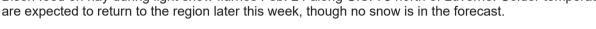
## Another day on the prairie



Photos by Tim Middagh / The Globe Bison feed on hay during light snow flurries Feb. 24 along U.S. 75 north of Luverne. Colder temperatures





## District 518 investigates hacking of an employee email account

By Kari Lucin The Globe

WORTHINGTON — A District 518 employee's email was hacked and an investigation is underway to determine whether any data was compromised.

"At this point we don't anticipate it to be a major data breach or a large issue, but we're trying to ensure we do our due diligence on checking," said Superintendent John Landgaard, following a Monday meeting of the District 518 Board of Education's Instructional Committee.

The security breach was first discovered about a week and a

West Central Service Co-Op is investigating, Landgaard said.

If any sensitive data was released, notifications will be sent to parents of any students involved. As of Monday, however, pre-

liminary indications were that the hackers seemed to have used the hacked email account to send more emails out rather than taking any data from it. How the account was hacked

remained unclear. "It wasn't necessarily an

employee error," Landgaard said. "At this point I'm waiting for more info."

It was also unclear on Mon-

or what type of data might have been involved. One thing that couldn't have been leaked, however, was students' social security numbers, as the school doesn't have those.

More information on the security issue could be available within the next week.

"We don't believe there's a huge data risk at this point," Landgaard said. In other news Monday, the

committee: ► Considered two employee requests, which will need to be approved by the full board at its 5:15 p.m. Tuesday meeting. One, for math teacher The-

half ago, and the Southwest day how many students' data resa Tripp, would allow her to teach at Minnesota West Community & Technical College for 10 months, and bring that experience to advanced math courses at Worthington High School. Schedule permitting, she could potentially continue to teach at WHS, she said. The committee asked for a statement of support from the math department, and Tripp said she would get it.

second employee request was to be allowed to work remotely in order to be available for their aging parents. Landgaard said the employee was in an area where the district is already short beginning of the school year.

of employees, and one other individual is working remotely but still coming in periodically. The committee suggested working remotely could be allowed on a one-year trial basis to see how it goes.

Approved the hiring of Josh Noble as director of instruction, which will go before the full board Tuesday. ► Learned that District 518

is still hiring for the next school, and most likely, it'll have around 35 new teachers next year. Received an updated

enrollment figure of 3,394 students, up 35 since the

## 5 have filed to run in special election for Minn.'s 1st Congressional District

By Emma McNamee

The Globe

WORTHINGTON — As of March 7, five people have filed for candidacy in the special election for the late Congressman Jim Hagedorn's seat. Hagedorn, who served in Congressional District 1, died Feb. 17 after a multi-year battle with kidney cancer. The following week, Gov. Tim Walz announced a special election to be held Aug. 9, with a special primary on May 24, if necessary. The filing period opened March 1 and will continue through March 15.

Thus far, four people have filed as Republican candidates and one as a candidate for the Democratic-Farmer-Labor

party. Bob "Again" Carney Jr. was the first to file as a GOP candidate on March 1 and is no stranger to Minnesota races for public office. Over the last decade, Carney has launched multiple unsuccessful campaigns, including two for state Senate, and took a run at the governor's seat in 2010. Most recently, he participated in the Minneapolis Mayoral race, where he lives, but was again unsuccessful. While not a resident of the First Congressional District, Carney still meets the qualifications

Minnesotan. Also entering the race as a Republican candidate is Ken Navitsky of Originally Rochester. from Florida, Natvitsky attended Minnesota State University in Mankato on a football scholarship, where he met his wife. According to his campaign website, Navitsky

to enter the race, as a



Carney



Navitsky

announcer for years.

He currently works as

a sales executive for All

Star Basements. He ran

for Rochester City Coun-

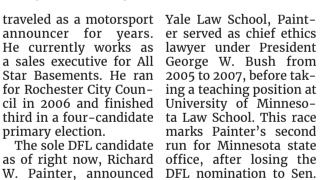
his intention to run for

the CD1 seat via Twitter

of Feb. 27 and had filed

primary election.





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Finstad, Rep. Jeremey Munson, DFL Party chairman former of Crystal Lake, who is Ken Martin, who critineso- currently serving his cized Munson for partic-repre- third term. Elected four ipating in a January 6th, sentative years ago, Munson split 2021, "Storm the Capi-who served from other members of tol" rally, among other three terms the GOP caucus to form things. represent- the four-member New The House Republican Caucus. During his time in the Minnesota House, he introduced a bill sota. He formerly served that would merge over half of Minnesota with South Dakota, including the area he is currently running for. Munson's

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filing period

remains open through March 15. Three months following the cial election, there will be a general election, during which voters in the recently redrawn 1st Congressional District will again select a repredrew sentative to serve a twofrom year term.



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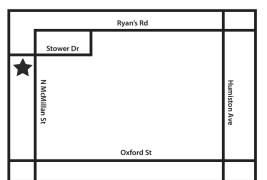


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