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4/17/22

Embarrass Town Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please submit materials for the May 2022 issue to the
Embarrass Clerk's Office by April 21, 2022.

APRIL 2022

				March 31 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Fair Board ANNUAL Meeting	1	2 Pancake Breakfast and Tack Sale (Timber Hall)
3	4	5 Ladies Coffee	6	7 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	8	9
10  4 Corners 4-H 4 p.m.	11	12 Ladies Coffee	13 Bookmobile at Four Corners 5:00-6:00 p.m. Township Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	14 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	15	16
 HAPPY EASTER	18 Income Tax Deadline Sisu Meeting	19 Ladies Coffee	20	21 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m. Flying Finn Deadline	22	23
24	25	26 Ladies Coffee	27	28 Conversational Finn 1-3 p.m.	29	30 Town Hall Rental

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

2022 Annual Meeting

March 8, 2022

PENDING TOWN APPROVAL

Present: Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese, Jack LaMar, Bernie Mettler, Gene Wright, Eric Garman (EVVFD), Zane Beaton, Sue Beaton, Jill Waisanen, Paul Knuti, Carol Knuti, Roland Fowler, Dan Muhvich, Tracey Muhvich, Mickey White, Shireen Lee, Ericka LaMar, Bonnie Davies, Roger Davies, Cathy Hoheisel, Mike Rhein

Meeting is called to order by Township Clerk Jennifer Boese with The Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. Clerk asks for a volunteer moderator. Jack LaMar volunteers, voted in with no opposing votes. LaMar reads Agenda to explain the order.

2021 Annual minutes reviewed by those present. *Motion/Wright: Second/Davies to approve the 2021 minutes. Unanimous vote. Motion carries.*

2021 Treasurer's Report was reviewed by those present. Question on what the ARPA money to be spent on. Clerk asks the board to speak on that. Wright speaks to say it will be used towards roof on town hall and Nelimark roof and hoping to get a grant to cover the other portion. *Motion/Davies: Second/Wright to approve the 2021 Treasurer's Report. Unanimous vote. Motion carries.*

Road Report Roads sprayed with chloride in 2021. Frank Maki will remain the grader operator in 2022. Roads are and have been in good condition. Some residents are asking not to grade road unless township is notified by those who reside on the road. Asked to be presented at a regular board meeting.

2021 Maintenance Report Reviewed

2021 Audit Reviewed/Approved

2022 Projects and Goals (more projects to be added once property inspection is complete)

- Town Hall Roof
- Nelimark Roof on House and possibly garage
- Partial Grants for the Roof Projects
- Complete Restroom Landscaping

- Weather Station Patio Repair or Replace and Replace Thermometer Log
- Cemetery Clearing for New Lots
- Possible Campground Updates to 50 amp to keep up with the larger RVs, increase of camping patrons' previous discussions have been had on additional sites added/Grant work
- Level Skating Rink and Liner to be Placed
- Nelimark Ramp Replacement

2022 Schedule of Events

- Town Board Meetings every second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.
- Local Board of Appeal May 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Property Inspection Meeting May?
- Memorial Day Service at Cemetery May 30
- Holiday Ice Candle Celebration December 17

2022 Other Organization Reports

- ERVFD *see attached report; Eric Garman speaks on behalf of ERVFD
- Embarrass Regional Fair Association *see attached report; Sue Beaton speaks on behalf of the fair board. *Motion/ Wright: Second/Fowler to approve Embarrass Regional Fair Association \$750 in labor in 2023 to help with the setting up and taking down of the fair. Unanimous vote. Motion carries.*
- SISU Heritage Inc. *see attached
- Historical Tours were not held in 2021 with the Covid Pandemic and the passing of tour guide Mike Salo. Memorial donations towards future tours were received. Tours will be discussed with SISU Heritage Inc. to ask if they are interested in taking over. The \$1,192 memorial funds will be handed over to SISU if acceptance of the tours.
- Heritage Park and Campground had a great 2021 season. Lori and Roy Worsham will be returning in 2022 as caretakers. With camping patrons being turned away discussion have been had to possibly add 5 sites. Electrical upgrades are needed to keep up with the RV's. Completed work in 2021 was a water tower update and dumping station moved to the correct side of the road to make it safer and easier for the patrons. Handicap sidewalk to the shower house was installed. Reservations for the upcoming season have been

coming throughout the winter season. Rates were increased at the 2022 reorganizational meeting. *More on campground in the attached 2021 maintenance report.

- Mike Rhein with Babbitt Ambulance Services *see attached report; passes out financial reports and speaks with those present on the costs of keeping the service operating, the equipment needed and members on call. Discussion was had on adding a charge to property owners tax statements to go towards department. Most present are in favor of having an amount added to go towards the ambulance departments that service the area. Questions and concerns were had on being charged multiple fees when more than one ambulance department shows up to residence, along with other questions and concerns. The breaking up and division of residencies and ambulance departments would need to be worked out along with several other items on the subject. Ambulance departments have a service area they service and Embarrass is serviced by 4 different departments. Twice the question was asked by present residents if Embarrass Township has ever paid any ambulance service, to which the answer is no, the township has never paid ambulance service. Babbitt residents pay a yearly thirty-dollar fee. Many felt that is a cheap price for the service. Comments were made on insurance paying for the ambulance calls. Cathy explains how insurance money is used for equipment and other needs. *Motion/Lee: Second/Davies to ask town board to come up with recommendation and move forward with looking into and make good decisions to help with the ambulance service and the citizens of Embarrass. The board to consider a thirty-dollar fee per household levy to be divided amongst the four different ambulance services. Yays-9 Nays-3 Motion Carries.* Concerns were voiced on the issue of a 911 call being made and more than one ambulance shows up and feel this needs to be addressed at a state level being it could be a lifesaving issue if one is needed on another call. Mike Rhein gives great compliment towards the ERVFD and wants residents to be aware of how lucky the township is to have them.

Presentation and Discussion of the 2023 Proposed Levy

Township Board levy proposal for 2023 of \$172,000 presented. Increase of 3.61% increase (\$6,000) The board felt the increase was necessary because of inflation and the transferring of funds from other funds to keep a fund account afloat. Without the ARPA funds the township funds are at a low. Larger spending in 2021 was due to new plow truck purchased. Campground work required by the state.

Maintenance shop, aglime on fields and chloride of roads. New roof on town hall and Nelimark along with inflation on electrical bills (some more usage not all inflation), maintenance and office supplies, fuel, etc. are reasons for the 3.61% increase proposal.

2023 Proposed Levy

FUND	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
100- General	\$93,000	\$87,000	\$93,000	\$96,500	\$100,000
225- Road & Bridge	2,500	2,500	8,500	6,000	6,000
226- Fire	26,500	28,000	\$29,000	\$28,000	28,000
227- Town Hall	5,000	5,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	9,000
230- Recreation	5,000	5,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	4,000
231- PERA	3,500	4,300	\$5,000	\$5,000	5,000
232- Cemetery	0	0	0	0	2,000
233- Insurance	8,500	9,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	9,000
401- Capital			\$5,000	\$7,000	7,000
260- Historic Prop.	6,000	6,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	2,000
TOTAL Levy	\$154,000	\$153,000	\$166,000	\$166,000	\$172,000

LaMar states an average increase rate is 2.7% for townships our size. Township has done a good job in keeping the budget at low percent. Carefully picking and choosing what is important to the township on such a budget.

Motion/Fowler: Second/ Wright a lot of thought was put into the levy proposal and states that we need to accept an increase and to accept the \$172,000 levy proposal as presented for 2023, Sue Beaton adds with the addition of adding an ambulance fund to the cash report if a decision is to go forward with ambulance service fee. Discussion had; some agree there should be more of an increase in the levy. Discussion started a second time on the ambulance. Moderator LaMar takes control of meeting when discussion when voices become raised. Moderator explains this will be discussed at regular board meetings. Wright speaks this is for the board to decide and the fee could be denied by the board. Mettler speaks about what the fee again would go for which is having the ability of having the ambulance come, the insurance is to maintain the equipment and such. Rhein explains with the township being right in the middle of all these ambulance services, yes more than one may show up. Moderator calls for a vote of the motion made on the levy proposal. *Votes: Yays-11. Nays-4. Motion carries.*

Clerk thanks those who complimented her on the preparation for the meeting and agenda set up and for levy proposal put in the Flying Finn.

Motion/Wright: Second/ Davies for the 2023 annual meeting to be held on March 14, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

Waisanen motions to adjourn meeting. Davies second. Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

Town of Embarrass

Regular Board Meeting

March 9, 2022

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Shireen Lee, Jill Waisanen, Zane Beaton, Dan Muhvich, Tracey Muhvich

Present: Gene Wright, Jack LaMar, Bernie Mettler, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Jack LaMar with The Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion/Mettler: Second/Wright to approve the February 2022 minutes. Carried 3-0.

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

PUBLIC

Shireen Lee and Jill Waisanen spoke with the board about reserving the town hall for a Saturday Market they will be hosting. Board approves of the renting of the townhall the first Saturday of May through September to hold the market which will sell goods such as craft items produce and more.

Muhvich requests that Pylka Road be graded once in spring and once in fall, no more unless requested. *Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to grade once in the spring and once in the fall as asked by Pylka residents. Carried 3-0.*

Wright asks clerk why maintenance is driving down roads daily as he was asked by Sauna Road resident. Response by clerk was to check for any downed trees, holes to be filled, culverts, or anything else on roads and stated this is something that has always been done by maintenance as part of maintaining the township, all township roads not just Sauna Road are checked.

Maintenance Report given by Mettler. Cell phone booster installed at town hall, rink maintained with wood for heating warming shack, shed at rink broke into, Post Office furnace not working on 19th, battery in thermostat replaced. Snow removal on properties, tree removal of downed trees on township roads (Mettler points out why maintenance employees check township roads). Wright put sand down in the restrooms at the info center as floors were reported slippery. Strips, mats, floor paint were all discussed as options to be placed on the restroom floor.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to transfer the funds out of Municipal State Aid and create fund and transfer funds into County State Aid Fund as this is the correct name of the according to State. Carried 3-0.

Clerk informs board the VEGA-3 grant was awarded in the amount of \$1,932.23 little smaller than anticipated because of the high request for required equipment, these grants were lower. Clerk has ordered the DS2000 as requested by the county and approved by board at previous

meeting. DS2000 is required voting equipment to be eligible to be a qualified polling location.

Ambulance Service was discussed. Suggestions to maybe start a committee to get the answers, information, and facts to make the right decision for the township. Topic was tabled as more discussion and information are needed for a decision. *Motion/Mettler: Second/Wright to continue to next meeting to be able to read through the information provided and get some facts to base the request on. Carried 3-0.*

Clerk informs board that a Little League Manager has come forward to volunteer and has collected all the information and records from the clerk's office. Township Board is thankful to the new manager in the interest of keeping the little league going.

SISU meeting with SISU President has been set for March 15 at 12:30 p.m., after board completes MATTS training. Maintenance Agreement along with tours will be discussed during this meeting, discussion of handing the tours over to SISU as it seems more fit for SISU to operate them. Mike Salo Memorials will be given to SISU to help with tours for the purpose they were given if agreement is met.

Information Center Restroom picnic tables and slab with covered sitting area discussed. Waiting on design and price.

Fair Board request for the \$750 in township labor approved at Annual Meeting also approved by board. Liquor License will be approved when received.

Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to approve and accept the Claims and Correspondence. Carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Jack LaMar.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Boese

CLERK'S CORNER:

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting on March 8. The minutes are provided in this issue of the Flying Finn PENDING TOWN APPROVAL.

The LBAE (Local Board of Appeal & Equalization) meeting will be May 3 from 6-7 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall.

Roadside Cleanup will be coming soon. Watch for postings on the dates.

Happy Easter to you all!

Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

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Important Information Regarding Assessment and Classification of Property

This may affect your 2023 property tax payments.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization of Embarrass Township shall meet on May 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at Embarrass Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been property value and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

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Waasa Township

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Carrie Westvik, Nina Honkola and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: Dave Hess

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

Minutes Approval: Steve moved to approve the January 5, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Carrie supported. Carried (3-0).

Treasurer's Report: Receipts for today:

- MN Office of Management & Budget, \$730.98, Twp. Aid \$710.00 & MV Credit-Ag \$20.98
- St. Louis County, \$445.66, 12/2018 Tax Apportionment

Total Disbursements for January 5, 2022: \$1,893.73. Steve accepted the report and Mike 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 Steve. Carried (3-0).

- Gibson, Sandra, \$ 7.52, Clerk's Office Supplies, Binder Dividers & Folders
- Honkola, Nina, \$25.76, Treasurer's Printer Ink
- Keller, Bruce, \$50.00, Snow Plowing @ Town Hall (1X)
- Lake Country Power, \$94.33, Electricity for Town Hall
- MN Benefit Association, \$405.00, Term Life Ins. For Board--Bronze Plan
- SLCAT, \$514.50, Dues to County: \$172.50 & Dues to MN Assoc: \$342.00

Visitor In-Put: None.

Road Report: Township roads are in good winter condition.

Cemetery: Carrie is making good progress making entries of burials on a spreadsheet.

The Sexton position was discussed and the board felt they can continue doing the duties of a sexton.

Old Business: Carrie is willing to explain her work on cemetery records at the Annual Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. Cemetery rules will also be reviewed.

New Business: Info was received on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Mike will find out if the Embarrass Regional Fire Department is taking part in this county plan.

The Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities (Build.gov) was tabled.

The training for Clerks and Treasurers being held in Grand Rapids on Feb. 9th was approved for Sandy and Nina. Mike so moved and Carrie supported. Carried (3-0).

Yearly Audit of Treasurer & Clerk's Records for 2021: The annual audit of the Clerk's and Treasurer's books was performed. The months of March and January 2021 were randomly chosen and reviewed. The entries were found to be accurate and in order. Mike motioned to accept the audit and Carrie supported. Carried (3-0).

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Mike moved to close the meeting at 7:50 p.m. and was supported by Carrie.

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



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SISU HERITAGE MINUTES

Annual Meeting

February 27, 2022

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Marlin gave the 2021 President's Report
3. Membership report from Mickey. 139 members, 30 lifetime.
4. Cindy presented the 2021 financial report. Balances at the end of 2021 were:

Checking Account, \$22,850.49

Restoration Savings Account, \$32,700.82

Apostolic Lutheran Church Account, \$24,871.02
5. The members of Farmstead Artisans reported on the Nelimark Museum season.
6. The 2022 budget of \$22,000 was presented and approved.
7. The nominating committee report was given: The terms of Ron Sutton, Cindy Scherer, and Carol Knuti have expired. Ron and Cindy are willing to stay on the board for another term. Two nominations were made from the floor: Tom Sheehan and Pat Heikkila. A white ballot was approved.
8. Ron Sutton is stepping down as our representative to the St. Louis County Historical Society's board of governors. We will choose his successor at our March meeting.
9. Our speaker was Leonne Graf, presenting the Firehall restoration project that the Tower/Soudan Historical Society is working on.
10. The meeting ended with the following receiving door prizes: Ron S., Jack L., Pat H., Gary R., Bob K., and Ron N.

Notes taken by Marlin Bjornrud.

Monthly Meeting

March 2022

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, John Kinnunen, Tom Sheehan, Linda Koskela, David Pike, Pat Heikkila, Heather Mahoney, Ron Sutton

Guests: Marti Kinnunen, Paul Knuti, Roberta Pike

1. The January minutes were reviewed and approved. Marlin B. handed out minutes of the February SISU Heritage Annual Meeting.
2. The January and February financial reports were presented, motion to approve by Pat H., second John K., MC.
3. A Welcome to this year's new board members Pat Heikkila, Tom Sheehan and returning Cindy Scherer and Ron Sutton.
4. Mickey White accepted the position of SISU Heritage's representative to the St. Louis County Historical Board of Governors. Motion to accept Mickey White by Pat H., second Heather M., MC. This will take effect in April at their Annual meeting.
5. Paul K. presented an update on the LHB/Historical Society (phase 1) for the Apostolic Lutheran Church which is due mid-April. Another grant for the restoration of the Seitaniemi Housebarn (phase 4) is due mid-May. Tom S. volunteered to assist in writing this restoration grant.
6. Correspondence was received from the Browns requesting an easement on the SISU property at the Apostolic Lutheran Church which is their driveway.
7. Arrowhead Roofing from Hibbing proposed a new bid to install the round galvanized gutters on the Apostolic Lutheran Church. Motion by Ron S., second Pat H. to accept the new bid of \$10,280. MC.
8. The proposed Maintenance Agreement – Memorandum of Understanding between SISU Heritage and Embarrass Township was presented and reviewed. An updated copy of the proposed agreement will be presented to the township. SISU is also taking into consideration the Heritage Tours and Tour Guides.
9. National Sauna Day is Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m at the Nelimark Homestead. Details for the event will be discussed at the April meeting.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

Next meeting @ 6:30 p.m., Monday April 18, 2022.



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PIKE SANDY WOMEN'S CLUB

April 5, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Pike Town Hall

Hostesses will be Pat Simberg and Sue Rikala.

The agenda will include the selection of the recipient of the Pike Sandy Women's Club Scholarship. Also, there will be continued planning of the April 20, community bingo, bake and bazaar, and plans for the Community Potluck in May. Any questions or interest in these events please contact Lynne Stuckey at (218) 410-0167.



1st Saturday Market

Embarrass Town Hall

May – September

Seeking:

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May 7, June 4, July 2,
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Embarrass Region Fair

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2022

Pending Approval

Present Board: Gustave Schroeder, Helen Kangas, Lisa Gibson
Trustees: Janine Patten, Sue Beaton

Members Present: Craig Johnson, Holly Johnson, Doug Benson, Doug Mattson, Chris Dale, Rodney Dale, Frank Maki, Michelle Fowler, Daryl Benson, Roland Fowler, Floyd Joki.

Call to Order. Gus called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 3rd, meeting were distributed to the membership for review. Gus asked for any changes, additions or corrections; there were none. Rodney moved to accept the minutes. Janine seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Not available. Treasurer will present an update for February & March at the next meeting.

Old Business

- Timber Hall Doors. Gus stated that we will continue to take donations for new doors at the Pancake Breakfast and also pursue grants. Grants, if awarded, would be received in 2023. Lisa stated that grants were available for cases of dire need and to repair hazards to the handicapped. There was a discussion of potential repairs that may qualify, such as mending cracks in the blacktop, better lighting and improved handicap access to events. Gus asked the membership for suggestions for the priority list of repairs and improvements to Timber Hall and structures on the grounds. Timber Hall doors, flooring repairs, lighting for the arena, repairs & improvements to the Timber Hall restrooms, replacing two tents that were destroyed in a storm, better signage, new bleachers for the arena, a new trailer for the parade and a permanent stage were all discussed.
- Regarding Timber Hall maintenance, Roland stated that for insurance reason and for emergency vehicle access to Timber Hall, the driveway should be cleared of snow more often. The membership agreed and decided to plow whenever there is snowfall of 3 inches or more.
- Kitchen Equipment – It was decided not to purchase additional pots, pans etc. at this time.
- Board & Trustee Nominations/Voting – Sue asked if there were any new nominations for the Board. Roland nominated Helen Kangas as Secretary; her nomination was seconded. Sue distributed the ballots and

members voted. The results for the 2022 Embarrass Region Fair Board election are as follows:

Chair: Gustave Schroeder

Vice Chair: Lisa Gibson

Treasurer: Jerry Meier

Secretary: Helen Kangas

Trustees: Bonnie Meier, Sue Beaton, Janine Patten

New Business

- 2021 Highlights. Sue compiled a summary of ERFA accomplishments and highlights for 2021 to present at the Embarrass Township annual meeting. Copies are available upon request.
- Pancake Breakfast. At the February meeting ERFA decided that better advertising is needed to promote the Pancake Breakfast. To that end, Sue showed membership the new Pancake Breakfast display ad that ran in the East Range Shopper. Gus showed one of the new Pancake Breakfast signs and requested that we buy a few more signs. Sue made a motion to purchase four additional Pancake Breakfast signs. Chrissy seconded. Motion carried.
- Team Penning. Doug Mattson gave an update on Team Penning; he reported that they have a contract for cow rentals. In addition, Team Penning was able to coordinate sharing the fairgrounds with the ALS Ride, Raffle & Roll, so that both events can take place on August 20. He also reported that the Babbitt Fire Dept. Relief Association will donate a gate. In addition, this year Team Penning needs to purchase a squeeze shoot and a round pen. They will fund raise and ask for donations but may also ask ERFA to fund any shortfall. Doug also announced a that Team Penning will hold Tack Swap fund raiser at the April 2nd Pancake Breakfast and raffle tickets for beef/pork are already available.

FAIR Business (August 26-28)

- Advertising for Volunteers. Sue showed the membership the ad for volunteers that she placed in the Flying Finn and noted that it was also posted on Facebook.
- Annual Request to Township. Sue will attend the Embarrass Township annual meeting to request labor for the Fair weekend. She said that we need to create in advance, a task list of jobs for the Township workers so they can be assigned work upon arrival.
- Lion's Club Beer Tent. (Strong vs 3.2). Since 3.2 beer is no longer available in MN, serving strong beer at the beer tent was approved.
- Vendor Letters for the Grounds, Timber Hall & Food Trucks. Sue announced that the vendor letters have

been mailed out. Michelle suggested using Festival.net as a way to find vendors. She noted that vendors go to the site to schedule events and festivals, and that event organizers can put their applications on the site for vendors to download. Sue and Janine agreed to look into using the site.

Lisa made a motion to adjourn. Gus seconded. Motion carried. Gus adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Janine Patten, Trustee

**The Embarrass Region Fair Association
will meet again
Thursday, March 31, 2022
6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall.
New Members are Welcome!**

**The
Embarrass
Region Fair
Association**



Where

Timber Hall/Fair Grounds, 4855 Hwy. 21, Embarrass

When

Now through Fair Weekend, August 26, 27, 28

The ERFA meets on the Thursday before the first Saturday of the month (March 3, March 31, May 5, etc.).

Volunteer Jobs

Exhibit Hall Coordinator

Parade Coordinator

“Miss” OR “Little Miss” Embarrass Region Fair
Pageant Coordinator

Gate Keepers during the weekend

Volunteers in any area are always welcome

Behind the scenes of every event is a small and earnest group of volunteers who make the event happen. This year, the ERFA needs volunteers to coordinate the events listed above or they simply will not happen.

Help and leadership in each area is needed. Please step up and help make sure that the 82nd Embarrass Region Fair continues to offer all of the event's fairgoers have come to expect.

For more information, please contact Amber Johnson at 218-600-8517 or join us at our monthly meetings.

***** OBITUARIES *****

Cheryl M. Stupica Newton, 65

Cheryl M. Stupica Newton, 65, of Embarrass, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2022, in her home surrounded by her family and beloved animals. A celebration of life was held on March 17 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Cheryl was an avid gardener with a green thumb; she loved tending her flowers and had the ability to make them thrive. Decorating her home for every holiday was important and she had a knack for creating a warm, cozy environment. She loved to do crafts and could turn basic items into creative masterpieces. Her deep love for animals led her to rescue many dogs and cats over the years. Feeding the birds and deer in the yard so she could appreciate their presence was the highlight of many days. Her deep love of her family motivated her to fight like the warrior she was, but her body just wasn't as strong as her will.

She is deeply missed by her husband, Bob; daughter, Kristen Rosett; sons, Michael and Andrew Newton; brother, Bill Stupica (Chris); sister, Sue Mestad (Keith); and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends.

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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.

hovelutheranembarrass@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.

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6997 Oberg Rd (on Hwy 169)

www.apostoliclutheran.org

All Services at 10:30 a.m.

April 3	Jon Salo
	Holy Communion
April 10	TBD
April 17	TBD
April 24	Jerry DeVries



EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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

www.efreechurch.com

E-mail: marlinb@efreechurch.com

Sunday

Family Bible Classes, 9 a.m. Adult Electives:
“2 Timothy: Finish Well” and “Words For
Growing Marriages”
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

Teen Challenge Choir Concert
Sunday, April 3, 10:00 a.m.
Ministries Team Meeting
Sunday, April 10, 11:30 a.m.
Good Friday Communion Service
Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.
Easter Breakfast
Sunday, April 17, 8:30 a.m.
Lunch and Habitat for Humanity
Envelope Stuffing
Sunday, April 24, 11:00 a.m.

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Feb. 20 -15/25 sn .20" pc .01"	Feb. 21 -1/26 trace sn trace pc	Feb. 22 -6/0 snow 4" pc .22"	Feb. 23 -11/2 sn 1.80" pc .12"	Feb. 24 -42/5	Feb. 25 -43/8	Feb. 26 -41/13
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Mar. 6 21/24 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 7 3/30 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 8 0/31	Mar. 9 5/34 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 10 -18/13	Mar. 11 -19/17 trace sn trace pc	Mar. 12 -28/10
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