

Fall Army Worms

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Fall armyworms (FAW) continue to cause damage to area crops. If you have wheat planted and it's up to a stand, I would encourage you to scout closely for FAW and their damage. They can reduce a small grain stand quickly. FAW do not prefer the heat of the day so a good time to go look through fields would be early in the morning while it is still cool or just before dusk in the evening. These worms can travel long distances as they consume forage so check thoroughly and frequently.

Fall armyworms (FAW) can easily be found in many wheat and coastal fields right now. FAW moths deposit egg masses in seedling small grains and other monocot crops. Small larvae feed on the leaf tissue, creating tiny "window panes" in the leaves. Larger larvae consume entire leaves. Control is suggested when they are four or more larvae 1-inch or longer per square foot and when their damage is threatening the plant stand.

Description: The larvae are usually shades of brown but may also be greenish to nearly black. Four distinct black spots are on top of the eighth abdominal segment, and a white inverted Y is on the front of the head. Mature larvae are 1 1/2-inches long.

The FAW moth has dark gray, mottled forewings with light and dark splotches, and a noticeable white spot near the extreme end of each wing. The eggs are usually deposited in layers, but most eggs are spread over a single layer attached to foliage. The female also deposits a layer of grayish scales between the eggs and over the egg mass, imparting a furry or moldy appearance. The number of eggs per mass varies considerably but is often 100 to 200, and total egg production per female averages about 1500. (Egg mass and moths from ipm.ncsu.edu)

Recommended treatments are Mustang Max and Tombstone insecticides. They work very well and provide about 6-8 days of residual.

Texas Midwest Network conference set for October 29

Community Development – Beyond the Buzzwords! That's the theme of the 21st Annual Texas Midwest Conference to be held on October 29th at the Abilene Civic Center. Timely solution seminars will provide city leaders, economic development professionals, chamber representatives and students with information to better prepare for challenges member communities face today and in the future. Texas Midwest Community Network is the only regional organization of its kind in the state and the annual conference is the only one day event in the region to providing access to numerous agencies, organizations and

businesses that provide resources and services to rural communities. The most valuable aspect of the conference is the networking among the organization's fifty-one member community representatives as they share successes as well as insights to challenges they have overcome.

The conference luncheon will be highlighted by two inspiring presentations. The first from Russell Graves, recognized photographer with Texas Monthly and other Texas-based magazines. Mr. Graves will share insights on his experience telling authentic Texas stories with his camera and his words.

The second presentation will be by Kevin Tutt and Mike Daggs of Tutt & Daggs. Mr. Tutt & Mr. Daggs will inspire attendees in the area of employee commitment and corporate culture. As facilitators for the organization's inaugural Community Leadership Program, Tutt & Daggs will recognize the community projects developed by business leaders and students in the Program and help present scholarships to the project winning students.

Attendance at the conference is open to all concerned citizens in the region.

Most communities are represented by city & county officials, economic development professionals and board members, chamber of commerce executives and members, civic volunteers, healthcare professionals, school officials and student leaders who attend to learn more about the resources and services available to benefit communities. Estimated attendance is 350.

For more information and registration visit www.tmcn.org or call 325-795-8626.

Voters in Texas need photo ID

Recently, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a stay on the injunction of the enforcement of photo ID legislation as it applies to the Nov. 4 Election. The ruling means that photo ID requirements will continue to be in effect for the November 4 Election. Approved forms of photo ID include:

- Texas Driver License -DPS issued
- Texas Personal ID Card -DPS issued
- Texas Concealed Handgun License
- United States Military Identification card (with photo)
- United States Citizenship Certificate (with photo)
- United States Passport - issued by the U.S. government
- Election Identification Certificate – issued free by DPS

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the photo ID must be current or expired no more than 60 days.

For more information about voting in Texas, visit VoteTexas.gov, your official voting resource.



Engagement Announced!
Wayne and Shaye Coalson of Bronte, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ariel Blythe Coalson, to Jordan Paul Johnson, son of Paul and Verla Johnson of Colorado City, Texas.

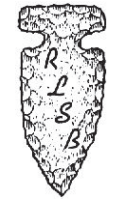
The future bride graduated from Abilene Christian University in Abilene with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. She is employed as a second grade teacher for Westbrook ISD.

The future groom received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Education from West Texas A&M in Canyon, Texas. He is employed by the Purvis Ranch.

After a December wedding, the couple will live near Westbrook, Texas.

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