

The Chetek Alert

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FIRST LOOK

Chetek Lutheran Church hosting summer yard sale

Chetek Lutheran Church is hosting an end of summer yard sale starting Friday, Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Shoppers can find deals on household items, indoor and outdoor plants, books, sporting goods and so much more. The proceeds from the sale will go toward the church's Sunday school ministry. The church is located at 1419 Second St. in Chetek.



Back to School special section in this week's edition

The Back to School special section is in this week's Chetek Alert as Section C. Included are letters from school administrators and the school board with details of the plans and work they have done to get ready for the school year. There are updates on school staff, Chetek Kids Club, Link2Learn and more. School starts Monday, Aug. 29, at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser Area School District.

DEATHS

Shirley Jenness, 95,
Minneapolis, Minn.
Barry Nelson, 52,
Weyerhaeuser
Sigurd Rishovd, 67,
Chetek



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County Highway I crash fatality investigation continues

Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said Monday, Aug. 22, that the County Medical Examiner's Office is investigating the cause of this crash on Friday morning, Aug. 19, 2022, just outside Chetek. According to a Sheriff's Department accident report, a 2019 Toyota Rav4 driven by Sigurd Rishovd, 67, of Chetek, was going west on County Hwy. I at the time. The vehicle was approaching the U.S. 53 underpass, when it left its lane, went into the median and collided with a bridge post. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The report indicated there was no apparent injury to the driver from the crash itself, suggesting a possible medical event.

Local family gives back to Ronald McDonald House

BY KENTON TROUTMAN

AJ and Michelle Kangas of Go Broke Farms experienced the hospitality of the Ronald McDonald House late last year and would like to show their gratitude by hosting a wish-list-drive on Aug. 27 at the Chetek Farmers Market for staple items the organization provides to families in need during prolonged hospital stays. "We just want to give back after they have helped us so much," said Michelle Kangas.

The Chetek Alert wrote an article in the March 30 edition about the family's struggle to keep Jackson alive in spite of his health challenges.

Jackson was born in October of 2021, seven weeks earlier than his due date after Michelle had to be induced because of complications with her pregnancy.

After taking their little one home, the family quickly discovered that Jackson was going

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jackson has recently undergone another surgery on Aug. 10 to prevent his acid reflux from extending into his esophagus. He is also going to physical therapy every week to help improve his wellbeing.

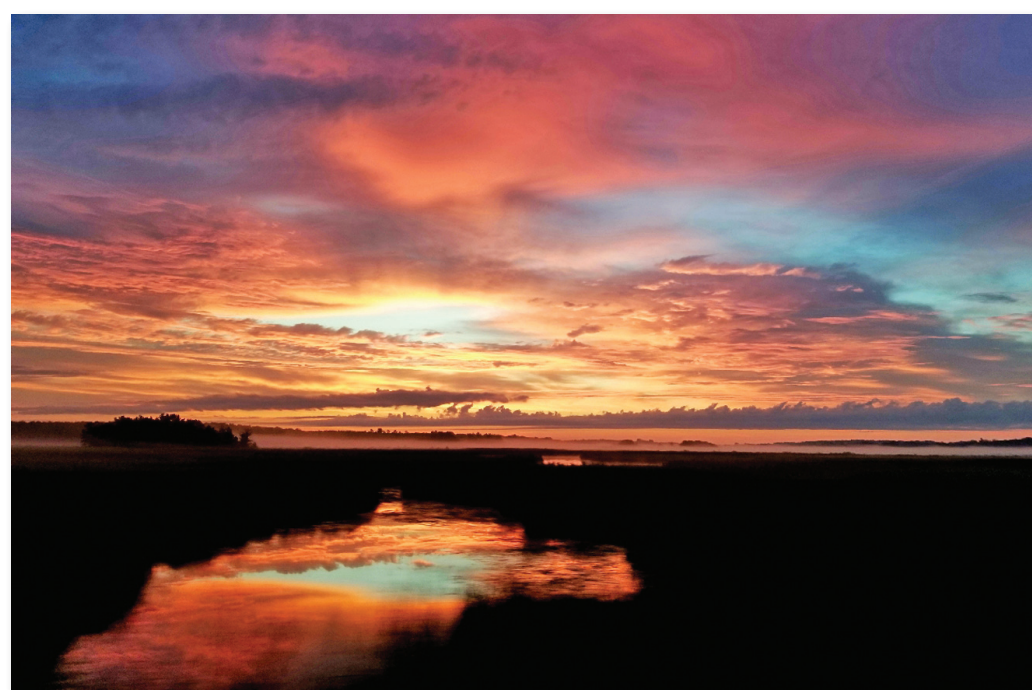


PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSE LEHTO

'Keezy' like a Sunday morning; delightful sunrise over New Auburn

Chetek resident Jesse Lehto captured a photo of this impressive early-morning sunrise on his commute between Chetek and New Auburn on Sunday, Aug. 16. The photo was taken on CTH 55 overlooking the New Auburn State Wildlife Area, also known to some locals, as the "Keezy Marsh" or "Keezy Swamp." Lehto noted of all the photos he has taken, it is one of his favorites.

CLPA annual fundraiser is Aug. 27, hosted at Gilligans

The sixth annual fundraiser for the Chetek Lakes Protection Association (CLPA), formerly called Canoes for a Cause, is back for 2022. It has been renamed the Protek Chetek Lakes Fundraiser and is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27. The event was originally scheduled for July 23, but had to be postponed due to inclement weather. Gilligans in Chetek will once again host the annual fundraiser which will run from 12-5 p.m. with the grand prize drawing taking place at 4 p.m.

It will be an afternoon filled with multiple raffles, along with cash prizes and several other ways to win. The event will provide fun for the whole family.

Raffle tickets for the event are \$5 each or 5/\$20. Tickets will be available at Gilligans during the four-hour event.

Prizes for the winning raffle tickets include: grand prize, \$1,500; second-place prize, Lifetime 10-foot Tamarack Fishing

Kayak; third-place prize, Avenor inflatable paddle Board; fourth-place prize, \$250 Chamber Bucks from Walleyes for Chetek; fifth place prize, \$200 Chamber Bucks from the Chetek Chamber of Commerce; sixth place prize, one day pontoon rental from Lake Country Marina.

There will also be a variety of table raffle items at the event, including: a meal a month for a year from Phill's, a meal a month for a year from Poekama Lakeside Cantina, a pizza a month for a year from the Chetek Lanes Event Center & Pizzeria, a fishing package from Rod & Gun Sport Shop, a maple syrup flight, gourmet spice collection, Carhart utility tool bag, multiple gift certificates and more. There will also be a meat raffle and a 50/50 raffle.

Check out the CLPA website, Facebook page, posted flyers and many of the local businesses for additional details or for additional information email info@cheteklakespa.org.



Man suing Minnesota county for negligence in child's death

Tory Hart, a Chetek local, has filed a wrongful death lawsuit Thursday, Aug. 19 in the case of Eli Hart, Tory's son after the boy was discovered in the trunk of a vehicle during a traffic stop earlier this year.

Court documents show the lawsuit was filed against Dakota County Social Services employees. Hart claims Dakota county and its employees were negligent and is seeking more than \$75,000 in damages.

The six-year-old was discovered dead in the back of his mother, Julissa Thaler's vehicle during a traffic stop in Orono, Minnesota in May. Eli's cause of death was listed as multiple gun shot wounds. The boy's mother is facing criminal charges in the boy's death. Hart and Thaler were in a custody battle for the past

two years before the boy's death. Dakota County took custody of Eli in January of 2021 after concern arose regarding Thaler's mental health. The boy was placed in foster care with the wife of one of Thaler's cousins.

Hart was able to visit Eli once a week during his time in the foster home. The boy returned under Thaler's roof on a trial basis in December of 2021 with objections

from his foster parents and Hart. Despite verbal objections and written objections, Thaler was awarded full custody of Eli on May 10 and was discovered in the trunk of his mother's vehicle on May 20, less than two weeks after being awarded custody of the child. Thaler, 28, has been charged with murder and may face up to 40 years in prison if convicted.



Eli Hart

ARPA bonuses for county employees fails by two votes

BY RYAN URBAN | BARRON NEWS-SHIELD

A proposal to give special bonuses to county employees who worked as essential employees during the COVID-19 pandemic failed to pass the

county board at its Monday, Aug. 22, meeting.

County departments, namely the sheriff's department as well as health and human services, requested that the

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Security
Legacy
Distribution
Accumulation
Protection

Financial Planning Objectives

Plan Your Legacy
-Estate Transfer
-Charitable Giving

Using Your Savings
-Retirement Income Planning
-Distributions for Goals and Education Savings

Save for Your Goals
-Retirement Saving
-Education Funding
-Goal Based Saving
-Portfolio Management

Protect Your Future
-Family Protection
-Disability Income
-Long-Term Care

Strengthen Your Financial Position
-Savings of 3-6 Months of Expenses
-Budgeting and Cash Flow
-Managing Debt

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