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## ‘Minnesota Nice’ to ‘Cayman Kind’

Borderland family to be featured on House Hunters International

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When Stephanie Heinle found out her family was going to be featured on a popular television show, she screamed, danced and created quite a commotion – all while her customers were watching.

“Anyone who knows me knows how excited I get about stuff like this,” said the owner of the Coffee Landing.

Heinle and her family will appear in an upcoming episode of HGTV’s House Hunters International. The show will hopefully air before the end of the year, she said.

“I’m so excited for everyone to see it,” she said. “I really hope I portrayed this community well.”

The process started last year when Heinle reached out to the show’s producers after she and her husband, Tim, decided to purchase a condo in the Cayman Islands. After visiting the tropical location on their honeymoon in 2011, Heinle said she was hooked on owning something in the area.

“I stepped off the plane and loved it immediately,” she said.

The first email Heinle sent to producers went unanswered, so she tried again a few months later, noting she’s the type of person who goes after something she wants.

“I just told them we were going to the island soon and they were going to miss a great story opportunity,” she said. “I was 99.9 percent sure our story would be a good fit for

the show.”

In April, Heinle was preparing to fax a due diligence to her Cayman realtor when she received an email from producers that they were interested in portraying the family for the show.

“I literally lost it,” she said. “I was so excited.”

During the next couple months, several back-and-forth emails were exchanged before a film crew came to International Falls in September to start shooting for the show. The crew followed Heinle, her husband and two of her sons around the community for one day and then a few more days in Cayman.

“It was hard work filming,”

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Stephanie Heinle, far right, poses with her husband and three sons during a recent trip to the Cayman Islands. Pictured from left are: Allen Johnson, Chev Arnold, Isaac Johnson and Tim Heinle. The family recently purchased a condo in the Cayman Islands and will be featured on an upcoming episode of HGTV’s House Hunters International.

## KOOCHICHING COUNTY BOARD



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From the left, International Falls Administrator Ken Anderson, city Attorney Steve Shermoen and Falls Mayor Bob Anderson speak to the Koochiching County Board Tuesday to request approval of an agreement that would annex land within the multimodal district into International Falls.

## Pavleck on annexation: ‘We’re not ready’

Board delays multimodal district annexation effort

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Annexing the multimodal district into International Falls was delayed Tuesday after the Koochiching County Board tabled action to move the effort forward.

Concerns about protecting property and residents near Second Creek circled among commissioners prompting the motion to table.

The International Falls City Council approved an agreement to annex the uninhabited 51 acres located west of Second Creek along County Highway 155 and east of the existing city boundary Nov. 17, but need the county

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## Lakes, trails not yet ready

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

It may feel and look like Borderland is in the grips of Old Man Winter, but many of the winter outdoor recreation opportunities just aren’t ready.

A mix of warm and cold weather across Minnesota has created inconsistent ice on lakes, rivers and ponds.

Children and pets should not be allowed near frozen waters, urge Minnesota resource managers.

Not only can children and pets be put in danger by walking on to the ice, the health of other people who would attempt a rescue effort would also be put at risk.

Anyone venturing onto any of Borderland’s frozen water now is urged to check ice depths frequently. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources also advises people heading out onto the ice to carry with them a set of

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Garland is hung on International Falls street lights by city workers.

# 'Tis the season

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas with International Falls workers adding decorative touches to the city’s streets, businesses placing lights around their shops and bell ringers manning the red kettles.

LuAnne Caul, left, and her mother, Gladys Arnold, rang The Salvation Army Bell at Stewart’s Super One Wednesday. Both women were ringing the bell on behalf of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Arnold, who is 99 years old, is one of the oldest volunteer bell ringers.

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