-session of marijuana, carrying a pistol without a permit, driving after revocation and improper display of license plates near the intersection of 47th Avenue North and West Broadway.

- Identity theft on the 4200 block of Halifax Avenue North.
- Vehicle theft on the 4000 block of West Broadway.

Feb. 9 - Fifth-degree possession of marijuana, false name given to an officer, driving after cancellation, failure to abide license restrictions, possession of hypodermic needles and failure to signal a turn near the intersection of Kyle and 36th avenues north.

Feb. 10 - First-degree damage to a public utility near the intersection of Shoreline Drive and France Avenue North

- Fifth-degree possession of marijuana on the 3800 block of West . Broadway.

Feb. 11 - Fifth-degree possession of marijuana on the 3500 block of Bottineau Boulevard.

Feb. 13 - Receiving stolen property and warrant arrest on the 3800 block of West Broadway.

- Third-degree driving under the influence, driving after revocation and careless driving near the intersection of 42nd Avenue North and Highway 100
- Recovered motor vehicle on the 3800 block of West Broadway.
- Vehicle theft and third-degree burglary on the 3800 block of West Broadway.

New Hope Police reports

Included in the department's reports Feb. 8-14 were these incidents:

Feb. 8 - Theft at a business on the 3500 block of Winnetka Avenue North.

- Domestic situation at a residence on the 5500 block of Vera Cruz Avenue North in Crystal.

Feb. 9 - Theft at a residence on the 5400 block of Boone Avenue

- Disorderly conduct at Robbinsdale Cooper High School, on the 8200 block of 47th Avenue North.
- Assault at Robbinsdale Cooper High School.
- Theft at a business on the 4400 block of Winnetka Avenue North.
- Theft from a vehicle at a residence on the 5600 block of Zealand Avenue North
- Assault at Robbinsdale Cooper High School.
- Damage to property on the 4200 block of Winnetka Avenue North.

Feb. 10 - Domestic situation at a residence on the 5500 block of Zealand Avenue North.

- Disorderly conduct at Robbinsdale Cooper High School.

Feb. 13 - Domestic assault at

a residence on the 7300 block of Bass Lake Road.

- Domestic situation at a residence on the 4400 block of Independence Avenue.

Feb. 14 - Domestic situation at a residence on the 5500 block of Elm Grove Court.

- Damage to property at a residence on the 7200 block of 43rd Avenue North.
- Theft at Robbinsdale Cooper High School.
- Domestic assault at a business on the 4200 block of Winnetka Avenue North.
- Theft at a business on the 7100 block of 42nd Avenue North

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Crystal Police reports

Included in the department's Feb. 8-14 reports were these

Feb. 8 - Second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon and disorderly conduct on the 5300 block of 54th Avenue

- A driver failed to stop after a collision on the 5300 block of 36th Avenue North.
- Third-degree driving while impaired near the corner of County Road 81 and Highway

Feb. 9 - Theft on the 7600 block of 32nd Avenue North.

- Simple robbery on the 200 block of Willow Bend.

Feb. 10 - A driver failed to stop after a collision on the 4700 block of 58th Avenue

Feb. 11 - Theft on the 5400 block of Lakeland Avenue

- A crime of violence, firearm or ammunition violation, driving after license suspension, speeding and possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle near the corner of 36th Avenue North and Quail Avenue North.

Feb. 12 - Third-degree burglary on the 3200 block of Douglas Drive North.

- A driver failed to stop after a collision on the 5500 block of West Broadway.
- Recklessly handling or using a dangerous weapon on the 3100 block of Winnetka Avenue

Feb. 13 - Third-degree driving while impaired and after license revocation on the 5100 block of Brooklyn Boulevard.

- Theft on the 3000 block of Sumter Avenue North.
- Disorderly conduct on the 2700 block of Douglas Drive

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Hopkins School District nurses stand strong during the COVID pandemic

By **Natalie Cierzan**

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When the pandemic hit in March 2020, Hopkins School District pivoted to online learning and staff and students went home.

"We all just didn't know what was going on so we all just went home and just banded together as a district leadership team and then as a nursing team ... we got information trying to figure out what was happening," said Mary Jo Martin, the West Junior High School nurse and district lead nurse.

Since then, the pandemic continuously changes what the nurses need to do for their schools. Before, basic school nurse functions like first aid and medication administration took up the majority of their time. Now COVID-19 contact tracing and guideline communication is how they spend their time.

"They've changed a lot. We've learned a lot. Again, it seems like it's been just step by step with all the new developments and getting kids back into school and mitigation strategies and guidelines," she said.

Across the Hopkins School Dis-students," Martin said.

trict, a team of 11 nurses has stood strong to support each school, especially as the district returned to in-person learning this past fall. Hopkins Superintendent Rhoda Mhiripiri-Reed called out their work at a Jan. 4 School Board meeting.

These are very very busy, very caring people who are extremely well-versed and have a lot of expertise. They attend weekly calls with the Minnesota Department of Health. They are doing contact tracing literally at all hours of the day and night. I think the high school nurse sent an email to staff around 1 a.m. this morning)," she said.

Hopkins High School Principal Crystal Ballard said the district's nurses have been at the forefront of communication as it relates to positive COVID-19 cases.

"Without our nurses, having success during this time would be, I couldn't even imagine doing this work without our nurses," she said.

"I feel like this was a task that was given to all of us working in schools, so I just have taken it day by day, leaning on my team and our administration to do what's best for the health and safety of our staff and



Mary Jo Martin, the West Junior High School nurse and district lead nurse.

Nurses have been putting in more hours and feel like they're on call close to 24/7, she said.

For Ann Salzer, the North Junior High school nurse, the whole nursing world changed along with the rest of the world when the pandemic began. She said the previous school vear was surreal because there wasn't much going on. That changed when the current school year started.

"For me, it's mostly about contact tracing and taking care of families and dealing with contact tracing and their positive cases. So right now, it's

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have phone calls, emails and then helping students as they come in here and there for some spreadsheets and COVID con- portive. tact tracing right now," she said.

Since Hopkins Schools returned from winter break, CO-VID-19 cases have been on the rise alongside the more spreadable omicron variant.

"As all districts have, it's been Elementary.

a wave, it's been riding the wave and hanging on and trying to be flexible is where you got to be," Salzer said.

While it's been stressful trying to balance everything, she said staff at North Junior High and meds, but my world is mostly the administration has been sup-

"They know what's going on. Their kindness gets me through these days," she said.

Nell Waxman is a recent addition to the district staff, starting last fall as a nurse for Gatewood

biased perspective having worked in a lot of critical care environments. I thought that this was going to be a really easy role to take and I have been challenged more than I can say in this school nurse role. Not just COVID, but just being on the public health side. It's very eye-opening," she said.

For her, she feels the pandemic has sidelined her ability to service the school in the way students deserve.

"I feel like I should and could be doing a lot more for the sake

"I'll be the first to admit I had a of my students and staff and my cious to us. They have a lot of role here in the school office, Waxman said.

> In the last two weeks, she said more than 95% of her day was spent documenting COVID-19 cases, contact tracing as well as communicating protocols and how policies have changed based on additional guidance.

The majority of parents have been on the side of nurses and understand why they're doing what they are to keep schools safe. Martin said.

"Parents have been very gra-

questions, they contact us, we talk them through it when we have questions," she said.

According to Salzer, parents have been helpful in reporting positive COVID-19 cases

"Parents are stressed, just like school staff are stressed, just like healthcare workers in general are stressed. The pandemic has put a burden on anybody you ask, Waxman said.

She said everyone's priority right now is to keep students safe and healthy.



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