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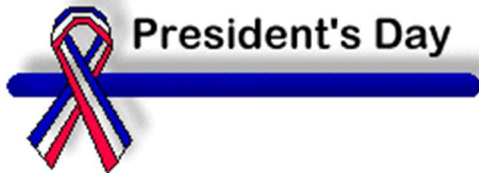
Pancake Breakfast
2/5/22; 8-11
Timber Hall



**Groundhog
Day**

Wednesday, February 2

*Happy
Valentine's Day
Monday, 2/14*



President's Day



Monday, February 21

Sisu Heritage Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 27, 2:00 p.m.

Embarrass Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the February 2022 issue to the
Embarrass Clerk's Office by February 17, 2022.

FEBRUARY 2022

Black History Month		1 Ladies Coffee DFL Party Caucus; Town Hall	2 Groundhog's Day	3 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. (Town Hall)	4	5 Pancake Breakfast (Timber Hall)
6  4 Corners 4-H 4 p.m.	7	8 Ladies Coffee	9 Bookmobile at Four Corners 5:00-6:00 p.m. Township Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. (Town Hall) Fair Board Meeting 6:30 Timber Hall	11	12 Craft Show Town Hall
13 Craft Show Town Hall	14 	15 Ladies Coffee	16 Mardi Gras	17 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Flying Finn Deadline	18	19 Town Hall Rental
20	21 President's Day Clerk's Office Closed Sisu Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22 Ladies Coffee	23	24 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	25	26
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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, or e-mail them to embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net. 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

Reorganizational Meeting and Board Meeting

January 12, 2022

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Bill Wright, Roland Fowler

Present: Gene Wright, Jack LaMar, Jennifer Boese

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Wright with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion/LaMar: Second/Wright to approve the December 2021 minutes. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carried 2-0.

Tabled selection of Town Chair.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to adopt the current meeting schedule as the second Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. of every month. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to give the following a 5.9% COLA, Treasurer, Clerk, Lead Maintenance and Maintenance. Grader Operator increase \$2/hr. Election judges increase \$1/hr. Other compensation of employees was discussed and will be discussed more when all supervisors are present. Carried 2-0.

Tabled designating supervisor of roads and maintenance.

Tabled designating official publishing newspaper.

Motion/Wright: Second LaMar to keep the designated posted places as Embarrass Post Office, EVFCU, Embarrass Town Hall, Trapline Liquor and Trapline Convenience Store. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar for the banks/financial Institutions to remain with EVFCU and Northern State Bank. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to leave all primitive campsites the same price and to increase RV campground rates by \$3 a day, week rates to \$185, monthly rate to \$500 and seasonal rate to \$2,000.

Dump station to stay at \$10, showers stay at \$3 for non-campers and firewood rate raised to \$5. Carried 2-0.

Motion/LaMar: Second/Wright to keep the subscription rate the same for the Flying Finn and to raise the Flying Finn advertise rates to full page \$25, half page to \$15 and quarter page to \$10. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to table the decision on changing rates for cemetery and burial rates. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to leave Town Hall rental rate to remain the same. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second to go with the mileage rate of 58.5 cents. Carried 2-0.

Motion/LaMar: Second/Wright to approve December 17, 2022, for a tentative date for the Ice Candle Celebration, discuss the date at the annual meeting. Carried 2-0.

Clerk informs supervisors of the stolen ice candles at the cemetery. Posting was discussed.

Upcoming training opportunities were discussed.

Reorganizational Meeting completed.

December Maintenance Report. Cemetery- Flagged for Ice Candles, struggled to make ice candles but were able to make 548. Recreation- Attempted to make ice on the rink, rain, snow and warm weather delayed the process. Info Center- troubleshooting solar light issue on restroom. Clerk in touch with the restroom construction company. Misc.- Brushing and cleanup of downed trees after several windy days. Snow cleanup. John Deere in for repairs. Small kitchen sink drain line problem, water coming up through the floor. Attempted to flush line and treated with draino, water has gone through but is to be believed to be a future issue.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to approve Roy and Lori Worsham to return as Heritage Park Campground Hosts in 2022 season. Carried 2-0.

Plowing at the Pyhala parking lot is recommended by Wright not to be plowed, along with not plowing of the entrance of the campground. To get to the trail the

public can use the Nelimark access, skating rink and the school parking lot.

LaMar to step in as maintenance supervisor for the time being.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to meet with Marlin, clerk to contact Marlin to figure a meeting date and for the requests by SISU to be added, along with discussion on the film. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/ LaMar to approve Wally O'Farrel to return as sexton. Carried 2-0.

Motion/Wright: Second/LaMar to approve the Correspondence and Claims. Carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned by Wright at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

PUBLIC NOTICE:

After the Ice Candle Celebration at the Embarrass Cemetery on December 18 all candles and many of the ice candles made by township employees were removed without permission, from the cemetery the following evening. These are property of those who purchased from the Town of Embarrass and all others are township property and are not to be moved without written consent from the Embarrass Town Board. Removal of the candles and the ice candles of any kind represents theft and is punishable by law. Anyone with knowledge of this activity is asked to contact the Embarrass Town Clerk at (218)-984-2084. Individuals found tampering with or misuse of township property will be fully prosecuted to the extent of the law.

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Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021; 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Carrie Westvik Nina Honkola and Sandra Gibson;
Visitors: None

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

Minutes Approval: Mike moved to approve the November 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Carrie supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Receipts: State of MN—Ag: \$20.98, Twin Metals Lease Payment: \$1,696.00, St. Louis County Tax Apportionment: \$12,388.27 and St. Louis County Year End Advance: \$208.77. Total Disbursements for November 3, 2021: \$1,605.12. Mike accepted the Treasurer's Report and Steve supported. Carried (3-0).

Approval to Pay Bills: Mike moved to approve payment of the bills listed below plus payroll and PERA with support from Carrie. Carried (3-0).

- Gibson, Sandra, \$97.50, Ink Cartridges for Clerk's Printer
- Lake Country Power, \$80.27, Town Hall Electricity
- Menards—Virginia, \$5.94, Fly Traps (2)
- Sipola, Steve, \$16.24, Mileage Reimb. — Monthly Road Inspection
- Superior Fuel, \$190.00, Furnace Repair: Installation of Thermostat

Road Report: Steve drove all twp. roads before the last snowstorm, finding them snow packed but in good condition.

Cemetery Report: Steve visited our Sexton, Wally O'Farrell, finding he has been released from nursing care but is driving in for PT.

Carrie is making good progress on compiling the burial records on a spreadsheet.

Old Business: The furnace seems to be running fine now, after the digital thermostat was installed by Superior Fuel and Steve changed the air filter. Mike replaced some light bulbs in the office.

New Business: Before the meeting tonight, Mike checked things out in the basement to find the sump pump hasn't been running. The board will consider replacing it before spring.

The clerk reported that there is a grant for the new D200 (voting ballot counter). Phil Chapman of St. Louis County Auditor's office was contacted. He doesn't feel the machine would be beneficial for our township due to the cost and our low number of per capita eligible voters.

Correspondence: Mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 8:05 p.m. and was supported by Steve.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk; Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair

Waasa Township

2022 Meeting Schedule

All Meetings Begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 2

Wednesday, March 2

Annual Meeting: March 8, 2022

Wednesday, April 6

Wednesday, May 4

Wednesday, June 8

Wednesday, July 6

Wednesday, August 3

Wednesday, September 7

Wednesday, October 5

Wednesday, November 2

Wednesday, December 7

Wednesday, January 4, 2023



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SISU HERITAGE

Monthly Meeting

December 2021

Present: Ron S., David P., John K., Cindy S., Linda K., Marlin B.

Guest: Roberta P.

1. November minutes were approved without correction or addition.
2. November financial report was presented by Cindy S. MSC to approve the financial report: John K./Ron S.
3. Membership report has not changed from last month.
4. Ron and Cindy gave a report from the December Christmas at the Nelimark weekend.
5. Correspondence: We have located 3 or 4 metal panels that will work on the Apostolic Lutheran Church east exterior wall. They will be purchased soon from a family in Virginia. We will still need 3 or 4 more, we will pick out the best from the panels that were taken off, and use them.
6. Jeff Sterle was present to give us the 2020 audit report.
7. **Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** Marlin will secure a speaker in the next weeks. If you have ideas, let him know soon. Mickey W. and Heather M. will be asked to serve as or nominating committee. (They have agreed to this.) Terms that have expired are for Ron S., Cindy S., and Carol K. The nominating committee will talk with these three first, to see which ones will be willing to continue another term.
8. Mickey W. will send postcards to members concerning the annual meeting.
9. Marlin B. will work with the town board on a renewal of our Nelimark Maintenance agreement with the township.
10. Marlin will contact county commissioner Paul McDonald about the Historical Society's requirement of an annual audit from the affiliates. Jeff Sterle is willing to speak with him, as well. Jeff feels that our smaller amount of funds, an audit could be performed every two or three years.



SISU HERITAGE

Monthly Meeting

January 2022

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Linda Koskela, Cindy Scherer, David Pike

Guest: Roberta Pike

1. December minutes were reviewed and will be accepted in March.
2. Cindy S. presented the December financial report. With a quorum not present Cindy will e-mail SISU board members for approval of bills to be paid.
3. Membership remains the same as last month.
4. **The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall.** The agenda includes: *financial report, President's report, Nelimark Museum update, election of three board members (Ron S. & Cindy S. accepted their nomination" a third member to be nominated. Select a Historical Society representative and present the 2022 Proposed Budget. Speaker: Doug Workman,* a Tower resident will have a presentation on its Fire Hall Restoration. Refreshments and door prizes will be provided.
5. The 2022 proposed budget was reviewed before presenting its approval by SISU Heritage members.
6. March meeting will include Sauna Day plans and selecting a couple of signs to be made for the Mesabi Trail.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

Next meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022



PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

NO Meeting in February 2022 or March 2022.

Meetings will resume in April.



2022 PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Pike Sandy Women's Club 2022 Scholarship Award will be given to a local graduating senior who lives in the Pike, Sandy, Wuori, or Embarrass Townships or in an Unorganized Township that borders Pike Township. The Scholarship Award will be announced at the April 5, 2022 meeting of the Pike Sandy Women's Club. Your Letter of interest in this SCHOLARSHIP must be received prior to or no later than April 5, 2022. Please include in your letter, which College or Technical College you will be attending and any personal information about yourself, including your curriculum plus any extracurricular activities in which you have participated. The Scholarship monetary award of \$300 is payable to the scholarship recipient upon the receipt by the Pike Sandy Women's Club of a transcript of the completed first semester/quarter with satisfactory grades.

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Lynne Stucky
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Virginia, MN 55792
218-410-0167

Lynnestuckey04@gmail.com



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Monday-Thursday 12:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Friday 12:00 pm- 5:00 pm

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- 📖 Winter Reading Program Jan 3- February 25.
All ages welcome.
- 📖 Coloring contest for all ages.
- 📖 February is Love Your Library Month
- 📖 For the month of February, check out our surprise books that are wrapped. Read the profile on the cover and take a chance! Will your blind date be hot or not? Rate your date at the end and return it to let us know!

Sisu Heritage, Inc. Annual Meeting. Sunday, February 27, 2:00 p.m.



Embarrass Town Hall
Business meeting...door
prizes...featured speaker...coffee
and refreshments



IN SEARCH OF....

Does anyone have a picture of Spirit Jack?

He was known to live in the area during the early 1920-1930s. In Finnish he was known as Henki Jacki.

If you please respond to rantala@lakeconnections.net The info would be valuable for our Sisu Heritage group.



DFL Caucus in Embarrass, February 1

St. Louis County Organizing Unit 06 has opted to hold in-person precinct caucuses on Tuesday, February 1 with registration starting at 6:30 p.m. The caucus site for Embarrass Township is Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732.

If you prefer not to participate in-person, you can access both Non-Attendee forms and Resolution forms at <https://dfi.org/caucus/>

Return your forms as email attachments to Unit Chair Cathy Daniels at cathydaniels.cd@gmail.com no later than 9 p.m. on caucus night, or drop them off at Town Hall between 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Visit <https://dfi.org/caucus/> for more information.

***** OBITUARIES *******Audrey E. Joki, 78**

Audrey Estelle Joki, 78, passed away at Carefree Living in Virginia on Jan. 16, 2022, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Private family services were held at Faith United Lutheran Church in Iron. Donations to the Alzheimer's Association are preferred.

Audrey was born in Soudan on July 11, 1943, to Pat and Helmi (Siro) Marttila and grew up with her four sisters and one brother. She graduated from Embarrass High School in 1961 and worked in Virginia as a dental hygienist. Audrey met the love of her life, Robert "Bob" Joki at a dance in Forbes. They were engaged in the summer of 1965 and married that November. They settled in Iron where they built their home and raised their three children, Brenda, Brian and Brad. Audrey worked at the Forbes Post Office becoming Postmaster in 1979 and retiring in 2003.

Audrey was 100-percent Finnish and very proud of her heritage and her sisu strength. She was a member of Faith United Lutheran Church in Iron where she participated in numerous activities over the years. Audrey enjoyed sewing, gardening, decorating her home, and collecting dolls. Audrey and Bob loved to travel and visited numerous states and countries. She also loved to fish, especially on Birch Lake in Babbitt where her parents had a cabin when she was young. Even upon her Alzheimer's diagnosis, Audrey instinctively knew how to set her hook and reel in a nice walleye.

Audrey was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed.

Audrey is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Bob; daughter, Brenda (Scott) Cooke of Makinen; sons, Brian (Jodi) Joki of Duluth and Brad (Pam) Joki of Iron; grandchildren, Jeremy Sertich, Zachary, Camryn, Jacob and Matthew Joki; grandson, Conner; sisters, Diane Hakala of Virginia, Sally Duesler of Iron and Rosemary (Gary) Baty of Embarrass; brother, Arlan (Jeanne) of Inver Grove Heights; and several nieces and nephews. Survivors also include Brenda's stepdaughters, Jolene (Robby)

Allison, Becky (Mark) LaTour and Sarah (Charlie) Mudge; stepson, Scotty Cooke; and grandchildren, Payton, Chase, Jadyn, Calleigh, Izzie, Matti and Charlee, all of Duluth. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Rose M. Novak, 85

Rose Marie Novak, 85, of Gilbert, died on Dec. 21, 2021, surrounded by family at Essentia Health-Virginia. A memorial service was held on Jan. 8, 2022, at Heritage Trail Bible Church in McKinley with Pastor Gus Layman officiating. Interment will be in the Gilbert Cemetery at a later date.

Rose was born on Feb. 13, 1936, to Joseph and Mary (Moren) Yaklich in Gilbert. Growing up in Gilbert, she attended Gilbert High School, graduating in the class of 1953. Rose later attended training in Chicago to become a Railroad Ticketing Agent. She was united in marriage to Frank Novak on Dec. 10, 1955. The couple resided in Fayal Township near Ely Lake. After Frank's death she lived in Gilbert. Rose enjoyed gardening, biking, four-wheeling and many other outdoor activities. She was an avid swimmer and even in her later years would be seen taking a daily swim in the Ore-B-Gone pit. Her other interests included traveling and painting. As an extremely talented artist, her favorite medium was paint.

In her younger years, Rose volunteered as a Candy Stripper, and more recently for Meals-on-Wheels and the Gilbert Food Shelf. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Rose loved spending time with her family. An adoring grandparent, Rose was committed to attending her grandchildren's activities whether it be a school function, church program, or a birthday party. God's Word was of the utmost importance to Rose; she passionately shared her love for Jesus Christ with anyone she met.

Survivors include her children, Mike (Mary) Novak of Embarrass, Dr. Anthony "Tony" (Constance) Novak of River Falls, Wis., and Mariann (Jack) Kunnari of Eveleth; former daughter-in-law and friend, Linda Koskiniemi of Eveleth; twelve grandchildren, Meredith (Paul)

*** OBITUARIES ***

Warmuth, Paula Novak, Esther "Essa" Novak, Luke Novak, Stephanie (Chan) Paine, Christopher Novak, Abigail (Erik) Lacksonen, Jon (Megan) Novak, Elana (Jeff) Zupetz, Sarah (Tracy) Martin, Dustin (Calah) Kunnari and Derek (Samantha) Kunnari; eighteen great-grandchildren; brother, Jack (Verna) Yaklich of Gilbert; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; sister, Joanne Gustafson; and her parents.

Norman G. Adams, 68

Norman Gary Adams, 68, longtime resident of Embarrass, died on Dec. 30, 2021, at his home. A Wake was held on Jan. 4 and Tribal Rites were held on Jan. 5, 2022, both at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Center in Nett Lake. Spiritual Advisors Gilbert Smith and Gene Goodsky presided. Burial was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Duluth.

Norm was born on June 29, 1953, in Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada, the son of Gordon and Martha (Burnside) Adams Sr. Norm's childhood was short-

lived as he had to enter a residential Indian school in Canada with his brother Bill. The scars from this place, sadly, left their mark on him for his entire life. He was later reunited with his parents and other siblings and continued his education in Orr, where he was a graduate of Orr High School. After graduation, Norm enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served proudly and honorably with the 7th Engineer Battalion until his honorable discharge in 1974 as a Corporal.

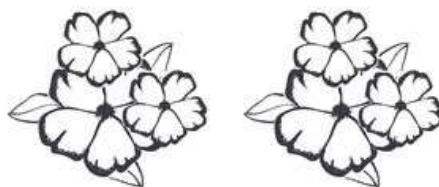
Norm furthered his education by going on to receive an AA degree from Mesabi Range College, and was employed as a member of the faculty as the Minority Student Services Director. He continued in his education and graduated with honors from Concordia College in St. Paul with a BS degree in Business Management.

Prior to his retirement, Norman was the CEO of Bois Forte Enterprises. Norm, however, decided it wasn't time to just go fishing quite yet and

found employment with the Veterans Services Office in Hibbing and Ely. In this position, he was able to help many of the vets who had come into the office, to finally be able to receive the benefits they deserved. Many times, no matter where he was, he was thanked wholeheartedly for all the work that he had put into all their individual cases. This position turned out to be one of the most rewarding and thankful ones he had ever held.

He enjoyed woodworking, yard work, fishing, minnow trapping, Sunday morning coffee watching Charles Stanley, and his Native American culture. He also deeply loved all of his children and grandchildren whether they were near or far; they were his life. And as such, "Grandpa" incorporated as much playing, teaching, advising and relaxing as he could.

Norman is survived by his wife, Jeannine; children, Rhonda (Brian) Fleck of Cloquet, Norman (Geraldine) Adams of Tower, Alicia (Todd Manninen) Dahl of Ely Lake, Chris (Jenna) Lehti of Tower, Jonathan Lehti of Tower, Hannah (Brent) Chosa of Tower, Emily (Brandon Luoma) Lehti of Britt and Andrew Lehti of Embarrass; siblings, Gordon (Patsy) Adams of Nett Lake, Vernon (Cindi) Adams of Mt. Iron, Randy Adams of Hoyt Lakes, Sherrie Laitinen of Tower and Les (Roberta) Adams of Duluth; grandchildren, Brent Bedausky, Taryn Fleck, Alivia Fleck, Norman Adams Jr., Jakson, Parker, Morgan, Max, Liam, Tanner, Kai, Brody, River, Matayah, Emma, Bryce, Brynn, Hayden, Ellie, Ryan, Silas and Iatise; great-grandchildren, Lyric, Tahlia, Sage, Braxton and River; cousin, Dan Lumbar, whom he loved as a brother; and numerous extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bill, Lester, Lorne and Bob; and sisters, Carlene and Mary.



Embarrass Region Fair Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2022

Pending Approval

Present Board: Jerry Meier, Janine Patten, Sue Beaton Trustees: Bonnie Meier.

Members Present: Daryl Benson, Shireen Lee, Charlie Fowler, Michele Fowler, Lisa Gibson.

Call to Order. Sue called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. Sue asked for any changes, additions or corrections; there were none. *Shireen moved to accept the minutes. Bonnie seconded. Motion carried.*

Treasurer Report:

The monthly financial report showing checking & savings account activity and balances for December 2021 and a year-end P & L summary showing the profit for 2021. Jerry pointed out that November electric bill contained a capital credit which completely offset the monthly charge and left a credit balance going forward. *Lisa moved to accept the treasurer's report. Shireen seconded. Motion carried.*

Old Business:

- Old business from 2021 was tabled until the February meeting so that the January meeting could be dedicated to nominations for a new Board and Trustees, and to new procedures for gate cash and wristband sales.

New Business:

Nominations for the 2022 Fair Board and Trustees. As Vice Chair, Sue has sought candidates for board officers. The results follow:

- Chair: Gustave Schroeder was nominated to serve as chair for another year; no other nominations were made.
- Vice Chair: Sue is stepping down and Lisa Gibson has been nominated to serve as Vice Chair.
- Treasurer: Jerry Meier has agreed to run again; Michelle Fowler has been nominated to also run.
- Secretary: Sue stated that Janine's three-year term as Secretary has ended. Sue asked for nominations for Secretary and there were none. Anyone wishing to serve as secretary, should contact Sue before the February 3 Annual Meeting. In the event that no secretary is nominated, the chair will request volunteers at each meeting.
- Three Trustees: Sue said that Floyd Joki and Rodney Dale have each completed three-year terms; Bonnie Meier agreed to continue for a second year. Sue Beaton and Janine Patten were nominated to fill the two vacant seats.

Votes will be cast via secret ballot at the February 3 Annual Meeting. As per the ERFA bylaws, members must be present to vote (no proxies) and must have a signed pledge in support of the ERFA on file.

Fair Gate. After discussion among the members, it was agreed that the following procedures will be put in place for the handling of cash and wristbands for the admissions gates during the Fair. Each gate volunteer will receive an apron containing a pre-counted cash bank and pre-counted wristbands. At the end of each shift, volunteers will turn in their apron and the cash and wristbands will be counted. If a volunteer runs out of wristbands during their shift, they will trade in their apron/cash for a new one containing a new pre-counted cash bank and wristbands.

Cash will be counted at the end of each shift and if possible, deposited at the credit union at the end of each day. Two security personnel, fair trustees or other available fair personnel will be present when cash is being counted.

There will be a list of the names and phone numbers of the gate volunteers.

Posted at each gate will be phone numbers for the volunteers to call when they need more wristbands or cash.

A consistent written policy, stating who gets free admission to the fair will be developed and posted at each gate.

In addition, Shireen suggested using brightly colored wristbands that are easy to see. Lisa pointed out that there may still be some cash discrepancies because occasionally wristbands get dropped, torn or blown away, or given to children who aren't charged admission. Also, sometimes people donate their change and of course once and awhile incorrect change is given out. Janine said that, even with the new procedures she expects that the cash will not balance perfectly.

The membership also discussed problems collecting admissions at the South gate due to some cars driving directly to the Mud Run gate without stopping to pay admission. Jerry suggested blocking off the road to the Mud Run so cars would have to go through the admission gate to enter the fairgrounds.

Miscellaneous

- Shireen said that we need to evaluate why there isn't more community involvement with Timber Hall and the Fair and how to get more volunteers. Lisa said that other organizations are having the same problem and that we need ideas for how to draw in more people.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Janine seconded. Motion carried. Sue adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Secretary

The Embarrass Region Fair Association
will meet again

Thursday, February 3, 2022

6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.

New Members are Welcome!

Trapline Liquor

4897 Hwy 21

218-984-BYOB (2962)

trapneliquor@yahoo.com

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Open Mon-Sat, 8 am-10 pm

Sunday 11 am – 6 pm



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SNACKS:

Pop, Juice
Energy Drinks
Candy, Chips

GROCERIES:

Milk, Eggs
Bread, Butter
Italian Bakery
---lots more!

READY TO GO:

Sandwiches
Ice
Coffee

ATM

Lottery
Cigarettes
Tobacco Products
DNR Licenses
Landfill Cards

FROZEN ITEMS:

Ice Cream
Pizzas

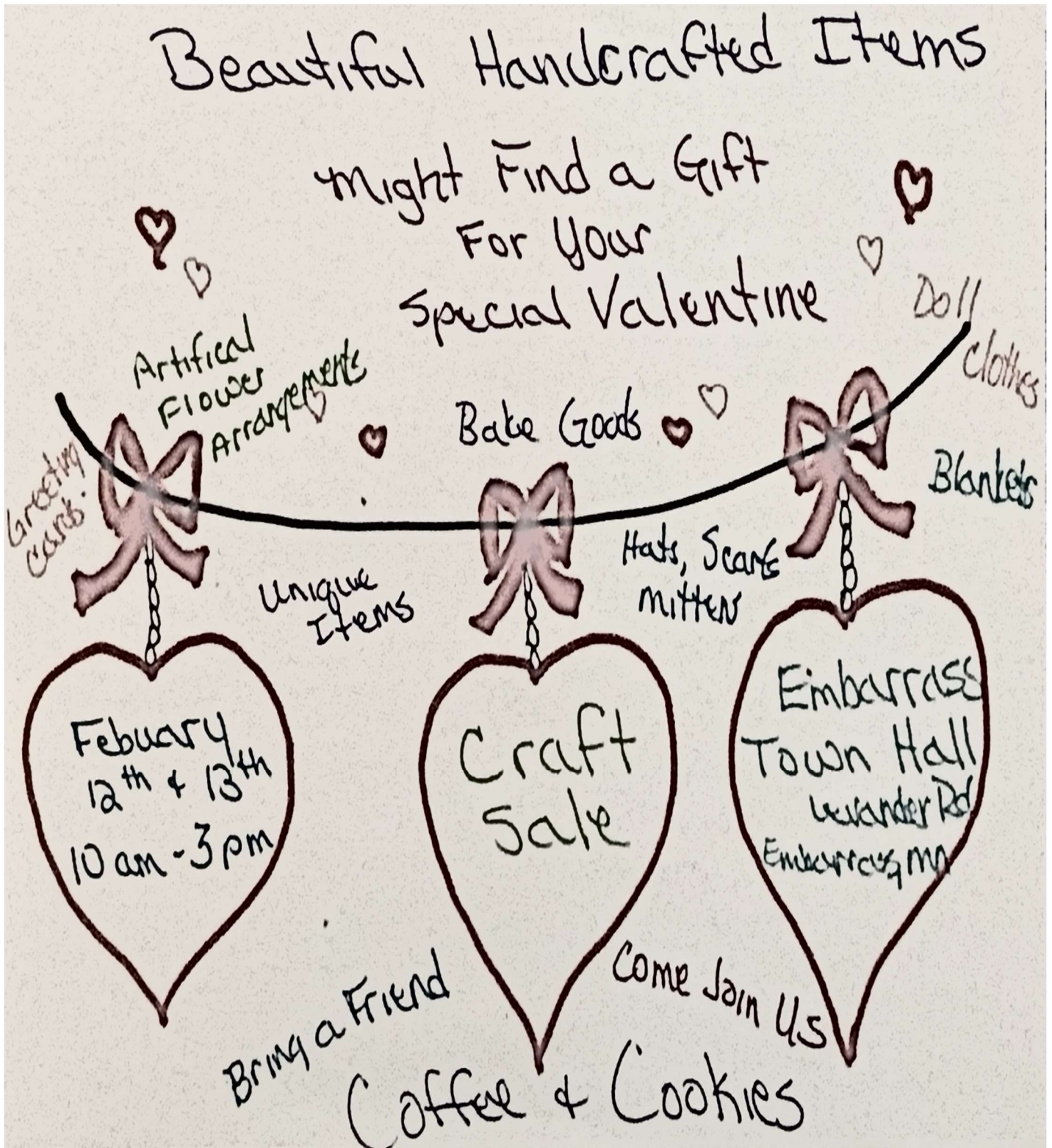
OTHER:

Cleaning Supplies
Baking/Cooking
Items
Toilet Paper
Misc Personal
Care
Some Auto Fluids

CRAFT SHOW

Embarrass Town Hall

Saturday/Sunday, February 12/13 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
5088 Hwy 21, PO Box 1076, Embarrass

Office hours

Tues & Thurs 4:30-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. –
3 p.m.

[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](mailto:hoppelutheranembarrass@gmail.com)

218-984-2037

All regular church services begin at
10:30 a.m. with Interim Pastor,
Brian Birk of Tower, MN.

Confirmation Instruction at 9:30
a.m.

God welcomes all people!
You are welcome here!

PIKE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN

6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

All Services at 10:30 a.m.

February 6	Jon Salo	
	Holy Communion	
February 13	TBD	
February 20	Gerry Southerton	
February 27	Jerry DeVries	



EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

www.efreechurch.com

E-mail: marlinb@efreechurch.com

Sunday

Bible Classes, 9 a.m.

Worship, 10 a.m.

Monday

Women's Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.

Men's Bible Study – 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study – 9 a.m.

Kids on the Rock – 4 p.m.

ENGAGE Youth Ministry – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Men's Prayer – 6 a.m.

Special Events

Men's Trivia Tournament

Saturday, February 19, 6:30
p.m.

Ministries Team Meeting

Sunday, February 20, 11:30 a.m.

Amy Shreve in concert

Sunday, February 27, 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MESSAGES:

February 6 "On This Platform We
Stand"

February 13 "The Apostle's Heart for
the Church"

February 20 "It Happened in Paradise"

February 27 "The Sinner's
Response"

Dec. 26 -5/6 sn .40" pc .03"	Dec. 27 -6/26 trace sn trace pc	Dec. 28 6/28 sn 4.50" pc .26"	Dec. 29 -7/23 sn 4.60" pc .19"	Dec. 30 -15/2	Dec. 31 -8/12 sn 1.60" pc .06"	Jan. 1 -28/4 trace sn trace pc
Jan. 2 -34/-5	Jan. 3 -34/2	Jan. 4 -2/14	Jan. 5 -7/22 snow 5" pc .28"	Jan. 6 -15/-7	Jan. 7 -33/-5	Jan. 8 -35/11 snow 1" pc .07"
Jan. 9 -12/20	Jan. 10 -21/-5	Jan. 11 -24/0	Jan. 12 0/24	Jan. 13 12/24 sn .60" pc .05"	Jan. 14 -9/24 trace sn trace pc	Jan. 15 -28/5
Jan. 16 -27/16 trace sn trace pc	Jan. 17 12/21 sn .20" pc .01"	Jan. 18 14/22 sn 1.40" pc .08"	Jan. 19 -3/28 sn 2.50" pc .18"	Jan. 20 -33/1	DEC. 2021	JAN. 2022

2021					Jan. 1 -7/17 sn .30" pc .03"	Jan. 2 17/21
Jan. 3 18/27	Jan. 4 22/33 trace sn trace pc	Jan. 5 -1/35	Jan. 6 2/24	Jan. 7 6/30	Jan. 8 -7/35	Jan. 9 -4/28
Jan. 10 17/22	Jan. 11 18/27	Jan. 12 24/29	Jan. 13 4/30	Jan. 14 1/37	Jan. 15 26/36 sn 1.10" pc .09"	Jan. 16 24/34 sn .10" pc .01"
Jan. 17 19/27 trace sn trace pc	Jan. 18 12/19 sn .60" pc .02"	Jan. 19 -1/1 sn .30" pc .03"	Jan. 20 -9/11	Jan. 21 2/34 sn .30" pc .02"	Jan. 22 -11/27 trace sn trace pc	Jan. 23 -11/13 sn .30" pc .03"
Jan. 24 13/22 sn 1.60" pc .08"	Jan. 25 -19/13	Jan. 26 -20/8	Jan. 27 -30/9	Jan. 28 -30/2	Jan. 29 -27/15	Jan. 30 -8/25 trace sn trace pc
Jan. 31 21/27 sn 2.50" pc .19"						

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Nov. 28 17/29	Nov. 29 9/26	Nov. 30 15/30 sn 1.10" pc .09"	Dec. 1 18/31 sn .50" pc .04"	Dec. 2 29/41 trace pc	Dec. 3 25/32 trace sn trace pc	Dec. 4 18/34 trace sn trace pc
Dec. 5 11/22 sn .50" pc .06"	Dec. 6 8/26 snow 8" pc .33"	Dec. 7 -18/8	Dec. 8 -8/10 trace sn trace pc	Dec. 9 3/22 sn .30" pc .02'	Dec. 10 5/28 sn .40" pc .04"	Dec. 11 1/26
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