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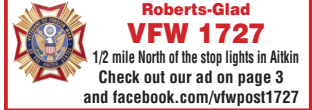
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Steamer steady on the land as showboat readied for shows



Jeff Tidholm and Amanda MacDonald dedicate the showboat at a ceremony at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds on July 5. A tremendous cooperative community effort went into the restoration.

By ANN SCHWARTZ
The former Grand Rapids Mississippi Showboat is now a landlubber.

The refurbished boat is firmly ensconced on the terra firma at the Aitkin County Fairgrounds and was dedicated on Thursday, July 5.

The showboat was the host for riverside shows for many

years in Grand Rapids. Aitkin took possession of it a couple of years ago and it needed much work.

With welding, carpentry, electrical power, painting, landscaping, and more, the regal boat now greets the community at the fairground's entrance -- complete with its own stage. Windows,

smokestacks and a dressing room will still be added. Next year, the boat will be ready for family-friendly shows on the stage, holiday lights and more as Aitkin is now indeed a Mississippi Riverboat Town.

Amanda MacDonald and Jeff Tidholm of the Aitkin County Chamber have led the charge. They said at the dedication that about \$40,000 of work was done to refurbish the steamer -- much of it in-kind donation of labor and materials.

"The community jumped on board with our vision and now Aitkin is a Mississippi Riverboat Town with a riverboat," enthused MacDonald.

Tidholm recited a long list of local contractors and individuals who helped with roofing, welding, moving the boat, carpentry, landscaping, bringing in power, concrete, logistics and more. From

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Built in 1965, the Mississippi Showboat is nearly restored to its former glory. Ann Schwartz photos



After its purchase on Dec. 3, 2015, the 20,000 pound Mississippi Melodie Showboat was moved from Grand Rapids to Aitkin on June 30, 2016.

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Woolgatherer exhibit of fiber art

"Woolgatherer", an exhibit of fiber art by Lisa Jordan opens at The Crossing Arts Alliance on Friday, July 13, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A brief artist talk is at 5:30. An assortment of refreshments will be served, courtesy of The Crossing Arts Alliance Advocacy committee.

The exhibit is open July 13 to August 4 and is free and open to the public.

"Woolgatherer": idle or absent-minded indulgence in fantasy; daydreaming.

The artist's first exhibition at the gallery features a series of organic forms and render-



ings of natural scenes made of wool and other fibers, often combined with natural materials such as wood and stones.

Drawing from her deep love of nature, especially the odd and overlooked details, and employing both wet and needle felting techniques, Jordan creates pieces that seem at once fantastic and familiar. She asks the viewer to let their minds wander and indulge in a bit of daydreaming while engaging with her works. Jordan will describe her process and the challenges of the medium at the 5:30 p.m. artist talk on July 13.

Visit crossingarts.org or call 218-833-0416 for more information.

The Crossing Arts Alliance is located at 711 Laurel Street in downtown Brainerd.

St. Paul man drowns in Adney Lake

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported the body of a 60-year-old male from St. Paul was recovered from Adney Lake.

The man has been identified as William James Murray of St. Paul.

Preliminary reports indicate Murray had been swimming near a pontoon with

others when he went under water on July 8 at around 3:03 p.m. Crow Wing County Boat and Water, Dive Team and the UAS Team responded and searched the afternoon and evening until forced off the water due to an incoming storm. The search teams continued the search on July 9 and were able to locate

the victim in approximately nine feet of water around 1:45 p.m.

Murray's body was transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office. The sheriff's office was assisted by the Crosslake Police Department, CRMC Ambulance and the Minnesota DNR Enforcement.

Dump Run registration now open

Early Bird Registration is now open for The Run Dump Quarter Marathon and The Dump Run 5K in Aitkin during Riverboat Days on August 4, 2018 beginning at 8 a.m. Runners and walkers are all welcome!

The quarter marathon course takes participants through a scenic course on pavement and gravel road

starting at Pine Lake access. This nostalgic route takes runners by the old dump, past Jim's Water Stop on old Hwy. 169 and then northward to Paubeck's County Market.

The 5K course begins at Paulbeck's and works its way to the bike path crossing the Ripple River and into Aitkin's City Park returning over the same route to the finish line

at Paulbeck's.

This is the 31st anniversary of The Dump Run and this community event serves as the kickoff to Riverboat Days. Register on-line at "The Dump Run in Aitkin" or aitkin.com. For questions, call the Aitkin Chamber of Commerce at 218-927-2316. This event is sponsored by Paulbeck's County Market.



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Area youth awarded camp scholarships

Nine area youth will attend Camp Needlepoint, a week-long, summer outdoor camp on the St. Croix River in Hudson, WI, for youngsters with diabetes, thanks to funds raised through Crosby's Because of Brandon event. Youth ages 9 to 17 from Pequot, Merrifield, Aitkin, Emily, Crosslake, Baxter, Palisade and Tamarack all received scholarships for this summer's camps and additional applications are outstanding.

Since Because of Brandon was established two years ago, more than \$100,000 has been raised to fund youth

diabetes camps, patient travel expenses, and educational events. Most of the funds provide scholarships for the camp which lets children have a great time participating in traditional activities while connecting with others with diabetes. Healthcare professionals oversee daily diabetes care and help campers learn to manage and live successfully with their disease.

More than 20,000 youth are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes every year, a life-changing disease that requires 24/7 control for the

rest of their lives. Children with diabetes and their families walk a tightrope to keep blood glucose levels not too low and not too high. To do this, they must inject insulin multiple times each day, monitor blood glucose throughout the day and night, treat severe headaches and nausea, and seek emergency help for life-threatening complications. Camp Needlepoint is designed to facilitate a traditional summer camp experience in a medically-safe environment, while creating opportunities for children to forge lifelong relationships, overcome feelings of isolation and gain self-confidence.

"My son, Brandon, was only 13 when he was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes," said event Chair Doug Houge. "Despite excellent care and his best efforts, complications arose and Brandon passed away in December 2015 at the age of 27. We miss him every day and still

cry over losing him. But, we are determined to help others avoid the same loss. Please help us honor his memory by supporting this fun event."

The third annual Because of Brandon event is Saturday, July 28, at the Crosby Bar & Grill. The benefit for Cuyuna Regional Medical Center's Diabetes Education Department includes a beer and wine tasting, silent auction, barbecue, ATV ride, raffle and street dance. All proceeds fund youth diabetes camps, patient travel expenses, and educational events. The raffle is for a 2018 Alterra 500 ATV from Brothers Motor Sports (\$4,999 value), Ruttger's weekend with meals and golf (\$1,150 value), .22 LR Barracuda gun donated by Magnum Research (\$840 value), \$150, and \$50. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at CRMC's Cuyuna Lakes Pharmacy, the Crosby Bar & Grill, Culver's in Baxter and numerous other community locations.

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Fireworks injure man

Crow Wing County Sheriff Todd Dahl reported a man was injured on 17000 block of Snowshoe Drive in Ironton.

Derek Amerud, 29, of Ironton, sustained injury, when fireworks, that he was standing over while someone else was lighting it, unexpectedly exploded striking him in the face.

Amerud was transported to CRMC by ambulance and later transferred by Air Care to HCMC. Amerud's current medical condition is not known.

The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Crosby and Deerwood Police Departments.



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Women's Meeting 5:30 pm, Tue. Open Meeting 8 pm, Wed. Women's Meeting 6 pm, Thu. Sober Sailors Open 9 am.

AA Garrison: Monday Night AA (open) 7:30 PM and Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

ALANON - 322 1st Ave NE, Aitkin 6:30 pm Thursday evenings.

ALANON Garrison: Wednesday 7:30 PM at Community Alliance Church, 9475 Jefferson St.

Aitkin Friends of the Library meet 4th Tue. each month, 1 pm, Aitkin Public Library.

Aitkin IOOF 164 meeting every 4th Monday at 2 pm

Aitkin Rebekah lodge. 151. Meets the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come join us. We meet at the IOOF hall. 22 2nd st. Above the Napa auto parts store. The 1st tues. is a business meeting. The 3rd one is a social meeting

Aitkin Women of Today meet 2nd Mon. of month, 6:30 pm, Mille Lacs Energy Coop, info call 218-927-4558. Evening care is available and free. All are welcome!

Alzheimer's Support group meetings at ANGELS in McGregor meets the 1st Thurs. every month at 1 pm.

American Legion Aitkin Lee #86 & Unit 86, meets the 2nd Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m.

Art Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jaques Art Center in Aitkin, 1-3 pm 'Ask an Attorney', Aitkin Co. Sheriff's conference room, 4th Tues. of month at noon.

Blow-Hards, a lung disease support group, meets the 4th Thu. of each month, Kanabec Hospital in Mora. Contact Carol, 320-225-3646.

Buddhism-Nichiren meetings held at the Brainerd Public Library conference room on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 1 pm. For information contact Mike Engblom-Bradley 936-525-7843.

Care N Share Community Cafe Community Meal, Wednesdays Located in the fellowship hall in the Wesleyan Church on Highway #6 in Emily. Please call Sharon - 612 669-3295

Caregiver/Memory Loss Support Group. Meets the first Wed., 1-2 p.m. at Birchstreet Center, downtown Aitkin. 218-9271383.

Circles of Support meets every Tue., 6-8 pm If you are living paycheck to paycheck and are ready for a change, Circles may be right for you, call Brandi, 800-997-5723.

Clear Lake Grange meets second Tue. each month, 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting. Meets at the Aitkin Library Community Center. More info call Bonnie 218-927-3485 or Roxy 218-927-4558.

Clothes Closet offers free clothing to men and women in need, open the fourth Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. - noon. Located at 6297 Woods Bay Drive NE, just north of the Hwy. 6 bridge in Outing. For more information call 320-857-0182. Donations of clean, repair free clothing accepted that time also.

Co-dependants Anonymous meeting. 332 1st Av. NE Aitkin. Wednesday evenings. 5:30.

Cooks Night Out - 3rd Wed of month, McGregor Comm. Ctr., 5:30 p.m., no restrictions, donations welcome.

Cuyuna Rock Gem & Mineral Club, meet 2nd Sat. each month, 2:30 at the lower level of the Franklin Arts Center at 1001 Kingwood St, Brainerd.

Dance every second Tuesday at Moose in Grand Rapids.

Dance at VFW in McGregor every 1st Monday of the month, except holidays which will be on the following Monday

Dance at Waukenabo the second and last Wednesday of the month.

Deerwood Lakes Lions meet the 2nd Monday of each month at the Heartwood Senior Living Complex. Social begins at 5:30pm followed by Dinner/Meeting at 6:00pm. We are very involved in community events and would love

to have you join us. If you would like to come to a meeting and see what we do or going to be doing, please call Lion Nancy at 218-678-4165 and let me know by the Thursday before our meeting.

Dyed in the Wool Spinners meeting 1st Tuesday of the month 1-4 p.m. If you knit, crochet, spin, weave or do any other fiber arts please join us in the Club Room at the Security State Bank, 402 Minnesota Ave. N., Aitkin.

Evergreen P.A.C. ATV Club meetings 1st Thu. each month, 7 pm, Jackson Hole, Lawler, open to public.

FASD Caregiver Support Group - For caregivers of individuals with a diagnosed or suspected Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Meet with other caregivers (adults only please) for support, understanding, and networking. Meetings are 9 am the second Saturday of each month at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 418 8th Ave. NE, Brainerd. For more information, please contact Sheila York at 218-820-5903 or syork@mofas.org

Friends of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge meet 3rd Wed. each month, at 1 pm. at the Visitor Center at 36289 State Hwy. 65, McGregor 218-768-2402

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting Tuesday evenings, 6:30 pm small conference room at Aitkin Library. No dues, fees or weigh ins. For more information call: 217-248-6434. www.foodaddicts.org

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Open every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm. 102 4th St. NW, Aitkin

Food Shelf (Aitkin) at First Lutheran Church open on 2nd and 4th Thurs, 9:30 am-5 pm, at 107 2nd St SE, Aitkin. Must register by 4:45 pm to be served.

Food Shelf (Aitkin) Emergency Food Shelf at St. James Catholic Church, Aitkin. Hours are Tuesday from 12 to 3 pm. To enter the food shelf go to the South side of the building, go to the 4th door and look for signs.

Food Shelf (Garrison) Open Tue. & Thu. 1-5 pm, at 9541 Madison Street; Garrison. For emergency Food Shelf, call 320-692-5399 and leave a message.

Food Shelf (Hill City) Trinity Lutheran Church 3rd Saturday 8 am - Noon or by Appt.

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Garrison Fire Auxiliaries meets 2nd Thu. 7:30 pm, Garrison Fire Hall.

Garrison Thrift Store, Thurs.-Fri. 10-4, Sat. 11-4.

Gamblers Anonymous 7 pm Thursdays at the Heritage Church on College Drive in Brainerd. This is a closed meeting. Anyone who has a desire to stop gambling is welcome. For more info call 715-821-1749.

Heart to Heart Support Group, 4th Tue. of month, 2 pm, Kanabec Hospital, int. of Hwy. 65 & 23, Mora.

Jacobson Seniors meets every Thu., 10-2 pm at Jacobson Comm. Ctr. Potluck at noon. Beverage provided. All are welcome. For more info., 752-1515.

Marsh and Meadows Hunting Retriever Club, M o n . 5:30 pm in Pequot L a k e s , for more info call B r e t t 651-270-5 6 4 8 or f a c e b o o k / M a r s h a n d M e a d o w s H u n t i n g R e t r i e v e r C l u b

McGrath City Council, first Thu. of the month, 6:30 pm at fire station hall.

McGrath Senior Center meets every Mon. 1-4 pm, cards & games, all are welcome.

McGregor Community Meal sponsored by ANGELS served at the Community Center on Highway 65 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month serving from 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

McGregor TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thu., 4 pm weigh in, 4:30 meeting, Minnewawa Sportsman's Club, Goshawk St. (Co. Rd. 6). 218-768-2340 for more info.

McGregor VFW hosts a dance the 1st Monday every month at 1pm.

MS Support Group, meets the 1st Thu. of the month at 7 pm, 606 NW 5th St, Brainerd, 218-824-5228.

Mystic Masonic Lodge meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 pm except June, July & August meet only 1st Tuesday at 7 pm over the Eye Care Center in Aitkin.

National Alliance on Mental Illness meet Fri., 2:30, Community Presbyterian Church, 703 Pokegama Ave., room 105, Grand Rapids, Call Terrence at 218-327-1347.

North Central MN Farm & Antique Assn. meet 1st Wed. of month, Blackberry Town Hall. Info: Bruce 218-752-6592.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, Woodland Chapter #122 in Aitkin meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month at 7PM, EXCEPT January, February and July which are dark . 4th Tuesday in June and 2nd Tuesday in August also are dark. Meetings are held on 2nd floor of the EyeCare Center 312 Minnesota Ave No. Aitkin, MN

Operation Minnesota Nice meets 3rd Monday each month at 6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hill City. For info call Tina Harcey at 218-697-8144. www.operationminnesotanic.com.

Overeaters Anonymous Open Meeting, Sat. 9:35am, Aitkin Library. Everyone welcome, especially newcomers. OA is a 12-step fellowship of people recovering from compulsive eating. OA is not a diet club. We are dedicated to helping individuals recovering from compulsive eating, anorexia, bulimia, food addiction and obesity. If you are struggling, you are not alone any more. For more info: OA.org, or call Cheryl, meeting contact, 770-576-5984.

Praise & Worship Services, 101 S. Maddy St., McGregor, Intercessory prayer Wed 6-7 p.m.; Praise & Worship Services Sat. 2 pm, Sun 10 am.

Recovery Worship Service, Cascade United Methodist Church, Crosby/Deerwood, 1st Sat., 5 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary is ongoing the fourth Tuesday of each month at 1 pm at the Big Fish, Garrison, contact Jean at 218-764-2665 for more info.

RSVP Bone Builders (Osteoporosis exercise program) Mon.: 10 Glory Baptist Church; Tue & Thu: 10-11 First Lutheran Church, Aitkin; 11:30-12:30 Blackrock Terrace, Aitkin; 12:45-1:45 Journey North Church, Aitkin; Wed: 10-11 Malmo Evangelical Free Church, Malmo & Fri: 10-11 Bethesda Lutheran Church, Malmo. Free of charge. Info call 218-927-1383.

Second Tuesday Card Party, Deerwood American Legion. Open to public, 1 pm social, card playing 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost \$3 per person. Refreshments.

Senior Dance at Deerwood Legion, 1-4 pm, 1st and 3rd Fri. each month.

TOPS Aitkin (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Every Tues at East Entrance, First Lutheran Church, 101 2nd St SE, Aitkin Weigh in at 4:30pm and meeting at 5pm

TOPS Ironton (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet Monday, 4 pm weigh-in, 4:30 pm meeting at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby. Call Mabel Semler 218-546-6523 for meeting location information

Weight Watchers meets every Wednesday at 5:45 pm at the Deerwood VFW. Weigh in begins at 5:15 pm. For more information, call 218-820-9725.

White Pine Riders ATV Club meet 2nd Sat. each month (Feb. - Oct.) at McGrath Fire Hall, 10 am, open to public.

July

21st - Emily Day! Enjoy food booths, kids' games, craft fair, paintball gallery, beer garden, chainsaw carving and auction, cross-cut saw contest, medallion hunt, live music, raffle, giant fireworks and more!

21st - Moonlight Movie Night featuring "UP" at 9 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. A family friendly movie will be projected onto a big screen. Watch the movie on blankets, or chairs. Popcorn and candy will be sold. Drinks will also be available. \$5 admission. Pay at the gate only. Movies subject to change.

25th - Waukenabo Dance, "Two for the Road" will be performing 1-4 p.m. at the Waukenabo Community Center located 15 mi. north of Aitkin on Hwy. 169 to Co. Rd. 3, west 1 1/4 mi. on left. For more info call Gene at 218-845-2819

28th - The Crow Wing County Genealogy Society will meet at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Family History Center, 101 Buffalo Hills Lane, Brainerd.

28th - "King's Ransom in concert at 7 p.m. at Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge. Brainerd's own classic rock band, featuring your classic rock and blues favorites. \$5 for the public. Seating is provided, or you can bring your own lawn chairs. Food and drinks are available.

28th - Because of Brandon event includes beer and wine tasting, silent auction, barbecue, raffle and street dance at the Crosby Bar. Also a charity ATV ride is offered.

28th - Cuyuna Iron Range Riders Juvenile Diabetes charity ATV ride for 'Because of Brandon', 10 a.m. at the Crosby Bar.

28th - Barbary Coast Dixieland Band at Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person. 28th & 29th - Powerboat Races along the shores of Serpent Lake at Crosby's Memorial Park noon - 4 pm.

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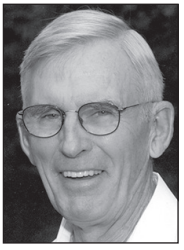
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OBITUARIES

JAMES HARKER



James Howard Harker, 87, of Crosby died on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at his home. Memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at the Salem Lutheran Church in Deerwood. Inurnment will be at the Salem Lutheran Columbarium. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Sunday.

He was born on January 18, 1931 in Grand Rapids to James A. and Leona (Qualley) Harker. Jim married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Elizabeth Flynn. He was an alumni of Pine River

High School, Bemidji State University and St. Cloud State University. Jim taught, coached and served as athletic director and principal for 33 years, Serving the school districts of Nevis, Pequot Lakes, Crosby-Ironton and Aitkin.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Shirley; one son, Lynn (Rochelle) Harker of Crosby; one daughter, Debra (Dennis) Perreault of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Jamison (Shannon) Harker, Brian (Samantha) Harker, Ryan (Mollie) Burke, Jacquelyn (Brian) Senske, Jennifer (Noah) Wahl, Michelle (Clint) Lundeen, Renee (David) Caneday; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were with the Koop Funeral Home in Crosby.

Mississippi Showboat dedication | Continued from Page 1

Dean Fisher pulling it out of the ice in Grand Rapids to Bob Nicko helping move it from Tempco to the fairgrounds – they all “rowed” together to bring the riverboat home. An IRRB \$20,000 grant kicked the project off.

“If you want to get involved, you can donate as a Friend of the Fair,” said Tidholm. “So many have helped.”

Donations for the Mississippi Riverboat may be sent to Showboat Committee, PO

Box 181, Aitkin, MN 56431.

Other fair news

Kirk Peysar, fair board president, gave an overview of improvements at the Aitkin County fairgrounds.

Next year, the new horse barn should be built. With fundraising thus far, \$140,000 or \$200,000 is raised.

Donations for the horse barn may be sent to the Aitkin County Fair Foundation, PO Box 181, Aitkin, MN 56431.

There are also new goat and sheep pens and an animal show arena.

LEGAL NOTICE

(Published in NewsHopper Sat., July 14, 21 & 28, 2018)

LIBBY TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Notice is hereby given of the time of filing affidavits of candidacy for township officers to be elected by mail ballot in the General Election, which will take place on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Filings will be open July 31, 2018 and will close August 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm. Filing hours are from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the office of the clerk.

Offices to be filled are a Supervisor (Supervisor Position A) for a four (4) year term that will begin in January 2019; a Supervisor (Supervisor Position B) for a four (4) year term that will begin in January 2019; and Treasurer for a four (4) year term that will begin in January 2019. Filing fee is \$2. Dated this 5th day of July, 2018

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Kirk Peysar, fair board president, welcomes the riverboat and future shows to the fairgrounds. They plan to have all different types of shows and concerts to attract an audience of all ages.



Brian Carlson of Grand Rapids was on hand at the dedication as “Captain Dan.”

READER RIBBETS

Don't blame the messenger

It's human nature to react to bad news by blaming the messenger. The truth is often unpleasant.

As the citizen wrote in the July 4th, 2018 edition of the *Courier*, entitled: “Don't let smear campaign influence you,” he stated, “the only people who might benefit from the replacement of our current police leadership are the criminals they have arrested or are investigating.”

Again, someone else sees my point. If he read the independent third-party arbitration report, he would see it's impossible to continue to trust the leadership, since those findings were published. Not once, but twice, the leadership

lied. Once is “just cause” for termination, twice is a frightening pattern of behavior, which destroys the confidence needed for them to continue and taints everything they have done and will do. The consequences of those lies are a huge monetary loss to the citizens of Crosby. Part of the issue of being the messenger, is managing the right perspective of the message. This is not a smear campaign, slanderous, or character assassination. Although, the characters involved assassinated their careers, future, the public trust, and your checkbook. Before you kill the messenger, take the time to read the documents. Warning, you will be shocked.

It is time for the officers who lied to be terminated. Like their actions, found by the arbitrator to lack a moral compass, they don't possess the moral fortitude to resign on their own, a clear indication they don't care about your best interests.

A little more truth, I admire and respect the men and women who choose the police profession. But when they choose to lie and cost you thousands of dollars, violate the public trust, they deserve to lose their jobs. Reward loyalty with loyalty, disloyalty with distance. Our respect and admiration are not tainted for all, just those two.

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CROW WING COUNTY BRAINERD, MINNESOTA SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning Crow Wing County for interested citizens. Questions about this report should be directed to Deborah A. Erickson, Administrative Services Director, and 218-824-1047. A full and complete copy of the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is available on the County's web site at www.crowwing.us. The County also publishes the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR), a copy of which is also located on the County's web site.

CROW WING COUNTY BRAINERD, MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2017

Table with columns: ASSETS, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, NET POSITION. Sub-headers: Governmental Activities, Business-type Activities, Total. Includes major categories like Current assets, Noncurrent assets, Current liabilities, Noncurrent liabilities.

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Table listing recipients of county expenditures with columns: Recipient Name, Amount, and another Amount column. Includes entities like City of Minneapolis, CivicPlus, Clearwater Lake Association, etc.

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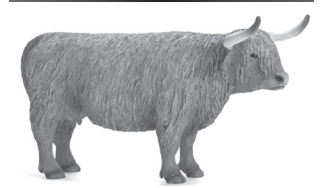
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