

New insect pestering plants in WV

Clouds of small white-winged insects flying around homes, gardens and even parking lots up and down the Willamette Valley have the public more than a little annoyed.

"The ash whitefly, which was first detected last year, is becoming quite noticeable for most of us, particularly in the metro area, because they're floating around in high numbers," said Robin Rosetta, an entomologist with Oregon State University's Extension Service.

"Many are familiar with whiteflies, but this is a new one. How impactful it will be is yet to be seen."

So far, limited plant damage has been detected in Oregon, according to Rosetta, though the ash whitefly (*Siphoninus phillyae*) can cause curled or stunted leaves and, in some cases, defoliation. The sap-sucking insect has a long list of plants it prefers. In California, where it showed up in 1988 and has largely disappeared due to an introduced parasitic wasp, there were about 40 host plants. In Oregon, they've been seen on Oregon ash, ornamental pear, hawthorn and flowering quince.

Other plants such as boxwood, barberry, rhododendrons and azaleas appear to attract the insect, but it



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doesn't seem to be reproducing on these plants. More likely the whiteflies are moving on to them for winter protection.

Comments and questions about the aggravating insect are trending on social media and lighting up the hotlines of Extension's Master Gardeners.

"There are a lot of calls," said Margaret Bayne, administrative specialist for the Master Gardener program in the Portland metro area. "We're telling people not to worry and to wait for OSU and the Oregon Department of Agriculture to monitor it and make recommendations."

In addition to the large number of whiteflies floating around, people will begin to notice they secrete a substance similar to the honeydew produced by aphids.

Chemicals won't have much of an effect, because the plants get re-infested so quickly.

Until more monitoring is done, recommendations are sparse. Using sticky traps



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may help, as well as raking up infested leaves.

Though other whiteflies are common in Oregon, including the ubiquitous greenhouse type, the juvenile ash whitefly is distinctive. The tiny eggs, which are laid on the underside of leaves, are pale yellow and hatch into nymphs that are almost translucent at first and then more opaque as they become covered in tufts of white wax, according to Rosetta. They develop into brown, egg-shaped young

insects — called pupae — that can cause injury to the plant by sucking out its sap.

As temperatures drop, the insects will become sluggish in their reproduction and activity and will largely disappear from sight with freezing weather. In spring, the whiteflies start multiplying more quickly and, by late summer and fall, numbers are high. How many are around next year depends on winter temperatures. A mild winter could mean even more next season.

MI TOWN

Yoga participants of all ages and skill levels are invited to Yoga in the Hopyard at Rogue Farms this evening from 6 to 7. Bring your yoga mat and share a fun (and free) class in the James and Franny Coleman Conference Center.

Polk County Women for Agriculture is sponsoring a Constitutional Essay Contest. For the past five years, students in grades nine through 12 (including home-schoolers) have had the opportunity to write a 500-word essay and compete for prizes \$300 (first), \$200 (second), and \$100 (third). All who enter will receive a pocket copy of the United States Constitution. Please visit the Oregon Women for Agriculture website for more information, www.owaonline.org/chapters/polc, or contact Arlene Kovash, 503-838-3512 or Carol Marx, 503-362-6225 for more information. Deadline is Dec. 31.

PEDEE NEWS

Nic and Cassandra Heller's son Josh celebrated his Oct. 20 birthday on the weekend of Oct. 17 with a lunch and party for his friends and a few of his parents' friends. His favorite gift was a Nintendo DS. He is 11 and goes to Whitworth Elementary School in Dallas. He thinks it's fun that his father Nic's birthday is only a week later — celebrated with a party last weekend. Josh and his family just moved to Pedee in July and live at the corner of Maple Grove and Kings Valley Highway.

The Pedee Women's Club gets such nice notes of appreciation from the soldiers they send boxes to. LaVerne and Pete Bennett's grand-



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daughter Amanda is now a chaplain's assistant in Qatar and sent this note: "Received another two boxes today! We are really so thankful to you ladies for all the stuff you have donated to the troops while I have been here. Not only are you helping people here, but others all over the Middle East as they come in and out. I am working on a simple gift for the group as a thank you."

The club keeps a book of merchants welcome everyone to share in the fun and surprises. All events are free, and everyone is invited to enjoy these great community celebrations. Wolfie, WOU's mascot, is planning to be out trick or treating, too, so you might have the chance to visit with him. A big thank you to the cities of Independence and Monmouth and to the Monmouth-Independence Chamber of Commerce.

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MICC is also sponsoring an afternoon of family-friendly bingo games at Volunteer Hall, behind Monmouth City Hall, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday. Cards may be purchased for \$1 each, or 12 for \$10, and there will be prizes valued at \$500, as well as a \$300 cash award. Lots of activities are planned for children, too. Put your creative skills to work, there will be costume contests at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

Halloween is celebrated on Saturday this year, and MI Town's streets will be filled with little ghosts and goblins and fairy princesses and super heroes as they trek from house to house and their parents wait patiently out on the nearby sidewalk. Many of our youngest residents are so caught up in the excitement of trick or treating that they may dart in and out of driveways and between cars without realizing there may be traffic approaching.

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all the notes received so when people stop by, they can read how much the boxes mean to the troops. Donations are still being accepted as each of the boxes cost approximately \$50, including postage.

Darrell and Shirley McBeth went to Corvallis last Wednesday to watch their granddaughter Abby McBeth compete in the district crosscountry race. Abby came in fifth place out of 80 some odd competitors and will go to state on Saturday. Abby was pleased that she increased her speed significantly.

Pedee Church still takes meals to the homeless under the Marion Street

Bridge on the fourth Monday of each month (rotating with other area churches) and did so this last Monday.

As winter weather sets in, people who are living outside will be in need of warm socks, coats, and gloves. Items can be left at the church to be taken to Salem the next time they go.

Rev. Lee DeSaulnier, died Thursday morning at Salem Memorial Hospital following a heart attack on Oct. 21. Service is Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at Dallas Missionary Alliance Church, but not sure when so watch the paper. Rev. DeSaulnier and his wife Beverly pastored at Pedee Church for several years during the '90s.

ANNIVERSARIES

Cagle - 50th



Jesse and Joyce Cagle of Dallas will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. with family and friends at their home in Dallas. Jesse Sinclair Cagle and Joyce Marie McConnell were married Oct. 30, 1965, at The Nazarene Church in Coos Bay. Rev. Roy Green performed the ceremony. The couple was attended by Bertha Shepard and Dale Alum.

The couple had lived in Coos Bay and have lived in Polk County the past 47 years.

Jesse retired in 1997 as a teacher from Oakdale Elementary. Joyce retired in 1997 as a substitute teacher from the Salem and Dallas school districts.

Jesse helps usher in church and is very active in the American Legion and VFW post. He loves to bowl in a senior league and walks daily. Joyce enjoys quilting, cooking, playing games with friends, and church activities at Christian Missionary Alliance in Dallas.

Their family includes nine adopted children and several foster children. The couple has more than 30 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

Nollen

Daizy Jo Nollen was born to Bob and Nadeane Nollen of Dallas at 6:19 p.m. on Oct. 9 at Silverton Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Daizy joins LeeAnne, 10, Aurora, 5, and Gabby, 2. Grandparents are Michael Clark, of Lacombe; Jennifer Martin, of Dallas; Bob Pollen, of Peggs, Okla.; Debbie Pinkham, of Salem.

King

Eden Kaye King was born to Andrew and Hannah King of Dallas at 7:18 a.m. on Oct. 10 at Silverton Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21.25 inches long.

Eden joins Ava, 3, and Jacob, 1. Grandparents are Bill and Shawnee Smith, of Woodlawn, Wash., and Brian and Kathy King, of Falls City.

Garner

Achten Jay Garner was born to Erik Garner and Tisha Wardle of Independence at 3:13 a.m. on Oct. 15 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19.5 inches long.

Achten joins Rylee, 11, and Trysten, 7. Grandparents are Barry and Denise Allen, of Independence; and Emy Keeley, of Brooksville, Fla.

Fisher

Lillie Mae Fisher was born to Michael and Mollie Fisher of Dallas at 7:51 a.m. on Oct. 18 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Lillie joins Jackson, 2. Grandparents are Andy and Bonnie Frazier, of Dallas; Kathy Hammer, of Dallas; and Thomas Fisher, of Dallas. Great-grandmother is Betty Fisher, of Dallas.

Alvarez

Sophia Marie Alvarez was born to Jorge and Dora Alvarez of Independence at 4:35 a.m. on Oct. 20 at Salem Hospital Family Birth Center.

She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19.5 inches long.

Sophia joins Jessica, 11, and Olivia, 4. Grandparents are Ramon and Dominga Meza, of Independence, and Jose and Leonor Alvarez, of Independence.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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• **Scrabble with Betty** — 1 p.m., Independence Public Library, 175 Monmouth St., Independence. Scrabble games first Wednesday of every month. Free; refreshments and prizes available. 503-551-7687 or 503-838-1811.

• **Yarning for Others** — 3 to 5 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Knitters and crocheters gather to make clothing and accessories for those in need on the first Wednesday of every month. 503-689-7222.

• **Helping Hands Emergency Food Bank** — 10 a.m. to noon, Monmouth Christian Church, 959 Church St. W., Monmouth. For eligible community members; available every Wednesday. 541-404-6517.

• **Brew and BS** — 7 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas. Free. Bring your own brew — beer, coffee, tea, cider, wine. Moderated discussions on topics of religion and science. 503-831-5593.

• **American Red Cross blood drive** — 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Western Oregon University, 345 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth. Donors with all blood types needed. Redcrossblood.org.



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