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Work has begun along County Road I on a 1,500-foot extension of the paved recreational trail that will eventually circle Oconto Falls High and Elementary schools. The work is partially funded through the annual Run for the Trails half-marathon and 10K/5K runs, which is scheduled for Sept. 26. SEE STORY, PAGE 20

Gillet to get federal grant

Work on the city's sewer and water infrastructure gets a boost with a half-million dollars in loans and grants

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Storage unit break-ins solved

Two women have been charged in a series of burglaries at storage units around the area this spring.

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Water levels near their peak

Lake Michigan is expected to set another high-water record this month, but the levels have apparently begun their seasonal drop.

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Gillett receives federal help for sewer, water

Upgrades expected to benefit 1,386 customers

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

Wisconsin State Director Frank Frassetto has announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$462 million to modernize critical drinking water and wastewater infrastructure across rural Wisconsin.

The allocations include a \$484,000 loan and \$82,000 grant to the City of Gillett to provide additional financing for the water and sewer project funded in 2017 for \$2.8 million, which will serve 1,386 users.

The project will upgrade the city water distribution and sewer collection systems. According to Frassetto's announcement, water mains in the proposed area are comprised primarily of cast iron and are generally in poor condition. The water mains are being replaced due to the number of water main breaks and age.

Sewer mains in the proposed area are comprised of clay tile that is in generally poor condition. They have sustained excessive infiltration due to cracks in the pipes, leaking joints and tree root intrusion.

The project includes replacing sewer mains on three streets to remove root penetration, repair cracks, and increase slopes in some areas to meet Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requirements.

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"Upgrading the infrastructure that delivers safe drinking water and modern wastewater management facilities will improve public health and drive economic development in our small towns and cities," Frassetto said. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA continues to be a strong partner with rural communities, because we know that when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

Through its Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program, USDA is funding 161 projects that are expected to benefit 467,000 residents.

Two charged with storage unit break-ins

Women accused of stealing goods from at least 10 units in April and May

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

A second woman has been charged in a series of storage unit break-ins that occurred around Oconto County in April and May.

Kari A. Cooper, 44, Oconto, faces 10 counts of burglary to a building or dwelling in connection with break-ins to storage units in the city of Gillett and the towns of Peninsula, Underhill, Stiles, Oconto and Brazeau.

Among the stolen items were seven light machines for performances and hundreds of dollars worth of other DJ equipment, a welder and welding helmet, an air compressor and accompanying tool set, a two-room tent and miscellaneous other goods.

According to the criminal complaint filed Aug. 6 in Oconto County Circuit Court, the owner of Piontek Storage Units in the Town of Oconto called investigators' attention to a Chevrolet Suburban that appeared on surveillance video around the time of an April 29 break-in, because he didn't recognize the vehicle as belonging to any of his renters.

With help from the Marinette County Sheriff's Department, deputies were able to identify the Suburban as belonging to a Pound man. In an interview, the man said Cooper had him drive to the Brookside storage unit complex, where she allegedly used bolt cutters to break the locks and steal from a couple of units.

The man, who has not been charged, claimed he didn't know what Cooper was planning until she broke into the storage units.

A followup interview with Cooper, who was being held in the Oconto County Jail for an alleged probation violation, led to the arrest in May of Breanna List-Kimball, 28, Oconto, who pleaded not guilty July 16 to eight counts of burglary, two counts of felony bail jumping and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, in connection with events that allegedly occurred in late April and early May.

Many of the stolen items were recovered when authorities executed a search warrant executed at List-Kimball's home, the complaint said.

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Great Lakes water levels reaching peaks for the year

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says each of the Great Lakes, except Lake Superior, have likely reached their peak water levels for the year and are predicted to decline — but that doesn't mean concerns about high water will be over anytime soon.

Lakes Michigan-Huron set another new monthly mean record high water level in July. The Corps' most recent forecast projects that Michigan-Huron, which is considered one lake in the forecasts, will slowly drop the rest of the year; however, it's likely a new record high will be set for August before the level drops back below record highs in September.

Water levels on Lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario all continued to decline last month, with no new records set on those lakes in July. The water level of Lake Superior is expected to peak this month before entering its period of typical seasonal decline.

"While we expect water levels to decline across most of the Great Lakes, levels still remain extremely high," said John Allis, chief of the Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrol-



Boaters at the launch at Breakwater Park in Oconto have plenty of water to contend with. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expects levels to set another monthly record in August before starting to decline this fall.

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ogy Office, Detroit District.

With the continued high water on many of the lakes, and the approaching active fall storm period, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers urges those

impacted by the high water levels last fall to be preparing for similar or worse impacts over the next few months.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,

Detroit District, activated its Emergency Operations Center May 2019 in response to high water on the Great Lakes. July 2020 marks more than 450 consecutive days of providing support.



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Hearing set on Oconto Falls projects

Feds may fund senior center upgrade, downtown planning

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto Falls City Council has scheduled a public hearing for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on an upgrade of the Senior Center and planning for downtown revitalization. The federal government would fund both projects.

The council voted unanimously July 14 in favor of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications under the state Department of Administration’s “CLOSE” program.

The name refers to the closure of the former state-funded municipal revolving-fund loan programs. The state asked for the money back and is now offering grants to qualifying projects as a way of returning the funds.

The larger project is an estimated \$1.2 million renovation of the senior center, including upgrades to the heating and cooling systems and a new elevator to provide better access to the building’s basement. It includes a drive-up canopy to better

protection from the weather as people get in and out of their vehicles.

The improvements will enable the senior center board to expand programs and better serve the community, Mayor Brad Rice said last month.

The other project under consideration involves hiring a neighborhood consulting firm to develop a downtown revitalization plan for about 50 parcels in and near the central business district.

The public is encouraged to at-

tend the hearing and provide comments on the proposed projects. The agenda includes an overview of the CDBG funding programs and a presentation about the two proposed projects, followed by public comment.

The regular city council meeting is scheduled after the hearing at approximately 7 p.m.

For more information about the projects in advance of the hearing, contact City Administrator Vicki Roberts at 920-846-4505.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of Aug. 6

Christopher Richard Terry, 32, Suring, pleaded no contest to operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that occurred May 2. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Oct. 8 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

A 12-person jury trial was scheduled for Jan. 7 for Justin J. Coppens, 30, Gillett, who is charged with possession of a firearm by a person convicted of a felony, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Oct. 6, 2018, and bail jumping for an incident that allegedly occurred March 21, 2019. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Dec. 18.

Dominic V. Mancini Sr., 57, Pulaski,

waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (fifth or sixth offense), in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred June 20. Arraignment was scheduled for Aug. 20.

Proceedings of Aug. 5

A three-day trial beginning Jan. 20 was scheduled for Travis J. Ragen, 31, Lena, who is charged with second-degree reckless homicide and homicide by the intoxicated use of a motor vehicle in the Nov. 15, 2019, crash that killed Melissa J. Cota, 53, of Oconto. A motion hearing was set for Sept. 8.

Proceedings of Aug. 4

Bond was set at \$1,500 cash for

Joshua M. Samz, 38, Gillett, after he was charged with first-degree recklessly endangering safety and misdemeanor counts of resisting or obstructing an officer, operating a firearm while intoxicated, intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, criminal damage to property, and disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly took place July 31. His initial appearance was adjourned to Aug. 17.

Proceedings of Aug. 3

Harmony F. Hollins, 20, Lena, was placed on five years of probation for forgery-uttering, in connection with an incident that occurred April 7, 2019; possession of methamphetamine, in connection with a Feb. 1 in-

cident; and theft of movable property, in connection with an incident that occurred Feb. 2. Several other charges were dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge imposed and stayed a five-year sentence — two years of prison and three years of extended supervision — before imposing probation. Conditions include that Hollins maintain absolute sobriety, have no contact with two specific individuals, and undergo an alcohol and other drug abuse assessment, following through with recommended treatment and counseling. A \$538 fine was imposed, and her record may be expunged if she meets all of the conditions of the probationary sentence. She was also sentenced to 184 days already served in the county jail.

SUMMER FUN



A personal watercraft gets a workout July 26 on Kelly Lake.

COLLEGE NOTES

Marquette

Stephanie Prasser, Lakewood, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, in May. Prasser earned a Juris Doctor in Law.

Northern Michigan

Four Oconto County students satisfied their degree requirements at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, in May.

Bridgett Gorman, Oconto Falls, earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

Brad Lavallie, Sobieski, earned an Associate of Science in general studies.

Allison O'Brien, Pulaski, earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education, graduating magna cum laude.

Nathan Wehrle, Crivitz, earned a Bachelor of Science in geomatics, graduating cum laude.

RCTC

Rebecca Wolfe of Gillett, recently graduated from Rochester (Minn.) Community and Technical College at the end of spring semester 2020. Rebecca received Associate of Applied Science for Veterinary Technician.

UW-Eau Claire

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire awarded 1,441 degrees in May.

Shyanne Lessor, Oconto, earned a Bachelor of Social Work, majoring in social work.

Brian O'Connor, Abrams, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in information systems.

Andrea Shamburek, Oconto Falls, earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education.

Dane Siolka, Sobieski, earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

Mikaela Thomson, Abrams, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in health care administration.

UW-Madison

Nearly 8,500 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison during a unique online commencement ceremony on May 9.

Alexis Christianson, Townsend, earned a Bachelor of Science in environmental sciences.

Emily Johnson, Sobieski, earned a Bachelor of Science in neurobiology.

Carolyn Malcheski, Little Suamico, earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Marisa Paque, Sobieski, earned a Bachelor of Science in geology and geophysics.

Amber Schulz, Sobieski, earned a Bachelor of Science in Spanish.

Nati Solomon Fett, Sobieski, earned a Bachelor of Arts in computer sciences.

Matthew Vervelde, Abrams, earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

UW-Oshkosh

Nearly 1,700 University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh students graduated in May, when the 146th spring commencement ceremony was conducted in a first-ever virtual format.

Codie Muthig, Abrams, earned a bachelor's degree in finance from the College of Business.

Vanessa Van Den Elzen, Suring, earned a bachelor's degrees in accounting and information systems from the College of Business.

UW-Platteville

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to nearly 1,000 students from its three campuses for the spring and summer of 2020.

Austin Andrews, Townsend,

earned a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering.

Madison Fischer, Oconto Falls, earned a Bachelor of Science in biology.

Evan Haas, Sobieski, earned a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

UW-Whitewater

Jamie Fricke, Little Suamico, earned a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on May 16.

Fricke graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in social work.

Western Governors

Jessica Habeck, Townsend, has earned a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics (5-12) from Western Governors University. The online, nonprofit university has graduated over 190,000 students from across the country since its inception in 1997.

Winona State

Elizabeth Pautz, Pulaski, was named to the spring semester dean's list at Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota.

Public libraries slowly reopening

By NEW MEDIA STAFF



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The six municipal libraries in Oconto County are open to the public again, although hours are more limited than they were before they were closed because of COVID-19 concerns.

The Suring Area Public Library reopened Tuesday, with up to five people at a time allowed inside from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays starting Aug. 11.

Curbside service and entry by appointment is available 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and curbside service only takes place 9 a.m.-noon Friday.

There is a 30-minute time limit to be in the library; patrons are asked to follow social distancing of 6 feet, and face masks are required.

People without masks can receive one for a \$1 donation.

Hand sanitizer is available as people enter the library.

Other local libraries have similar arrangements with regard to mask requirements and social distancing.

Oconto Falls: open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday with curbside pickup available on other days. Two family members at a time.

Gillett: open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon Friday with curbside pickup available for people who don't wish to enter.

Up to seven people allowed in the building.

Lena: open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday with curbside pickup available other days.

Lakes Country (Lakewood): open by appointment to browse materials or use computer; call 715-276-9020.

Farnsworth (Oconto): open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

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Work starts on next stretch of Panther Path

Run for the Trails is helping to fund construction

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce is moving ahead with plans for the sixth annual Run for the Trails event, as construction gets underway on the next leg of a community walking trail.

About 1,500 feet is being added to the Panther Path along County Road I behind Oconto Falls High School, which eventually will be a paved recreational trail around the high school, ST Paper Stadium and Oconto Falls Elementary School.

Run for the Trails, a timed half-marathon, 10K run and 5K run/walk through the city, is scheduled for Sept. 26, with an 8 a.m. start for all three races.



The Panther Path recreational trail will eventually wend its way all the way around Oconto Falls High School and Oconto Falls Elementary School along North Farm Road, Columbia Street, County Road I and Marie Volk Drive.

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Runners and walkers will start at ST Paper Stadium next to the high school and wind through residential streets as well as the paved recre-

ational trail. The half-marathon and 10K runners will also traverse scenic and wooded trails with varying terrain, including waterfront views of the Oconto River.

Links to online registration can be found at the Run for the Trails Oconto Falls page on Facebook, as well as the chamber's website and Facebook page.

Registration is \$55 for the half-marathon, \$30 for the 10K and \$25 for the 5K through Aug. 31, when the prices go up. Participants receive a custom long-sleeve T-shirt and finisher's medal, and awards will be presented in a number of age/gender groups. Organizers plan to have post-race food and refreshments available.

Proceeds from past Run for the Trails events have helped to renovate and resurface the West Side Beach Trail two years ago, as well as extending the sidewalk on South Main Street to HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital.



Improvements to the West Side Beach Trail in Oconto Falls in 2018 were funded in part through the annual Run for the Trails half-marathon, 10K and 5K event, scheduled this year for Sept. 26.

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Next Oconto County fair ambassador may be female or male

Fairest of the Fair program adds Fair Ambassador option

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto County Youth Fair Board has announced the return of the Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador program for 2021.

The board is looking for Oconto County residents who are interested in serving as representatives for the 2021 fair. Several changes have been made to the format.

Through the competition, either a Fairest of the Fair or a Fair Ambassador (female or male representative), and an Attendant (first runner-up) will be named. These two individuals will represent the fair at a variety of events throughout the year.

Previously, a young woman was sought to serve as the fair ambassador, and a younger girl was selected Junior Fairest of the Fair.

A \$1,000 scholarship/stipend and \$300 expense allowance will be awarded to the individual named the Fairest of the Fair/Fair Ambassador. A \$500 scholarship/stipend and \$300 expense allowance will be awarded to the Attendant.

The competition is scheduled to take place on Saturday, Nov. 28. Individuals must be 18 years old by Jan. 1, 2022, to apply. Interested individuals

need to apply by Oct. 1 by submitting a completed application and sponsor fee.

Detailed contest rules and applications can be found on the Oconto County Fair web site at ocontocountyfair.org, its Facebook page at Oconto County Youth Fair, or the Instagram account at Oconto Co Fairest/Ambassador. For more information, contact ocontocountyfairestcommittee@gmail.com.

Oconto County Historical Society cancels 2020 cemetery walk

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

The Oconto County Historical Society has canceled its 11th annual cemetery walk, "If Tombstones Could Talk," which had been scheduled for the evenings of Sept. 15-17.

The board cited ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic in a statement accompanying the announcement.

"It is with sadness that we have made the decision, in light of the current situation, to cancel the 2020 cemetery walk," the board said. "We feel it is the right decision to make in order to keep our portrayers, volunteers and attendees safe during this time of uncertainty. We look forward to the walk being held in 2021."

For the last 10 years the cemetery walk has been a fundraiser for the so-

ciety, which maintains three historic buildings in Oconto: the Beyer Home Museum, a restored and refurnished 1890s home of a prominent family; the George E. Hall Annex, which contains permanent exhibits on Old Main Street-Oconto, "County Waterways," and temporary exhibits, research files, photos, and artifacts in storage as well as having the 5,200-square-foot Carriage House addition; and an urban

barn.

The OCHS also helps administer Copper Culture State Park in Oconto and the Holt & Balcom Logging Camp Museum in Lakewood, and gives tours of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Oconto, built in 1886, the first edifice built for Christian Science services in the world.

For more information, visit the society's website, ocontocountyhistsoc.org.

Tips for making kids more comfortable with masks

Wearing a cloth mask, in addition to practicing physical distancing and frequent handwashing, plays a critical role in curbing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities, according to Prevea Health and HSHS St. Vincent Hospital.

The providers offer the following guidance for parents and caregivers in helping children become more comfortable with wearing a mask.

Should all children wear a mask?

Children under age 2 should not wear a mask due to suffocation and choking hazards. In addition, parents of children with cognitive or respiratory impairments should exercise caution with masks for their children. If you have any questions or concerns about whether your child is healthy enough to wear a mask, it is important

you consult with their primary care physician.

How can I help my child become more comfortable and/or less afraid of wearing a mask?

One of the most effective ways to help your child become more comfortable with wearing a mask is by being a role model. When you also wear a mask, and do so with a positive attitude, your child is likely to follow your lead! Here are some suggestions to help children become more comfortable with masks:

- Look in the mirror with your child while you each wear a mask, and talk about it.
- Put a mask on a favorite stuffed animal.
- Decorate the child's mask(s) so they're more personalized and fun.

- Show your child pictures of other children wearing masks.

- Draw a mask on their favorite book character.

- Practice wearing the mask at home to help your child get used to it.

How can I talk to my child about wearing a mask?

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that for children under age 3, it's best to answer their questions simply in language they understand. If they ask about why people are wearing masks, explain that sometimes people wear them when they are sick, and when they are all better, they stop wearing them.

For children over 3, the AAP recommends you focus on germs. Explain that germs are special to your own

body. Some germs are good and some are bad. The bad ones can make you sick. Since we can't always tell which are good or bad, the masks help make sure you keep those germs away from your own body.

Dr. Josh Rankin, pediatrician at Prevea Health, recently shared these tips and other information in the "Kids and Masking" episode of Prevea's podcast, "Plug in to Health," which is available on major podcasting platforms such as Apple and Google Play, and at: www.prevea.com/podcast

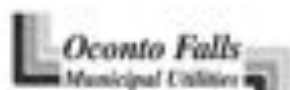
Other resources dedicated to helping adults and children navigate mask-wearing are available at www.prevea.com/masking, including: how masks work, how to clean cloth masks, avoiding fogging glasses and skin irritation, and debunking mask myths.



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St. John Lutheran students wrap up distance learning

The students of St. John Lutheran School, near Suring, completed the distance learning school year in early June. School officials said the teaching staff was proud that so many of the students put forth the effort needed to complete their assignments and were promoted to the next grade.

Special congratulations go to the eighth-grade students, Alyssa Schowalter and Isaac Young.

“These two young people were great role models for the younger students and will be missed by everyone at St. John,” said Vanessa Peters of the St. John School Board. “We pray that God will bless them and guide them as they head to high school.”

The staff at St. John School realized that in order for most students to succeed, especially during distance learning, they needed the support of parents and grandparents, and so they organized a “Grab and Go” Appreciation Meal that was passed out on the day students returned their textbooks and Chromebooks.

Funds from Thrivent Action Teams were used to purchase food for a meal for each St. John School family.

“The teachers are very thankful for their willingness to take on the role of ‘assistant teacher’ during Safer at Home,” Peters said. “We are praying that we will return to the classrooms this September.”

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Tomato diseases target local gardens

By **SCOTT REUSS**

The two most popular home garden vegetables are tomato and potato. Being close cousins, both get some of the same diseases, and those diseases are causing problems in many area gardens right now.



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The two most common diseases of tomato are Septoria Leaf Spot and Early Blight. Although caused by different fungal species, the two diseases are able to be managed with the same techniques, as the disease cycles are the same. Both diseases can be very severe in tomatoes, and Early Blight is very common and can be very bad on potatoes. Additionally, the diseases can impact eggplant and peppers, but are usually not serious on those plants.

Home gardeners really dislike these two diseases. They can turn a lush tomato patch, or even just one or two plants, into standing skeletons that have very few leaves and smaller, lower quality fruit. Both are caused by fungal pathogens that overwinter on plant debris. Thus, one of the primary management methods is to thoroughly remove debris from last year's tomato family plants, especially if you had any of the diseases present. The plant debris can overwinter on the soil, in the upper layers of soil, or on trellises and tomato cages.

During warm, humid weather conditions, last year's infected plant material forms spores on the lesions and these spores can then get moved to this year's growing plants. The spores usually need to get splashed up onto leaves, or have leaves come in contact with the soil. Again, this leads to management opportunities. By having consistent mulch layers under your plants and using trellises or similar to keep the vines off the ground, you can often minimize or slow down the ability of the disease to get started.

Once disease gets started in a plant or in a stand of tomatoes, it will continue to move upward as raindrops or irrigation droplets splash the spores being produced



Septoria leaf spot advancing through a tomato leaf.

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on infected leaves up to the next layer of leaves and form new lesions. As lesions grow, they coalesce and lead to leaflets dying back, often leading to partial or complete defoliation of affected plants. The loss of photosynthetic area lessens fruit yield and fruit quality, sometimes severely.

The two diseases are difficult to tell apart, but the lesions are slightly different. Septoria lesions start as small, circular lesions, usually having a lighter colored center, but otherwise darkly colored. Early blight lesions are larger, more irregularly shaped, and if you look closely you can usually see concentric rings within the lesion that make them look like bullseyes. Early blight can also directly infect the fruit, leading to sunken, brown areas on the stem end of the fruit and very low quality fruit, if they are able to be used, at all.

Fungicide use, staking/trellising and pruning, and rotation and weed control are other management opportunities. Along with mulching, you can use trellises, stakes and ties, or tomato cages to keep the tomato growth as vertical as possible and minimize soil contact to the leaves. Along with

this, pruning of lower leaves early in the season helps keep the spores from getting onto the plant. You may also be able to slow the disease down by pruning off leaves which are affected when the disease gets started, or entire plants if only one or two plants are infected.

Rotation can be difficult in smaller gardens and is impossible in containers. If possible, do not plant tomatoes where you had tomatoes, potatoes, eggplant, or peppers in the last two to three years. However, many weed species (nightshades, horse nettle, jimsonweed, and clammy groundcherry and other groundcherries) also harbor the disease, so you need to practice good weed control along with rotation to have this be at all effective. Good spacing also helps, so have more space between your tomato plants to get better air flow.

Fungicides can also be used, but the only active ingredients that work well and are readily available to home gardeners are chlorothalonil and mancozeb, along with copper fungicides if you want to use an organic option. You will need to reapply these products, as they will wash off with rain or irrigation events, and their efficacy wears out.

Depending on the conditions and active ingredient, you will want to reapply every 5-14 days.

Make sure that you read and follow the label directions carefully, especially for treatment intervals, if you decide to use any type of fungicide. Also, remember that fungicide applications need to be very thorough, as they are protective treatments. Think painting as an example. You need to have 100% leaf surface coverage for the fungicides to truly do their job of stopping spores from infecting new places or new leaves.

You can learn more about these diseases by reading the publication found at: <https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0145/8808/4272/files/A2606.pdf> and there is another, shorter version found at: https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/files/2014/11/Septoria-Leaf-Spot_0.pdf. You can find more pest management resources under the Horticulture - Plant Problems tab, including photos of these diseases, at <https://marinette.extension.wisc.edu/>

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OCONTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Aug. 9

Deputies logged 53 incidents, including the following:

Fireworks — reported in the 11000 block of Laura Lane, Riverview, 12:36 a.m.

Underage alcohol — reported at an address in Chase, 12:45 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 200 block of Van Buren Street, City of Oconto Falls, 4:50 a.m.

Suspicious — reported near North Main Street and County Road B, Town of Oconto Falls, 4:59 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of County Road S, Chase, 5:08 a.m.

Suspicious — reported along state Highway 32, Maple Valley, 6:27 a.m.

Fireworks — reported in the 15000 block of Jacklin Heights Circle, Riverview, 8:46 a.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 6000 block of Goatsville Road, Town of Lena, 11:06 a.m.

Fire — reported in the 6000 block of Aspen Drive, Sobieski, 11:51 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 900 block of McDonald Street, City of Oconto, 1:47 p.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in Underhill, 3:32 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 8000 block of North Brown County Line, Chase, 5:17 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near U.S. 141 and

Chicken Shack Road, Stiles, 6:38 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 3000 block of Habeck Lane, Abrams, 6:42 p.m.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received. 543

Aug. 8

Deputies logged 53 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 400 block of North Mill Street, Suring, 4:22 a.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 5000 block of County Road HH, Underhill, 11:42 a.m.

Tree down — reported along Nelligan Lake Lane, Riverview, 6:15 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 17000 block of Aspen Lane, Townsend, 6:48 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 5000 block of Glynn Road, Town of Oconto, 8:07 p.m.

Drugs — reported at an address in the City of Oconto, 9 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 14000 block of County Road W, Mountain, 10:24 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 5600 block of Business 41, City of Oconto, 10:49 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident near state Highway 32 and Clay Road, How, 11:22 a.m.; and a property-damage crash near Parkway Road and Reader Lake Lane, Riverview, 11:21

p.m.

Ambulance — one ambulance call was received.

Aug. 7

Deputies logged 79 incidents, including the following:

Search warrant — executed at an address in Breed, 1:34 a.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 12000 block of Knollwood Lane, Mountain, 1:58 a.m.

Line down — reported in the 8300 block of Gohr Road, Chase, 12:19 p.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 9000 block of Hogsback Road, Little River, 1:07 p.m.; in the 3000 block of Delcore Road, Town of Oconto, 2:22 p.m.

Fire — reported in the 9000 block of

White Lake Road, Maple Valley, 4:17 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 100 block of West Main Street, City of Gillett, 5:24 p.m.; reported in the 14000 block of Old 32 Road, Lakewood, 6:47 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 7000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 9:44 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 16000 block of County Road W, Doty, 10:53 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage accident near County Road Z and Brazeau Town Hall Road, Brazeau, 12:10 p.m.; and a personal-injury accident in the 100 block of West Main Street, City of Gillett, 5:12 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — two ambulance calls were received.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Spruce
Oconto County
Ordinance No. 01-2020

Town of Spruce Clerk and Treasurer Appointment

The Town Board of the Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

That, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.30(1e)(a), the office of the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, shall be filled by appointment of a majority of the members-elect of the town board.

The term of office for the appointed position(s) shall be set by the town board, but may not exceed 3 years per § 60.30(1e)(c). The town board may re-appoint the officer(s) for additional terms. However, removal by the town board during a given term of office may only be for "cause" as defined under § 17.001 and required by § 60.30(1e)(f).

This ordinance is subject to approval by the town electors in a referendum, which is hereby called by the Town Board to be held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020. The referendum question(s) shall be:

"Shall the persons holding the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer in the Town of Spruce be appointed by the Town Board?"

The salary of the appointed positions shall be set by the town board and may not be reduced during the term of office.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its town board passage, notice after passage per § 60.80 and also its referendum approval by the town electors as required by § 60.30(1e)(b).

Terry Brazeau, Chairperson
Attestation: Lisa Peitersen, Clerk
Published/Posted: 7/30/2020

Adopted this 28th day of July, 2020.
Town of Spruce, Oconto County, Wisconsin.
WNAXLP

Gillett Secondary School is selling their weight room equipment. It is available for viewing on the Gillett School District webpage. Please email Mike Kaczmarek mkaczmarek@gillett.k12.wi.us with the number/name of equipment along with your best offer by August 20. We will then review the offers and contact you. We will determine a pick up day the week of Aug 24. Dismantle and carry out will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Thank you.

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Application deadline is September 4, 2020, at 12:00 p.m.

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school graduate or GED equivalent. Two-Year or Four-Year Corrections Officer/ Law Enforcement Degree preferred.

Responsible for the security of the facility and overseeing the security and conduct of inmates. Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and written. Understand and follow verbal orders given by supervisors and written procedures and regulations. Make effective decisions and exercise good judgement under stressful situations. Work quickly and efficiently under constantly changing job demands. Possess a valid driver's license. Have no criminal convictions.

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