

Get rid of your bag worms

Life seems to be a cycle. And So It Goes ... Again..... the dreaded bag worm.

Now's the time to "do battle" with that "infamous" bag worm. Throughout most of Kansas, bag worm eggs have hatched and the young caterpillars are out-and-about feeding on both broadleaf and evergreen trees and shrubs. Bag worms were first considered a pest of primarily conifers but over the years they have expanded their host range to include a number of broad leaf plants including rose, honey locust, and flowering plum.

At this time of year, what is the best way to deal with bag worm caterpillars and thus prevent them from causing damage? Hand picking any small caterpillars (along with their accompanying bag) and placing them into a container of soapy water will kill them directly. This is highly therapeutic and, if feasible, will quickly remove populations before they can cause substantial plant damage. You should consider having a weekend "bag worm hand picking party" with prizes awarded

And So
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to those individuals that collect the most bags.

For those less interested in the pleasures of handpicking, there are a number of insecticides labeled for use against bag worms including those with the following active ingredients (trade name in parentheses): acephate (Orthene), Bacillus thuringiensis subsp. Kurstaki (Dipel/Thuricide), cyfluthrin (Tempo), lambda-cyhalothrin (Scimitar), trichlorfon (Dylox), indoxacarb (Provaunt), chlorantraniliprole (Acelepryn), and spinosad (Conserve).

Many of these active ingredients are commercially available and sold under different trade names or generic products. However, several insecticides may not be directly available to homeowners. The key to dealing with bag worms when us-

ing insecticides is to make applications early and frequently enough in order to kill the highly susceptible young caterpillars that are feeding aggressively on plant foliage.

In addition, females tend to feed less as they prepare for reproduction, which reduces their susceptibility to spray applications and any residues. However, thorough coverage of all plant parts, especially the tops of trees and shrubs, where bag worms commonly start feeding, and frequent applications are required. The reason why multiple applications will be needed when bag worms are first detected is because bag worms "blow in" (called 'ballooning') from neighboring plants.

If left unchecked, bag worms can cause significant damage, thus ruining the aesthetic quality of plants. In addition, they may actually kill plants, especially evergreens since they don't usually produce another flush of growth, and newly transplanted small plants. Raymond Cloyd, Extension Entomologist.

Mother nature always wins



Late Saturday night in Alma strong winds and possibly a tornado caused widespread damage and power outages across town. Trees fell on homes, smashed numerous vehicles, and made streets impassible until cleanup began.

-Telegram photo by Marcia Shelton

\$96,000 to be invested into conservation

The National Wild Turkey Federation's Kansas State Chapter board of directors met in Salina, Kansas, to review and allocate funding, which includes \$23,500 to support education and outreach efforts in Kansas through JAKES, Women in the Outdoors and Wheelin' Sportsmen, and local and state scholarships.

"The Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt. initiative is supported by our state boards and chapter members," said Becky Humphries, executive vice president of conservation. "Hunting Heritage Super Fund money is critical to implementing the initiative, and investing in focal landscapes and hunter recruitment."

The National Wild Turkey Federation's Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt. initiative is a charge that mobilizes science, fundraising and devoted volunteers to give the National Wild Turkey Federation more energy and purpose than ever. Through this national initiative, National Wild Turkey Federation has committed to raising \$1.2 billion to conserve and enhance more than four million acres of essential upland wildlife habitat, create at least 1.5 million new hunters and open access to 500,000 new acres for hunting, shooting and outdoor enjoyment. Without hunters, there will be no wildlife or habitat. The National Wild Turkey Federation is determined to Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt.

The board of directors also dedicated \$73,380 in National Wild Turkey Federation funding to the following proposed Hunting Heritage Super Fund projects in 2014, which, when completed, will be matched with more than \$2.1 million in partner funding:

\$20,000 to acquire land to add to Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area, to be paid over two years. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Pheasants Forever and Sella

\$8,500 to restore grasslands at Clinton, Glen Elder, Hillsdale and Norton wildlife areas. Projects include removing invasive woody species (honey locust, Russian olive and Eastern red cedar) and converting brome to native warm season grasses at Norton Wildlife Area. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, \$10,000 to support Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's new Pheasant Initiative centered on Glen Elder and Norton wildlife areas, which promotes pheasant-friendly habitat improvements on public and private land. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, \$8,900 to restore riparian areas. Projects include planting trees to stabilize banks at Melvern Wildlife Area and Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge, and removing undesirable tree species from cedar bluff wildlife area. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Kansas Forest Service, Eco-Tone Forestry, Kansas Bowhunters and others, \$5,000 to support the National

Wild Turkey Federation's Regional Biologist Program. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, and Nebraska National Wild Turkey Federation State Chapter, \$4,230 to support local 4-H Shooting Sports programs in Grant, Lyon and Jefferson counties by purchasing bows, targets and air pistols. Funding also will help Kansas youth travel to compete in the national competition. Project Partners: local 4-H Shooting Sports Programs, state 4-H Shooting Sports Program, various individuals and local organizations, \$3,000 to help Fort Riley purchase a tree saw for use in grassland restoration and forest stand improvement efforts on Fort Riley. Project Partners: Fort Riley (Department of Defense), \$3,000 to help fund Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's Spring Walk-In Hunting Access Program to include a Sign-up Incentive Payment in targeted counties to increase landowner enrollment in the spring program. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, \$2,500 to support Forest Stand Improvement efforts at Douglas State Fishing Lake. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, \$2,500 to support a Kansas Youth Coordinator position, which focuses on getting more youth outdoors, specifically to hunt and fish. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

Pheasants Forever and Outdoor Mentors Inc., \$1,500 to help establish firebreaks and install a solar well to improve grassland health on Jamestown Wildlife Area. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, \$1,500 to restore grassland on a Walk-In Hunting Area property at Camp Ascension near Toronto, Kansas. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and Camp Ascension (landowner), \$1,000 to provide scholarships to annual winners of the Kansas Eco-Meet. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and others, \$1,000 to match funds of a Ducks Unlimited North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant, which, if secured, will improve habitat, including wetlands, on Neosho Wildlife Area. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Ducks Unlimited, local cooperators and landowners, \$750 to create firebreaks that will improve the ability to conduct prescribed burns at Potawatomi State Fishing Lake #1. Project Partners: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

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In Memory Of Allen Ray Hill

March 10, 1957 - June 23, 2013

This past year without you in my life has been one of pain that goes to my very soul. I knew that you weren't in the best of health, but I never thought you would leave me until we were old and gray, we were conceived, developed and grew up together. I never could have imagined I'd be left behind without you. I had a hard time trying to pretend to celebrate our birthday without you calling me to say "Happy Birthday Sissy"! I miss you so very much. I miss having Pizza Hut deliver veggie pizza and Pepsi or Mtn. Dew for you on my paydays. I wish I had been able to do more for you. You will never know the impact you made on me in your 56 years, 3 months, and 13 days on this earth. You were always thankful for such small blessings, such as a can of Dr. Pepper, a little "spare change" to blow on whatever you wanted at that moment. Those moments will forever be near and dear to my heart. You had such a hard life, but you always had a smile on your face and that infectious laugh that I can still hear when I close my eyes. You could make me laugh no matter how mad I was. The one thing I want you to know more than anything else Allen is that if I could have chosen my own twin, it would have absolutely been you! I believe that one day when the good Lord is ready we will be reunited with each other, our mother, and all the good people we loved that have went on before us. There will be no more sadness or tears, just happiness forever. Until that day, I pray that you will rest in peace. Half of you lives on through me and I will try to live the rest of my life for you both. Know that you are forever loved and missed by your family and friends, and especially by me,
your twin sister, Allie Whitt

Individuals earn awards for their PRIDE

Improving a school playground or updating an aging downtown can be expensive, daunting tasks, especially in small communities with limited resources. But some Kansas towns have completed such projects and more. For their efforts, several communities and individuals have been honored with 2014 PRIDE Capital, Community Partners or Communities of Excellence awards.

The awards, given by the Kansas PRIDE program, were presented during Day of PRIDE 2014 events, held June 14 in Larned and Humboldt. The program is a partnership of Kansas State University Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce, and Kansas PRIDE, Inc.

Through the program, communities identify what they want to preserve, create or improve for their future. Community volunteers form a local PRIDE organization that works with K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas Department of Commerce to accomplish their goals.

"The Kansas PRIDE program is a volunteer-led organization, and these awards allow an opportunity to highlight the hard work that these volunteers provide for the state of Kansas," said Jaime Menon, extension assistant for community development in the PRIDE program. "Each community has its own unique structure, culture, and assets, and Kansas PRIDE volunteers work hard to bring out the best in their communities and promote what they have to offer. It is through the work of these volunteers that Kansas communities continue to thrive and be a great place to live and raise a family."

Seven Kansas PRIDE Capital Awards were given in recognition of a specific project in Lenora, Lucas and Spearville.

Lenora PRIDE Cultural Capital - Historical Calendar -The Lenora PRIDE organization showcased the community's history and cul-

tural identity plus birthdays, anniversaries, and other occasions by producing PRIDE Historical Calendars, which also have become a profitable fundraiser. The project exemplified partnerships between individuals and business members of the community.

Human Capital - Lenora Pet Clinic -Because Lenora is located at least 20 miles from the closest veterinarian and has 68 registered pets, Lenora PRIDE has partnered with veterinarian Steve Graf to operate a pet clinic every year for more than 20 years. Last year, the clinic served more than 30 animals, eliminating the need for citizens to travel far or take time from work for pet examinations.

Social Capital - Park Rehabilitation -The Lenora PRIDE organization improved two community parks in 2013. Along with the City of Lenora, it installed a restroom facility at the school's playground. Lenora PRIDE also placed a structure for shade above the picnic tables and added trees. In Larrick Park, the organization added a sign showing the location of the park, painted the fencing, playground equipment and picnic tables and refurbished the bleachers.

Four individuals, as well as officials with the City of Lenora were recognized with Kansas PRIDE Community Partners Awards for their volunteer efforts.

-City of Lenora (population 248, according to the 2010 census) - The City of Lenora used grant funds and worked with Lenora PRIDE volunteers to install a restroom and waste disposal at a school playground.

-Erika Nelson - Lucas (population 393) - As a community volunteer, artist, and curator of the World's Smallest Versions of the World's Largest Things Attraction, Ericka Nelson has helped attract visitors to Lucas. She recently helped with the conservation and relocation of Miller's Park and its collec-

tion of miniature buildings and sculptures back to Lucas.

-Bill Smith - Lecompton (population 625) - Bill Smith was a leader in determining the best use of the former Lecompton High School building, which is now a community center. The building hosts events such as Super Bowl parties and Monday morning coffee hour, as well as dance, exercise and theatre events.

-Kara Godfrey - Iola (population 5,704) Kara Godfrey serves as the secretary-treasurer for the Iola Community Involvement Task Force/PRIDE organization. She has been instrumental in bringing several improvement projects to fruition, including adding historical markers to the square and downtown and parks beautification. She is currently working to bring a disc golf course to Iola.

-David Mueller - Tampa (population 112)-David Mueller developed a vision for restoring downtown Tampa, which had deteriorated due to lack of attention by absentee landlords and unsafe buildings. He began by surveying residents to see what they would like to see. The results included the restoration of several brick building fronts on Main Street and the demolition of decaying buildings behind them. In their place, an energy efficient building was built and portioned into four business areas.

For their ongoing accomplishments in community development, four communities earned 2014 Kansas PRIDE Community of Excellence awards.

-Goff
-Grainfield
-Highland (Doniphan County)
-Perry

As Community of Excellence award winners, they are eligible to apply for Partners in PRIDE matching grants of up to \$2,000 to fund future community improvements.

More information about the Kansas PRIDE program is available by calling 785-532-5840 or email PRIDE@ksu.edu.

ed hours and whose grade point average for the semester is 3.75 or above receive semester honors. They also receive commendations from their deans and the honors recorded on their permanent academic records.

Area students earning semester honors include:

Norton County
Norton: Maia Carlson, Mariah Farber, Tonielle Fiscus, Marcus Herman, Taylor Meder, Bethany Roy, Dustyna Sprigg
Phillips County
Agra: Megan Suchsland
Logan: Paige Buss

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University awards semester honors to more than 3,400 students

More than 3,400 Kansas State University students have earned semester honors for their academic performance during the spring 2014 semester.

Students with at least 12 grad-

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