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FIRSTLOOK

Alert office closed for Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 25-26

The Chetek Alert office, at 312 Knapp St., will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, for the Thanksgiving Day holiday. The office will open for normal business hours on Monday, Nov. 30. Articles, ads, payments and contest entries can be placed in the dropbox at the front door at any time.



HS/MS to present Christmas concert

The Middle and High School Choirs are excited to perform Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. in the CWHS gym. The evening will feature winter, Hanukkah, and Christmas songs. The concert is free to everyone with doors opening at 6:40 p.m. and an expected end time of 8 p.m.

Alumni, please remember to bring your voices. We will be singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from Messiah.

Guests may enter the gym as early as 6:40 p.m.

DEATHS

Robert A. Waite, 76

Support your local businesses on Small Business Saturday

BY ALEXA BASINA

In a technology driven world, and Amazon.com at our fingertips, shopping at local establishments is becoming a rarity. "Add to cart" is becoming a part of our normal vocabulary, and impatience grows when we do not get our products in the two-day shipping window we were promised.

As shelves at chain stores start to become bare, and ships at sea aren't able to port, our local businesses are becoming a crucial part of holiday shopping.

Supporting and shopping local small business-

es is now more important than ever. Not only are more people shopping online, but many businesses have seen a decrease in sales due to Covid-19.

The Saturday after Black Friday has been named Small Business Saturday, and this year it falls on November 27. Small Business Saturday first started in 2010, when American Express encouraged people to shop at brick and mortar businesses that are small and local, rather than big

box stores. It has continued since then.

Chetek is full of all kinds of fun shops and boutiques filled with unique items, so finding that perfect gift may prove less daunting than it seems.



LOCAL GIFT IDEAS

- Meat for the freezer from Antczak Angus.
- Treats from Candy Corner Creations.
- Custom barn quilt from Barn Art by Megan.
- New lures or gear from Rod & Gun Sport Shop.

- Pontoon or kayak rental from Lake Country Marina.
- Artwork from CJ Connor Art Studio.
- Bowling and pizza night at Chetek Lanes.
- Membership or round of golf to an area golf course.
- Gift certificate for dinner or drinks at one of the local restaurants and bars.
- Gift certificate for salon services.

By not "adding to cart" and changing a couple of gifts on your list to local ones, your purchases will have a huge impact on our small businesses and Chetek's overall economy.

City of Chetek awarded \$10 million grant

BY MAYOR JEFF MARTIN

Bad news travels fast. Good news takes the scenic route," as Doug Larson says.

True to the proverb, it takes time to get the word out about all the good going on in town. Frankly, right now there's a lot of good news that needs to be repeated if only for the sake of the slow route it usually takes.

For starters, the city council recently rezoned two plots within the city limits that will allow for future development: a formerly R-1 lot was rezoned to C-1 (commercial) in order that a new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree could be built sometime next year.

On the same night, the 39 acres on the west end of town (aka "Area 51") was rezoned from A-1 to R-3 (family multi-dwelling), another crucial step toward a future housing development there. Both of these decisions are necessary ones to take in preparing for population and tax revenue growth in the coming years. That's good news!

At the special city council meeting this past Thursday night, the 2022 budget was passed, resulting in the city's tax levy remaining the same as it was this year. At the same time, the mill rate went down almost a dollar per thousand of valuation. That's even better news!

However, the best news to pass on was inexplicably cut from the mayor's column last week: the city of Chetek was recently awarded a record-breaking \$10 million dollar grant toward our new Waste Water Treatment facility that will be built in the next few years.

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Jeff Martin



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Family traditions: next generation of deer hunters are here

Two Chetek families, the Hakseths and Andersons, have spent decades hunting together and kept the deer camp tradition alive once again this year. Eleven-year-old Mason Anderson was congratulated and greeted family and friends when he harvested this beautiful 11-point buck on opening morning (Saturday, Nov. 20) of Wisconsin's nine-day gun deer hunt. "The Hakseths and I have been hunting together for probably 25-plus years in the chetek area and now it's time to hand the reins down to our kids to start being successful hunters," stated Phil Anderson, Mason's dad. While hunting with family friend and former Chetek resident Nate Weldon, who resides in Boston, Mass., and comes back home every year for rifle season, Mason shot the buck with Weldon's .30-06 at 7:40 a.m. The 11-pointer had a 16-inch spread, and Mason was the only successful hunter in the group. Seven youth hunters, ages 11-16 hunted in deer camp. Pictured in front, from left to right, are Colten Hakseth, Ryder Hakseth, Mason Anderson and Jazmine Anderson; in back are Kacy Anderson, Mia Clemmens and Emma Anderson.



Thanksgiving Eve church service this Wednesday

Chetek Lutheran Church hosts a community Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m.

The service will give thanks for communion, our nation and freedoms. A special Thanksgiving offering will be taken for world hunger. Local pastors will conduct different parts of the service. Ed Martin and Emma Martin will provide special music.



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