

Protect your home from those awful stink bugs



Gardening
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Guest columnist

Question: This fall, for the first time, I have had brown marmorated stink bugs show up in my house. I read an article about them in a March 2018 issue of New Yorker (<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/03/12/when-twenty-six-thousand-stinkbugs-invade-your-home>) magazine recently and it really freaked me out...they sound horrible. Are they new to Oregon? Are they garden pests? Are they going to get worse? How can we keep them from invading our houses and gardens?

Answer: The brown marmorated stink bug *Halomorpha halys*, (BMSB), is native to Asia. First seen in North America on the east coast in the late 1990s, it was first spotted in Oregon around 2004. So far, it is mainly found in northwestern Oregon.

The rapid spread of this new pest in N. America is linked to its wide array of dietary preferences (more than 170 kinds of plants) and its affinity for crawling

into structures. Experts think it hitchhiked in vehicles and trains from back east to out west and down the I-5 and I-84 corridors. Adult stink bugs can fly and easily travel on their own from place to place.

With piercing-sucking mouthparts, the BMSB easily pierces many types of plants to suck the juices. They prefer the nutrient rich fruits, pods and seeds of plants. The newly arrived bug is proving to be a pest on Oregon's fruit, hazelnuts, vegetable and grain crops.

The BMSB can also be a nuisance in homes, as it seeks winter shelter in buildings like ladybugs and box elder bugs do. I found it in my house this year; just a couple of them have dropped off the ceiling. I have no idea how they got indoors—probably on firewood.

Brown marmorated stink bugs are one of several species of stinkbugs found in Oregon, some of which are native. The invasive BMSB has white bands on their antennae, smooth shoulders, and are a mottled brown. BMSBs and the native rough stink bugs look a lot alike - both are mottled brown and seek refuge indoors to overwinter. However, rough stink bugs have rough margined shoulders and solid antennae col-

or.

Female adult brown marmorated stink bugs lay clusters of clear blue eggs on the underside of leaves in the spring until late summer. After hatching, the red and black or white and black larvae feed on plant leaves, stems and fruit. As the young bugs grow, they become brown and black mottled colored like the adults.

After the BMSB punctures plant tissues, the fruits can scar or contract plant diseases from the wounds. The stinkbugs also can taint and reduce the value of produce by releasing a foul smelling chemical defense compound as they cling to fruits or vegetables, especially during transport.

So far, the best line of defense against this pest in the home garden is to prevent the BMSB from getting to your crops. Use barriers such as row covers or fine mesh netting on row crops and sticky traps around tree trunks or bagging fruit on fruit trees. Essential oils like spearmint, lemongrass, clove and ylang-ylang may prove effective as repellents, say researchers. .

Commercial crops in our region that have experienced damage from this new stink bug pest include hazelnuts, ap-

ples, pears, blueberries, and cherries.

During the fall, the stink bugs gather by the hundreds or thousands on sides of houses and out buildings. They then work their way into the buildings through cracks and other openings. They can be in a semi-dormant state during most of the winter, but warm spells cause them to move around and become more noticeable.

The best way to prevent them from entering homes is to seal all the openings with caulking or other material to exclude them. Once in the house, vacuuming them is the best way to capture and remove BMSB. Crushing them can cause them to release their defensive aroma, which is disagreeable and lingers for a while.

To learn more about brown marmorated stink bugs:

<https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/departments/horticulture/brown-marmorated-stink-bug>

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Eva Mae Fields

SILVERTON - July 17, 1921 - December 25, 2018

Eva passed peacefully on Christmas Day, living 97 full and productive years. She was the second of four daughters of Otho and Anna Scott. Eva lived in Coeur d'Alene during the Great Depression, experienced many hardships, but always persevered. By age five she was sewing on a treadle machine, the start of a lifelong profession. As a little girl she pumped gas at their family gas station and with her mother and sisters providing laundry service to the CCC boys. Eva was a hard worker, determined to find work wherever possible to provide for her family. She worked several tough jobs, including at a turkey plant, sausage factory, and sheet metal work in the shipyards. She became a well-sought after, highly respected professional drapery specialist, acclaimed for her skilled styling and elegant, custom-made draperies. She made clothes for her children and many dresses, including formals for her granddaughters. At 93, she could still sew a perfect seam!

Eva was strong and self-reliant, living independently well into her 90s. She was selfless, constantly willing to share her time and skills. Known for her sense of humor and youthful demeanor, she enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing, crocheting, painting, coloring and traveling. Eva is survived by sisters, Evelyn Woods and Thelma Nickerson, daughter Barbara Dettwyler, 8 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 12 great, great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband Howard, sons Laverne and Carl, and sister Bertha Reitz. Her family greatly appreciates her loving care at Heartwood Place in Woodburn, OR. Funeral to be held on January 2, 2019 at 1 p.m. at the Silverton United Methodist Church.



Daughter's Christmas gift blows family away

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Julie Lorraine was happy to have at least one of her two military daughters, Kelsey, back home in Stayton for the holidays.

She smiled as she took orders and wiped down tables Saturday afternoon in the family's BBQ restaurant, letting everyone know her 20-year-old was home from Fort Sam Houston, a U.S. Air Force base in San Antonio, Texas.

Eighteen-year-old Courtney, serving in the U.S. Army, couldn't make it.

That's when her husband, Jason — who served four tours in Iraq and Afghanistan before retiring from the Army in 2016 — and nephew Christopher Kinn lugged a large, brightly wrapped Christmas present into Squatchy's dining room.

Jason told her it was a "gift from the community," which was believable after the rough year



Julie Lorraine opens a box holding her daughter, Courtney. MICHAELA ROMÁN/STATESMAN JOURNAL

they'd had and all the help friends and strangers had given them.

Julie and Jason opened Squatchy's BBQ Sept. 15 after a fire destroyed their food cart in July.

Friends raised \$28,704 through a Go Fund Me drive, including money from military families worldwide who were touched by their story.

As Julie started to open the gift, she joked with friends and patrons that it might be a grill, or maybe a cat.

Instead, out popped

Courtney.

The Army unit supply specialist wrapped her arms around her crying mother and sister. It was Courtney's first time seeing the restaurant, which was built while she was at basic training.

Courtney deploys next month and this was her only chance to take leave. "I didn't know when I was going to come home, so I thought it would be a good time to surprise my mom."

Moving around a lot as part of a military family, Courtney is the only sib-

ling born in Oregon. Kelsey was born in California and Ryan, their 15-year-old brother, was born in Washington.

Now all three are reunited for Christmas.

"When the kids are at home, you're like 'when are they going to move out?' But when they're both gone, it's hard," Julie said. "You're so used to seeing them every single day of your life."

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Morris Neal Fischer

SILVERTON - 7/26/1939 - 12/25/2018

Husband, Father and friend is at peace after an extended battle with cancer and related illnesses. Morris Fischer was born in Silverton, Oregon to Eugenia Fischer (Neal) and Marion Fischer. He was educated in farm schools including McAlpin and Victor Point. Because of his farm home location, he went to first Cascade High School and then graduated in 1957 from Silverton Union High School. Schooling continued in Klamath Falls where Morris received an automotive education at OIT. After graduation he returned to the valley and went to work for Gene Teague Chevrolet in Stayton. This is when he met the love of his life, Patricia Klaboe, and they were soon married. He also held a position with Car Lab in Portland, where he met his future business partner Nyles Klampe. Together they started the Muffler Center in the rented pit garage on Evergreen Avenue. Business was eventually good enough to move into bigger shop with multiple bays. The two would go on to build their own building on the corner of Highway Avenue and Silverton Road. There were many summers hanging with Nyles at the drag strip, making barstool racers, building custom exhausts for fellow motorheads and sponsoring sand drags in Sand Lake. He always was there to help family and friends in their automotive crisis. Pat and the kids always had a boat for fishing and water sports, spent many miles with 5 people in a camper on summer vacations in British Columbia, camping out at their place at Three Rivers and always had dirt bikes for weekend rides. His friends will remember the annual Christmas party, all night pinocle games and the trips to Reno. Morris tried his hand at retirement, but raising sheep was not his passion. He would go back to twisting wrenches at Ioka grass seed Farm. He had a keen ability to use logic to design and fix machinery. He really appreciated the freedom to set his own schedule to be with family, fish and hunt. Some of the best memories were in elk camp with a base that could endure any storm. He covered a lot of miles in the steep hillsides of the Ukiah Unit. He told many a tale of his trips to Yakutat Alaska fishing for halibut and salmon. Morris leaves behind his Wife Patricia Fischer who would have been married 59 years on December 31st. Morris has three children, Sons Ed (Leila) and Mike (Mardi) and daughter Susan. He also had 7 Grand Children, Charlie, Anna, Faith and Ian Scharer, Zachary, Dakota, and Nicholas Fischer. A celebration of life with occur at 1pm on the 31st of December at the Union Hills Grange Hall. 15775 Grange Rd SE, Sublimity OR 97385. Come share your memories and tales of the life of a great man. In luei of flowers donations can be made at Union Hills Grange Hall.



Anundi

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bulk. Anundi has learned to fight for position in the paint.

"We're getting him to go hit bodies and be nasty about it. He's getting there," Stayton coach Joe Kiser said. "Sometimes he does it with a smile on his face. We tell him to stop doing that."

At his core, Anundi is a mild-mannered young man who has considered teaching as a profession.

A member of the National Honor's Society, Anundi has been part of a program the last two years where Stayton High School students spend a week working as counselors for fifth- and sixth-graders at Stayton Middle School. "I feel it's important to impact kid's lives," he said.

Anundi is certainly impacting the Stayton basketball program, which is much improved from last season's 13-13 squad that tied for second in the Oregon West Conference and lost in the second round of the playoffs.

The Eagles have plenty of experience

with Anundi, Nichol and senior guards Jordan Butler and Jenkins, and junior guard Logan Classen in the starting five. Stayton defeated defending two-time 4A state champion Seaside 56-49 on its home floor Dec. 15.

"I'll fire myself if we don't get to the final eight (of the state tournament)," Kiser said.

Kiser was joking, but he knows the Eagles have the talent and experience to be among the top teams in 4A.

Anundi would love to be on a team that adds another state championship to the school's trophy case. Stayton won AA state titles in 1971 and 1980, and the 3A state championship in 1995.

No one is looking too far ahead. Four teams in the Oregon West Conference are ranked in the top 10, including No. 7 Woodburn, which has benefited from the addition of senior guard RJ Veliz, a transfer from Blanchet.

"We're really developing as a team and our chemistry has been really good this year so far," Anundi said. "I feel like we could do something special if we keep it up."

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