Annual Ice Candle/Holiday Celebration
Saturday, December 16, 2017, 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Embarrass Town Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m.
*Meetings for local groups are now included on the Page 2 Calendar*

Please submit materials for the JANUARY 2018 issue to the Embarrass Clerk’s Office by December 19.
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FROM THE EDITOR:
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Town of Embarrass
Regular Board Meeting
November 8, 2017
Pending Board Approval

Present: Bernie Mettler, Roy Worsham, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese
Visitors: Lori Worsham, Amanda Nelson

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

Motion by Roy to approve the October 11 minutes. Second by Bernie. Carried 2-0.
Motion by Bernie to approve the October 19 minutes. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Roy to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Second by Bernie. Carried 2-0.

Maintenance Report was given by Roy. Brush mowing at the Pyhala. Painting at weather station, (sign, exterior and interior of the building) and the desk was painted. Ramp for shed was built. Two damaged benches along bike path were repaired. Tree removal on several roadways, cemetery roadway and bike trail. Three trailers to Hardy’s for check on bearings. Large trailer bearings ok, seals replaced. Flatbed trailer, one hub replaced, new bearing and seals replaced. New tires needed for large trailer. Office door replaced and complaint was sent to door company (casing broke on removal from crate, finish was marred by strapping, not milled as ordered for locks and trim not installed properly) Request for replacement door was sent. Brushing started on the bike path. Final mowing of properties in progress. Regular maintenance duties.

New Business:

Motion by Roy to accept the bid of $50.00 for the air conditioner unit. Second by Bernie. Carried 2-0. Roy motions to allow Above the Range to fly drone over to take pictures and video of Ice Candles on December 16. Second by Bernie. Carried 2-0.

Amanda Nelson speaks with board and explains a few grants that are available on a local and state level for the little league field and recreation. Board agrees for Amanda and Chris Alaspa to get together and discuss. (Clerk notes: Clerk has contacted Chris and given him Amanda’s information)

Old Business:

Motion by Bernie to accept the $300.00 gift card instead of replacing office door with the same door. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Post Office:

Motion by Bernie to cash in CD for $22,669.40 to pay the remaining balance of invoice # 3985 and the remaining amount left from CD to go in Post Office fund for future invoices. Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Motion by Bernie to approve correspondence and claims 16637-16660 ($5,809.02), Payroll ($4,738.20). Second by Roy. Carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk
Clerks Corner

The Ice Candle Celebration will be held on December 16. There will be food served at the Town Hall from 4:00-6:00 p.m. along with crafts and cookies. Any donations of cookies or bars are greatly appreciated. Please call the Clerk’s Office with any questions.

The Post Office project is moving along very well. It is exciting to see the daily progress.

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

Ice Candle & Holiday Gathering
Saturday, December 16, 2017

Join us at Embarrass Cemetery for the display of candles in memory of loved ones.

Holiday Gathering: Town Hall, 4-6 pm.

Christmas goodies (Coffee An’) will be served along with crafts and movies 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!
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Email embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net
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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.

Closed Christmas Day
Waasa Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mitch Lind, Emily Quick, Phil Hebl, Bonnie Keller and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: David Hess, Creighton Cox, James Suihkonen and Kevin Kappes

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

Minutes Approval: Emily moved to approve the September 3, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer’s Report from September Meeting: Receipts: $191.33 from State of MN (2016 Taconite Production Tax) and $54.38 from E.V.F.C.U. (Quarterly Dividend). Total disbursements were $1,380.18. Phil accepted the report and Emily supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Emily moved to approve payment of the two bills listed below and payroll with support from Phil. Carried (3-0).

Lake Country Power, $93.00, Electricity for Town Hall
St. Louis County Auditor, $929.94, Grading of Twp. Roads

A bill was also received from St. Louis County Public Works Department for first half of snowplowing of Waasa Township roads. It was decided to hold payment until it can be amended to reflect a shorter distance to be plowed on South Skarp Road due to its closure.

Visitors Addressed: A couple of residents commented about the high water in many places around the South Skarp Road and Heikkila Lake area. Phil will check out the rising water level, especially to the west of Heikkila Lake and will also attempt to contact the property owner to clear out his culverts. Water has been running across Koskela Road. Phil has had to unplug a culvert on Koskela Road daily this past week due to all the recent rain and beavers. Larry Swanson has been hired to trap nuisance beaver in the township and the DNR has been notified of the trapping. Emily motioned to give Phil the authorization to purchase new culverts for township roads where needed in the months ahead. Mitch supported. Carried (3-0).

Old Business: Progress has been made on the improvements planned on Beckman Road but, it has been difficult with the recent rains. A turn around has been made on South Skarp, where the closure of that section of road has been made. South Skarp is currently under water.

Emily has obtained info and one price quote from a sign company. Mitch moved with Phil’s support for Emily to order the signage needed to warn of the closure of South Skarp Road after another price quote is received but, not to go over $2500. Carried (3-0).

Emily is not in favor of having boring done on South Skarp Road now or in the near future. Note: The board received a report on August 24th from SEH Road Engineer, Jason Chopp, where SEH Road Engineer, Jason Chopp, stated that the road was built through a swamp and is slowly sinking into the organic soils below. He felt that soil borings along the road would not provide much value to the township.

The new cemetery sign will be placed at the cemetery when the weather is favorable.

The board reviewed a copy of the letter sent by the clerk to thank Commissioner Rukavina for his efforts to get the new Kaunonen Lake Road Bridge re-built.

New Business: It was suggested by Mitch to have a notebook started recording all work and improvements to township roads.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Emily moved to close the meeting at 8:10p.m. Supported by Mitch.

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

POSTAL NEWS
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Tower MN Post Office
508 Main St - 218-753-5797
Pickup/Retail Hours:
Monday-Friday
9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Pickup time at Drop Box by Embarrass Credit Union is 11:30 a.m.

Embarrass Flower and Garden Club
Monday, December 11, 2017
6:30 p.m.
Embarrass Town Hall

The EMBARRASS FLOWER AND GARDEN CLUB will hold its annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall. The party will include games and a potluck. Members are asked to bring a small wrapped gift for one of the games. If anyone has questions, please contact Linda Cox, President at 984-3002.

Please note, there will be NO meeting scheduled for January. The next Garden Club meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2018.

ALS BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE
Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System bookmobile. Local stops and times include:
Wed., Dec. 20 - 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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PIKE SANDY WOMEN’S CLUB

The Pike Sandy Women’s Club will meet on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pike Town Hall

Each member is asked to bring 6 cookies or bars for our annual Christmas celebration. Also, bring a $5 donation to the Salvation Army.

New members are welcome. For more information, please call Sandy Gorrill @ 749-2408.

2017 Halloween Carnival
Hosted by the Pike Sandy Women’s Club

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FOLLOWING:
Pike Township, Sandy Township, Wuori Township, and the Pike-Sandy-Britt Volunteer Fire Department. A big Thanks to the members of the Pike Sandy Women’s Club, our friends, neighbors and members of the community who gave their much-appreciated time, hard work, donations of candy, prizes, food & cash.

- American Bank
- CJ’s Body & Boat Works
- Embarrass Vermilion Credit Union
- Fortune Bay Casino & Resort
- Grandma’s Restaurant
- Kunnari’s
- L & M Supply
- Northern State Bank
- Pep’s Bakery
- Perkin’s Restaurant
- Perpich Music/TV
- Pike Sandy Britt Volunteer Fire Department
- Pike Township
- Range Coop / Range Funeral Home (Bryan & Craig)
- Bob Reed
- Robin Burgess
- Sandy Township
- State Farm Insurance (Mary Eddy Samuelson)
- Super One (North)
- Super One (South)
- The Shack
- Trapline Liquor & Convenience Store
- Target
- Village Inn
- Virginia Surplus
- Wal-Mart (Mt. Iron)
- Wuori Township
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Policies.

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Audrey

Kalinowski, Terri Joki, Sue

Beaton

Present Board: Audrey Kalinowski, Terri Joki, Sue

Fowler, Paul Knuti, Floyd Joki, Chris Dale, Rodney Dale, Dan Theel, Michael Theel

Audrey called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Sue read the minutes of the October 19 meeting (minutes taken by Sherie Joki).

Charlie motioned to accept the minutes. Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

Terri provided the Treasurer’s Report. Chris moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

• Officers. Audrey announced that we are searching for someone to take over Chair responsibilities because Jerry Meier had to resign for personal reasons. Anyone interested in becoming a Board member should contact Audrey to have their name added to the slate of candidates for our January business meeting.

• Policies. Audrey reported that Jerry Meier is putting together a committee to review policies. Anyone interested in serving should contact Jerry.

• Repairs. Charlie reported that the kitchen vent leak that was noticed during the Fair on the North side of the Timber Hall has been repaired. Steve Branstrom was hired to do the work but was unable to follow through so Charlie and others found the problem and repaired it.

• Grant. Paul reported that Cassie has completed phase one of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application process for the new pole building, which has a deadline of December 1. Huge thank you to Cassie for her efforts on this grant.

• Facebook. Terri will ask Sherie to follow up with Steve Peterson regarding the Facebook Administrator process for updating the Fair/Timber Hall Facebook presence. Terri also reported that she has a copy of the Timber Hall Rental agreement that could be put online.

• Timber Hall Rental. Terri reported the Timber Hall has been reserved for three dates in 2018 already. She also clarified that the $100 fee for Timber Hall rental for benefits and fundraisers is non-refundable but the deposit is.

• Storage Building Rental. Terri also reported that all spaces in our storage buildings have been rented for the winter.

Fair News

No Standing Committee Reports were necessary but the following were noted:

• Some items stored with the Miss Embarrass Region queen float are missing (need a list from Bonnie/Nina)

• Chandra Koivisto will NOT be coordinating the Parade in 2018 and so a new chair/committee to plan the parade is needed. Several people commented on what a great parade we had this year, especially with a marching band. Kudos and Thanks to Chandra.

Miscellaneous

The December Pancake Breakfast and Holiday Boutique will be on Saturday, December 2, from 8 to 11 a.m. Anyone available to help should arrive at the Timber Hall by 7 a.m. Sue reported that 6 tables have been rented so far for the Holiday Boutique portion.

Audrey reminded everyone that the Fair Association will NOT meet in December. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Timber Hall.

Chris moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dan seconded. Audrey adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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

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Pancake Breakfast!
The First Saturday of each month (October-May), 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
Sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association
The Embarrass Region Fair Association will NOT meet in December.

The next meeting of the ERFA is Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 pm in the Timber Hall.

A slate of candidates for vacant leadership positions will be presented. Anyone interested in running for office should contact Audrey Kalinowski at prophet1073@gmail.com.

**CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR**

It’s a snowy December again in Embarrass and there remains just one weekend to “shop locally” for holiday gifts for everyone on your list. December 8 and 9 are the last dates in 2017 to visit the Nelimark Homestead Museum to do your early… or last minutes shopping for Christmas gifts of all kinds.

The Neli will be open on Friday, December 8 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with locally crafted items and baked goodies galore for you. Here is the list of possibilities:

- Homemade candies
- Finnish Biscuit
- Jula Kakka
- Flatbreads
- Breads
- Artisan breads
- Fruitcakes
- Sweet rye breads
- Homemade taffy
- Colorful aprons
- Refurbished collectibles
- Finnish gifts, glassware, mementoes
- Children’s Books
- Embarrass T-shirts, caps & sweatshirts
- Holiday decorations
- Wreaths
- Kitchen Items
- Items from yesteryear
- Handmade Soaps
- Sauna Supplies
- Wooden signs of all kinds
- Local Author Books
- Old Postcards
- the list goes on…..

The local artisans will be on hand to welcome you and your friends from across the Range on Friday and Saturday with fresh brewed coffee and cider on-the-house for all to enjoy. You can sit and enjoy a holiday visit with your neighbors or browse the rooms upstairs and down and just enjoy your day at the popular local gathering place. Just two days: December 8 & 9.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

*Submitted by Homestead Artisans*
BENEFIT FOR CHARLENE PLOOF

FREE WILL OFFERING
SPAGHETTI FEED
SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES
& BAKE SALE

Earlier this summer Charlene was diagnosed with stage 4 Small Cell Carcinoma a type of lung cancer that is aggressive and sadly has traveled to her brain as well. Due to her illness Charlene was forced to retire from her job of 12-1/2 years. As she continues to fight this battle medical expenses keep mounting adding extra stress of how she will be able to continue treatment.

Saturday Dec 2
1 to 5 PM
Pike Town Hall

All proceeds will help offset Charlene's mounting medical bills and day to day living expenses. For donations contact Sharon Wrobel 218-750-1767 or Leslie Webb 218-290-0154.
## Girls Basketball

Mon 12/4 Home vs. South Ridge 4:45*
Tue 12/5 Home vs Mesabi East 5:45/7:15
Fri 12/8 Home vs Chisholm 5:45*
Mon 12/11 Home vs Silver Bay 5:45*
Tue 12/12 @ Eveleth/Gilbert 5:45/7:15
Thur 12/14 Home vs Cook County 4:45*
Tue 12/19 @ Fond du Lac 5:45/7:15
12/27-12/28 Tournament @ Arrowhead TBD

## Boys Basketball

Fri 12/1 @ Eveleth/Gilbert 5:45/7:15
Mon 12/4 Home vs South Ridge 6:30*
Fri 12/8 Home vs Chisholm 7:15*
Mon 12/11 Home vs Silver Bay 6:30*
Thur 12/14 Home vs Cook County 6:30*
Fri 12/15 Home v Lake of the Woods 5:45/7:15

## HOCKEY (Ely/NER)

12/2 @ Wadena-Deer Creek 2:00
12/9 vs May-Port (@ Ely) 2:00
12/12 vs EvelethGilbert Area @ Hoyt Lakes 7:30
12/16 @ Southwest Christian
12/28-29-30 North Shore Tournament

## MUSIC

The Northeast Range Elementary School will present its winter concert on
Tuesday, December 19, 2017, 1:30 p.m.
Northeast Range School Auditorium

## THEATRE

The Northeast Range Community Theatre presents:

**Who’s Dying To Be A Millionaire**
By Pat Cook
Directed by Joe Kaufenberg
December 8, 6:00 p.m.
December 9, 1:00 p.m.
Tickets $5
Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service
Roy L. Penttila, 90
Roy L. Penttila, 90, of Babbitt, passed away on Nov. 4, 2017, at Babbitt Carefree Assisted Living. Per Roy’s request no service will be held.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1927, in Two Harbors. Roy worked in the woods as a young boy, logging and trapping. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during wartime. He worked for Reserve Mining for many years and then for Cypress Mineral until his retirement. Roy enjoyed fishing and dabbling in the stock market. He also enjoyed maintaining the yard and garden with Laverne. Roy especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughters, Diane (Michael) Pettinelli of Lake Vermillion-Tower and Julie (Joseph) Shere of Embarrass; grandchildren, Larry Bucholz and Crystal Lobe; great-grandchildren, Drake Bucholz, Addison and Jax Lobe; and many relatives and friends.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Laverne; and half-sister, Esther Rautio.

Robert J. Sandnas, 75
Robert J. Sandnas, 75, of Britt, passed away on Oct. 28, 2017, at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth. A Celebration of Life was held on Nov. 4 at Pine Town Hall. The family would like to thank Essentia Health Hospice in Duluth and Virginia and the Solvay Hospice House staff for their loving care of Bob.

Bob was born on Sept. 27, 1942, in Virginia, to Hans and Jennie (Jarvi) Sandnas. He worked in the logging industry for many years. During the last few months of his life he was surrounded by the love of his brothers and sisters, close family, and friends who visited him often. He enjoyed his lifelong logging career, traveling, watching movies while relaxing in his recliner, and the warm Florida weather.

Bob is survived by his children, Casey (Bria) Sandnas of North Branch, Katie (Jeremy) Johnson of Cloquet, Robert “Rob” Sandnas and Joel Sandnas, both of Virginia, Michael Sandnas of Newark, Calif., and Brad (Catina) Sandnas of Virginia; brothers, Donny (Kathy Bukovic-Sandnas) Sandnas of Britt, Dale (Wendy) Sandnas of Biwabik, Kevin (Kathy) Sandnas of Britt and Peter (Anna) Sandnas of Virginia; sisters, Barb (Kenny) Kallio of Embarrass, Gale (Bill) Paun of Gilbert and Bonnie (Kevin) Lynch of Tower; many grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Pearl G. L. Alaspa, 91
Pearl Grace Lenore Alaspa, 91, of Virginia, passed away on Oct. 25, 2017, at St. Michael’s Health and Rehab in Virginia. A memorial service was held on Nov. 9 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church with Pastor Nathan Sager officiating. The family would like to say thank you to St. Michael’s for their loving and compassionate care during her stay.

Pearl was born on Dec. 29, 1925, in Soudan, to John and Ida (Koski) Silverberg. She graduated from Tower High School in 1943. Following high school, Pearl attended the College of St. Scholastica, graduating in 1948 with a bachelor’s degree in nursing. She was united in marriage to Kenneth George Alaspa on Sept. 3, 1949, and the couple resided in Embarrass. In 1957, she was hired by Range Hospital Corporation, operators of the former Pioneers Infirmary, to help organize and teach at the Virginia School of Practical Nursing. The school later moved to the Virginia School District and is now in Eveleth. Pearl retired in June 1986. She moved to Virginia in 1993 and resided at the Laurentian Manor.

Pearl was a member of the Embarrass Evangelical Lutheran Church; she served on the Church Council, helped organize Sunday School and was the organist. After moving to Virginia, she transferred her church membership to Gethsemane Lutheran Church and joined the Senior Choir and Naomi Circle; she also served on the Parish Council. Pearl joined the Ladies of Kaleva Soinnuttaren Tupa 32 of Virginia and Lokka Tupa. She served in several officer positions and as a pianist. Pearl also had a lifetime membership to Sisu Heritage of Embarrass, and was active in Lutheran Brotherhood St. Louis County Branch 8421, now known as Thrivent.

Pearl is survived by her children, Charlene Rae (George) Mead and Kenneth George (Barbara) Alaspa; grandchildren, Elizabeth Mead (Dave Benson), Kathryn Mead, Molly (Jason) Cardosi, Jennifer (Chad) Viergutz and Julie (Jesse) Anderson; great-grandchildren, Kenneth, Claire, Gracelyn, Norah and Emilia; two brothers, John Roger (Rosemary) Silverberg and children, Karen, Scott, Eric, Pamela and Kristine, and Jacob Wesley (Frances) Silverberg and children Greta and Karla (Pearl was also Wesley’s guardian); and other nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth; and son-in-law, George Mead.
Gerald D. Ollila, 76
It is with sorrow that we announce the passing of a one-of-a-kind cousin and friend. Gerald A. Ollila, 76, died on Oct. 20, 2017, at the Veterans Hospital in Portland, Ore. Many thanks to his caring companion, dancing partner, and significant other, Kuniko Heinrich, with whom he traveled the world in his later years.

Jerry would like to be remembered the following way: When you miss me, just look up at the night sky and remember, I am like stars; sometimes you can’t see me, but I am always there. Rest easy, Jerry.

Jerry was born in the Embarrass area on March 16, 1941, to Art and Marian (Nummelin) Ollila. He was in the Recon Marines as a sniper in Vietnam. He also was a SCUBA diver in the service, and he helped in the training of Navy SEALS. He did a number of missions in Vietnam. The casualty rate for snipers in Vietnam was about 95 percent. Jerry was one of the lucky survivors. When he left the Marines, he got a Master's Degree in Education. He was a popular high school teacher for a number of years. He liked sailing in the Pacific Ocean. He also got a pilot's license and flew his parents to Northern Minnesota to visit their relatives.

He was a very versatile handyman. He could do plumbing, carpentry, and electrical work. He also liked working on cars. When Jerry saw someone who needed help, he would offer to help them. He would say, “You don't have to pay me, you can just tell me the story about your life.” His main hobbies were reading fiction and nonfiction and repairing things.

He leaves behind Kuniko; and his cousins, Mrs. Jean Beste, Mrs. Donna Salo, Mrs. Marcie Moe and Dr. Lloyd O. Ollila.

Helen J. Whiting, 85
Helen Jeanette Whiting, 85, of Ely, died on Oct. 15, 2017, in the Ely Bloomenson Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

She was born on Sept. 30, 1932, in Embarrass, the daughter of Richard and Fannie (Pulkinen) Niemi. She married Joseph Whiting on June 17, 1950, in Ely. Helen grew up in Embarrass, lived in Ely and on Armstrong Lake prior to returning to Ely in 1969. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star; she enjoyed dancing (especially polkas), crossword and jigsaw puzzles, knitting, crocheting, traveling, camping and fishing. She cherished time spent with family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Helen is survived by her children, Sherri (Bill) Dimich of Babbitt, Diane (Paul) Myers and Jerome (Brenda) Whiting, both of Ely, and Julie (David) Rhein of Winton; grandchildren, April, Triston, Bruce, Craig, Brock, Joey, LeAnn, Andrea, Marlayna, Jennifer and Marissa; great-grandchildren, Isabelle, Morgan, Aaylah, Addison, Jace, Hadleigh, Kensley, Breckyn, Cooper, Bobby, Jade, Amaris and “one on the way”; sisters, Lillian Angelo and Martha Norha, both of Virginia; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joseph; son, Rick Whiting; and siblings, Eleanor, Art and Ben.

Alvin C. Lamppa, 83
Alvin Clyde Lamppa, 83 of Embarrass, died Friday, Nov. 17, 2017 at Carefree Living in Babbitt. He was born October 5, 1934 in Embarrass the son of Axel and Minnie (Hill) Lamppa. He was a graduate of Embarrass High School. Alvin was united in marriage to Janet Seppala on August 14, 1954 in Virginia, MN.

Alvin was the owner/operator of Lamppa’s, Inc., and together with his wife, Janet and son, Loren owned the Cold Spot Bottle Shop. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, the Volunteer Fire Department, and bowling leagues in Babbitt and Virginia. He was a sports enthusiast who enjoyed watching his sons and grandsons playing basketball and football. He enjoyed carpentry, fishing, and the cabin life on Birch Lake.

Alvin is survived by his wife: Janet of Embarrass; children: Brian (Lissa) Lamppa of Embarrass, Regan (Brenda) Lamppa of Richfield, MN, and Paula (Corey) Roseth of Mifflinburg, PA; sister: Alice Niemi of Virginia; grandchildren: Aaron (Nancy) Lamppa, Kyle (Sarah) Lamppa, Nicholas Roseth, Nathan (Juliette) Roseth, and Noah Roseth; great grandchildren: Sophia, Lance, Max, and Natalie Lamppa, and Laurel Roseth; step-great-grandson: Alex (Anna) Bee; step-great-granddaughter: Avery; and numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son: Loren; brother: Ernest; and sister: Bertha Niemi.
**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, Embarrass, MN 55732
Pastor Evelyn Panula Weston
Office hours W,F 4:30-7:00 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
- 12/03: Open Communion
- 12/17: Sunday School Program – “Santa’s Favorite Story… the First Christmas” (arrive by 9:30 a.m. to get ready*)
- 12/24: No morning worship.
- 12/24: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Communion Worship
- 12/31: Hymn Sing – Christmas carols & hymns

**Other Events:**
- Coffee & Crafts: Thursdays 9 a.m.
- Sun 12/10: Lefse orders can be picked up (youth trip fundraiser)
- Sat 12/16: Confirmation Class 9-12

*Hope’s Christmas Program: All children are invited to take part in this no-rehearsal celebration of Christmas. This year, Santa will share that he loves the story of the first Christmas. All are welcome for worship and birthday cake for Jesus at coffee an’!

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.

- December 3: Donald Salo
- December 10: Jon Salo
- December 17: Bob Tumberg
- December 24: Carl Lamppa

**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:**
- Women’s Christmas Tea. Saturday, December 2, 5:00 p.m.
- Children’s Christmas Program: Sunday, December 17, 9:15 a.m.
- Christmas Eve Cantata. Sunday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.

**Eisenhuth places First at Firestorm invitational**
The Master’s University Mustangs put together their best team performance of the year on November 13 & 14 at Moon Valley Country Club in Phoenix, AZ and Sam Eisenhuth won the individual title. Master’s placed second out of nine teams at the Firestorm Invitational. Eisenhuth shot a collective 5-under 137 over two rounds. Teammate Josh Delo came in even at 142.
The duo are Mustang Captains and have led Master’s all season.

This week, Eisenhuth of Embarrass, MN shot a first-round 66 to position himself to take the individual title, finishing in the top seven for the third straight tournament.

He said all signs pointed to a good week.

“Honestly, I think it was the perfect storm,” Eisenhuth said. “I had a good week of practice leading up to the tournament, and I felt good about my game physically, mentally and spiritually going into the round.”

Eisenhuth also credited Delo’s play for lessening the pressure to perform. Delo shot a first-round 69 and followed with a 73.

Master’s is scheduled to return to Phoenix for the ACU Spring Invitational on Feb. 12 and 13.

“It’s definitely weird to think in a couple months we’ll be on the same golf course, playing a lot of the same teams,” Eisenhuth said. “But it’s exciting knowing the momentum we’ve established. It’s a fun golf course, very scorable, always in good shape. … I’m really looking forward to it.”
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