



A TASTE OF NORMAL

Tucker, Luke and Lucy get a good workout at the Oconto Falls Dog Park with Joe Anderson, who visited the Oconto Falls Dog Park on April 30 with his daughter Lisa and her son, Austin. The dog park opened for the year April 1 but had not seen much use between the cool, wet month and stay-at-home orders.

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Judge sets \$250K bail for convicted burglar

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\$250K bail set for parolee who ran from officers

Conradt allegedly violated parole

By **WARREN BLUHM**

News Editor

OCONTO — A Suamico man was being held in lieu of \$250,000 cash bail after he was charged with driving away from an Oconto County Sheriff's Department deputy who stopped him for an alleged parole violation.

Brandon P. Conradt, 24, faces charges of fleeing or eluding an officer in a vehicle, two misdemeanor counts of resisting an officer, and one misdemeanor count of kicking a K-9 officer in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 28. His initial appearance was adjourned until June 11.

Judge Michael T. Judge ruled that if Conradt were to make bail, he must maintain absolute sobriety and may not drive without a valid driver's license.

According to the criminal complaint filed in Oconto County Circuit Court, Deputy Kevin Christensen conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Conradt was driving, after run-

ning a records check and learning it was registered to Conradt's brother, Steven Settergren, who was wanted for an alleged probation violation. The stop occurred on County Road V near the intersection with state Highway 32 in the village of Suring.

Conradt told the deputy he had recently purchased the vehicle from Settergren, but when the deputy checked Conradt's records, he found that Probation and Parole had also obtained an arrest warrant for Conradt.

Christensen, who is a K-9 officer handler and had his canine partner on board, returned to his squad and began making arrangements for another deputy to pick up and transport Conradt to the jail.

At that point Conradt drove away into a storage unit parking lot across the street and through a few backyards on nearby Cottontail Lane and apparently back onto Highway 32, where the deputy lost track of him, the complaint said.

A few hours later three deputies tracked Conradt to his fiancée's mother's home in Abrams, where when confronted with officers, he said, "No, I'm not going to jail," and ran toward some nearby woods.

Christensen released K-9 Offi-



BRANDON CONRADT

cer Turbo, who chased and apprehended Conradt by biting on his lower left arm, and the suspect kicked the dog several times while struggling with the animal and deputies.

After Christensen grabbed Turbo's harness, Conradt started to run again and was taken down with a Taser.

In December 2014, Marinette County Judge James Morrison sentenced Conradt to six years in state prison, followed by eight years of extended supervision, for three burglary and theft charges. He had pleaded guilty to eight other counts and was placed on seven-and-a-half years of probation for those crimes on the condition that if he violated probation he could stay in prison for another seven and a half years.

He was originally charged with 24 felony and 15 misdemeanor counts. Twenty-eight of those charges were dismissed but read into the record when he was sentenced.

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Literacy Council names tutor, student of the month

MARINETTE — The Marinette and Oconto Counties Literacy Council has named Susan Lewis and Lyudmila "Luda" Kapasheva as the tutor and student of the month for March.

After retiring from teaching, Lewis wanted to continue to help others to read and learn.

She was introduced to the Literacy Council and felt she might be able to use her education and experience to teach another adult.

Kapasheva was born and raised in Kazakhstan. She and her spouse moved to Marinette in 2017; they have expanded their family to include a son.

She turned to the Literacy Council for assistance in improving her spoken English.

Tutor and student were meeting regularly at the Marinette library until their in-person visits were



Lyudmila Kapasheva, left, and Susan Lewis are the student and tutor of the month for March, named by the Marinette and Oconto Counties Literacy Council.

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curtailed by the COVID-19 lockdown, but they have tried to keep in touch using technology.

They are looking forward to meet-

ing again in person, not only to learn more but because a true friendship has emerged from their sessions together.



Dozens of volunteers helped serve up a hearty farm breakfast at the 2019 Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm event at Peterson Dairy LLC north of Lena. The committee announced April 29 that the 2020 breakfast has been canceled because of ongoing public health restrictions. FILE | NEW MEDIA

County COVID-19 cases on the rise

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

OCONTO — The number of positive tests for coronavirus in Oconto County has more than tripled since mid-April, according to the county Public Health Department.

As of April 17, the county was reporting five people had contracted COVID-19, but that number rose to 10 by the end of the month and jumped to 18 in the May 4 daily report.

Testing had also yielded 394 negative results, and no deaths had been reported in Oconto County.

The surge is nothing like that experienced in Brown County just to the south, where 1,448 positive tests had been reported through Monday, and six patients had died.

The county announced that local ATV trails remain closed, including the Nicolet State Trail System, but the Machickanee Shooting Range and Horse Trails have opened for the season.

The ATV trails will reopen once they are safe to ride and environmental conditions allow, according to the Forest, Parks and Recreation Department. The latest trail condition information is available at the county website, www.co.oconto.us, or the county tourism site, oconto-county.org.

Breakfast on the Farm canceled

Alsteens will host the 2021 breakfast

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

LENA — The ongoing restrictions on public activity ordered in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic led the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm Committee to cancel this year's event.

"It is with deep regret the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm Committee along with the Alsteen Family has decided to cancel the 2020 Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm event due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19," the committee posted on social media. "We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm."

The announcement said Alsteen Farms LLC will instead host the 2021

Oconto County Breakfast on the Farm on June 13, 2021.

"As we navigate through these uncertain times, please continue to keep farmers and all frontline workers in your thoughts and prayers," according to the social media post. "Continue to support our local dairy farmers and agriculture industry by purchasing the wholesome products they produce: milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, cream cheese, and ice cream."

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Relief funds available for nonprofits

GREEN BAY — Local nonprofit organizations experiencing stress from increased service demands are being thrown a lifeline by the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation.

The foundation announced last week that it is seeking applications from nonprofits in Oconto and Kewaunee counties that need funding for service demands brought on by the strain of COVID-19.

Funds are currently being directed to organizations supporting the criti-

cal basic needs of community members. Nonprofits can apply through the Community Foundation's website at www.ggbcf.org.

More than \$742,000 has reached some of the most immediate calls for assistance throughout Brown, Oconto and Kewaunee counties, thanks to donors and community partners.

With a grant from the Community Foundation's Emergency Response Fund, New Beginnings in Oconto County can continue supporting the

childcare needs of their foster parent participants who are essential workers in the community.

Meanwhile, the Kewaunee County Food Pantry can continue providing the family meals to community members facing food insecurity.

"Communities throughout Kewaunee and Oconto counties are facing unique needs at this time, and we encourage the nonprofits working in those rural areas to reach out to us," said Amber Paluch, vice president of

community engagement.

The Emergency Response Fund of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation is a central pool of funds donated by individuals and businesses that nonprofits in Brown, Oconto and Kewaunee counties can access for support during the COVID-19 crisis.

A full list of grants distributed from the Emergency Response Fund and the Packers Give Back Fund for COVID-19 Relief is available at www.ggbcf.org/responsefunds.

Help offered in Lakewood area

LAKEWOOD — The Northwoods Community Health Fund is offering help from the community that extends beyond a mask.

The fund is offering a variety of services to help people stay safer during this time. An online form is offered on the group's Facebook page for people in need of:

- An Errand Runner/Driver: Someone to run errands, take people places, deliver takeout

- A Handyman or Gardener: Someone to perform light handyman work or gardening

- Personal Check-Ins: Someone to check-in with the person via phone

- Financial or Food Assistance: Help paying for basics like groceries, diapers, etc.

- Other

The form can be dropped off at Nicolet Pharmacy, 15481 Commercial Road, Lakewood, in a sealed envelope for confidentiality.

State grant helps maintain county forest roads

OCONTO — The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has distributed \$320,600 to 24 counties to maintain and improve public roads in county forests. The allocation includes \$13,099 for work on Oconto County's 37.32 miles of forest roads.

In 2020, funding from the state's County Forest Road Aids program will help improve more than 900 miles of public roads within county forests. These roads enable counties to manage their forest resources and

allow the public to explore the forests for wildlife viewing and other sporting activities.

County Forest Road Aids are separate from the larger General Transportation Aids program, which provides funding to local governments from state-collected transportation revenues (fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees), helping offset the cost of county and municipal road construction, maintenance, traffic and other transportation-related costs.

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May 3

Deputies logged 48 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 13000 block of South White Potato Lake Road, Brazeau, 9:31 a.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 17000 block of West Chain Lake Lane, Lakewood, 11:48 a.m.

C19 compliance check — checked at Phil's Philling Station, 16861 Unity Drive, Townsend, 3:56 p.m.

Fire — reported in the 8000 block of Gray Lake Road, Oconto Falls, 7:40 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near County Roads B and A, Spruce, 6:03 a.m., and logged three deer-related crashes.

May 2

Deputies logged 79 incidents, including the following:

Squad damage — reported along Quarterline Road, Gillett, 5:16 a.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 15000 block of state Highway 32, Riverview, 8:20 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Lyric Lane and Wickman Way, Abrams, 9:04 a.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 14000 block of Kingston Road, Mountain, 9:04 a.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 9000 block of Marl Lake Road, Brazeau, 12:30 p.m.

Tree down — reported in the 16000 block of Martin Lane, Riverview, 1:22 p.m.

Fireworks — reported near Bridge Lane and East Burnt Dam Road, Townsend, 3:51 p.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in the city of Gillett, 5:28 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 7000 block of Lone Pine Court, Chase, 5:38 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near County Roads A and I, Lena, 7:01 p.m.

Fireworks — reported in the 16000 block of Topper Lane, Townsend, 8:37 p.m.

Threatening — reported in the 6000 block of County Road S, Little Suamico, 8:46 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of Konitzer Road, Oconto

Falls, 9:12 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 12000 block of County Road H, Underhill, 9:34 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash at County Park II, 500 Bay Road, Little River, 1:05 p.m.

May 1

Deputies logged 64 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 3000 block of Delcore Road, Oconto, 1:53 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 15000 block of County Road W, Riverview, 3:54 a.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 1000 block of Cross Road, Little Suamico, 7:26 a.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 8000 block of County Road D, Chase, 11:19 a.m.

Underage alcohol — reported at an address in the village of Lena, 11:15 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Two ambulance calls were received.

April 30

Deputies logged 50 incidents, including the following:

Burglary — reported at Hickory-Klondike Corner Storage, 11120 County Road ZZ, Brazeau, 2:18 a.m.

Animal neglect — reported in the 7000 block of Kilhanek Lane, Spruce, 7:56 a.m.

Fraud — reported in the 12000 block of North Branch Road, Breed, 8:31 a.m.

Identity theft — reported in the 5000 block of Molitor Road, Lena, 9:26 a.m.

Tree down — reported in the 9000 block of state Highway 64, Bagley, 10:49 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near Hillside Court and County Road J, Little Suamico, 11:30 a.m.

Fraud — reported in the 7000 block of North Porcupine Lake Road, Spruce, 12:22 p.m.

Wanted person — reported near County Road A and Hillcrest Road, Little River, 2 p.m.

Burglaries — reported at Piontek Storage, 3931 State Highway 22, Oconto, 2:20 p.m. and 2:21 p.m.

Search warrant — executed at an address in Little River, 4:25 p.m.

Search warrant — executed at an address in the city of Oconto, 6:35 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 3000 block of County Road SS, Pensaukee, 6:57 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 9000 block of St. Bernadette Road, Spruce, 9:06 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 100 block of East Maple Street, Lena, 9:11 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Three ambulance calls were received.

April 29

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including the following:

Road closing — near County Roads Y and A, Little River, 8:05 a.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in Oconto Falls, 10:27 a.m.

Threatening — reported in the 6000 block of Gregory Lane, Little Suamico, 11:30 a.m.

Burglary — reported at Hickory-Klondike Storage, 11120 County Road ZZ, Brazeau, 11:45 a.m.

Burglary — reported at storage units, 13489 County Road VV, Underhill, 1:01 p.m.

Tree down — reported near McDermid Drive and Hardwood Lane, Oconto Falls, 1:13 p.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 10000 block of South Branch Road, Breed, 1:29 p.m.

Burglary — reported at Piontek Storage, 3931 State Highway 22, Oconto, 4:56 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 13000 block of County Road W, Mountain, 9:59 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near County Road M and Hayes Road, How, 2:34 p.m., and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Five ambulance calls were received.

April 28

Deputies logged 44 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported at the Oconto

Motel, 5680 Business 41, Oconto, 1:02 a.m.

Burglary — reported at Mini Storage, 7143 State Highway 22, Stiles, 8:30 a.m.

Fraud — reported in the 600 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 9:52 a.m.

Burglary — reported at Mini Storage, 7143 State Highway 22, Stiles, 10:48 a.m.

C19 compliance — checked at Phil's Philling Station, 16861 Unity Drive, Townsend, 2:09 p.m.

Fire — reported in the 6000 block of Country Oaks Drive, Little Suamico, 3:17 p.m.

Wanted person — reported in the 200 block of Superior Avenue, Oconto, 6:56 p.m.

Fire — reported in the 6000 block of Sherrie Lane, Underhill, 7:25 p.m.

Theft — reported at The Store, 5070 U.S. 141, Stiles, 7:48 p.m.

Tree down — reported near County Road M and St. Johns Road, How, 8:45 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near County Road ZZ and Goldhorn Road, Brazeau, 8:57 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 16000 block of Elm Street, Townsend, 9:02 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident near County Road Y and Bay Road, Little River, 6:25 a.m.; a property-damage crash in the 6000 block of Sprise Road, Oconto, 3:05 p.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

April 27

Deputies logged 36 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported near Red Rocket Shell, 213 E. Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 2:39 a.m.

Suspicious — reported along Madeline Lane, Little Suamico, 7:07 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 14000 block of County Road W, Mountain, 12:53 p.m.

Property damage — reported in the 8000 block of Arndt Road, Spruce, 3:11 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident in the 6000 block of County Road Y, Little River, 8:54 p.m., and logged one deer-related crash.

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American Legion Sylvan Post 44 donates cases of food to the Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood. Ron Boeldt, chaplain, left, and George Richards, post commander, right, present cases of cereal, peanut butter, boxed dinners and other food products to Scott Wycherley, Christian Food Pantry president, and his staff.

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OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of May 1

Adam J. Julius, 19, Oconto Falls, stood mute and a not-guilty plea was entered on his behalf on charges of battery by prisoners, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 23, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred March 4. He had previously been charged with battery by prisoners for an incident that allegedly occurred June 9, 2019. A plea hearing was scheduled for June 1.

Bond was set at \$25,000 cash for Ricky C. Blasing, 48, Oconto, after he was charged with first-degree recklessly endangering safety, witness intimidation, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 1. His initial court appearance was adjourned until June 11.

Proceedings of April 28

Bond was set at \$1,000 cash for Sylvia M. Mcvay, 41, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who is charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 28. Her initial court appearance was adjourned until June 11.

Proceedings of April 27

An April 29 jury trial was rescheduled to Sept. 9 for David W. Parmentier, 69, Suring, who is charged with second-

degree reckless endangerment and misdemeanor charges of resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 27. Brown County Judge Beau Liegios, who is hearing the case because the defendant is an Oconto County Board member, scheduled a motion hearing for Aug. 3 and a final pre-trial conference for Sept. 1.

Proceedings of April 22

A \$7,500 cash bond was set for Austin J. Sutrick, 19, Green Bay, who is charged with bail jumping and misdemeanor counts of criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 21. His initial court appearance was adjourned until June 11.

Proceedings of April 20

Bond was set at \$8,500 cash for Thomas E. Neff Jr., 24, Mountain, after he was charged with bail jumping in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 18. His initial appearance was adjourned until May 7.

Bond was set at \$2,500 cash for Sarah J. Hujet, 37, Sobieski, who is charged with possession of methamphetamine and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred April 16. Her initial appearance was adjourned until June 11.

GILLETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Head Football Coach

Gillett School District is seeking applicants for Head Football Coaching position for the 2020-21 school year. Qualifications for the position include a knowledge of the sport and prior coaching experience, preferably at the high school level.

Head Boys Basketball Coach

Gillett School District is seeking applicants for Head Boys Basketball Coaching position for the 2020-21 school year. Qualifications for the position include a knowledge of the sport and prior coaching experience, preferably at the high school level.

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High water woes along the bay shore

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The dock at the Pensaukee Boat Launch is partially submerged April 30, the morning after heavy rain and a strong northeasterly wind caused minor flooding along the bay shore.



It may be a while before the hammock between two trees can be used at a home near the Pensaukee Boat Launch, after heavy rains caused minor flooding April 30.



The waters of Green Bay creep to the edge of Pecor Point Lane in the town of Pensaukee on April 30.

SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILE: LILLIAN SELLEN

Lena softball player thankful despite having season erased

LENA — For Lena High School senior Lillian Sellen, the spring softball season was a special time. She not only got to play the sport she loves, but also get to make new friends because of Lena's co-op with St. Thomas Aquinas Academy.

Sellen was coming off a junior season in which she landed on the Marinette & Oconto Conference honorable mention team and was hoping to put together an even bigger senior season.

Q: When did your interest in softball begin?

A: I kind of grew up on a softball field. I watched my dad (Eric) play, and I started playing as soon as I could. It was from a pretty young age.

Q: What is your favorite part about the season?

A: My team. We're combined with STAA (St. Thomas Aquinas Academy), and it's so nice to be able to come together with another school. You get to make so many more friends. It's a really great experience.

Q: Because not a lot of athletes get to experience it, what is it like to play on a co-op?

A: I love it; I think it's really great. It brings schools together; it's not even just sports. Our school combines with them for football, so they come to our homecoming, and we go to their Winterfest. It's nice to be so close to more people because we're a small school.

Q: Talk about your emotions when the season was officially canceled.

A: I was pretty devastated. I worked really hard in this off-season — my uncle (Jerry Patenaude) helped me train. We worked like two to three times a week pretty consistently.

I was so excited for this season. I



Lena High School's Lillian Sellen made the Marinette & Oconto Conference honorable mention team as a junior and was hoping to put up a big senior year after working hard in the off-season.

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thought it would be our best season yet. I was really looking forward to it. It's crushing not to be able to play and see the team again.

Q: How disappointing is it not to be able to play your senior season?

A: It's really hard because I was looking forward to this year. With my training, I was really excited to see how far I could push myself.

But at the same time, I also feel a little bit selfish. With the coronavirus, people are dying and other people are risking their lives to save them. All I'm losing is one season.

I've been really trying to look at the positives because it has been

hard for me, because softball is my favorite sport. I'm very lucky — none of my family, that I know, is sick, and I feel lucky for that.

Q: If you could give advice to younger athletes after having an entire season erased, what would it be?

A: Don't take anything for granted. Every moment you get to play is a gift. You never know when it's going to be your last game, your last season. It's really valuable.

Q: Talk about what the past several weeks have been like for you personally?

A: I actually am taking some college classes at UWGB-Marquette,

AT A GLANCE

ATHLETE: Lillian Sellen

SPORT: Softball

POSITIONS: Pitcher, infield, outfield

SCHOOL: Lena High School

YEAR: Senior

and those have transitioned to online along with my high school homework. I've been pretty busy with that.

Otherwise, I've been trying to enjoy the simple things. I've been spending a lot of time with my family. I got a new dog; her name is Charlie, so I've been loving that.

Just going for walks, playing games, just enjoying my time and trying to make the best of it.

Q: What's your favorite memory of competing on the Lena/STAA softball co-op?

A: I can't really say there's just one. It's playing with my team and for my coach (Cynthia Powers) and for the fans. All the support that we get makes it so great.

Q: Favorite TV show, movie and musical artist?

A: TV show — Probably "Scooby-Doo" or "Grey's Anatomy." Movie — I really love true, inspiring movies, like "The Help" or "On the Basis of Sex."

Musical artist — I really love music, so really anything from Ella Fitzgerald to Billie Eilish. I love to sing and have been learning to play the piano. Music is a really big part of my life.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do when you are not in school or competing in sports?

A: I'd have to say anything outdoors. I love hiking, kayaking, going horseback riding or just taking walks, especially with my family. If I can do anything with my family, it's so much better.

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AG TRENDS AND TOPICS

Select garden veggies carefully

Our area's Easter snowstorm might have tempered gardeners' enthusiasm a bit, but it is definitely time to finish selecting what vegetables you are going to grow this year. Online or catalog orders are a constantly available opportunity, and vegetable and fruit plant and

seed sales are considered "essential" under the current Safer at Home order in Wisconsin, so you will be able to purchase vegetables.

Of course, please keep yourself and your family safe

in the process of doing so, if you do go to a store in person, and follow the individual business' procedures.

However you decide to procure seeds or plants, we are going to focus in this article on the key criteria you should consider when selecting them.

A key consideration is maturity. Granted, this is a relative measurement. A 55-day tomato does not produce mature, edible fruit 55 days after planting the seed. However, a 55-day tomato will produce edible fruit much sooner than will an 80-day cultivar.

In the Marinette County region, you will want to avoid growing vegetables that have days to maturity ratings of over 100 days. The only way these are viable is if you start the seeds indoors long before you are able to transplant them outside. In particular, avoid longer day maturity vine crops (squashes, pumpkins, melons), tomato family plants (tomatoes, eggplant, pepper), and any other full-season, heat-loving crop that is later maturing.

Other traits to consider include plant size, growth habit, disease resistance and pest likelihood. If planting in-ground gardens, you have more flexibility on the first two traits, but if planting in containers, you will likely want to select smaller plants. Simple-to-grow plants can surprise you if you get the wrong trait. A row of green beans you thought were bush-type, but are actually pole beans, might goof up your garden plan and will definitely create a need for a full-scale trellis or support system. Alternatively, an easy way to expand a small garden's production is

to raise vining crops and go vertical.

Some vegetables have types within which we need to choose. A good example is onions. In our region, we need to plant long-day onions and get them in the ground as early as feasible. Long-day onions will start forming the bulb after triggered to do so by nights being shorter than a certain number of hours. In our northern region, this occurs in mid to late June. If we plant short-day onions, such as Vidalia types, they would not be triggered to start forming their bulbs until way too late in our growing season and we would likely only get green, salad-type growth from them.

The most commonly grown home garden vegetable is tomatoes. If you buy seed and start your own plants, you can choose from over 500 different cultivars. Buying plants locally, you might have 20-30 to choose from. Either way, make sure the growth habits fit your desires.

Tomato plants come in all shapes and sizes, but the most important difference is whether they are determinate or indeterminate. Determinate tomatoes are generally more compact plants and the key is that they form all their flowers within a relatively short time frame, meaning that most of the fruits mature within a shorter time period. These are the types grown for commercial harvest to make into tomato products, but also work very well for home canners.

Indeterminate tomatoes are more vining, larger plants which produce flowers up until they get killed by frost. This trait gives them more yield capacity but can also be frustrating, as they may put their energy into constant growth and blooming and not into maturing the fruits already set on the plant, leading to very late maturing fruit. You can help get around this by pruning off new blossoms starting in early to mid-August. There are also some tomatoes that are in-between the two traits and are usually termed "semi-determinate."

We can't review every possible decision point here, but if you do a little homework and look at resources such as the planting guide already referenced, you can find information to assist you in your processes.

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SCOTT REUSS

The faces of learning at home

St. John Lutheran School students in Suring are still learning during the Safer at Home order. Even though many students wish they were back in school learning directly from their teachers and doing projects and games with their classmates, they are making the best of distance learning. Students from third through eighth grade receive their work during the week virtually from their teachers through their Chromebooks. Pre-kindergarten through second

grade receive their work every two weeks by picking up packets that contain worksheets, games, and activities. The students are encouraged to start each day with their Bible lesson. Most of the students have had a chance to communicate through other forms of visual media. The staff and students are looking forward to being together during Vacation Bible School this summer and to learning in school next fall.



Elijah Young made an Easter craft and also a pinwheel for a weather unit.

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Grant and Cole Gruetzmacher found bones on their Science Scavenger Hunt.

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Lorelei Shepherd plants grass seed for a science experiment.

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Carson and Creed Peters made Easter cards for New York City healthcare workers and for their pastor.

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SURING HIGH SCHOOL

Third quarter HIGHEST HONORS

Seniors — Claire C. Anderson, Ethan M. Hischke, Johnathan B. Losurdo, Madelyn M. School, Logan J. Stuart, Jaydin E. Sturm

Juniors — Grace A. Fischer, Carrie M. Griffin, Diego Ramis Espluga, Kelsey M. Smith, Kylee R. Stelzer

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Juniors — Camilla L. Doherty, Sierrah R. Johnson, Paige M. Krueger, Sophia E. Lally, Brynna M. Schindel, Jessie L. Schrank, Leo D. Taylor, Cherilyn L. Whiting

Sophomores — Gavin L. Fredenburgh, Macyn M. Garrigan, Katherine E. Mahoney, Veronica R. Napier, Harlee F. Wolf

Freshmen — Mackenzie M. Bailey, McKenzie J. Chesterfield, Jacob J. Granados, Nicholas B. Hansen, Ethan D. Lally, Olivia F. Noack, Macie L. Reed, Christine P. Sleeter, Emilee A. Tachick, Hailey E. Thomson

HONORS

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Juniors — Mitchell G. Hansen, Julie M. Lynch, Katelyn M. Rusk, Hanna Storheim
Sophomores — Emma E. Anderson, Taron E. Haak, Elijah J. Harris, Aiyah J. Madison, Caden G. McClure, Chantelle F. Van Den Elzen, Madison R. Vandeveld

Freshmen — Moriah G. Baldwin, Mason M. Ferrell, Maxwell A. Fisher-Yancy, Lily T. Hakes, Kaylee L. Otradovec, Keegan M. Rattin, Trinity A. Remic

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Third quarter HIGHEST HONORS

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Seventh grade — Macy J. Burrack, Bunny R. Cramer, Morgan T. Dryja, Morgan M. Laabs, Contessa L. Losurdo, Shyanne N. Mlinar, Allison C. Napier, Kendra L. Rattin, Ava L. School, Cody J. Schrank, Kaley M. Thompson

Sixth grade — Robert A. Bacher, Angel L. Ermis, Ginger E. Gerndt, Parker W. Haak, Gwendalin S. Konop, Cassius Matelski, Hailey Bo C. Pecanas, Elizabeth L. Rummel, Chloe L. Schroeder, Tia R. Schwartzkopf, Allyson R. Seibert, Morgan E. Suring

HONORS

Eighth grade — Amarrah S. Abd-Allah, Braden J. Denowski, Autumn J. Dryja, Aiyana S. Helsinger, Claire F. Madison, Nicholas M. Mossman, Rebecca R. Peeters

Seventh grade — Michael P. Bailey, Riley K. Denowski, Michael E. Pecanas Jr., Chase G. Schindel, MaShya N. Seefeldt, Braxtyn M. Wirth

Sixth grade — John R. Bacher

LIBRARY NOTES

Lena Public Library

The Lena library is offering curbside pickup. Per the governor's latest Safer at Home order, curbside pickup is allowed with certain limitations. We are only able to check out items to you that we have in Lena. Like everything in life right now, this is what we are trying. If it doesn't work or you have concerns, let us know. The library staff looks forward to safely reopening and again offering its full range of services.

Here are some tips/rules/things to keep in mind.

1. Pickups must be scheduled. Do not just show up at the library; you have to have an appointment time.

2. No patron/library staff face-to-face interaction.

3. There is no delivery between libraries at this time. If we have it in Lena, we can get it to you, but we cannot get items from other libraries right now.

4. Visit www.infosoup.org and limit your search to items in Lena, or you can call the library and staff members can select items for you based on your suggestions. Phone number is 920-829-5335, and email address is len@lenalibrary.org.

5. Staff will be working different hours to practice safe social distancing and to get items ready for pickup.

6. Pick-up times are 3-6 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to noon Fridays.

7. You must have an appointment time for pickup. When we call/email with you about your items, we will

decide on your day and time.

8. We only have one phone line in Lena, so feel free to leave a voicemail and we will get back to you.

9. You cannot enter the library for any reason.

10. We cannot take returns from you during pickup. Place all items in the drop-box by the front door.

11. Staff will be using our back door to bring out pickups. This will leave the front door open to people returning items. Please watch for others, stay in your vehicle until you can return items and maintain the 6-foot social distancing requirement.

12. All items returned to Lena will be in quarantine for at least 72 hours before they are available for check-out.

If you or anyone in your household is sick, please refrain from using library services at this time.

Lakes Country Library

The Lakes Country Public Library is now offering curbside delivery. Patrons can email the library at lak@lakescountrylibrary.org or call 715-276-9020 with requests, and library staff will contact them to schedule a pickup time. Only materials currently in the library are available for checkout.

All returned materials must be put in the outside drops, and pickups will be at the library's back door. See the library's website at lakescountrylibrary.org for information or to apply for a card.

MARRIAGES

Jordan Thomas Patterson, Wheaton, Illinois, and Danielle Ann Robertson, Chase.

Joseph Paul Ambrosius and Lisa Mae Martin, Breed.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING TOWN OF BAGLEY

The Town of Bagley will hold the 2019 ANNUAL MEETING at 7:00 PM on Wednesday May 13, 2020 at the Bagley Town hall 9812 County Hwy Z, Pound, WI. 54161

Because of the COVID-19 virus Social Distancing will be practiced at this meeting. For more information or if special assistance is required please contact the Town Clerk at 920-590-0198

Alan Sleeter, Clerk
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CITY OF OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC NOTICE Utility Commissioner Appointment

Once the COVID-19 Stay at Home order is lifted by Governor Evers, the Common Council for the City of Oconto Falls will meet for their annual reorganizational meeting. On this date, Council will appoint a Utility Commissioner. A tentative date has been set for June 9, 2020 but is subject to change at any time. If any resident from the City of Oconto Falls is interested in this position, please submit your letter of interest for consideration before Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

Send letter of interest to: City Administrator, Vicki A. Roberts, PO Box 70 - 500 Chestnut Avenue, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

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YEARS GONE BY

110 years ago • May 5, 1910 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: James A. Mills of Hickory, has succeeded Louis J. LaCourt as local manager of the H.E. McEachron Co grain elevator in this village. Mr. Mills is a capable gentleman, and will make a success of the business. He contemplated moving his family here this fall as soon as the crop is harvest.

OCONTO FALLS: Mrs. L.S. Lord and Mrs. T.P. Rierdon, of Hickory, came down Monday evening to attend a session of the Eastern Stars. The ladies remained overnight.

100 years ago • May 7, 1920 • Farmer Herald

MOUNTAIN: A most tragic occurrence took place on Thursday of last week when the three eldest children of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce of Tar Dam were poisoned by eating wild parsnips which they mistook for carrots, the second child dying from the effects of the poison.

OCONTO: A distressing accident occurred about 12:45 Tuesday afternoon when Bert Cain's car going north on Brazeau Avenue capsized about in front of St. Peter's church and Edward Hazcu was so badly injured that he lived only a few moments after reaching the hospital, and others in the party were badly bruised and otherwise injured.

90 years ago • May 8, 1930 • Gillett Times

GILLETT: Albert Uecker Sr., a pioneer resident of the town of Gillett, passed away Sunday morning at the age of 83 years, three months and four days, death being due to the infirmities of old age.

GILLETT: NOTICE - Anyone interested in blooming house plants for Mother's Day or Decoration Day may purchase same of Mrs. V.H. John, agent for Sylvester Florists, at her home on Lake Street.

90 years ago • May 8, 1930 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: The new Super Service Station, under the management of Alex Zarling and Otto Paholke, held its grand opening.

MESSENGER CREEK: Mr. and Mrs. Casey Ryswyk are the proud parents of a baby boy.

GREEN VALLEY: The Wendts had a large crew of men raising their machine shed.

80 years ago • May 9, 1940 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO: A localized tremor rattled windows and household furnishing Sunday evening. The cause is not yet known.

GILLETT: A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Engebretsen.

OCONTO FALLS: Wally Wilhelmi, Washington School student, won the fourth annual Oconto County Marble Championship Tournament.

70 years ago • May 4, 1950 • Oconto Falls Herald

SURING: Art McMahon reported the birth of a two-bodied pig at his farm. The animal had two bodies attached at the shoulder with one head.

SURING: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gerndt announced the birth of their daughter.

KELLY LAKE: A shower was held in honor of the upcoming marriage of Jean Kamke and Kenneth Soukoup.

60 years ago • May 5, 1960 • Times Herald

SURING: Jack Rabe completed officers candidate school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

GILLETT: Tommy McCarthy was the first-place winner in the Helen Mears poster contest.

KELLY LAKE: Daniel Hansen suffered cuts and bruises in a collision on County Road G.

50 years ago • May 7, 1970 • Times Herald

GILLETT: A barn at the Robert Hicks residence was destroyed by fire.

GREEN VALLEY: A safe which was exposed to the elements for several years was recovered. The safe was stolen from the Joe Doyle Jr. home.

OCONTO: Three Oconto County residents were placed on probation for the firebombing of a Suamico barbershop last summer.

40 years ago • May 7, 1980 • Times Herald

SURING: Suring firefighters and volunteers from the town of Mountain

were called to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church after neighbors reported hearing an explosion.

GREEN BAY: Menominee and Oconto county authorities arrested Clifford Olson, 28, in connection with the shooting of Clifford Albers, 48, of Lakewood.

30 years ago • May 9, 1990 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Cook Memorial Library added two new pieces of equipment, a TV/VCR combination and a fax machine.

LAKEWOOD: Northern Health Centers Inc. announced an expanded medical service with the staffing of certified physician assistant Bruce Benkley.

GILLETT: A son, Alex James, was born to Dean and Jean Johnson.

25 years ago • May 10, 1995 • Times Herald

OCONTO COUNTY: Susan Long, daughter of Jesse and Sharon Long, Oconto Falls, was crowned 1995 Dairy Queen.

OCONTO FALLS: Boy Scout Troop 1024 announced Chad J. Clark received the rank of Eagle Scout.

OCONTO FALLS: Groundbreaking was held for expansion of N.E.W. Credit Union.

20 years ago • May 10, 2000 • Times Herald

OCONTO COUNTY: Bob Olson, retired state trooper, announced he will run in the fall primary election for Oconto County sheriff.

MOUNTAIN: Mountain Ambulance Services celebrated the end of EMS Week with a new building dedication and open house.

OCONTO: Craig Cisar, 47, passed away. He worked as an engineer at Cruisers since 1971.

10 years ago • May 5, 2010 • Times Herald

GILLETT: The Gillett School District, in order to deal with a deficit of \$600,000, has reduced its teaching staff by 5.4 full-time positions, with the goal of recalling all positions if enrollment demands it.

OCONTO FALLS: A lease negotiated Monday between a joint committee of the city of Oconto Falls and the school district will allow the high school to continue playing football at Memorial Field for at least three more years.

OCONTO COUNTY: Census takers began door-to-door visits May 1 as the U.S. Census Bureau launched its Nonresponse Follow-up operation, in which census takers collect information from households that did not return their census forms.

Compiled by Oconto Falls Community Library staff.



CITY OF GILLETT PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124

PUBLIC NOTICE/HEARING:

Notice change of meeting date: May meeting cancelled due to COVID-19.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Gillett Planning Committee will meet for a Public Hearing on approving the City of Gillett 20 Year Comprehensive Plan. It will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 5:00pm-5:45pm in person at Gillett City Hall, Council Chambers, 150 N McKenzie Ave, Gillett, WI or virtually (if virtual details to join the meeting will be on the city website, city facebook, and posted at City Hall). This meeting is open to the public. Following the public hearing, the Council will vote on the proposed 20 Year Comprehensive Plan during the monthly Common Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. the same night.

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