**Flying Finn**

**7503 Levander Rd**

**Embarrass, MN 55732**

**June 2023**

**ISSUE #383**

**Embarrass Road Side Clean-up**

We’re looking for volunteers who are willing and able to clean the ditches. If interested in signing up for a specific road or location, please call the town hall @ 984-2084. We will provide garbage bags and the bags will be picked up by the maintenance department.

May 1st – June 17th

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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.](about:blank) 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

**June 2023 Events**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  |  |  | **1**  Conversational Finn 1-3pm  Special Fair Board Meeting  6:30 pm | **2**  Special Town Board Meeting 7 pm | **3**  Garden Club  Meeting  Embarrass Community Mrkt Visitor Center |
| **4** | **5** | **6**  Ladies Coffee 11am | **7** | **8**  Conversational Finn 1-3pm  Fair Board Mtg 6pm | **9** | **10**  Hall Rental |
| 11  4-Corners 4-H  4pm | **12** | **13**  Ladies Coffee  11am | **14**  Town Board Mtg 6pm | **15**  Conversational Finn 1-3pm  Fair Committee Mtg 6pm | **16** | **17**  Hall Rental |
| **18** | **19**  SISU Mtg 6:30pm | **20**  Ladies Coffee  11am | **21** | **22**  Conversational Finn 1-3pm | **23** | **24**  Hall Rental |
| **25** | **26** | **27**  Ladies Coffee  11am | **28**  Stich & Chat  9-4pm | **29**  Conversational Finn 1-3pm | **30** |  |

**Arrowhead Book Mobile**

Hwy 21 and Hwy 135

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.](about:blank)

**All items for the July Flying Finn must be sent to the clerk’s office no later than the 20th of the previous months. Items received after this date may or may not be available for publication.**

**Town of Embarrass**

**Regular Board Meeting**

May 10, 2023

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Visitors: Bill Wright, Dennis Niemi, Roland Fowler, Paul Knuti, Roger Davies, Mickey White, Zane Beaton, John Munz

Present: Jack LaMar, Alyssa Hammond, Shireen Lee, Jennifer Boese, Mary Novak

Meeting called to order by LaMar with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

Motion/Lee: Second/Hammond approve the April 2023 minutes. Carried 3-0.

Motion/LaMar:Second/Hammond to put one month Post Office rent check into the old Post Office fund to cover the remaining negative balance. Carried 3-0.

Motion/Lee:Second/ Hammond to accept the treasurers report. Carried 3-0.

Maintenance Report given by Hammond.

Campground water turned on; items stocked for

hosts. Cemetery graves filled and candles and other items left throughout the winter on graves picked up. Debris picked up from flooding as well as road work done as best that could be done with equipment and supplies that the township has. Sauna Road was

closed, borrowed signs from the county. Set up for meetings and regular daily maintenance duties. Upcoming property inspections later this month.

Maintenance positions posted. Campground caretakers Lori and Roy Worsham have returned for the camping season. Maintenance has prepared and stocked the campground. Discussion was had on Township Brochures and supervisors were asked to look at the budget to help SISU with the costs of printing. LaMar states that culverts on Sauna, Hanka Nevala and the Information Center were neglected for some time. County steamed the culverts with difficulty as in previous years but will no longer be able to help the township with steaming until culverts are replaced. With the recent flooding, the collapsing of culverts and partial roadways washed away, and Sauna Road had to be closed. The clerk received two estimates for replacement of culvert. Motion/Lee:Second/Hammond to accept Holmes Excavating estimate contingent on the road restriction permit. Carried 2-0. LaMar abstains. The clerk will continue to work on reports, maintenance will continue checks and giving updates. Clerk attending

FEMA meeting next week to apply for funds to help cover the costs.

There will be a benefit for the previous clerk, Diane Nelmark. To be held on June 3rd at the Timber Hall. Spaghetti Feed, raffles and silent auctions. Motion/Lee: Second/LaMar for Boese to purchase gift card. Carried 3-0. Beaton speaks to the supervisors about the township plowing the Timber Hall. Supervisors would like to contact MATS before making any decision. Fair Board is looking for someone to run the 5k run held during fair weekend. Contact a member of the Fair Board if interested. There will be no fair books this year. Lee emailed Rep. Dave Lislegard about the increase in property taxes for township residents. Lee was asked to gather information from neighboring townships. Lee also

asked Lislegard to come and speak with residents on the issue. Lee gives update on kitchen license research. All private parties do not need a safe server

present like previously thought. Motion/Hammond:Second/LaMar to allow the Quilting Club to use the Town Hall every

4th Wednesday of the month from 9-4 for sew in day. Carried 2-0. Lee abstains. Lee would like the supervisors to have business cards with contact information. Roof Estimates were discussed. Motion/Hammond:Second/Lee to accept Vertex estimate for Town Hall roof. Carried 3-0. Motion/Hammond:Second/Lee to take the deposit for the roof out of the ARPA funds. Carried 3-0. RAMS was discussed and supervisors would like to research more and be open to reconsideration of joining.

Clerk and maintenance are preparing for Memorial Day Service. Cemetery service will be at 9:00 a.m. on May 29th . Coffee and rolls will be served at the Town Hall after the service. Lee stated she would like to see supervisors involved in events for township. Motion/Lee:Second/LaMar to approve the Claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese

Embarrass Town Clerk

**Waasa Township**

**3795 Highway 21, Embarrass, MN**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

Board Members Present: Mike Johnson, Steve Sipola, Carrie Westvik, Kim Daugherty and Sandra Gibson

Visitors: None

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

Minutes Approval: Steve moved to approve the March 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Carrie supported. Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Receipts received by the April 5 th meeting were $32.01 from St. Louis County 2022 Forfeited Land Revenue Apportionment and $52.52 from Embarrass Fed. C.U. Quarterly Interest came in. The Treasurer will put these funds into the General Fund as received. The board makes the decision at the monthly meeting whether to leave funds there or transfer them to one of the other funds. Carrie moved to transfer the Town Road Aid received recently of 2,856.77 (currently in the General Fund) to the Town Road Aid Fund. Steve supported. Carried (3-0). Mike moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and Carrie 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).

Claims:

Bruce’s Snowplowing Service $75.00 Plowing Town Hall

East Range Times (Formerly E. Range Shopper) $41.40 Annual Meeting Notice

Sandra Gibson $23.10 Office Supplies & An. Mtg. Goodies

Lake Country Power $90.68 Electricity for Town Hall

St. Louis County Auditor $175.00 Real Estate Tax

SLCAT $514.50 Yearly Dues

U.S. Treasury (E-Check) $129.29 1st Quarter Tax

Road Report: When the snow is finally melted, Steve will resume road inspections.

Cemetery: Carrie has finished scanning all cemetery deeds into her computer. Steve reported the Vi Hollenbeck family made contact and would like to do a spring burial of Vi’s cremains.

Old Business: Discussion on a donation to the Embarrass Region Fair took place. Tabled.

Steve moved to hire Don Taylor to install new Marvin Brand windows with Carrie’s support. Carried (3-0). Mike will contact Mr. Taylor about the project and decide on the number of windows needed.

New Business: Waasa’s Local Board of Appeal & Equalization is scheduled for April 25, 2023 from 4-5 p.m.

Sandy and Kim plan to attend the Spring Short Course held at the DECC in Duluth April 7th .

Twin Metals representative, Dean DeBeltz, stated in an email that at this time they would like to terminate our lease agreement by the end of 2023. The board agreed that the gate should remain on the newly installed driveway. The

Clerk will contact Twin Metals of the board’s wishes.

Correspondence: All mail was read and filed.

Adjournment: Carrie moved to close the meeting at 8:27 p.m. and was supported by Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Gibson, Waasa Town Clerk

Mike Johnson, Waasa Board Chair



**Embarrass Region Fair**

**Association Minutes**

May 18, 2023, 6:30pm

Pending approval

Board members present: Tana Johnson, Carissa Smith, Don Taylor, Sarah Wallert-Ramponi, William Ramponi, Janine Patten, Jerry Meier. Attendees: Darwin Salo, Sue Beaton, Chris Dale, Rodney Dale, Bonnie Meier, Floyd Joki, Roland Fowler, Judy Kivela, Teila Martin, Jared Wright, Renee Adams and Kathleen Graber.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30. William volunteered as timekeeper.

Minutes:

* Don made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 20 & 28th meetings. Jerry seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The 2023 budget, year to date spending report, checking and savings account balances as of May 17 were provided. Jerry stated that there are now annual rental fees for the two small propane tanks and that these tanks are not strictly necessary. Don suggested researching propane prices and tank charges with other suppliers. Jerry acknowledged receipt Britt-Sandy-Pike Regional Volunteer Fire Dept.’s generous donation. Thank you!

* Jared made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Sue seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Little Free Libraries – Friends of the Babbitt Library Board: Renee Adams & Kathleen Graber of Friends of the

Babbitt Library Board explained and answered questions about the Little Free Libraries program, and installation of a Little Library at Timber Hall.

* Sarah made a motion to accept a Little Free Library to be installed at Timber Hall. Don seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Pancake Breakfast: Jerry reported that nearly 300 breakfasts were sold during the May 6th breakfast.

**Committee Updates:**

Strategic Planning- Timber Hall doors arrived and will be painted prior to installation. Nine walkie-talkies are available for the fair. The Committee plans to rework strategic plan and look into creating a property list. Committee recommended that the $1,000 LCP grant money be used to purchase a lawn mower lift ($300), and the remaining funds be applied towards the purchase of a new PA system.

* William made a motion to use LCP grant money to purchase a lawn mower lift and the remaining funds be applied to the purchase of a new PA system. Don seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Grant Committee –Throughout the month of July ERFA will be the recipients of the Change within Reach Program at the Natural Harvest Food Co-op in Virginia.

Project updates – Timber Hall doors arrived and will be painted prior to installation. ARAC grant is pending.

Information on the Bonding Bill is pending.

Volunteer Committee – Sarah has narrowed down potential volunteer management software to two vendors and will sign up for a trial period on both sites to test out software.

Finance Committee – Continuing to look for software/bookkeeping service. Committee recommended continuing to allow fair event committees to spend up to $300 without prior approval.

Marketing Committee - Carissa presented a draft of fair brochure, gave an update on the new sponsorship program and asked the Board to approve the new logo for Timber Hall Event Center.

* Don made a motion to approve the new Timber Hall Event Center logo. Sue seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Nominating & Governance – Sarah reported that subject to certain rules and if allowed in the by-laws, the Board may vote by email. The Board will continue discussion on email voting.

Maintenance Committee - Tana asked that the Board approve a Maintenance Committee. Jerry, Floyd, Rodney,

Lisa and Charlie will serve on the Committee.

* Jerry made a motion to form a Maintenance Committee. Janine seconded. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Fair Committee –

* Sue suggested that in order to make Fair volunteers easy to identify they wear bright colored vests. Several members indicated that they own a number of these vests and will bring them to the next meeting.
* Sue is working on parking plan/rules for vendors and RV’s.
* The Committee is looking into holding a dance with Team Penning and the Ride, Raffle & Roll for ALS at
* Timber Hall, on Sat. 8/19 (Team Penning Weekend); more research and a plan is needed.
* It was decided the Fair Committee will have its own separate meeting. Beginning in June, the only topic on the agenda for the meeting on the Third Thursday at 6:30 pm will be the Fair. No other business will be conducted. This is an opportunity for Event chairs to make budget requests (for anything exceeding $300) and turn in receipts for items already purchased for reimbursement and discuss specific needs. Sue will facilitate this meeting to ensure that all events are covered and space allocated appropriately. This group will meet in June, July and August in preparation for the fair and then disband until next spring. A feedback meeting may be scheduled for October.
* Gambling permit for Bingo is still pending.

Website Update - Timetable to complete website is still around June 1. Janine explained new domain name e-mail addresses – info@embarrassrfa.org is the main email for the Association. fair@embarrassrfa.org is for fair related questions and volunteers@ www.embarrassrfa.org for volunteers.

**Fair Event Updates:**

* Floyd brought the Mud Run contract; the price remained the same as last year. He suggested increasing the prize money and paying for it by increasing the amount of the gate admission fee that goes towards prize money from $3 to $4. Floyd also asked to purchase mud for the pit; he will provide an estimate for the total cost to purchase, screen and deliver the mud. In addition, Floyd will install new railroad ties at the mud pit area.
* Darwin picked-up flyers on how to participate in Field of Dreams-Classic car & Truck Show, and he will distribute them at car shows.
* So far there are five candidates for the “Little Miss” pageant.
* The kitchen food vendor is hired for the Fair. He asked if ERFA would consider reducing the fee; Board will discuss.
* The amount spent on Parade payouts was discussed; no action was taken.

Public Comments: Both Floyd and Charlie stated that they disagree with the Board’s decision to approve the budget increase for music & karaoke. Floyd said that he believes that the large increase was not justified, especially for Saturday night, since last year attendance for music on Saturday night was poor.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Don seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Patten, Secretary

Embarrass Region Fair Association

To put an item on the agenda or for copies of the minutes, contact the Secretary at info@embarrassrfa.org

Feedback – Contact Tana Johnson or any board member. Let us know what you like, dislike, and where we can improve. Contact Tana at 218-269-1331 or tanajohnson@ymail.com. Email the Board: info@embarrassrfa.org.

Timber Hall Event Center, PO Box 83, Embarrass MN 55732

**EMBARRASS REGION FAIR ASSOCIATION & BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

The Embarrass Region Fair Association has changed its monthly meeting date to the second Thursday of the month. Fair Committees will continue to meet on the third Thursday of the month.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Special ERFA Board Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 6:30 @ Timber Hall (review and set priorities)

Embarrass Region Fair Association Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 6:30 @ Timber Hall (Now meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month)

Fair Committee Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 6:30 @ Timber Hall (meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in June, July and August.

**April Moisture Brings Busy Days to Township Staff in May-Township Roads**

Shireen Lee

Township Roads Supervisor

Record snowfall, spring rains and a sudden very welcomed warm snap brought high waters throughout the region, delivered undesired flooding, road washouts as well as blocked and/or collapsed culverts most notably on Sauna Road that was temporary closed for a fair amount of time through no fault of anyone in particular. Township maintenance quicky taped off the offending collapsed culvert while the Clerk contacted the County to secure proper signage to close the road. The county graciously responded providing signage as required indicating Road Closed. The Hanka Nevala Road experienced water overflow across the road in three locations and had a culvert faltering and in need of replacement. Non-township roads of Waisanen and Palo Tia were also substantially flooded leaving multiple residents in hardship for travel until the waters receded and traffic was allowed again.

In addition to the routine daily obligations of township staff, our employees stood up to the demands and acted as quickly as possible contacting and securing bids to resolve our ailments, supervise timely completion of the projects and resume travel in Embarrass back to pre-flood conditions. FEMA funding reimbursement may be possible to secure. Our Clerk attended a day of training to secure information how to apply and potential funding available. In total, to date, three culverts have been replaced and Class 5 gravel put down, the roads have been graded, and plans are in place for potential filling and packing of potholes identified in out 6.5 miles of township roads.

Thank you to our Maintenance Staff, Town Clerk and local contractors for all acting so quickly and efficiently in the interest of Embarrass residents. You brought us safely through the flood of 2023 and moving forward to our Memorial Day Celebration without missing a beat. Thank you for your service. You are appreciated.



**Temporary Maintenance**

**Position Available**

The Embarrass town board is seeking applications for a temporary maintenance position. Responsibilities include but are not limited to coordinating and resolving work-related problems, mow, rake and trim including clearing brush from township properties. Painting, repairing masonry or woodwork features of township buildings. Maintain cleanliness of the town hall, including rest rooms as well as other work and public areas. Setup and tear down of tables and chairs as needed. Transport garbage and waste to disposal area. Replenish bathroom supplies, light bulbs, and other supplies as needed. Transport equipment and tools to work sites and maintain equipment as needed. All work must be done while abiding all local, state and federal safety and health laws. Fulfill responsibilities to be governed by the township board of supervisors, maintenance supervisor and clerk. All job descriptions are subject to change with different activities that the township is engaged in. To apply, please call the Embarrass clerk’s office at (218)-984-2084 or email [embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net](about:blank)

**Cemetery Committee**

The Embarrass town board is seeking individuals interested in serving on a Cemetery Committee. Duties include researching, making recommendations and helping with needs and future planning of the cemetery. Interested parties are not required to be an Embarrass resident. All interested parties should contact Jack LaMar via email: embarrass.mn.township@gmail.com

**Flying Finn Subscriptions**

Persons interested in subscribing to The Flying Finn may drop off or send a donation of $20 for one year, payable to the

**Town of Embarrass**

**7503 Levander Road**

**Embarrass, MN 55732.**

The Flying Finn and the Town of Embarrass welcomes announcements about community events and community groups. Submitted announcements must be received by the town clerk no later than the 20th of each month to be considered for the next month’s issue. Neither the Town of Embarrass nor The Flying Finn endorses the viewpoints or ideology of these groups or their events. The Town of Embarrass reserves the right to publish or not publish any letter to the editor or submitted material. The Flying Finn makes a great gift for someone who has moved out of the community!

**Local Business Ads**

**All businesses are welcomed and encouraged to advertise in the Flying Finn. Suggested donation to The Flying Finn**

1/4 Page = $10; 1/2 Page = $20;

Full Page = $40

To place an ad, write to:

The Flying Finn, 7503 Levander Rd

Embarrass MN 55732

Email [embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net](about:blank)

or call the Embarrass Town Clerk at

984- 2084.

**Heritage Park & Campground**

4789 Salo Road

Embarrass, MN 55732

218 410-7743 or 218 984-2084

**Primitive (Tent) Rates**

$20 Per Day

1 Week $100.00

1 Month $350.00

**RV Camper w/Water & Electric Rates**

$30 Per Day

1 Week $180.00

1 Month $600.00

Seasonal $2500.00





**Babbitt Library**

**Monday-Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

Check out the Babbitt library Facebook page or babbitlibrary.blogspot.com for upcoming events.

* Babbitt Library Facebook
* Preschool Story Time – Monday
* Children’s Make ‘n Take - Monday
* Adult Book Talk - Tuesday
* Young Adult Book Talk – Wednesday





**Embarrass Township is looking for a permanent maintenance employee**

Some of the maintenance responsibilities are:

Carry out responsibilities set by the township board of supervisors, maintenance supervisor and clerk.

Coordinate and resolve work-related problems.

Mowing, raking, trimming and clearing away brush of township properties. Painting and repairing masonry or woodwork features of buildings. Abide by all local, state and federal safety and health laws.

Clean Town Hall, rest rooms, and other work and public areas, transport garbage and waste to disposal area. Replenish bathroom supplies, light bulbs and other supplies. Transport equipment and tools to work sites. Maintain equipment when needed.

Set up and take down tables & chairs at Town Hall. Job Descriptions are subject to change with different

activities that the township is engaged in.

Call or email the Embarrass Clerk’s Office At

(218)-984-2084 /embarrasstownship@frontiernet.net

**Grand Opening**

Thursday, June 15th

12 PM - 5 PM

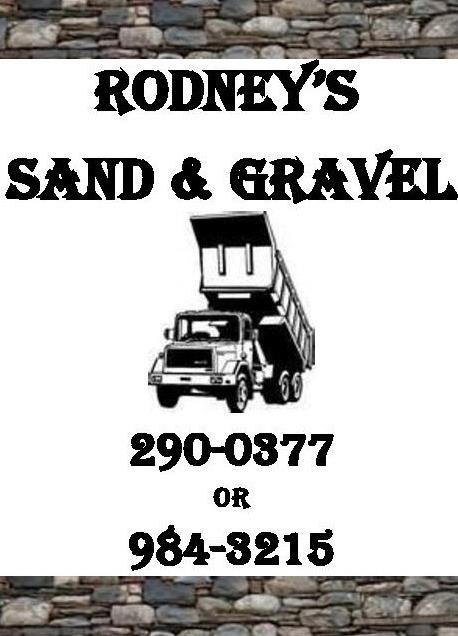
* Discounts sales
* Giveaways
* Music from the Harp Lady
* Sweet treats

**Sisu Heritage Monthly Meeting**

**May 2023**

Present: Marlin Bjornrud, Pat Heikkila, Cindy Scherer, Tom Sheehan, David Pike, Linda Koskela, Mickey White, John Kinnunen

Guest: Marti Kinnunen

* April’s minutes were reviewed then accepted with the correction of Heritage in place of Sauna in #4.
* April’s financial report was presented and accepted with a motion by Mickey W, second by Pat H, MC.
* Membership reported an increase 158 – 31 lifetimes.
* The cleaning day of the Apostolic Lutheran Church is Friday, May 19th at 10 am. Prior to the Don & Bonnie Guttormson on Du7nday, May 21st @ 3pm.
* National Sauna Day topics included adding one caravan sauna tour to four homes at 1pm. No fee/donations accepted. Summer raffle tickets ideas for prizes are: a grill, Menards gift card, Irma’s Finland House gift basket, Holiday gas card, and other items to be listed.

A promotional opportunity for a Sisu board member to be on The Lift – TV show on Channel 10 in Duluth was arranged by John & Marti K. Marlin Bjornrud was be a studio guest on Monday, May 22nd, 2023 to talk about the Sisu Heritage Organization and the National Sauna Day scheduled for June 10, 2023 at the Nelimark Homestead.

* Shingles for the Hanka Homestead barn roof are going to be ordered from Menards. Sisu will then start getting quotes for the roofing project.

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Koskela

Next Meeting is Monday, June 19th, 2023 @ 6:30pm.

**June 2023 Clerks Corner**

Heritage Park and Campground is officially open. Welcome back

to our caretakers, Roy and Lori Worsham. Call

410-7743 to make your reservations.

Little League will be starting soon, games starting in June on

Tuesdays and Thursdays in Embarrass. Stop by to support the players.

Refreshments and grilled burgers will be available.

The Town Hall is a great place to hold your events. Call

984-2084 to reserve your date.



Have a great month everyone!

Jennifer Boese

Embarrass Town Clerk

**Obituaries**

**John G. Heikkila, 81**

John Gary Heikkila, 81, of Virginia and formerly of Tower, passed away on May 7, 2023,

surrounded by family at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Silver Bay. A funeral service was held on May 17 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Virginia. A committal service was held on May 18 at the Veterans Cemetery in Duluth. John was born on April 19, 1942, in Vermilion Lake Township, to John and Agnes Peltonen Heikkila. He graduated from Embarrass High School. He then went on to Mesabi State Junior College and the School of Forestry in Grand Rapids. In 1966 he joined the United States Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam war. He was trained in linguistics and served as a Chinese Mandarin translator. John was employed at US Steel-Minntac for 30 years. John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margaret “Peggy”; son, Corey (Jenny) of Rogers;

daughter, Julie of St. Paul; two grandchildren, Emily and Reed; brother, Donnie (Lois) of Virginia; several nieces and nephews; and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister; a nephew; and his in-laws.

**Robin M. Salo, 62**

Robin Matilda Salo, 62, of Virginia, passed away at her home on April 14, 2023. A celebration of life was held on May 27 at Pike-Sandy Town Hall, and later at Ryders Bar in Virginia. A private interment was held at the West Pike Cemetery. Robin was born on August 27, 1960, in Virginia, to Norman and Nanette (Beckman) Leppala. She was the second-born child of four. Robin was born to be outside. Growing up in Embarrass led her to love animals, gardening, and decorating her home extensively for every holiday. They call it the You Can Never Over Decorate curse! Robin was a go-getter. All summer she could be found tending to her vegetable garden, numerous flower gardens (especially her roses), and watering and feeding her lot of farm animals. The pride of her

farm were her horses, Dutchess and Lacey, dogs, Lucky, Rosie and Bear, and donkey, Gabriel. The fall would find Robin harvesting her garden and canning fresh salsa, sauces, jellies and veggies for the long Embarrass winter. She also baked homemade bread almost daily. The family loved getting together for holidays to check out the new decorations and to eat fresh garlic bread and Robin’s famous lasagna.

Robin was also a pool shark. She was a longstanding member of the Thursday night pool league. Robin was a regular on the team that made a couple of trips to the national tournament in Las Vegas.With her quick wit and humor, it was a natural fit for her to spend 40 years in the food service industry. She worked as a bartender, waitress and cook. The past 21 years found

her working as a paraprofessional at the Northland Learning Center in Virginia. Miss Robin will be missed by many. Robin is survived by her sons, Ryan D. Salo and Neil B. Salo; daughter, Kylie L. Salo; mother, Nanette V. Beckman; sisters, RaeAnn (Gary) Pratt and Jolene (Devin) Davidson; nephews and niece, Eric (Rachel) Pratt, Hale Davidson and Elora Davidson; and the father of her children. She was preceded in death by her father, Norman L. Leppala; and brother, Randal L. Leppala.

**Beatrice H. Lamppa, 95**

Beatrice Helen “Bea” Lamppa, 95, of Virginia and formerly of Babbitt and Grand Island, Neb., died on Jan. 12, 2023, at Edgewood Vista in Virginia. A visitation and celebration of life was held on May 19 at Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church. Inurnment was in the Embarrass Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church. Beatrice was born on May 17, 1927, in Virginia, the daughter of Henry and Vieno (Seppala) Ranta. She was a graduate of Virginia High School. Bea was united in marriage to Lloyd

Bernhardt “Bernie” Lamppa on August 18, 1946, in Virginia. Bea worked as a homemaker. She was a member of Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church and she enjoyed Bible studies. Bea enjoyed the activities of her grandchildren and she loved her dogs, especially Abbie (the alligator with fur). Bea is survived by her children, Carlen (Caroline) Lamppa of Aurora, Dr. Michael (Charlene) Lamppa of Savage, Bernadette Bradshaw of Wichita, Kansas, and Russell (Melanie)

Lamppa of New Hope; grandchildren, Brent (Melissa) Lamppa, Reece (Shannon) Lamppa and Cassandra Lamppa; and great-grandchildren, Maggie, Allie, Vivian and Eleanor Lamppa.



**The Embarrass & Flower Garden Club**

The Flower & Garden Club

will meet on Monday,

June 3, 2023 at the

Embarrass Town Hall.

Discussion will be on the

planters for the Information

Center, the Embarrass Post Office and the Embarrass Fire Hall.

Please join us, we'd love your input.

Coffee and goodies will be available and the public is welcome.  For more information please call, Linda Cox, President at

218 780-4143.



**Evangelical Free Church**

5606 E Taylor Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732

218 984-3402

[www.efreechurch.com](about:blank)

Email: [marlinb@bfreechurch.com](about:blank)

**June Church Schedule**

Sunday: Bible Class, 9am

Worship, 10am

Monday: Men’s Bible Study, 7pm

Wednesday: Women’s Bible Study, 9am

Kids on the Rock, 4pm

ENGAGE Youth Ministry, 6:30pam

**Hope Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

[hopelutheranembarrass@gmail.com](about:blank)

218 984-2037

Come meet our delightful new pastor, Christina Forsythe. Enjoy the SONshine in the sunshine!

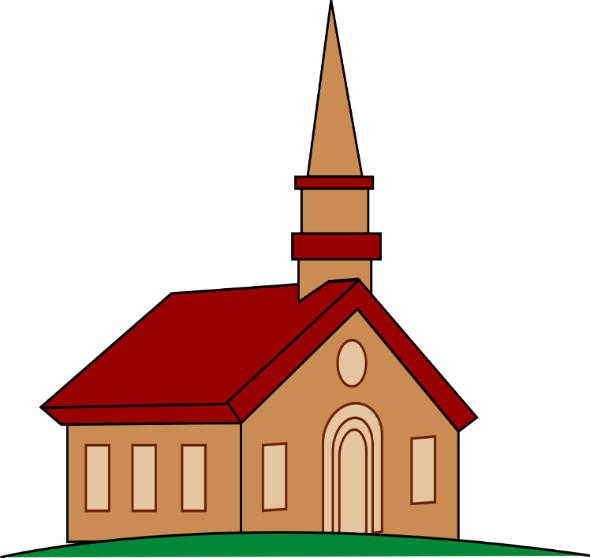
Service on Sunday begins at 10:30am

No Sunday School during the summer months.

Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30pm – 7pm

Saturday. 10am – 3pm





**Wednesday, June 28**

**9 am to 4 pm**

Embarrass Town Hall

7503 Levander Road

Embarrass, MN

Grab your project and chat with

like-minded people as we create together.  Bring your own lunch, snacks and beverage as there will be none provided.

Every 4th Wednesday of the month, May through August.

Questions? Call

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**Embarrass 2022/2023 Temperature Comparison**

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| **April 30**  32/45  pc .15” sn .60” | **May 1**  32/41  pc .07” | **May 2**  32/44 | **May 3**  24/56 | **May 4**  26/67  trace pc | **May 5**  30/65 | **May 6**  35/61 |
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| **May 8**  48/72  pc .04” | **May 9**  47/54  pc .19” | **May 10**  50/71  pc .05” | **May 11**  30/74 | **May 12**  31/75 pc .91” | **May 13**  48/62  pc 1.25” | **May 14**  38/77 |
| **May 15**  40/75 | **May 16**  40/68 | **May 17**  28/55 | **May 18**  29/65 | **May 19**  45/67  pc .20” | **May 20**  46/51  pc .10” | **May 21**  35/61  pc .02” |
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| **May 29**  47/59  pc .01” | **May 30**  59/71  pc 1.11” | **May 31**  59/77  pc .88” |  |  |  | **2022** |

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It was a historic session in many ways, and perhaps the most consequential in Minnesota  history. Our budget included many provisions to help folks on the Iron Range and those across our state. In all, we  succeeded in bringing $107 million worth of funding to Iron Range priorities. We proved we could move beyond the  gridlock that held us back for so long to govern in an effective manner. Here are some of the highlights.   |  | | --- | |  |   **Largest Tax Cut in State History**  Serving as chair of the House Property Tax Division, I had the honor to help construct the largest package of tax cuts in  state history. The 2023 Tax bill includes full Social Security state income exemption for those earning less than $100,000  annually (married/joint) or $78,000 (Dear single/head of household), phasing out at $118,000 for single filers and  140,000 for joint filers. It also includes direct rebates of $260 per person, with an additional $260 for each dependent  up to three) reaching more than 2,562,300 Minnesotans. In a strong show of support for families, the bill provides for a  new and simplified Child & Working Family Tax Credit of up to $1,750 per child which will impact more than one million  families and reduce child poverty by one-third.  The package also included my legislation to increase Local Government Aid (LGA) and County Program Aid (CPA). Under  our final agreement, each program will receive an additional $80 million per year to ensure public services can continue  while keeping property taxes in check (the full numbers of funding to our communities are listed below). It also included  my bill to expand the Homestead Credit Refund, a one-time property tax refund increase, and an increase in funding and  modernization of the Payment In Lieu of Taxes program to help northern Minnesota counties. Additionally, we advanced  my proposal to expand the film production tax credit to $25 million per biennium and extend the program – which had  been set to sunset in 2024 – to 2032. My bill to increase the city of Virginia’s debt limit to finish its public safety building  also crossed the finish line. I also worked on the Mineral Article in the Tax Bill which included authorization for the  Commissioner of the Department of Iron Range Resources to provide additional funding for school construction in the  Rock Ridge, Chisholm, Hibbing, Ely, Northland Learning Center and Lake Superior school districts. It also included funding  for numerous projects in our district (the full list is below).   |  | | --- | |  |   **Support for Workers**  All session long, I was honored to champion workers in Minnesota. Early in the legislative session, I quickly worked to  extend unemployment benefits for workers laid off when Northshore Mining idled. This was the second bill Governor  Tim Walz signed into law this year. Governor Walz also signed my legislation to require workers employed by  contractors at oil refineries to have at-least apprentice-level training – a provision I was honored to work with our  brothers and sisters in labor to enact into law. I also authored legislation to invest $300,000 in Minnesota Virtual  Academy's career pathways program with Operating Engineers Local 49 to create career pathways through  apprenticeships. Additionally, our Transportation budget bill included my proposal to allow logging trucks to carry loads  up to 9.5 feet wide, up from the current limit of 8.5 feet. This will greatly benefit our state’s logging industry.   |  | | --- | |  |   **Jobs and Local Projects**  I was proud to help deliver funding for numerous infrastructure projects in several areas of the state budget.  The capital investment package funded Iron Range-area projects including:  Aurora - St. James Open Pit Mine - $2.5 million  Aurora Community Center - $630,000  St. Louis County ATV Trails - $1.294 million  Virginia - Regional Public Safety Building - $2 million  Biwabik - Road Improvements - $1.4 million  Chisholm Public Safety Building - $3 million  Chisholm City Hall - Film Facility - $2.04 million  Chisholm Ice Arena - $3 million  Embarrass Region Fair/Timber Hall – $1.5 million  Giants Ridge - $12.229 million  Buhl - Water Infrastructure - $2 million  Gilbert - Water Treatment - $6.25 million  Here is a comprehensive list of funding initiatives I delivered for our community in other pieces of legislation:  **Tax Bill – Grants to Local Communities & Non-Profits**  St. Louis County Agricultural Society 4H - $250,000  Ranger Snowmobile & ATV Club - $100,000  Crane Lake Voyageurs Snowmobile Club - $100,000  Voyageur Trail Society - $100,000  Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club - $100,000  Babbitt ATV & Snowmobile Club - $100,000  Boundary Waters Care Center - $750,000  City of Babbitt - $200,000$  Alborn Snow Devils - $100,000  Cherry School ISD#2142 (Baseball Field Lighting) - $300,000  Seitaniemi Housebarn & Sisu Heritage Site - $150,000  Aurora – Downtown Beautification - $600,000  South Ridge School ISD#2142 - $500,000  Mountain Iron Outdoor Recreation Center - $500,000  Buhl – City Hall Improvements - $100,000  MIB Schools ISD#712 – Fitness Center Upgrades - $150,000  Mesabi Sno Voyageurs Snowmobile Club - $100,000  PathBlazers Snowmobile Club - $100,000  Mesabi Fit Coalition - $100,000  Veterans on the Lake - $200,000  U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame - $50,000  **Other Tax Bill Provisions**  Crane Lake Water & Sanitary District Debt Relief - $1.294 million  Rock Ridge Schools Construction Sales Tax Exemption - $3.05 million  Northland Learning Center Construction Sales Tax Exemption- $380,000  Duluth Schools Construction Sales Tax Exemption - $510,000  Ely Schools Construction Sales Tax Exemption - $360,000  Hibbing Schools Construction Sales Tax Exemption - $260,000  Northern Lights Construction Academy Sales Tax Exemption - $320,000  Nashwauk Keewatin School Construction Sales Tax Exemption - $1.2 million  Chisholm Schools Construction Sales Tax Exemption - $840,000  **Transportation Bill Appropriations**  St. Louis County – Eveleth/Rock Ridge School - $6 million  St. Louis County – Aurora - $3 million  **Environment & Energy Bill Appropriations**  Minnesota Power HVDC Line - $15,000,000  St. Louis County ATV Trail Funding - $1.45 million  St. Louis County – Canyon Waste Campus Project - $2 million  Chisholm - Redhead Mountain Bike Park - $500,000  **Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)**  Chisholm - Redhead Mountain Bike Park - $1.6 million  Biwabik – Recreation Facility - $1.306 million  **Veterans & Military Omnibus Bill**  Veterans on the Lake – Disabled Veterans Grant Program - $100,000  Serving on the Taxes conference committee, I worked diligently to secure increased levels of County Program Aid (CPA),  Local Government Aid (LGA), Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT), and public safety funding to reduce property taxes for  hardworking Minnesotans. The following are increases in those areas for communities on the Iron Range:  **LGA**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **City** | **LGA Increase** | **LGA Annual Total** | **Public Safety Aid One-time** | **Total Increased Aid** | | Aurora | $57,083 more | $741,728 total | $73,867 | **$130,950** | | Biwabik | $20,358 more | $271,564 total | $42,010 | **$62,368** | | Buhl | $25,331 more | $419,562 total | $41,879 | **$67,210** | | Chisholm | $220,690 more | $3,688,530 total | $207,074 | **$427,764** | | Eveleth | $273,863 more | $3,246,100 total | $151,804 | **$425,667** | | Gilbert | $43,569 more | $784,630 total | $73,299 | **$116,868** | | Iron Junction | $3,918 more | $13,522 total | $4,770 | **$8,688** | | Kinney | $2,633 more | $49,468 total | $6,608 | **$9,241** | | Meadowlands | $4,279 more | $31,324 total | $5,820 | **$10,099** | | Mountain Iron | $158,858 more | $1,595,717 total | $125,242 | **$284,100** | | Virginia | $836,452 more | $7,043,458 total | $364,567 | **$1,201,019** |   **CPA**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **County** | **CPA Increase** | **Local Housing Aid** | **Public Safety Aid One-time** | **Total Increased Aid** | | St. Louis | $4,121,720 | $376,745 | $3,423,415 | **$7,921,880** |  |  | | --- | |  |   At the Capitol, we’ve worked intentionally and deliberately to cut taxes, invest in our children’s education, increase  funding for local communities, support our nursing homes and direct care workers, ensure we have safe, reliable roads  and bridges, and so much more. I am incredibly blessed and honored to represent the people of the Iron Range.  Please continue to be in touch. It’s an honor to represent you.  Sincerely,  Dave Lislegard State Representative   |  | | --- | |  |   **State Representative Dave Lislegard** 451 State Office Building 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155 [www.house.mn.gov/07B](about:blank)  **Phone:**651-296-0170 **Facebook:**[State Representative Dave Lislegard](about:blank) **E-mail:** [rep.dave.lislegard@house.mn.gov](about:blank) **Legislative Assistant:** Faith Privett, 651-297-8145 | | |  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |



