:30</p>	<p>11 Ladies Coffee 10-11 a.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Bookmobile @ Four Corners 5:15-6:00 p.m. Embarrass Board Meeting 5:00 p.m. followed by Employee Potluck</p>	<p>13 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <i>Ice Candle & Holiday Celebration 4-6 p.m.</i></p>
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<p>23</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSED Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Christmas OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>31 OFFICE CLOSED Exercise Group 3:30-4:30 p.m.</p>					

FROM THE EDITOR:

The Flying Finn strives to represent both Embarrass and the surrounding area. To submit articles, advertisements, community notices, letters to the editor, photos, artwork, etc. for the newsletter, mail them to Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732, e-mail them to embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net or drop them off during office hours (M-Th 12-4 p.m.). Please include your name, phone number and e-mail address. Photos or other materials will be returned as soon as possible. The township regrets that it is unable to purchase or reimburse for materials which are published. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or other submitted material. Call 218-984-2084 with any questions. ***** Thank you. Diane Nelmark, Editor

Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting

November 14, 2018

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Bernie Mettler, Zane Beaton, Roy Worsham, Mary Novak and Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Dan and Tracy Muhvich, Gary Rantala, Jack LaMar

The meeting was called to order by Bernie Mettler at 6:01 p.m. with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bernie to approve the October 2018 minutes. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Zane to approve the Treasurers Report. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Maintenance Report was given by Zane. Campground water system was drained, blown out and the shower house was winterized. Clearing of trees from township roads done several days due to winds. Prep work at skating rink done, defoliated, dragged several times and leveled, packed in low spots on edges. Planters at cemetery, Info Center, Memorial Forest and Town Hall cleaned out. Timber slab for the wall in front of Town Hall picked up, still needs to be debarked and treated with preservative. At Nelmark the steps on ramp replaced. Bike trail cleaned for end of season. Cemetery cleaned of plants left. Flags for Ice Candles placed at cemetery for 189 candles. More orders coming in and being marked as they come in. Large kitchen cleaned to include shelving, carts and stoves.

Bernie motions to tell the Postmaster in Tower that Embarrass Township is not interested in plowing the snow at the Embarrass Post Office. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Iron Range Attractions Council (IRAC) Report was given by Mary Novak. Mary informs the board that she attended the IRAC meeting. Beth Pierce with the IRAC spoke at the meeting, and is promoting tourism. They are working on trying to get more about tourism in the media. Mary shows the board the IRAC website and what they are sharing on the site, Mary would like to get Embarrass on their website and they also have a map that they feature advertisers and where these events are. To be included on the map as an advertiser is would cost \$250.00. Booklets with discount cards for numerous attraction sites are also going to be available for tourists and others that will give daily

discounts for the card holders. If we choose to be featured in the booklet with the cards there is a percentage of the profits that the township would receive. *Motion by Bernie for Mary to ask SISU to pay \$100.00 and the Township would pay \$150.00 to be featured on the IRAC map and motions to get in on the discount card that Mary explained to the board. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.* Board will discuss again on December meeting.

Clerk informs the board she received a call from the county asking to host a county meeting next year. *Motion by Roy to approve hosting the December 2019 St. Louis County Meeting here at the Town Hall. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.*

Board of Canvass was reviewed, Motion to approve the Board of Canvass by Zane. Second by Bernie. Carried 3-0.

Bernie informs everyone that the clerk is currently working on trying to get a grant to have the outhouses replaced at the Info Center. One of the holding tanks is in need of replacement. Clerk is waiting on responses from contractors for a price quote to turn into IRRRB before the deadline of November 30.

Clerk notified the board that Jodi Backman was appointed as Deputy Clerk.

Property Valuation Report for Post Office was looked over and board would like more information before it is signed.

Employee Christmas potluck will be held on December 12 after the meeting. December meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence were read by Bernie. Annual meeting for the Embarrass Fire Department will be held on January 8, 2019 at 7:00. There will be a 3% increase for the township fire protection.

Next SLCAT meeting will be December 5 in Cotton at 6:30 p.m.

Blacktop Invoice for the Post Office was approved for payment.

Claim #16979 - #17022, (\$20,603.11) were approved for payment.

Meeting was adjourned by Bernie at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

ADS FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

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Page = \$22

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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.

📌 Clerks Corner – by Jennifer Boese

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

I would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all the election judges these past elections. You are all so appreciated and did a fantastic job.

We have all been busy over here preparing for the Ice Candle Celebration. So much hard work goes into this event but the outcome is amazing and beautiful. Ice Candle Celebration will be December 15. If you would like to volunteer to help out with placing of candles on December 15 please call the office and let me know. Any donations of cookies and bars would be greatly appreciated. Food will be served at the Town Hall from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. I heard Santa will be stopping by also!

Wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ice Candle & Holiday Gathering

Saturday, December 15, 2018



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. Even Santa will be stopping by!

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

Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Phil Hebl, William “Steve” Sipola, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: David Hess, Kevin Kappes, Dean Debeltz and James Devine

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

Minutes Approval: *Phil moved to approve the September 4, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

Treasurer’s Report: Receipts: \$62.99 from Embarrass Vermilion Fed. C.U. for Quarterly Dividend and \$375.00 from Range Funeral Home for Melissa Helf Burial. Total Disbursements from September 2018 Regular Meeting: \$4,662.09. *Phil accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

Approval to Pay Bills: *Mitch moved to approve payment of the bills listed below and payroll with support from Phil.*

Bills for October Meeting,

Approval to Pay Bills

- Davey Do-Right Services, \$245, Mowing & Trimming of Cemetery 2X
- Blomberg & Sons, \$19.80, Gasoline for Mowing Town Hall
- Davey Do-Right Services, \$245, Mowing & Trimming of Cemetery 2X
- Joki, David, \$300, Dug Grave for Melissa Helf (casket)
- Lake Country Power, \$74.58, Electricity for Town Hall
- New Babbitt Weekly News, \$48, Election: AutoMark Demo Notice
- U.S. Treasury, \$225.32, Quarterly 941 Form

Receipts Received by Clerk

- Embarrass Vermillion FCU, \$62.99, Quarterly Dividend
- Range Funeral Home, \$375, M. Helf Burial

Address Visitors: Representatives Dean Debeltz and James Devine from Twin Metals informed us of their plans in our area. The company has a \$1.2 billion investment in further design & construction, with a 3

year construction period. They project that there will be 650 direct mining jobs and 1,300 spin-off jobs, along with state and federal taxes and royalties. The company is interested in digging test wells on the 40 acres owned by Waasa Township near the Amanda Cemetery (Parcel ID# 565-0010-02190) on the Kaunonen Lake Road. These wells will be used to monitor the ground water. Twin Metals will work up a 5-10 year licensed agreement and fees will be paid to the township. Bob Johnson is their legal consultant. The township would not have any liability concerning the well. *Phil made a motion to make the Parcel ID# 565-0010-02190 available to drill on pending surveys and will follow up with the licensed agreement. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).*

A resident reported that the Lake Country Power lines have been taken down along South Skarp Road recently.

Road Report: A resident had a complaint about Beckman Road being very rough. The clerk passed this on to Phil and he ordered the road be graded. After checking Niemi Road last month, Phil decided it best to wait until early summer before purchasing and hauling new gravel. Beckman will also be due for gravel at that time. *Clerk’s note: the gravel purchase had already been approved at the September Meeting.*

The Clerk was recently in contact with Dan Mulvich, he is still in the business of roadside brushing. Phil will contact him and talk over when the best season is to do Beckman and Neimi Roads.

Old Business: A letter was received from St. Louis County about the Land Use Plan Meeting being held in Virginia on October 18 at 9 a.m. Phil will try to attend.

As best as can be calculated at this time, the Primary Election expenses for Waasa came in to be \$1,882.83.

New Business: Burial charges were discussed but no change has been made.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6. Due to the election, the next town board meeting will be moved to the second Tuesday of the month, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: *Mitch moved to close the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and was supported by Phil. Carried (3-0).*

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

PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB



Tuesday, December 4

7:00 p.m. - Pike Town Hall

Hostesses: Kim Peterson & Nan Beckman

Each member is asked to bring 6 cookies or bars for our Christmas Celebration.

There will be a Christmas Hat Contest.



*The most
outstanding
Christmas Hat
will win a prize!*



New members are welcome. Come to a meeting. Learn about our community involvement. Enjoy the fellowship.

For more information, please contact Sandy Gorrill at 749-2408.

BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY



- ❖ **Monday, December 3**
9:30 a.m. – Library Board Meeting
2:00 p.m. – Book Club
6:00 p.m. – Friends of the Library Meeting
- ❖ **Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.** – Make Your Own Cupcake Ornament, Sponsored by the Friends of the Library
- ❖ **Thursday, December 6, 2:00 p.m.** – Bingo, Sponsored by Friends of the Library
- ❖ **Thursday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.** – Holiday Music with Zachary Scott Johnson
Zach is a nationally touring singer/songwriter who has performed with everyone from Donovan to Kevin Costner to Roseanne Cash. His hit YouTube Channel, the songadayproject, has over 2,000 consecutive days of recordings – over six years without a missed day – and has 40 million views. You'll hear both well-known and lesser-known music, performed on guitar, keyboard, violin, mandolin, banjo, ukulele, and more! Don't miss this musical event that is perfect for the holidays. This program is funded with money from the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
- ❖ **Wednesday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.** – Patchwork Christmas Ornaments. Sponsored by the Friends of the Babbitt Library
- ❖ **Monday/Tuesday, December 24/25** – CLOSED
- ❖ **Thursday, December 27, 2:00 p.m.** – Bingo. Sponsored by the Friends of the Babbitt Library
- ❖ **Monday, December 31** – CLOSED

POSTAL NEWS



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From Mary Novak, Newly Re-elected Treasurer!

The Gundersons are Growing Trees and Building High Tunnels

Jennifer Faint, Ultima Contractor, Virginia, MN

I recently had the opportunity to meet and interview Michelle Gunderson, one of our long-term USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) clients in Virginia, MN. Michelle first started working with the NRCS around 20 years ago in the 1990's. Her first project was a recommendation for a Forest Management Plan to be developed on her family's homestead. The project established 10,000 Norway Pines and White Spruce on former cropland which are now 20-25' tall. When the trees were established and growing well on Michelle's family homestead; the Gunderson's heard that the NRCS had partnered with the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) to improve forest habitats for early successional species such as Woodcock, Golden-winged Warbler, Ruffed Grouse, and Whitetail Deer. The Gunderson's recognized the partnership as an opportunity to conduct some forest management Michelle's Husband Vic's family homestead. Through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) they conducted Aspen and Alder harvests following the prescriptions in their practice plan. The successful implementation of these practices has resulted in a noticeable increase in use by the early successional species targeted.

As they worked with the NRCS they also established two small businesses; Organic Gold Black Dirt and The Dirt Lady Gardens, Greenhouses, and Treasures. Not only do they sell the "Black Gold", she also uses the rich-nutrient soil for her greenhouse plants. Both businesses have become successful. Michelle and Vic, always looking at ways to improve their businesses, decided that they wanted to expand their garden offerings by installing a High Tunnel System. In 2018 that became their latest NRCS project. They were awarded another EQIP contract and with the help of builder Joe Stauty, constructed a 20x72' High Tunnel.

The high tunnel was added to increase the growing season for fruits and vegetables; the hope is to extend the season on both ends roughly May 1 through November 1. In turn the high tunnel will be able to produce more locally grown vegetables and fruits for the area.

Michelle is excited to make her new high tunnel another key piece of the puzzle on her diverse operation. Her overall operation is a valuable asset to her community, and we here at NRCS are happy to have implemented another successful project.

NRCS takes applications year round for new projects. The first cut off for funding is January 18, 2019 with another cutoff in April of 2019.



High Tunnel Construction, Vic Gunderson testing the new door



2014 Photo of the Norway Pine and White Spruce Planting



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Embarrass Region Fair Meeting Minutes November 15, 2018

Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Dan Theel, Sue Beaton, Terri Joki

Members Present: Rodney & Chris Dale, Lisa Gibson

Call to Order

Jerry called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Jerry stated that snow may be keeping members away this evening but that we should move forward but not make any significant decisions.

Minutes

The October meeting was cancelled and so the minutes of the September 20 were reviewed. *Lisa moved to approve the minutes; Jerry seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report

Terri provided an accounting of the Fair's financials. Thanks to the good weather and attendance, the Fair's funding continues to be in the black. *Jerry moved to accept the treasurer's report. Dan seconded. Motion carried.*

Old Business

- Policy Updates. Committee has trimmed several pages of the policies and is planning another meeting.
- Timber Hall Rental Update. Jerry Meier reported that the storage buildings are full for the winter.
- Property update. Asphalt parking spaces will be leveled in the spring per agreement with Winger. Funding the accessible parking spaces came from a grant with \$2,000 coming from pancake breakfast profits.
- The new grill was up and running for the November pancake breakfast and it is larger than the previous grill and suits our needs extremely well. It is permanently wired and the wheels will be removed to lower the height of the grill.

New Business

- Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Boutique is set for Saturday, December 1. Sue reported that several inquiries have been made and that vendor agreement are coming in.
- Rodney suggested that we look into purchasing a used commercial riding lawnmower from Babbitt

or Aurora as one may come available in the spring. Jerry will pursue.

- Terry stated that she has some documents that really should be kept in a fire proof safe and not at her house. *Lisa moved that Terry check on availability of a Safe Deposit Box at EVCU and secure one if available; Chris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*
- Nominations for new Fair Board Officers will be on the agenda for January 17. Everyone is welcome to run for open positions: President (Jerry willing to continue), Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; three Trustees.

Miscellaneous

The Embarrass Region Fair Association does not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 17, at 6:30 pm in the Timber Hall.

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan seconded. Motion carried. Jerry adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan K Beaton, Secretary
Embarrass Region Fair Association



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Some Auto Fluids

Closing 8pm Christmas Eve & Closed Christmas Day

PLAN YOUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING CONTENTS AND HOLIDAY BAKING NEEDS. SHOP LOCALLY AT THE NELIMARK DECEMBER 7 & 8.

With Christmas less than a month away it is time to find items for that special gift stocking stuffing situation! There are numerous items available at the Embarrass Nelimark for you at reasonable prices, created and crafted by community artisans. Old time memories can be experienced and captured with a browsing of the old homestead which has been redecorated for the holidays on Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The list is endless: hand crafted figures, homemade soap and oils, small tree, mantle and entry decorations, sauna signs, repurposed & recycled items attractively made new again, Finnish glassware, unique children's books and other gift books, tee shirts and warm hats and mittens to wear, baseball caps, aprons, ironing board covers, throw pillows, lovely long-lasting rag rugs, postcards from olden days, bird feeders, old marbles, games for kids, local photographs of sites you love. Upstairs at the museum across from Timber Hall you can find unique collectibles; kerosene lanterns, cookie jars to fill, old jars and tins, glassware collections and many additional items on sale. All items in the second floor display will be 25% off on Saturday only. If you're not in the market for stocking stuffers or collectibles, there will be an amazing selection of freshly baked holiday goodies available on Friday (may be gone by Saturday!) to add to your taste enjoyment: homemade candies, tea rings, Christmas coffee cakes, potica loaf, braided rolls, cinnamon rolls, wild fruit jams

and jellies, variety of relishes, jars of home processed dill and sweet pickles, including beet pickles, spicy salsas, canned rhubarb sauce, cardamom biscuit (pulla) sprinkled with sugar crystals and other ethnic breads, "limpu" rye bread, artisan breads, and other yummy delicacies. If you need more than three of any item (especially pulla) please call 984-2302 to reserve special orders a week before the opening.

Once again the dates are Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come over early and enjoy hot apple cider and/or coffee 'an on the house and help ring the sleigh bells for the holiday season.

Submitted by Ron Sutton



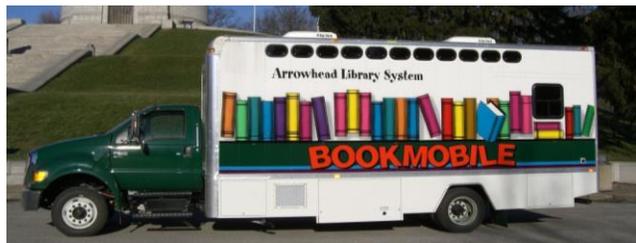
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NELIMARK HOMESTEAD

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Holiday Craft and Bake

December 7-8
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



ALS BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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Wednesdays

Four Corners: December 12, 5:15-6:30

Timber Hall: December 19, 4:30-5:15

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Pancake Breakfast



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* * * **OBITUARIES** * * *

Lorrayne E. Aysta, 90

Lorrayne Evelyn Aysta, 90, died on Oct. 31, 2018, at the Thorne Crest Retirement Center in Albert Lea. Graveside services were held on Nov. 10 at the Florenton Cemetery in Virginia.

Lorrayne was born on June 29, 1928, in Wuori Township, the daughter of Charles and Hilda (Anderson) Abelson. She was a graduate of Virginia High School in 1946 and the community college. On Sept. 10, 1948, she was united in marriage to Richard Aysta in Virginia. Together they had lived in East Lansing, Mich., Chicago, Ill., and then in Albert Lea since 1964.

Lorrayne was a homemaker, but was very active in community projects such as the Department of Human Rights, having been appointed to that position by Gov. Rudy Perpich; Citizen of the Year in 1991 through the Albert Lea Elks Club; Freeborn County Human Services Board for 12 years; Albert Lea Tech Foundation for six years; and American Cancer Society for over 34 years, where she was part of the committee to start the Bike-A-Thon. She loved polka music and dancing and the family trips to Lake Vermilion in Tower, where they had a cabin for many years. She was very proud to be an "Iron Ranger".

Lorrayne is survived by her son, Scott (Diane) Aysta and granddaughter, Chloe, all of Albert Lea; brother-in-law, Robert "Bob" Nevala of Embarrass; sister-in-law, Lillian "Shorty" Abelson of Maple Grove; special cousin, Brian "Face" Maki; nieces, nephews and a host of good friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Delores "Dolly" Nevala; brother, Glenn Abelson; and special family friend, Erik Skarstad.

Evie I. Lamppa

Evie Irene Lamppa, 100, of Virginia, died on Oct. 28, 2018, in Essentia Health Care Center. Private family services were held with Pastor Don Stauty officiating. Family and friends were invited to a Celebration of Life Gathering on Nov. 2 at the Virginia Elks Club. Interment was in the Embarrass Cemetery. Memorials in Evie's memory may be directed to the Gloria Dei Ladies Guild.

Evie was born on July 18, 1918, in Siuro, Finland, the daughter of Emil and Hulda (Perttu) Niemi. She emigrated from Finland at age two, settled in Florenton, and was a graduate of Virginia High School. She married Arthur Owen "Art" Lamppa on July 29, 1939, in Embarrass and was a longtime Embarrass resident. Evie was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and its Ladies Guild; volunteered for the AEOA; was employed by Cluett-Peabody Arrow Shirt Factory; and was the produce manager for Lamppa's Store. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, hardanger and was

known for her delicious bread, biscuit and tarts. Evie's greatest joy came from time spent with family; she was a caring wife, mother, grandma, and great-grandma.

Evie is survived by her children, Bonnie (Bansi) Shroff of Pasadena, Calif., and Gary (Rita) Lamppa of St. Paul; grandchildren, Brennan (Jennifer) Shroff, Sean (Norma) Shroff, Zach (Misty) Lamppa, Courtney (Kevin) Thompson and Rebecca (Andrew) Andestic; great-grandchildren, Waylon, Sadie, Barron, Anthony, Dutch, Judd, Steele, Kai, Hayk, Oscar and Leola; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Art; daughter, Donna Lamppa; and her eight siblings.

Joyce M. Jorgenson

Joyce Mildred Jorgenson, 85, of Embarrass, died on Nov. 3, 2018, at her home.

Joyce Garman

Joyce Garman, 76, of Embarrass, passed away on Oct. 28, 2018, at Carefree Living in Aurora. There will be no formal services.

Herbert R. Lamppa, 88

Herbert R. Lamppa, 88, of Tower, passed away on Nov. 14, 2018, at St. Michael's Health and Rehabilitation Center in Virginia. A Celebration of Life for Herb will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 29 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower with Pastor Liz Cheney officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Tower.

Herb was born on Dec. 11, 1929, the son of Richard and Rose (Rapinoja) Lamppa, in Embarrass, where he grew up. He was united in marriage to Edna Hiltunen on Jan. 24, 1948, in Vermilion Lake Township. They made their home in Tower where he and Edna owned and operated the Tower Dairy for over 25 years.

He served on the Tower City Council, served four terms as the mayor of Tower, three terms as County Commissioner, established Lamppa Manufacturing, and was a math teacher for 19-and-a-half years.

During his over 32 years in public service, Herb had the foresight to spearhead the harbor project, obtain IRRRB funding for the current charter school building, ran water and sewer lines for future development of the new industrial park, along with infra-structure improvements throughout Tower, obtained funding for the Tower Civic Center and the housing developments, both at the cemetery and the hillside Northstar Addition, and the initial expansion of both Hoodoo Point and the airport. (continued on Page 13)

(Herbert Lamppa, continued from page 12) During his years of teaching math, he helped implement the hands-on Piaget math program, which spread to many school districts throughout the state. He was also the head baseball coach and assistant basketball coach in Tower.

Herb was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower and the National Teachers Association. He served on the Seaway Port Authority Board for 12 years, JPTA for 12 years, and the Gunderson Forest Board for 12 years.

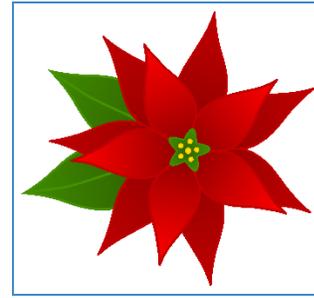
Herb is survived by his children, Faye (Nick) Tekautz of Soudan, Daryl (Cheryl) Lamppa of Lake Vermilion-Tower, Gayle (Philip) Lamppa of Chicago, Randall (Sharon) Lamppa of Texarkana, Ark., and Steve (Sonja) Lamppa of Duluth; grandchildren, Brendon Lamppa, Garret Lamppa, Blaine Lamppa, Andrea Vlaminck, Lindsey Lamppa, Delia Durfee and Reese Lamppa; step-grandchildren, Pamela McMahon, Keith and Craig Nelson; great-grandchildren, Taimi Lamppa, Henry and Elizabeth Vlaminck, Weston and Everett Durfee; brothers, Roger (Joan) Lamppa of Virginia and Fred (Karen) Lamppa of Britt; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 70 years, Edna Lamppa; sisters, Flora Koivisto and Kathleen Janeksela; and brothers, Raymond, Bernhardt and Francis Lamppa.

Nancy M. Olson, 82

Nancy M. Olson, age 82 of Embarrass died Sunday, November 18, 2018 in the Edgewood Vista Senior Living Community. The Memorial Service was held on Monday, November 26, 2018 in Bauman's Vermilion Funeral Home in Tower. Inurnment will take place at a later date in the Embarrass Cemetery. She was born October 3, 1936 in Hibbing, the daughter of John and Viola (George) Keseley. She married Richard H. Olson on February 19, 1955 in Hibbing and has lived in Hibbing, Babbitt, and Embarrass. Nancy was employed at the Cluett-Peabody Arrow Shirt Factory, Woolworths, K-Mart, Lampaa's Store, and with St. Louis County as a Home Health Aide. She enjoyed gardening, crafts, knitting and crocheting, and tending her lawn. She cherished her time spent with her grandchildren.

Nancy is survived by children: Sharon (Lavern) Kompelien of Embarrass and Kris (Janice) Olson of Pine River; grandchildren: Kathy (Chris) Johnson of Gilbert, Stephanie (Paul) Petersen of Otsego, and Heather (Jorge) Pacheco of Otsego; great-grandchildren: Brian Heikkila, Henry Heikkila, Louis Johnson, Persephoney Petersen, Arianna Petersen, Koen Petersen, and Jazmin Pacheco; siblings: John (Diane) Keseley of Terrebonne, OR, Fran (Ray) Richmond of Maupin, OR and David (Laray) George of Independence, OR; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Richard; grandson: Bryan; the uncle who raised her: Matt Keseley; and grandmother: Frances Keseley.



Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

**Meeting: Monday, December 3, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

EMBARRASS TOWN HALL

The time of the meeting has been changed for this even to 6:00 p.m. We will be holding a pot luck, so please bring your favorite dish to share. There is always plenty of good food to go around. We will be having our dice game again this year. Participants are asked to bring 1 or 2 wrapped gifts per person for prizes in the game. If anyone has any questions, please call *Linda Cox @ 218-984-3002*.



Embarrass Region Fire Department Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

7:00 at the Fire Hall.

4868 Hwy 21, Embarrass

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076 Embarrass, MN 55732
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston

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

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee an' follows each worship service

Communion

December 2, 23, 24

Other Events:

- Thursdays – Coffee & Crafts, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, December 15 – Confirmation Class, 9 a.m.-noon
- Sunday, December 16 – Youth Christmas Program – Any young people age 3-18 are invited to come at 9:30 a.m. to prepare for the 10:30 a.m. worship. This year's program will be "Pippin the Christmas Pig". All children and youth are welcome!
- Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve worship, 4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 30 – Lessons & Carols worship

God welcomes all people! You are welcome here!



PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

December 2	Holy Communion, Jon Salo
December 9	Bob Tumberg
December 16	TBD...Jon Salo or guest minister
December 23	Jerry DeVries
December 24	Carl Lamma
December 30	Gerry Southerton

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF EMBARRASS

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

Website: www.efreechurch.com

E-mail: embfree@frontier.com

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday

Family Bible classes: 9:00 a.m.

Family Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

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

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

ENGAGE Youth Gathering, 6:30 p.m.

Special Events:

Women's Christmas Tea, Saturday, December 1, 5:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, December 16, 9:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service, Monday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Messages:

December 2 "The Gift of Salvation"

December 9 Christmas Message

December 16 Christmas Message

December 23 Christmas Message

December 30 Testimonies & Communion



2018	Oct. 22 23/47	Oct. 23 23/49 trace pc	Oct. 24 20/42	Oct. 25 19/50 trace pc	Oct. 26 40/46 pc .28"	Oct. 27 40/44 pc .09"
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