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New building celebration



KELLY GRINSTEINER

Minnesota Diversified Industries (MDI) and the Hibbing Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Friday to celebrate MDI's new 36,000 square foot facility located on Highway 37. This new facility offers better work conditions and provides MDI the opportunity to expand its commercial line of business. Read more in Sunday's HDT.

One man charged in robbery

Other party released

HDT STAFF REPORT

HIBBING — Only one of the two men arrested for an alleged robbery and false imprisonment Wednesday has been charged for the incident.

Antwon T. McCune, 22, of Hibbing, was formally charged with felony aggravated robbery in the second

degree in Sixth District Court in Hibbing Friday. He appeared before Judge Mark M. Starr. Bail was set at \$25,000 and a public defender was granted.

William J. Jackson, 28, also of Hibbing, was released without charges.

Hibbing Police Department (HPD) was dispatched to a report of a male being held against his will by another male with a gun around 4:50 p.m. Wednesday in the 3800

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CHS crowns Homecoming royalty



MARIE TOLONEN

Pictured here is Chisholm High School's 2018 Winter Homecoming Court. From left are: Hannah DeGroot, Caleb Smilanich, Holena Sanders, Sam Burdick, Alisha Lokken, William Butkovich, King Andy Rossi, Queen Katelyn Larson, Jake Giermann, Sierra Koivisto, Tyler Copeland, Rylee Appelman, Ean Pulford, Tessa Yaroscak and Princess Caroline Maure. Missing from photo are Princesses Lindsey Bocht and Franci Cianni.

Chisholm School Board approves SRO salary increase

BY MARIE TOLONEN
 CHISHOLM TRIBUNE PRESS

CHISHOLM — An increase in the monthly salary the Chisholm School District pays for the school resource officer (SRO) position it shares with the city was approved by the Chisholm School Board in a split vote Monday.

Retroactive to January, the district's portion of the SRO's monthly salary will

be a few cents more than \$2,558. In comparison, it was just less than \$2,417 previously.

The increase was part of a recent labor negotiations between the city and its Law Enforcement Labor Services (LELS) union. It was previously discussed during a joint meeting of the district and the city.

Prior to when the SRO contract expires at the end of June, the board and city

council each plan to discuss the future of the program. The city currently covers roughly 60 percent of the SRO contract with the district paying around 40 percent.

Director Pat Kestly stated at the joint meeting and again on Monday that she felt that there wasn't adequate data to support the need for an SRO.

During previous discussions, Kestly also raised

concerns that an SRO was not part of the district's comprehensive plan.

As part of the meeting agenda packet on Monday, directors were given a breakdown of SRO Bill Purdy's activities from Dec. 19 through Jan. 31. It included a detailed list of the SRO's hours, locations, incidents responded to and presentations made to students.

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City council, HPU commissioners to meet

HDT STAFF REPORT

HIBBING — Hibbing city councilors and Hibbing Public Utilities Commission (PUC) members will come face to face Feb. 28.

In mid-January, 5 of 7 councilors voted to authorize council attendance at a joint meeting with the five-member PUC. That motion stated that a date and time for such a meeting would be determined at a later date.

City Administrator Tom Dicklich, who serves on the PUC and made the recommendation for a joint meeting to the council, stated then that the hope was to hold the meeting by mid-February.

"There are a lot of issues going on down there right now," he told the council.

Tom Dicklich acknowledged the council had discussed the state of HPU at a Committee of the Whole working session in January and that the PUC in January had discussed holding a joint meeting, but it did not pass at that level.

On Tuesday, PUC commissioners approved the council's request for a joint meeting.

Chair Larry McGuire asked if anyone knew what the meeting would focus on. Commissioner Pat Garrity, who also serves as city clerk, said he believed it would be an informational meeting, giving HPU and the commission a chance to update the city on HPU business.

Commissioners then turned to Dicklich, who was on his way out of the meeting, for further insight. He paused to say the he isn't certain of the agenda, but sur-

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