

# The Chetek Alert

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## FIRSTLOOK

### Chetek council to meet on proposed Knapp St. project

The Chetek Common Council's Committee of the Whole will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, to discuss the proposed housing development on west Knapp Street.

The public meeting will be held at city hall council chambers, 220 Stout St., Chetek.



### Play the Where's What Contest in this newspaper

Twenty-nine ads are in this week's paper, a part of the annual Where's What Contest.

Ads are on pages A3 through A7, A10 and B1. Each participating ad is identified with a burst that says "Where's What participant." The contest directions, clue key and entry form are on Page A2. Once completed, return the form with your contact information to the drop box at The Chetek Alert office at 312 Knapp St. by 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

The Alert will draw from the completed entries for prizes from each participating business and the winners will be contacted.

## DEATHS

Bernard Jaeger, 87

Hailey Jo Reed, 16



## Head to Harvest Fest in Chetek, Saturday, Sept. 11

Harvest Fest in Chetek is Saturday, Sept. 11, with a farmers market, art and craft fair, food stands, kids activities and a garden tractor pull. The event is hosted by the Chetek Chamber of Commerce.

"It should be a beautiful weekend and there will be lots of vendors and a lot of food," said Jennifer Blatz, Harvest Fest organizer.

As of Tuesday, Sept. 7, 40 vendors had signed up for the farmers market and art and craft fair, Blatz said. Interested vendors should contact Blatz by Friday, Sept. 10, to sign up for a 12-by-16-foot space for a fee of \$30. Blatz can be reached at 715-642-0173. The farmers market and craft fair runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Knapp and Moore streets, between First and Second streets. It will be open to foot traffic and closed to vehicle traffic.

Also from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be several food stands. The Chetek Youth Center will sell hot

dogs, chips, soda and candy. The Chetek Knights of Columbus will be selling pulled pork sandwiches with a pickle spear, chips and a drink. The Chetek Scout Troop 29 will be selling a chicken dinner with potato salad, a roll, beans, a brownie and a drink.

A Harvest Fest bake sale will be held at The Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with coffee, pie cookies and other goods for sale. Proceeds will support the Chetek Senior Citizens Inc., and scholarships and other organizations the group supports.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Chetek Area Museum will serve ice cream and popcorn. The museum will be open from 12-3 p.m.

The Dairyland Garden Tractor Pullers will host a garden tractor pull at 12 p.m. on First Street near the city ball park and Kwik Trip. Ear protection is recommended. The Chamber will sell

beer **SEE HARVEST, PAGE A6**



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### One injured when pickup collides with horse-drawn buggy

A pickup truck collided with a horse-drawn buggy on CTH D west of Chetek on Tuesday evening, Sept. 7, injuring one person in the buggy, according to the Barron County Sheriff's Department. The crash happened around 6:45 p.m. in the 2000 block of CTH D. The sheriff's department said both the buggy and pickup were heading west, into the setting sun. Chetek Ambulance Service, Mayo Ambulance, Chetek Fire Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Chetek Police and Barron County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene. The patient was transported by CAS to the hospital in Barron. Life Link III helicopter landed at the hospital but it was not confirmed if the patient was airlifted. The sheriff's department said the horse ran off and its status was not known. Information on the driver of the truck and the nature of injuries for the buggy driver were not immediately available as of press time on Tuesday. Chetek Fire left the scene around 8 p.m. Pictured above, emergency vehicles line the westbound lane of CTH D. Pictured inset, the damaged buggy lays in the westbound ditch.

## Fostbites Pub owners open Fostbites Spirits



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**Son and father owners, Nate Fostvedt and Jason Fostvedt, have opened a new bottle store, Fostbites Spirits, on Douglas Street. The store had a great soft opening this past weekend and will reopen on Monday, Sept. 13, after restocking the shelves, they said.**

Following the success of Fostbites Pub, father and son owners, Jason Fostvedt and Nathan Fostvedt, decided to build a bottle shop. Fostbites Spirits opened on Friday, Sept. 3, for the first time.

The duo noted that material shortages delayed the construction of the new store and pushed back their intended opening date from earlier this summer. But now the store is open and features more than 700 varieties of beer, wine, liquor and cigars, all told. They have more than 100 types of whiskeys and bourbons, more than 100 types of wine and champagne, 34 types of scotch and more than 50 types of vodka. Fostbites also has

unique brands, like gins and whiskeys made in Japan, vodkas made in Poland and Australia and a vodka—made of sugar beets—that is distilled in Minneapolis, Minn.

They also have less expensive brands as well, Jason noted.

Jason says the large, walk-in beer cooler is the coldest in town, at 33 degrees F.

The store name, like the pub, is an homage to a bar that Jason's grandfather owned that also played on their name, Fostvedt. Many of the beers found at the pub on Knapp Street may be purchased at the bottle store as well.

The store was built new on the lot where the former Sather Family

Dental clinic stood. That building was destroyed in a fire in January 2020. Dr. Nik Sather is building a new dental clinic on CTH M north of Chetek.

After a successful soft opening this weekend, they must close for a week and restock. The store will reopen on Monday, Sept. 13. Winter hours will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday. Summer hours will be 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., all week.

The Fostvedts plan to have a grand opening event in early October.

The store is located at 118 Douglas St., Chetek, and can be reached at 715-925-1030. The store can be found on Facebook at Fostbites Spirits.

## Harvest Fest medallion makes for a cool surprise

Jennifer Crawford and her fiancé, Dustin Jepperson, both of Eau Claire, were buying ice on Saturday, Sept. 4, when they found something much cooler instead—the Harvest Fest medallion.

Crawford admits it was pure luck and chance, and they were not looking for the medallion, nor were aware of it, at the time.

The couple were at the ice machine near the railroad crossing on Second Street. They had purchased one bag of ice and decided to buy another six-pound bag. She put in four quarters and a bunch of ice filled the chute—without a bag. Crawford pulled up the metal flap to see what was wrong inside the machine, finding a mysterious object taped to the inside of the flap. Jepperson ripped it off and read the back, discovering it was a hidden prize, sponsored by the Chetek Alert.

Crawford said they were "really excited" to find

the medallion, even if by chance. She even wore it around town hoping a few people would notice it. So did, saying with that kind of luck, she should go buy a lottery ticket, Crawford said.

Jepperson's parents, Bruce and Becky Jepperson, have a cabin in Chetek and Bruce has searched for the medallion for about 20 years.

For finding the medallion, they are the winners of \$100 Chamber Bucks from the Chetek Alert. Crawford said they would treat themselves to a big family dinner at Pokegama Lakeside Cantina.

We won't bother with the rest of the clues, but we'll explain the first one.

"Day or night" hints at the 24-hour service of the ice machine. And "a clue that equals eight" referred to the math for two to the power of three. Second Street was "two" and the ice was "cubed."

We promise the second and third clues would have been easier!



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Jennifer Crawford and her fiancé, Dustin Jepperson, found the Harvest Fest medallion on Sept. 4. Pictured above, left to right, are Jepperson's son, Rowan Jepperson, Crawford, Jepperson and Jepperson's parents, Becky and Bruce Jepperson.**

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