

Extra enforcement on the roads through the holidays

It's Christmas and your son gives you a hug before he heads home for the evening.

In the middle of the night, an officer knocks on your door, telling you your son is dead.

He was drunk when he crashed his vehicle.

The joy of the holidays can quickly change with poor, selfish decisions. Christmas has the second highest percentage of drunk driving-related fatalities (35.3 percent) during a ma-

nor holiday period, followed by Thanksgiving (33.3 percent).

The July 4 holiday has the highest percentage at 45.5 percent.

To help keep the roads safe during the holidays, local and county police will be participating with law enforcement statewide in an extra DWI enforcement campaign starting Nov. 23 and on weekends through Dec. 30.

Officers, deputies and troopers from more than 300 agencies will be working

overtime with funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety coordinates the extra enforcement and education effort.

Local agencies participating in the statewide campaign are Isanti County Sheriff's Department, Cambridge Police Department, Braham Police Department, Isanti Police Department.

"A drunk driving death is

100 percent avoidable. Nobody should get behind the wheel after drinking," said Bob Bollenbeck, TZD Coordinator. "The holidays are a time for selfless acts that help others. If you have ever driven after drinking, commit to a New Year's resolution of sober driving. It'll be the greatest gift you'll ever give to family, friends and those you share the road with every day."

Learning from history
Summer enforcement

is behind us but there are lessons to be learned from drivers' poor choices as Minnesotans begin celebrating the holidays. Troopers, sheriff deputies and police made 1,351 DWI arrests during the end-of-summer extra enforcement campaign.

Committing to a sober drive is never too late.

Summer DWI campaign arrests included:
• Winona County Sheriff's Office arrested a driver for DWI who had his intoxicated

brother as a passenger. The brother was arrested for DWI less than an hour later while driving the same vehicle.

• Two Harbors Police arrested a motorist for fleeing and DWI after striking a firetruck and squad car at a crash scene. During the pursuit, the driver struck two more squad cars.

• Hutchinson Police arrested an individual who attempted to drive through a roundabout and got stuck.

Cambridge delegation visits Sister City in Croatia

Press release provided by Coretec

Last few days were more than exciting for our Coretec/EcoCortec team. We welcomed a delegation from the city of Cambridge, Minnesota and had the honor of being their hosts and showing them a part of beautiful Croatia.

Delegation from Cambridge included Joseph Morin from City Council, Linda Woulfe - City Administrator, Stan Gustafson - Economic Development Director and Tim Bliss, Production Manager at Cortec Advanced Films. They visited Croatia for signing of Sister City agreement between the city of Beli Manastir located in the region of Baranja and city of Cambridge.

The sistership of two cities was initiated by our President/CEO of Cortec Corporation, Boris Miksic as a result of long-term successful businesses of both

Cortec's manufacturing facilities, EcoCortec in Beli Manastir and Cortec Advanced Films in Cambridge. The idea of sistership occurred from the fact that both Cortec's plants greatly contribute to their local economies and communities.

After flying to Croatian capital Zagreb, Cambridge's delegation traveled to Beli Manastir the next morning hosted by Cortec's team Ivana Radic Borsic, VP of Sales for Europe and Ivan Rogan director of CortecCros. They attended the formal part of ceremony that was organized as part of celebration of "Day of Beli Manastir."

EcoCortec's General Manager Dijana Zrinski greeted our guests and invited them to Exhibition of Ethnology Center of Baranja's Heritage. This truly exceptional exhibition was designed through four themes in order to highlight richness of traditional culture of Baranja demon-

strating its lifestyle, before and now. Our team has also visited Hungarian Community in Baranja (Baranja is Croatian region bordering with Hungary).

They were given a very warm welcome by city representatives of Hungarian town of Mohac and enjoyed a super delicious Hungarian "paprikaš" and popular Croatian sweet specialties known as "štrudle."

Our friends from Cambridge along with Cortec's team attended a formal meeting in City Hall with Mayor of Beli Manastir, Ivan Dobos. After a formal welcome and greetings followed by short speeches, presents were exchanged between city government of Beli Manastir and Cambridge. Both delegations gave interviews to various networks as this event generated large media interest. After that everybody attended a festive event organized as part of "Day of Beli Man-

astir."

During this event formal signing ceremony of Proclamation of Sistership between two cities was conducted. Speeches were given by Morin and mayor of Beli Manastir. Our guests were greeted also by other participants of local government and had the opportunity to see some beautiful artistic performances.

In the afternoon everybody walked to the main square to see a performance "Legend of St. Martin." At the end of the day our team along with representatives of city and local government enjoyed Baranja's cuisine at Hotel Patria.

Next day was a real gastro cultural treat. After tour of EcoCortec plant, Mayor Dobos was a host to our delegation giving them a tour of this amazing region which could not be fulfilled without tasting Baranja's famous specialties at one of the most

successful family farms in this region. This is an excellent example of rural tourism that is becoming very famous in this part of Croatia attracting tourists from all over the world.

Everyone enjoyed tasting gastro-specialties such as "kulen," various kinds of domestic schnapps and much more. Our guest were especially impressed with a visit to Belje winery featuring latest production technology of wine making. Before heading to Zagreb everyone once again enjoyed delicious meal as well as wine tasting in Josic Winery, one of Baranja's favorite gastro-nomic spot.

Our friends from Cambridge have spent their last day in Croatian capital, Zagreb, sightseeing the city center including the famous old upper town. They loved researching its network of little streets that stretch between two hills and city's 19th century architecture that mostly dates from the time of Austro-Hungarian Empire. After tasting Zagreb specialties in famous Lagvic restaurant it was time to say goodbye. Beli Manastir and Cambridge will have plenty of opportunities to cooperate in the future and we believe that this trip is just the beginning of wonderful things to come.



Cortec's team in front of EcoCortec plant.

Photos provided



Delegation from the city of Cambridge pictured with the Mayor of Beli Manastir during a recent visit.

Solberg

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Solberg and told him to get out of the residence. In response, Solberg retrieved a backpack and his shoes that he left on top of the kitchen table. The male homeowner looked in the backpack to see if any of his property had been placed there. Upon looking in the backpack, he observed a handgun inside. The male homeowner zipped up the backpack and told Solberg to leave the residence.

The female homeowner reported she followed her husband part way down the stairs of the home and watched him confront Solberg. She took a picture of him with her cellphone and showed the photograph to the responding officers. Three children were sleeping in the residence during

the incident.

Vander Vegt tracked Solberg with his K-9, Kojak, who located Solberg laying in the grass approximately 100 yards from the residence. In the vicinity of Solberg, officers located a backpack containing numerous items including a Ruger .22 pistol, an Apple iPod with the name "Eric Solberg" on the exterior, a high school diploma and a prescription bottle with someone else's name, and numerous coins.

A search of Solberg revealed a syringe, a glass pipe and plastic bags. The pipe and bags tested positive for methamphetamine. Additionally, officers recovered silver antique coins, and a social security card and a hunting license in someone else's name.

The officers determined those items were stolen from a residence several doors down from the residence of the initial call. Officers went to that residence and found the garage service door open, and the rear door to the residence open. The home was not occupied. The officers found the interior of the home had been burglarized. Additionally, a gun safe was standing open. Contact with the homeowner was attempted and the home was secured. Investigator Rob Bowker was contacted for further investigation.

Solberg was placed under arrest and transported to the Isanti County Jail. At the jail, Sgt. Chad Meyer interviewed Solberg. Under Miranda, Solberg said ear-

lier in the day he had shot-up what he believed was methamphetamine. Solberg said he has been a daily methamphetamine user for the past 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 years and has attempted treatment at least three times. He admitted to entering the occupied home because he was thirsty and entering the other unoccupied home because he needed to charge his cellphone.

One of the victims positively identified the following items found in Solberg's possession as her property: Ruger .22 Mark Hunter pistol, an extensive coin collection, Social Security card, firearm safety certificate, high school diploma, Bulova watch and a glass jar full of quarters.

Ammerman

Continued from front

eventually roll over into the north ditch of 237th Avenue. The vehicle Ammerman was driving reached speeds up to 103 mph.

Once Ammerman's vehicle was stopped in the ditch, Barrows called for the assistance of other agencies. Anoka County officers arrived on scene after the pursuit ended, Barrows having notified dispatch as he passed into Anoka County while pursuing Ammerman's vehicle.

Ammerman was the only occupant of the GMC. The East Bethel Fire Department

came to help extricate her from her vehicle, and she was escorted to an ambulance on the scene. She was uninjured aside from a few minor scratches incurred while going into the ditch.

In the ambulance, Ammerman told paramedics that she had been smoking methamphetamine that night at a friend's house and that she had acquired the vehicle there.

Ammerman refused medical treatment and was transported to the Isanti County Jail. Once at the jail, Barrows obtained a blood

draw search warrant and transported Ammerman to Cambridge Medical Center where her blood was drawn.

The day following Ammerman's arrest, Barrows received a message from a family member of the registered owner of the truck Ammerman had been driving. Barrows contacted and spoke with this person and the vehicle's registered owner and learned the vehicle had been taken by Ammerman without permission.

On Nov. 14, Cambridge Police officer Mike Longbehn spoke to the regis-

tered owner of the truck, who said his son hangs out with Ammerman. The registered owner stated his son was at his house with Ammerman the night of the incident, and that Ammerman asked where the keys of the pickup were.

The registered owner's son stated he thought Ammerman had needed to retrieve belongings of hers from the truck. Both the registered owner and his son stated Ammerman did not, and never had, permission to drive the vehicle.


Cambridge Planning Commission seeks members

The Cambridge City Council is seeking three individuals to serve on the Planning Commission. The city will use the list of interested applicants to fill any Commission vacancies that may arise during 2017. Individuals must be city of Cambridge residents.

The Planning Commission is an advisory board to the City Council and is responsible for the administration of the city's comprehensive plan, development of ordinances, reviewing development projects and hearing requests for conditional and interim uses and variances.

The Planning Commission conducts a regular monthly meeting and additional meetings as needed. Planning Commission terms are three years. For information on residency or questions about serving on the Cambridge Planning Commission, contact Marcia Westover, city planner at 763-552-3207.

If you are interested in serving on the Cambridge Planning Commission, contact Lola Nisley for an application, 763-552-3210 or Inisley@ci.cambridge.mn.us. Applications may also be obtained at Cambridge City Hall, 300 Third Ave. NE or online at www.ci.cambridge.mn.us. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16.




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Old Glory

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Shelley says he would like to start a chapter of Team RWB in the Isanti County area.

For more information on the Old Glory Relay, visit oldgloryrelay.org. For more information on Team RWB, visit teamrwb.org. To view Shelley's documentation of his Veterans Day walk and the 61 days of walking with the flag that preceded it, visit the Facebook page OLD GLORY Challenge.