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Embarrass, MN 55732

March 2026
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March 2026 Townhall Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Women's Coffee	4	5	6	7 Hall Rental
8 Candle Workshop	9	10 Township Annual Meeting 7pm Women's Coffee	11 Township Board Meeting 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 4H Meeting	16 SISU Meeting 6:30pm	17 St Patrick's Day Women's Coffee	18	19	20	21 Hall Rental
22 Hall Rental	23	24 Women's Coffee	25 Sewing Club 9am-4pm	26	27	28
29	30	31 Women's Coffee				

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**Town of Embarrass
Annual Meeting Notice
March 10, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Embarrass Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March (March 17, 2026).

The Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00 pm to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. This meeting will be held at:
Embarrass Town Hall
7503 Levander Road
Embarrass, MN 55732

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

March Clerks Corner

The Embarrass Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall. The board has prepared a 2027 levy proposal. Please see the 2027 proposal in this issue of the Flying Finn.

2027 Town Board Meetings will still be held on the second Wednesday of each month, but please note the time has been changed to 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Road.

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on May 12th @ 6p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall.

I'd like to introduce our grandson, Winston Timothy Boese. He was born December 23rd to my son Dean and his girlfriend Shaylee. He is the absolute love of our lives, and we are beyond thrilled to be grandparents to this perfect little boy.

Have a great month everyone. Spring is coming!

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk

DON'T FORGET MARCH 8th





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**Town of Embarrass
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026 – Pending Board Approval**

Attendance

Board Members Present: Jack LaMar, Shireen Lee, Eric Garman, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Gene Wright, Mickey White

Call to Order

Chair LaMar called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M., beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from January were reviewed. A correction was made regarding the name of the newspaper. *LaMar and Garman moved to approve the amended January 2026 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.*

Treasurer’s Report

Mary Novak presented the Treasurer’s Report, covering receipts and disbursements. An explanation regarding CDs was provided, and sheets showing rates were distributed for consideration. Some checks remain uncashed and need to be processed to complete end-of-year reports. The Taconite Tax is expected to be received this month.

LaMar and Garman moved to transfer the CD to a 12-month term at 3.9% at Northern State Bank. Motion carried 3-0.

Garman and LaMar moved to allow the CD at EVFCU to mature and roll into the savings account. Motion carried 3-0.

Website Updates

Mickey White inquired about updates to the town website. Due to changes in payment and subscription, updates could not be made. Novak and Boese will work together to resolve these issues and update the website.

Maintenance Report

Shireen Lee reported that there were no maintenance updates at this time.

St. Louis County Maintenance Request

The annual letter from St. Louis County regarding maintenance was discussed. Boese will contact the county in response to the yearly request letter. Garman spoke to say Clerk will be notified by the board then she would make a request for specific services such as sanding and steaming each time they are needed, rather than allowing the county to perform work at their own discretion.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Boese included the St. Louis County News Release regarding updates to the hazard mitigation plan in the agenda packet. Supervisors discussed the plan, noting concerns about safety and shelter for camping patrons in the event of a tornado. This topic will be added to the Annual Meeting Agenda. Feedback on the news release is encouraged from all participants.

Claims and Correspondence

LaMar and Lee moved to approve the Claims and Correspondence. Motion carried 3-0.

Board of Audit

Garman and Lee selected six random claims for the fourth quarter audit and three monthly claims for the Annual Board of Audit. Motion carried 3-0.

Garman and Lee also selected three random receipts for the fourth quarter and three monthly receipts for the Annual Board of Audit. Motion carried 3-0. The Board of Audit was completed. *LaMar and Lee moved to approve the 2025 Board of Audit, confirming that claims, disbursements, and receipts were found accurate and in order. Motion carried 3-0.*

Adjournment

Chair LaMar adjourned the meeting at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Boese

2027 LEVY PROPOSAL

14.89% Increase

FUND		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
100- General	93,000	96,500	106,000	127,150	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$135,000
225- Road & Bridge	8,500	6,000	6,000	5,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000
226- Fire	29,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	\$32,000	\$33,000	\$37,000
227- Town Hall	8,000	\$8,000	9,000	10,000	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$27,000
229-Solid Waste	0	0	0	0	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$2,200
230- Recreation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$9,000
231- PERA	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$10,000
232- Cemetery	0	0	2,000	1,500	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$7,000
233- Insurance	9,500	9,500	9,000	9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
235- Post Office	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
255-Campground	0	0	0	0	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
401- General Capital	5,000	7,000	7,000	5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$14,000
260- Historic Properties	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	\$3,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
TOTAL Levy	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$178,000	\$187,650	\$198,700	\$233,000	\$267,700

2027 Budget Overview – Investing in Embarrass’ Future

As we look ahead to 2027, our township faces the ongoing responsibility of maintaining all township-owned properties, roads, and structures. These assets are aging, and with age comes a growing need for repairs, upkeep, and eventual replacement. When maintenance is delayed, costs rise—small fixes become major repairs, and equipment that should have been replaced years earlier becomes more expensive to operate and maintain. Inflation, rising supply costs, mandatory Paid Leave, wages, and COLA adjustments also contribute to increased expenses. These are not optional costs; they are the basic requirements for keeping our township functioning safely and responsibly.

Township Responsibilities

Embarrass maintains a remarkable number of community assets for a township of our size, including:

- Town Hall
- Pyhala Homestead
- Ball Fields and Rink
- Heritage Park & Campground
- Nelimark Museum
- Cemetery
- Post Office
- Memorial Forest
- Walking and Hiking Trails
- Weather Station
- Information/Visitor Center

Each of these properties requires electricity, fuel, restroom supplies, structural upkeep, and regular maintenance. Our township roads—Salmela, Byke, Laitinen, Hanka Nevala, Pylka, Petrell, Lamppa, Kempainen, and Wirta—also require brushing, rock removal, grading, and improvements to remain safe and accessible, especially for large snowplows.

For years, necessary repairs were postponed due to limited funds. Now, many of those deferred projects have become urgent. Addressing them today prevents even higher costs tomorrow.

Despite these challenges, Embarrass has tremendous potential. With careful planning and responsible budgeting, we can continue making this a great place to live and visit.

Breakdown of Fund Changes

General Fund – 100

Increases reflect Paid Leave requirements, Employee COLA, PERA benefits, and rising operational supply costs.

Roads – 225

Significant improvements have been made over the past two years, many funded through FEMA grants. However, additional work is still needed to keep roads safe and accessible—brushing, rock removal, and additional Class 5 gravel are ongoing needs.

Fire – 226

The ERVFD contract has increased to support the essential work of our firefighters and first responders. Our community is fortunate to have Chief Garman and dedicated volunteer EMTs and firefighters. Taxpayers contribute only a small amount for a service that protects homes and saves lives.

Town Hall – 227

Funds support necessary repairs and operational costs to keep the Town Hall functional and safe.

Solid Waste – 228

Increase reflects the rising cost of dump cards.

Recreation – 230

Covers maintenance of the ball fields and rink, ensuring these community spaces remain safe and usable.

PERA – 232

Reflects required increases in PERA benefits.

Cemetery – 232

Significant work has been completed by Eric Garman, including weed control, expansion, building repairs, and roadway improvements—necessitating an increase in funding.

General Capital – 401

This fund is dedicated to matching grant opportunities and saving for major equipment replacements such as mowers, tractors, and plow trucks as they reach the end of their service life.



Embarrass Area Volunteer Fire Department Jan & Feb Runs

Jan 22	EMS	Embarrass
Jan 27	Fire	Embarrass
Jan 29	Fire	Mutual Aid to PSB
Feb 9	EMS	Waasa
Feb 15	EMS	Embarrass
Feb 19	EMS/Fire	Embarrass
Feb 22	EMS	Waasa



Letter to the Residents of Embarrass Township

Shireen Lee, Township Supervisor

These are challenging times for all townships including Embarrass Township. We are not alone in these struggles.

As we approach the township annual meeting on March 10 to discuss the proposed 2027 Levy, I want to highlight key township accomplishments from 2025 for your consideration. For a small township with very few paid staff, we maintain an amazing large amount of physical properties: Townhall, Visitor/Information Center, Embarrass Cemetery, Sanitary Landfill, Weather Station, Post office, Nelimark Homestead, Pyhala Homestead, Heritage Park & Campground with its extensive walking/hiking trails, Ball Fields, Memorial Forest, and Ice Rink/Sliding Hill.

In 2025, our limited diligent staff maintained these properties and made major needed improvements that you may not be aware of:

1. The Townhall got a new roof, septic upgrade, including an emergency repair to the septic, drain repair to the small kitchen and short-term electrical repair to the outbuildings at the Townhall.
2. The cemetery upgrades are visibly noticeable, especially the expansion area that we desperately need and where we hold our two major community events for Memorial Day and the Ice Candle event that draws people from near and far.
3. While the cemetery road and the township's 6.5 miles of roads have seen some upgrades, much more work is still needed to keep them usable and suitable for snow plowing.
4. The Nelimark Homestead received a much-needed new roof for both the house and garage.
5. Heritage Campground got an additional new camp site addition.

It's worth noting that these accomplishments happened while our maintenance team reduced their staffing from two regular members to one regular staff member and one on-call, as-needed team member. In the past, we typically needed three staff members to meet township needs during the summer, but in the summer of 2025, we accomplished this with only two staff. I'm sure there have been other significant improvements, but these are the ones I recall right now. The editor is waiting for me to finish this so it can be printed in the Flying Finn.

Over the years, the townships' general fund levy has consistently been relatively low. Historically, these lower rates did not generate enough revenue to cover all expenses. Repairs that were necessary were delayed. Therefore, some repairs are now required to maintain our assets and interests. This is the situation we are currently dealing with. As your elected officials, to achieve this, we will continue focusing on getting the most bang for your tax dollars, consolidating and improving services where we can and increasing revenue where we can. There may be reductions in some township services, and funding for specific partnership programs could be decreased or discontinued.

I also want to clarify that an increase in the general fund levy does **not** mean property taxes for residents or businesses will rise by the same percentage. Property taxes are determined by several taxing authorities, including the township and St. Louis County. The total levy collected is based on a formula established by the St. Louis County Auditor, which factors in changes to the estimated market value of homes and businesses. St. Louis County continues to assess all properties within the township.

Citizen input remains vital to this process. We are sincerely grateful to the residents of Embarrass who have taken part in budget discussions and those who have asked tough questions, shared feedback, and offered thoughtful suggestions to help guide our community. Please consider attending the annual meeting and let your voice be heard.

I borrowed these words from elsewhere as they ring so true because for so many decades so many townships have not raised their levy sufficiently enough to keep up with the expenses and needs. "The township levy is the lifeblood of the township operation. While fiscal restraint is admirable, failing to adjust to rising costs can eventually prevent a township from providing essential services like road repair and fire protection. According to the federal inflation calculator, it takes \$1.70 today to buy what \$1.00 bought in 2005."

Know that every one of your elected officials and staff love this township. As elected officials, we are usually first to learn when an increase is necessary and have a duty to respond. We are committed to our township. Our only goal is to do what is best for our community. There is still work ahead, and we will face these challenges together to maintain essential services and keep Embarrass a healthy, safe, and vibrant place to live and work. Thanks to your ongoing support, we will continue developing innovative solutions and making thoughtful decisions to reduce the financial burden on residents and businesses in 2026 and in the years ahead.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting.

**Waasa Township Regular Board Meeting
Waasa Town Hall
Wednesday, January 6, 2026**

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Eric Pulkinen, Allan Schnacky, Kim Daugherty and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: Richard Pierce and Winnie Koivisto

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Board Chair, Mike Johnson and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Approval: *Mike moved to approve the December 3, 2025 minutes as read with Eric supporting. Carried (3-0). At this point Mike switched to the Reorganizational Meeting Agenda.*

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

- Select Town Board Chair & Vice Chair—Mike & Eric
- Set Compensation for Town Officers--\$15/hour, Sub. Officers--\$50/meeting, Maintenance Person--\$15/hour, Cemetery Sexton--\$17/hour
- Election Judge Pay--\$15/hour
- Hall Rental for Non-Residents--\$75 + \$100 deposit and proof of homeowner's insurance
- Review Cemetery Rates--\$35 per single grave, \$60 per family lot, non-resident \$310 per single grave & \$610.00 per family lot (5 graves for 5 caskets)
- Select Noxious Weed Inspector--Mike
- Designate Posting Places—Now: Embarrass P.O., Embarrass C.U., Trapline Liquor and Town Hall—N.C.
- Designate Bank/Financial Institutions as Town Depositories—Now: Embarrass Vermilion Federal C.U. & Northern State Bank—N.C.

Mike moved to leave the above officers/charges with NO CHANGE with Eric supporting. Carried (3-0).

- Adopt Schedule: Time & Day of Regular Board Meetings in 2026—Wednesdays at 7p.m. (generally the 1st or 2nd Wednesday)
- Select Road Supervisor—Allan Schnacky
- Designate Official Newspaper—East Range Times

Eric moved to accept the above changes with support from Mike. Carried (3-0).

REGULAR MEETING Continued:

Treasurer's Report: December Receipts totaled: \$17,414.15 and \$39.58 from EVFCU for interest (Building Fund). Disbursements from General Fund totaled \$1,368.91. *Mike approved the Treasurer's report, approve payment of the bills listed below plus payroll & PERA. Support came from Allan. Carried (3-0).*

Daugherty, Kim	\$ 68.89	
Mileage Reimb.--To NSB (\$43.40), Ink & Paper (25.49)		
Lake Country Power	56.76	(Capital Credit Ap.)
Electricity for Town Hall		
Pulkinen, Eric	15.40	
Mileage Reimb.—Ck. On Brushing Job & Cem. Rd.		
St. Louis County Auditor	108.76	
Proposed Tax Notice Prep & Delivery		
Tarzan & Jane (Tree Service)	450.00	
Clearing of Right of Way on S. Skarp Rd.		
U.S. Treasury	97.63	
4 th Quarter-941 Tax		

Visitor Input: Richard Pierce is planning to rent the town hall, possibly in the spring as a Community Energy Ambassador and hold classes to build tiny homes and sheds. The class will run 4-6 months with classes held once a week. After advertising of this project is completed, he hopes to begin classes in the early spring. Rent will be payable by the month. The Clerk will check with MATT on the required insurance needed to use the hall for such a program. *Eric motioned to rent the hall to Mr. Pierce at a rate of \$35 per session with the necessary proof of insurance and \$100 deposit is turned in to the Clerk. Mike supported. Carried (3-0).*

Road Report: Eric reported that Tarzan & Jane completed the brushing job on S. Skarp Road, requested by SLC and was completed in a timely manner. (continued on next page)

Cemetery: The Evelyn Esala casket burial was done in December. The lower cemetery road needed to be plowed (township requires that it be done at the family expense). It was decided that during the spring road inspection of the upper cemetery (Amanda Cemetery Annex), we will check out the road that is in the cemetery plans and decide if it would be best to have it graveled.

Old Business: Information collected by the clerk will be kept on file referring to insurance carried by contractors and accepting bids. We should remember to state in the motions to accept the 2nd choice bidder, if the first one declines to accept the job. Eric reported on the Annual Fire Department Meeting held on January 2nd. The department had a total of 118 calls. 72 runs were EMS and 45 fire. EMVFD members logged 1,545 hours of on-duty time for 2025. There are currently 12 members. The fire department has determined that the fire protection costs will increase their contract to 12% for townships 2027. The Babbitt FD rates are 3 to 4 times higher than this.

The hall rental on January 4th went well, without any problems.

New Business: The clerk will check into a new business in the area for snowplow service, if our current source is unable. Our Treasurer has been gathering information on the new MN Paid Leave Program. Waasa is considered a small business (under 30 employees). The clerk is considered to be an intermittent employee and is the only board member that gets enough hours to qualify. For the year 2026 a motion was made by Mike to have the township pay the entire percentage owed with Eric supporting. Carried (3-0).

Our vacuum cleaner has a problem with suction and another one sparks. The clerk was asked to buy a new one.

The new 2026 IRS Mileage Rate is 72.5 cents per mile if using your personal vehicle.

Allan has volunteered to check out how the township snowblower runs. It hasn't been used for quite some time and will possibly be put up for sale.

Correspondence: Read and filed.

Adjournment: *Mike moved to adjourn with support from Allan at 8:43 p.m. Carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk

Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair

Waasa Township

Annual Meeting Notice

All qualified voters of Waasa are urged to attend this meeting to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Waasa Town Hall, 3795 Highway 21

In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk

Listen as Jack Lamar Speaks of the Core of Embarrass

Embarrass, Minnesota is known for its record-breaking cold temperatures, but the heart of this town is found in the warmth of its people. Join Jack LaMar as he uncovers the stories, the history, and the characters that make our corner of the North Woods special.

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**SISU Heritage
Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 22, 2026**

The annual meeting began with President Marlin Bjornrud welcoming everyone. Guests signed in and picked up handouts which included the Sisu Heritage Fact Sheet, the 2025 December Budget and 2026 Proposed Budget and 2025 Activities Report

The Activities Report highlighted events and projects from the past year including ones in the future. The business meeting continued with a report from our new treasurer, Winnie Kovisto. Dan Alto made a motion to approve the 2025 budget, second Pat Heikkila, MC. Mickey White was approved to remain the St. Louis County Historical Society Representative, motion by Ron Sutton, second Linda Folstad, MC. Mickey, Membership Chair reported: 154 – 34 lifetime members (Sisu welcomes new members which signed up at the meeting).

Dan Alto gave an updated slide presentation on the Seitaniemi Housebarn which is located on 8- acres in Waasa Township. A picture handout of the Housebarn shows the progress of restoring the “ONLY standing Finnish Log structure in the United States”. President Marlin Bjornrud also shared a St Louis Conty grant and its purpose.

Election of Board Members: Marlin Bjornrud, John Kinnunen, Jon Salo, Mickey White all agree to continue a 3-year term. Eric Pulkinen will fill in a 2-year term for Tom Sheehan. Motion by Ron Sutton to approve these terms, second Bruce Sweney, MC.

Our guest speaker, Wayne Gannaway, Executive Director of the St. Louis County Historical Society shared his background of work that led to his interest of restoration projects. Wayne’s interesting and informative presentation included slides depicting architecture from places he has worked on across the country. He emphasized . . . Restoration is “Spirit of the Place” like our historical places in Embarrass!

A drawing of door prizes, concluded the meeting. Winners were Garrett Stark, Bruce Sweney, Jack Lamar, Verna Sutton, Jon Salo, Eric Pulkinen, Ron Norha and Linda Koskela. Attendees enjoyed an awesome selection of treats with coffee provided by the Sisu Board members and from the Farmstead Artisan group at the Nelimark Museum.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

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The Flying Finn welcomes any and all announcements regarding community events or groups. All items submitted must be approved by the Town of Embarrass governing board. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor the Flying Finn necessarily endorse the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any or all letters to the editor including submitted materials.

Babbitt Public Library

Monday - Thursday
9am-5pm



Friday
10am - 6pm

**Arrowhead
Bookmobile**

The Bookmobile offers print books, Cookbooks, large print books, DVDs, audiobooks and video games. For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A- Book services, contact the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768, 218 741-3840, see us on Facebook or check our web site at www.alslib.info.

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



Embarrass MN Post Office

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Pickup/Retail Hours:

Monday-Friday 7:00am-11:00am

Saturday 7:00am-9:00am

Lobby is open 24 hours for those with post office
boxes at this location

Obituaries

Nathan W. Pike, 77

Nathan William Pike, 77, of Embarrass, passed away peacefully on Jan. 21, 2026, at Essentia Health in Duluth, after a courageous journey with dementia. A celebration of life will be held on March 14 from 12:30-3 p.m., with a time of remembrance and sharing of stories at 1:30 p.m., at Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Nathan will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, creativity, generosity, love of family, and the quiet ways he showed up for those he loved. His life truly was a wonderful one.

Nathan was born on March 1, 1948, in Calais, Maine, to Frederick Pike and Anerva Jarve Pike. In 1952, the family moved to Embarrass, a place Nathan would call home for most of his life. He remained there until his health required him to move to Edgewood Vista Memory Care in Hermantown in December 2024. Nathan graduated from Embarrass High School and later earned a degree in Chef Management from Hibbing Vo-Tech. Though his culinary career was cut short following his first hip operation, his love for cooking never faded. He went on to build a long and dedicated career as a truck driver, working for many companies before finding his home at Monson Trucking out of Virginia. Nathan remained with Monson until the company closed in 2009. He often joked that he was only "semi-retired," a fitting description for a man who truly never stopped working. In retirement, he continued to take on odd

jobs and generously helped family and friends with home projects whenever he could. Nathan was a creative soul with a deep love for woodcarving, crafting many unique and cherished projects over the years. A devoted car enthusiast, he had a special love for the 1957 Chevy, even carving his own urn to resemble the Bel Air he once owned. He found great joy in spending time with family and friends, especially at his mother-in-law's cabin on Comstock Lake, where he knew all the best crappie fishing spots and treasured quiet evenings by the fire. Cooking remained one of his greatest passions, and many fondly remember the meals he lovingly prepared. A man of tradition and heart, Nathan's favorite movie was "It's a Wonderful Life." Every Christmas season, he made it a point to call "the kids" to let them know when it was airing and on which channel, insisting on watching it on television, commercials and all, even when he owned the DVD.

Nathan is survived by his beloved wife of more than 48 years, Jeanette Pike; children, Jeremy (Mel) Pike, Roman (Bobbi) Pike and Audra (John) Kettelhut; stepchildren, Ron Jensen (Sheena Isle), Keith (Wendy) Jensen, Howard (Terrie) Jensen, Harley (Megan) Jensen, Ginny Jensen and Sam (Aaron) Johnson; sisters, Susan (Tom) Maikkula and Barbara Pike; brother, Mike Pike; very special aunt, Lorraine Jarve; an abundance of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will deeply miss him.

David was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws; aunts and uncles; cousins, nephews and grandchildren.



- Blizzard
- Frosty
- Frozen
- Hot Cocoa
- Icicle
- Icy
- Igloo
- Jacket
- Mittens
- Scarf
- Shovel
- Sled
- Snowball
- Snowflake
- Snowman



Evangelical Free Church

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

www.efreechurch.com - marlinb@efreechurch.com

Sunday

Family Bible classes	9am
Family Worship Service	10am

Monday

Men's Bible Study	6:30pm
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Wednesday

Women's Bible Study	9am
Kids on the Rock	4pm
ENGAGE Youth Ministry	6:30pm

Thursday

All	Coffee and Conversation	9am-11am
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Saturday

Mar 21	Women's One Day Retreat	9am-3pm
Mar 28	Men's Breakfast	8am

Sunday

Mar 8	Couples Night Out	6pm
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Sunday Messages

Mar 1	Shining as Stars in the Dark World
Mar 8	Meet These Men
Mar 15	The Savings of a Religious Man
Mar 22	The Desires of a Saved Man
Mar 29	Colin Rieke, The Power of the Cross



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Facebook: Hope Lutheran/Babbitt Evangelical

Pastor Christina Forsythe

Worship: Sundays at 10:30AM



Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

Services at 10:30am

Communion – First Sundays

German Chocolate Cake Roll

¾ c flour	1 c evaporated milk
¼ c cocoa	1 c sugar
1 tsp baking powder	3 egg yolks
¼ tsp salt	½ c butter
4 eggs, room temperature	1 tsp vanilla
¾ c sugar	1 ½ c coconut
¼ c milk	1 c chopped pecans
1 tsp vanilla	½ c semi-sweet chocolate chips
	¼ c heavy cream



Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 15×10-inch jelly roll pan with parchment and grease it. Whisk together flour, cocoa, baking powder, and salt. In another bowl, beat eggs and sugar until thick and pale (about 5 minutes). Stir in milk and vanilla. Gently fold in dry ingredients. Spread batter evenly in the prepared pan. Bake for 10–12 minutes. While warm, turn cake onto a clean kitchen towel dusted with powdered sugar. Peel off parchment and roll cake with the towel from long end to long end. Let cool completely.

Meanwhile, heat cream in a saucepan until steaming, add chocolate chips to make a ganache. Stir until chips are completely melted. Allow to cool making your ganache thick enough to avoid running down your cake.

In a saucepan, whisk evaporated milk, sugar, egg yolks, and butter. Cook over medium heat, stirring until thickened (about 10 minutes). Remove from heat, stir in vanilla, coconut, and pecans. Let cool. Carefully unroll the cooled cake. Spread filling evenly over the surface. Roll back up without the towel and place seam-side down on a serving plate. Drizzle the cake roll with the chocolate ganache. Garnish with additional pecans and coconut.

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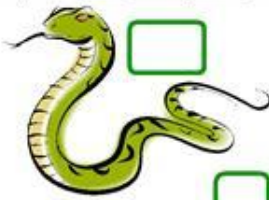
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Write the answers in the Crossword and the numbers in the boxes.

Across

- 1 a musical instrument with strings
- 3 a Christian symbol
- 6 a container filled with coins
- 8 the colour people wear on 17th March in Ireland
- 9 a large musical instrument with strings stretched on a vertical frame
- 10 an alcoholic drink
- 11 the national emblem of Ireland
- 12 a cap
- 13 an animal with a long body and no legs
- 14 the third month of the year
- 15 a country in Western Europe



Down

- 1 a piece of cloth with a special pattern, a symbol of Ireland
- 2 a half circle of bright colours that you see in the sky when rain and sun come together
- 5 the patron saint of Ireland
- 7 a small man with magic powers in Irish stories
- 9 a piece of curved iron that is attached with nails to the bottom of a horse's foot

