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EMBARRASS, MN 55732
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Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, April 7
Timber Hall 8am-11am

EARTH DAY
Sunday, April 22

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, April 11, 6:00 p.m.
*Meetings for local groups are on the Page 2 Calendar*

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FROM THE EDITOR:
The Flying Finn strives to represent both Embarrass and the surrounding area. To submit articles, advertisements, community notices, letters to the editor, photos, artwork, etc. for the newsletter, mail them to Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732, e-mail them to embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net or drop them off during office hours (M-Th 8am-3pm). 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
March 14, 2018
PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Bernie Mettler, Zane Beaton, Roy Worsham, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese
Visitors: Rodney Dale, Chris Dale, Alvin Hanson, Sandy Hanson, Mickey White

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Bernie Mettler with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bernie to accept the February 14 minutes. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Maintenance report was given by Zane. Rink is done for the season. Bernie states he will be going out to mark trees to be cut down as soon as the weather permits. Will be working on a schedule for maintenance. Roy asks if this will be time consuming for the clerk. Clerk responds stating that it will take time to get the system figured out and to do the reports. (Clerk Notes: Roger informed clerk he will come up with some sort of time sheet to be turned into the clerk once a month)

Roadside cleanup will be the month of May. Mickey points out there used to be a lunch served at the town hall.

Post Office

People have been asking about the ramp at the Post Office. The reason for the ramp is because of ADA regulations. This was not the design or idea of the township.

The Town Clerk informed the board she applied for the Clerk position at the Post Office. An offer was made and the town clerk has accepted the job. Town hall hours will be changing at some point but until more information is known about official start date at the Post Office, they will remain the same. The Clerk also informed the board she will be out of the office for a week while training for the position. The dates are not set at this time. The Deputy Clerk Sandy will be in the office during that time frame. Board congratulated the Clerk and are happy she will remain as Embarrass Town Clerk. They inquired about hours of the town office. The Clerk stated that the hours will most likely be 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Board inquired if this is enough time to complete the required work. The Clerk explained that on some days the office hours might be longer when times are busier, but yes, it will be enough time.

Bernie signs Resolution 2018-01. Resolution to adopt Embarrass Town Hall as the official polling place for Embarrass.

Board signs cemetery deed.

A new sign renaming the Little League Field was discussed. Bernie has been checking with the county about signs and they will make a sign according to our needs. The township will be placing an order for the sign after the proper measurements are figured. Motion by Bernie to name the Little League Field the Josh Mathson Field, after a great response from a signed petition from the township residents. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Township property inspections will be done the first part of May.

Motion by Roy to not refund any money to cemetery plot owner who was given plot years prior, no amount on deed was given when it was purchased by original owner, Second by Bernie. Carried 3-0.

Gardening Club asking to put flower pots on the railings at Post Office. Board sees no problem and would like the Post Office officials to be asked. Post Office was notified and there is no issues with flowers at the site as long as they are in not going to be a hazard to customers. The Clerk notified Linda Cox from the Garden Club of the findings.

Jack LaMar asked the board if he could put videos on YouTube and update Google Maps to promote
Embarrass Tours and history. Board agrees this is a good idea and gave Jack permission.

Question was asked by resident about the pile of dirt at the cemetery. Roy motions for Rodney Dale to remove the dirt at the cemetery for $300.00. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Mickey asked the board when siding will be done at the Nelimark. Roy tells Mickey it will be done this summer, not sure of exact dates.

Suggestion by Alvin Hanson to contact Fire Department to burn the hayfield at Pyhala in the spring as training. Board likes that idea and Bernie will contact Fire Chief.

Motion by Zane to accept the Treasurer’s Report pending audit. Second by Roy. Carried 3-0.

Motion by Bernie to accept the claims and correspondence. Second by Zane. Carried 3-0.

Bernie adjourns the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

**Clerks Corner**

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting on March 13. The minutes are provided in this Flying Finn, pending approval at the 2019 meeting.

With spring finally here it means the opening of the Heritage Campground in May. To make reservations call the Clerk’s office.

Tours of Embarrass and the historic homesteads will also be starting soon with your favorite tour guide Mike Salo. Call the Clerk’s office with any questions.

Happy Easter to you all.

Jennifer Boese
Embarrass Town Clerk
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The Flying Finn makes a great gift for someone who has moved out of the community!

The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcome announcements about community events and community groups. These submitted announcements are printed here and on following pages. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn necessarily endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material.
Present: Jennifer Boese, Bernie Mettler, Mickey White, Chris Dale, Rodney Dale, Sandy Hanson, Alvin Hanson, Roxanne Wright, Bill Wright, Roland Fowler, Roy Worsham, Julie Rahkola, John Rahkola, Paul Knuti, Zane Gray Beaton, Ericka LaMar, Jack LaMar, Roger Davies, Mary Novak

Town Clerk Jennifer Boese called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. With the Pledge of Allegiance, Zane Beaton was voted in as the moderator by those present.

The March 14, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Roland Fowler moves to accept the March 14th minutes. Second by Bernie Mettler. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

The July 12, 2017 minutes were reviewed. Mickey White moves to accept the July 12th minutes. Second by Roy Worsham. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Paul motions to track maintenance time at all properties. Second by Bill. Motion carried, votes 17-1.

Mickey requests for a report on Post Office expenses. Clerk points out a report for the all to look over. Roland asks how much more money will be spent on Post Office. Bernie explains that blacktop and landscaping still need to be finished. Clerk believed the estimate was $24,000. (after looking through notes, Clerk found estimate was much lower at $9,750.)

The 2017 Treasurer’s Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Roy. Second by Alvin Hanson. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Mary gives an invasive plants report. Request to have the report copied and placed on the bulletin board at the town hall. (See attached report)

Road report was given by Zane. Some roads are wash boarded and will need to be graded as soon as weather permits.

Maintenance report for 2017 was given by Zane and a copy was included in the agenda packet for all to review. (Maintenance report attached) Question was asked about the statue at the Weather Station and in need of repair. Zane and Roger Davies explain that the statues are held together with so much glue and sawdust that they are beyond repair. Roger states that a lot of work has been put into the statues but they just will not stick together any longer.

Future Projects and Goals: (NOTE: Not all projects are planned for 2018, but the board is aware these projects are necessary and will complete as time and funds permit.)

- Roadside Cleanup
- Ice Candle Celebration December 15, 2018
- STS crew
- Painting and siding at the Nelimark

Suggestions to the board from residents:

- Signage for Tours and Historic Properties
- More brushing at Pyhala
- Mowing at Pyhala at least once a year
- Looking into surveillance for the Pyhala
- Breakdown of hours where employees are working
- Promoting tours

Other Organization Reports

Fire Department Report: Nobody was able to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Linda Cox, secretary of Fire Department sent a report to Clerk. Report was reviewed and no questions were asked. (See attached report)

SISU Heritage Report: Marlin Bjornrud was unable to attend. Marlin asked Mickey to give report. Mickey gives SISU report. (See attached report) Mickey also invites the audience to becoming members of the SISU and has brought forms for any who are interested.

Campground Report: Cindy Koivisto was caretaker in 2017 and will continue in 2018. The campground will open in May. Dick Tornow will be campground maintenance this year. Total 2017 income: $7,001.21. Total 2017 expense: $6,130.00

Tour Report: Mike Salo was the tour guide in 2017 and will return in 2018. Total 2017 income: $584.00. Total 2017 expense: $1,152.97.

Fair Board i is asking to borrow tables as they have in the past for the Embarrass Region Fair on August 24-26. Also requesting $500 worth of labor during the fair. The Embarrass Region Fair Secretary Sue Beaton, appreciates the help that the township has given in the past and thanks the township for the continued involvement. Bernie motions to provide tables and $500 worth of labor during the fair. Second by Bill. Unanimous vote, motion carried.

Levy Presentation and Discussion

Setting 2019 Levy

General Fund:

Paul motions to raise general fund to $93,000, another motion was made by Roger to raise fund $100,000.
Paul’s motion was second by Roland. Motion carried 16-2.

Roads Fund:
Bill motions for fund to go to $0, motion dies, no second. Roland motions to raise road fund to $3,000, motion dies, no second. Roger motions for $4,000, second by Mickey, 8 ayes -9 nays. Motion dies. Roxanne motions for road fund to stay at $2,500, second by Bernie. Motion carries. 15-3.

Fire Fund:
Bernie motions for fire fund to remain at $26,000, second by Roxanne. Motion carries. Unanimous vote.

Town Hall Fund:
Roxanne motions for town hall fund to remain at $5,000, second by Mickey. Motion carries. Unanimous vote.

Recreation Fund:
Roxanne motions for recreation fund to remain at $5,000, second by Alvin. Motion carries. Unanimous vote.

PERA Fund:
Roland motions for PERA fund to remain at $3,500, second by Paul. Motion carries. Unanimous vote.

Cemetery Fund:
Bernie motions for cemetery fund to remain at $0, second by Alvin. Motion carries. Unanimous vote.

Insurance Fund:
Roland motions for insurance fund to remain the same at $8,500, second by Roy. Motion carries. Unanimous vote.

Capital Fund:
Roxanne motions to leave capital fund at $4,000, second by Bernie. Motion carries. Unanimous vote.

Historic Properties Fund:
Jack would like to see a surveillance system at the Pyhala. The board will put in on the list to be looked into. Mickey asks about the siding on the Nelimark. Roy tells Mickey the siding will be done this summer and it will zero out the historic properties fund. Motion by Roxanne to keep historic property fund at $6,000. Second by Alvin. Motion carries. 11-4 vote.

Motion by Paul to raise the levy to $154,000, a 2% increase. Second by Roger. Motion carries. 14-1 votes.

Motion by Bernie to set time and date of 2019 annual meeting, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Second by Alvin. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Bernie at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass
Town Clerk

BABBITT PUBLIC LIBRARY

❖ April 2 – Easter Monday Closed
❖ April 3 – Library Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
❖ April 4 – Make Your Own Photo & Fabric Coasters, 3:30 p.m.
❖ April 9 – Friends of the Library Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
❖ April 11 – Robin Anders Percussion, 1:00 p.m.; Enjoy a demonstration of several different drums and percussion instruments from many cultures of five continents including: Africa, North and South America, Asia, India and the Middle East. Robin has toured in these countries performing, teaching and doing workshops for over 45 years. His Middle Eastern percussion video “Voices of the Doumbek” is available in libraries in most major cities all over the world. He has great stories and anecdotes from his travels that are both entertaining and educational. The program ends with an audience participation segment where Robin invites everyone to play together on percussion instruments and experience the drums first hand. Don’t miss it! This program is funded with money from the MN Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.
❖ April 18 – Decoupage Candle Holders, 3:30 p.m.
❖ April 23 – Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux – Animal Tales, 3:30 p.m.; How did the Turtle get cracks in its shell? Why do dogs sniff each other’s tails? Why does Bear hibernate all winter long? Kids and families will love finding out the answers with these interactive folktales froma round the world. Join us to hear Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux, an animated, poetic and “deliciously imaginative” international storyteller from Grand Marais, MN. This program is funded with MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
❖ April 26 – Bingo, 2:00 p.m.

Lisa Pennala, Librarian
Waasa Township
Regular Meeting
February 4, 2016

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Russ Webb, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson; Visitors: David Hess and Dan Muhvich

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes Approval: Russ moved to approve the January 7 Regular Meeting minutes and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer’s Report: Total disbursements for the month of January were: $1,860.90 and receipts received: $63.33 from St. Louis County (12/15 Tax Apportionment). Emily accepted the report and Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Emily motioned to approve payment of all bills listed on the agenda plus payroll and PERA. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Road Report: Russ recently drove all of the township roads. The corner of South Skarp Road needs to be filled in early in spring. Run-off is a problem in this area.

Dan Muhvich of Arrowhead Brushing LLC was in attendance and presented an estimate to brush the roadsides of Appaloosa, Beckman, Dale, Koskela, Niemi and Skarp Roads. He plans to begin work in early March. Embarrass has contracted Mr. Muhvich to do Heikkila Road. The board stated they would have no problem with Embarrass billing Waasa for our half of Heikkila.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mitch attended the SLCAT meeting in Cotton on January 27. St. Louis County officials were in attendance seeking feedback on a new proposed county ordinance for ATVs. Some of the St. Louis County board members were also in attendance. St. Louis County will be asking townships for a resolution to allow ATVs to be driven on roads. Another meeting will be held in Ely this month concerning the ordinance.

The 2017 Levy was briefly discussed and tabled until the March 3 Regular Meeting.

A review of the Treasurer’s books and claims (bills) from the Clerk was performed and all is in order.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Emily moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. with support from Mitch. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Emily Quick, Board Supervisor

Town of Pike
REGULAR MEETING
Pike Town Hall
February 20, 2018

Chairman Rasmusson called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The minutes from January 9, 2017 were accepted as read by Langowski/Johnson 3-0. The Treasurer’s report was accepted as read on a motion by Johnson/Langowski 3-0.

Claim forms 2128-2134 were accepted by Langowski/Johnson 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:
Quotes for upgrading the lights inside the town hall to LED lighting will be presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:
By request from the board, a letter will be sent to the renter about taking care of duties at the hall as stated in the signed rental agreement.

A letter from the fire department was presented to the board about purchasing equipment for new volunteer fire fighters and would like to know if the township could help financially. This will be on the agenda for discussion at the Annual meeting next month.

NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting will be the Annual meeting followed by a regular meeting on, Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00pm @ Pike Town Hall. Community members are welcome to attend all township meetings. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Johnson/Langowski 3-0.

Respectfully, Jodi Backman, Clerk

**These minutes have been approved by the Town Board**

PIKE SANDY WOMEN’S CLUB

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Pike Town Hall

New members are welcome. Come to a meeting to see what we are all about. If interested, please call Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.
Closed Easter Sunday, April 1

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A time to rejoice,
A time to be thankful.
And a time to be assured that all is forgiven
so life extends beyond the soil of the earth.

MESABA DRUG & MARKETPLACE
Hoyt Lakes Shopping Center
225.2128
Northwoods Saddle Club
March 2018 Meeting Minutes

Officers Present: Audrey K, Ed H, Miranda K

Members Present: Teri J, Daniel K, Ariel K, Tiana H, Hannah J, Jenni N, Shelby N, Debbie N.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Secretaries minutes read. Motion to accept by Teri J, seconded by Daniel K. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report read. Motion to accept by Debbie N, seconded by Ariel K. Motion carried.

Teri J asked permission to use arena, equipment and port-a-poddies for summer series show on June 16. Motion to allow by Debbie N, seconded by Tiana H. Motion carried.

Discussion on arena maintenance done the previous show season. Finishing touches will be done this spring.

Discussion on bringing hard copy of coggins to playdays/show days. Motion by Debbie N, seconded by Tiana H. Motion carried to enact new rule that reads as follows: A hard copy of coggins must be given to the club secretary or treasurer at first club event attended. If no hard copy other than the original presented and the owner still wishes to ride or remain at event or on grounds the original coggins must be left. To receive your original coggins papers back there are two options. Option 1: Pay treasurer $5.00 and a copy will be made to keep on file and original will be mailed back. Option 2: Pay treasurer $2.00 and club will make a copy to keep on file and owner can pick up original coggins at next meeting or event attended.

Port-a-potties will not be up at the arena until closer to the first playday

All meeting times will be at 7:00 p.m. this summer.

Teri will inquire about adding another sandbox to the highway side of the arena.

Looking into purchasing new port-a-potties. Damage was done to them during the Embarrass Fair.

Nominations for 2018 officers:
President- Nicole Hess
Vice-President- Tiana Hess
Treasurer- Ed Hanson
Secretary- Miranda King
Jr. Advisor- Ariel Kalinowski, Shelby Nelson
Sr. Advisor- Debbie Nelson

Bylaws reviewed, proposed changes are as follows:

- Article 6: Officers
  Section 2a: An arena committee consisting of 4 members (not to be executive board members) shall be responsible for facilitating positive communication between the Embarrass Region Fair Board and the Northwoods Saddle Club. The arena committee will be reviewed annually, any vacancies shall be approved by a majority quorum vote. Suspended until needed.

- Article 6: Officers
  Section 2a: An arena committee consisting of 4 (May not serve on both Fair Board Arena Committee and Saddle Club Arena Committee. Must choose one or the other.) members shall be responsible for facilitating positive communication between the Embarrass Region Fair Board and the Northwoods Saddle Club. The arena committee will be reviewed annually, any vacancies shall be approved by a majority quorum vote.

Changes will be voted on at April meeting or at next Bylaw quorum meeting.

Motion by Debbie N to buy arena supplies, seconded by Ariel K. Motion carried.

Motion by Debbie N to purchase ad in Embarrass Fair Book for 2018 seconded by Shelby N. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ariel K, seconded by Daniel K. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Reminders:
- Coggins Clinic on April 21 from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. in the old school parking lot across the highway from arena. Remember to bring shovels and to clean up after your horses.
- Prices are as follows: Coggins- $35, WNV/EWT-$42, Rhino/Flu- $27, Rabies- $20
- Please contact ahead of time to make things go more smoothly. Other animals can be seen if arranged prior to clinic.
- You may contact Medicine Woman Veterinary Clinic (Ann) at 1-218-780-9441 or drsnets0516@gmail.com
- Next Meeting will be at the Timber Hall at 7:00 p.m. on April 12.
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

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Embarrass Flower and Garden Club

Monday, April 9, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.
We will discuss the upcoming trip to The Watering Can in Cook, MN on May 5, 2018 and also the local garden tours which will take place in mid-summer. We’re all looking forward to spring and planting. Please come and join us. The public is welcome with your gardening questions. Coffee An’ will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Cox, President @ 218-780-4143.

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

Wednesdays, April 4 & 25
Four Corners: 5:15 - 6:30 p.m.

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.

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HONORING OUR VETERANS:
David Hess
Korean War

David Hess (pictured) was recently presented a beautiful star patterned red, white and blue quilt by the Apple River Quilt Guild Members. They have donated several quilts to war veterans and distributed by the Virginia, MN Veteran’s Office. David was in the Korean War and served our country from 1952 to 1954 in the Army Artillery Division. Thank you for your service, David Hess!

NORTHEAST RANGE NIGHTHAWKS Baseball
April 9 vs. Northwoods/Cherry @ Wade Stadium (9:00/11:30 a.m.
April 19 @ Littlefork Big Falls, 4:30 p.m.
April 24 Home vs MIB, 4:30 p.m.

Artisan’s Gearing Up for Neli’s Ninth Season

Looking for Community Input
Can you believe it has been almost 10 years since the Embarrass Sisu/Nelimark Museum was reorganized and opened with the actions of a small group of local artisans? Time flies when you are involved and having fun on a project like this!

Spring is just around the corner and the growing group of volunteers are meeting next week and in April to share new ideas and create plans for the upcoming summer of ’18 opening in June. No theme yet, but there are many new ideas for this active group of community folks to consider and undertake.

It will be a good time for us to prepare and give the homestead a good cleaning and redecorating for the June through September season. The opening is on the first weekend in June as we celebrate National Sauna Day in Embarrass.

Spring activities in April and May will quickly bring us to our opening on Thursday, May 31.

If you have any ideas or requests to share with the artisans, please send them to us as we are looking for your suggestions and comments. We need community folks to share. Tell us why you like coming for a sit-down visit and coffee at the Nelimark and give us your input about what you would like to see new at the museum. Send your ideas to us this week to csokiron@frontier.com.
OBITUARIES

Lorraine Johnson
Lorraine Johnson passed away peacefully at the J.A. Wedum Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Park, under the wonderful care of their staff and her family. A memorial service was held on March 24 at the Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia. Pastor Nathan Sager officiated. Interment will be at the West Pike Cemetery later in the spring.

Lorraine was born in Embarrass to Sven and Hilja (Paalanen) Raida. She graduated from Embarrass High School. After high school, she attended secretarial school at the Minnesota School of Business in Duluth and later in Minneapolis. She soon found a job with Johnson Printing in Minneapolis, where she worked until her retirement.

Lorraine met Merlyn Johnson, a close friend of her brother-in-law, Richard (Red) Rehberg, and they were married on July 22, 1966, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016. Lorraine and Merlyn retired fulltime to their home on Lake Vermillion near Tower in 2000. They enjoyed spending their time fishing, watching the wildlife in their yard, and providing a welcoming place for family and friends. Lorraine had a kind heart, loved her husband very much, and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also had a love for animals, especially dogs.

Lorraine is survived by her sister, Loretta (Richard) Rehberg of Balsam Lake, Wis.; brother, William Raida of Pike Township; children, Aubrey (Eny) Johnson of Anoka, Merleen (Mike) Knott of Red Lake Falls and Lowell (Nuvia) Johnson of Bruno; grandchildren, Kevin, Christopher, Jonathan, April, Grant, Brett, Chelsey, Armani and Gianni; great-grandchildren, Avory, Autumn, Wilder, Hailey, Summer, Jett and Oklei; numerous nieces and nephews; and the many friends she has made over the years, including Lois and Rodger.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Merlyn; brother, Arvo Raido; and sister, Laura Pennanen.

George E. Miller, 89
George E. Miller, 89, of Embarrass, passed away on March 11, 2018, at the Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital. Per George’s request, there will be no formal services.

George was born in Brule, Wis., on Dec. 16, 1928. He enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17. After his time in the service he went to vocational school in Superior, Wis. He married Shirley Lambert on April 11, 1949, in Superior. The couple lived in Superior until 1956 when they moved to Babbitt-Embarrass. George enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

George is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley; sons, James (Janette) Miller of Rosemount and Joe Miller of Excelsior; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Hazel (Carter) Miller; sons, Edward and John; grandson, Corey; and sister, June Miller.

Ronald E. Salo, 79
Ronald Ernest Salo, 79, of Embarrass, died on Feb. 24, 2018. A memorial service was held on March 1 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with Pastor Evelyn Weston officiating.

Ronald was born on July 1, 1938, in Biwabik, to Ernest and Viena (Haryn) Salo. He was a 1957 graduate of Embarrass High School, and a 1976 graduate of Vermilion Community College. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1963. Ronald was united in marriage to Mary Jo Taapa on Aug. 4, 1962. He was an employee of Erie Mining Co. LTV Mining Co. for 41 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; children, Craig (Rosa) Salo, Shelley (Jamey) Sundberg and Charisse (Tim Aho) Salo; grandchildren, Steven and Ryan Sundberg, Shaylee, Isabelle and Addison Aho, Amber Salo and April Drueen; brother, Lawrence (Kay) Salo; niece, Tracey (David) Cook; grandnieces, Melinda and Genevieve Cook; nephew, Josh Carlon; and brother-in-law, Michael (Edie) Taapa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Sheryl Carlon.
OBITUARIES

Randy L. Rankila, 66
Randy Lee Rankila, 66, of Embarrass, passed away at his home on Feb. 22, 2018. Funeral services were held on Feb. 28 at Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook. Following the service, the family gathered at the VFW in Cook.

Randy was born to Arthur and Laina (Teppo) Rankila on May 23, 1951, in Cook. He was a great storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor. There was nothing he liked better than an interesting conversation with a good friend. Randy could have an engaging conversation with anyone. Working on his vehicles and listening to music is what he often did in his free time. He was passionate about his Finnish heritage and studying his family genealogy. An avid outdoorsman, Randy felt most at home being out in nature. He will be missed but not forgotten by all who knew him.

He is survived by his fiancée, Sharon Hawkins; daughters, Richelle Perreault (Bill Cole), Renee (Davin) Isaac, RaeAnn (Jefery) Scott, Rebecca (Nathan) Warwas and Katie Anderson; grandchildren, Rebecca Perreault, Autumn Perreault, Connor Green, Lillian Warwas, Alexis Remington, Henry Isaac, Elizabeth Warwas, Ruby Scott, Noah Remington, Louis Isaac and Jacob Warwas; brothers and sisters, Alice Wien, Robert Rankila, Beatrice Waisenen, Gerald Rankila, Arlene Jablonsky and Karen Nolde.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Laina Rankila; and brother, Marcus Rankila.

Pancake Breakfast!
April 7, 2018, 8-11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit, juice and a bottomless cup of coffee.
Adults $5, Children (6-10) $3, 5-Under FREE
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Embarrass Region Fair Board Meeting
March 15, 2018
Vice chairman Dan Theel called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting and the Treasurers report were read. Paul made a motion to accept them, Lisa seconded.

Old Business
* A motion was made by Lori to sell a Fair Weekend wrist band which is good for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for $10, and a regular gate pass for each day will be $4. Charlie seconded, motion carried.

New Business
* Charlie Fowler stated this will be his last year on the fair board. His shoes will be hard to fill!
* Discussed how long the fair gates should remain open for ticket sales?
* Discussed closing the south gate during the fair – tabling what time we feel would be a good time to close it?
* An updated rental agreement for Timberhall was given to Lori, which now has replacement costs of property damage.
* Discussed the floor in Timberhall should be stripped and waxed hopefully before fall. Terri is going to Sams and seeing what 4 pails of Floor Master wax costs.
* Trappers Association will be coming back to the Timberhall August 9-12, 2018.
* There will be a benefit for Fred Pitzen on May 5, 2018 at Effie -he was seriously injured at a rodeo. Lisa made a motion to donate 5 Embarrass Region Fair weekend wristbands, Charlie seconded, motion carried

Committee Reports
* Fairbook: Deadline for ads for the fair book is May 20, in the process of updating ads for the book. Each event should take a look at their advertisement and make the necessary changes and get it to Audrey by May 20.
* Car Show: Darwin requested $400 and 1,000 flyers for the car show. Chris made a motion and Craig seconded, motion carried. Discussed roping the car show area off.
* Entertainment: Gus reported he has his sound system and lighting for sale and questioned the fair board if they would be interested in purchasing it for $500. The fair board is tabling it till Aprils meeting where he will be giving us a demo.
* Flying Finn: Holly reported she will need new race numbers and will need to purchase metals. Requested $150.00. Lisa made a motion Charlie seconded. Motion carried.
* The 5k will be held on Saturday, August 25.
* Parade: looking for a Parade Coordinator?

Lisa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gus seconded. Dan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, Embarrass, MN 55732
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston
Office hours Thu & Fr 4:30-7 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com
218-984-2037

Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Coffee an’ follows each worship service

Holy Communion:
April 1 & 22

Other Events:
Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 1, 8-10 a.m. – Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m. – Polka Worship at Babbitt Carefree Living (All are welcome.)
All are welcome! YOU are welcome!

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH
6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)
www.apostoliclutheran.org
Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

April 1 – Carl Lamppa
April 8 – Bob Tumberg
April 15 – Gerry Southerton
April 22 – Jerry DeVries
April 29 – Don Bisila

Holy Communion & Easter Dinner
April 1

Coffee/Fellowship
Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.
*Every Third Saturday @ the church
*All are welcome to discuss the bible and fellowship with friends/congregation members.
Host: Jon Salo

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.

Wednesday
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:
Easter Breakfast. Sunday, April 1, 9:00 a.m.
Men’s Retreat at Storybook Camp. April 5-7
Ministries Team Meeting. Sunday, April 15, 12:15 p.m.
Lunch & Worship Training. Sunday, April 22, 12:15 p.m.
District Youth Conf. in Duluth. April 27-29

Sunday Messages:
April 1 “Why Should It Be Incredible?”
April 8 “Forty More Days”
April 15 “Proof of Life”
April 22 “Bible Study on the Road to Emmaus”
April 29 “The Last Breakfast”
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**Happy Vernal Equinox!**

**Spring arrived in the Northern Hemisphere at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20.**

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