

# GARDEN CORNER K-STATE

Extension - Harper County

## Now Is The Time To Scout For Bagworms

### K-State Extension News Service

Shad Hufnagel, forest health coordinator with the Kansas Forest Service, and Raymond Cloyd, professor and extension specialist in horticultural entomology with K-State Extension, advise that homeowners scout for bagworms from early- to mid-May and apply insecticides when young bagworms are present.

Once bagworms are detected, they said, homeowners might need to treat with an insecticide weekly for up to four weeks.

"Once the caterpillars emerge from eggs, they begin feeding on the host tree or shrub, creating a protec-

tive bag, hence the common name," Cloyd said. "The plant material fed upon is used to build a protective covering that provides protection from predators and insecticide treatments, which can influence the effectiveness of insecticide applications."

Bagworm feeding is commonly associated with conifers, such as juniper, arborvitae, pine, and spruce, but Hufnagel said the caterpillars also feed on many deciduous host plants. Although defoliation of deciduous trees and shrubs typically does not result in long-term plant damage, defoliation of conifers can cause substantial plant stress and result in plant mortality.

Hufnagel advises that "thorough coverage is important when treating for bagworms, including penetration into the interior plant canopy and upper branches," he said. "Commercial treatments may be more effective for large trees or established windbreaks where applications from common household sprayers cannot reach the upper canopy of trees."

Many insecticides are labeled for bagworms, but timing of application and thorough coverage will ensure the effectiveness of insecticides in managing bagworms. When bagworm caterpillars are 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch long, products containing *Bacillus thuringiensis* sub-species *kurstaki* (Btk) or spinosad as the active ingredient can be effective in managing bagworms, according to Cloyd.

He adds that the recommended insecticides have minimal direct impact on beneficial insects compared to broad-spectrum insecticides, which could lead to outbreaks of spider mites or scale insects that can cause damage to treated trees and shrubs.

Hand removing and destroying bagworm bags is an option for smaller infestations.

For more information on controlling bagworms, reference the publication, Bagworm: Insect Pest of Trees and Shrubs, written by Cloyd and available online from the K-State Extension bookstore.

## Anthony Man Found Guilty On Multiple Felony Charges

### Staff Report

A Harper County jury found 45-year-old Anthony resident Christopher Day-Minott guilty on multiple felony charges following a jury trial that concluded May 1, according to Harper County Attorney Brandon Ritcha.

Day-Minott was arrested Sept. 25, 2024, by the Anthony Police Department in connection with the case.

The jury convicted Day-Minott of aggravated criminal sodomy without consent,

rape, indecent liberties with a child and battery. The aggravated criminal sodomy and rape convictions are both level 1 person felonies under Kansas law. The indecent liberties conviction is a level 5 person felony, while the battery conviction is a class B misdemeanor.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 15, 2026.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant Vic Braden. Investigators involved in the case included

Officer Alex Ledezma, Deputy Chief Nate Houston, Chief Kenny Hodson and Deputy Blaine Blackburn. Additional assistance was provided by Heba Ahmed, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation laboratory and Horizons Mental Health Center.

Ritcha thanked the investigators, witnesses and court staff involved in the case, calling the outcome a successful prosecution and trial. He also praised Braden for his "experience, skill and professionalism," stating those efforts helped secure what he described as a just result.

## THOUGHTS: May

### By LeAnn Hodson

I just finished reading *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by Lyman Frank Baum. Let me just tell you, in my opinion, the recent performance in March by our local youth at the Anthony Historical Theater that was sponsored by the Arts Center was MUCH BETTER. The movie is also more enjoyable than the book-as I said in my opinion. The book is just weird. And I really didn't know until I checked it out at the library that L.F. Baum actually wrote an entire series of 14 OZ books. I'm pretty sure I am not going to rush to the library to read the other thirteen, though I must admit I am a bit curious. I only read this 1st one because it was a part of a reading/writing challenge in a group I belong to. So...there is that.

Which brings my THOUGHTS around to the topic of the week; our ongoing look at monthly birthstones and flowers. May's birthstone is the emerald, which goes along nicely with my recent trip to the Emerald City to visit the Wizard of Oz. Emeralds are such a lovely color of green, one of my favorite colors. I really like lime green and dark green the best but an emerald would not be turned down. The internet says that the emerald represents "rebirth, love and foresight. Known as a symbol of growth and fertility, it is historically associated with healing, loyalty and eloquence. Its deep green color evokes springtime, often used in engagement rings to symbolize harmony, balance and everlasting youth." It also said that Cleopatra loved emeralds and used them in her royal jewelry. So what does this all say about L. F. Baum and his writing on the Em-

erald City? Hum-I will have to ponder that for a bit.

On to the month of May's flower, the lily of the valley. It is said to "symbolize sweetness, humility, and a return to happiness... known for its fragrant, bell-shaped white flowers. My THOUGHTS went to an old hymn, *The Lily of the Valley*, that was written in the eighteen hundreds by Charles Fry. It starts out "I have found a friend in Jesus, He's everything to me. He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul, The Lily of the Valley in Him alone I see All I need to cleanse and make me fully whole. In sorrow He's my comfort, in trouble He's my stay He tells every care on Him to roll; He's the Lily of the Valley, the Bright and Morning Star, He's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul." A great synopsis says "The Lily of the Val-

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## TEFAP Food Commodities Available May 28th

### By Jennifer Wolff Harper Co. Dept. on Aging Director

Our every-other month TEFAP Food Distribution will be available Thursday, May 28th from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. at 201 N. Jennings.

Please note the time change as food will need to be picked up by 11:00 a.m. instead of noon. This will be effective this month and going forward. Food is first come, first served and quantities of some foods are very limited. This

program has income guidelines and participants must reside in Harper County. The State of Kansas DCF office has changed food provider

## FOOD

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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

The family of David and Lynn Standrich is requesting a card shower in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sat., May 23, 2026.

Cards can be sent to them at: 62 SE 120th Ave, Bluff City, Kansas 67018



## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### Notice Concerning Proposed Kansas Air Quality Construction Approval

Notice is hereby given that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is soliciting comments regarding a proposed air quality construction permit. **Plumb Thicket RNG, LLC** has applied for an air quality construction permit in accordance with the provisions of K.A.R. 28-19-300. Emissions of **volatile organic compounds (VOC), particulate matter (PM), PM with less than or equal to 10 microns in aerodynamic diameter (PM10), PM with less than or equal to 2.5 microns in aerodynamic diameter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), oxides of sulfur (SOx), and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs)** were evaluated during the permit review process.

**Plumb Thicket RNG, LLC, 440 NE 150th Road, Harper, Kansas 67058**, owns and operates **Plumb Thicket RNG, LLC gas processor facility** located at **440 NE 150th Road, Harper, Harper County, Kansas 67058**, at which process flare and thermal oxidizer replacement is to be permitted.

A copy of the proposed permit, permit application, all supporting documentation, and all information relied upon during the permit application review process are available for public review from the date of publication during normal business hours at the KDHE, Bureau of Air (BOA), 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 310, Topeka, KS 66612-1366 and at the **KDHE South Central District Office, 300 W. Douglas, Suite 700, Wichita, KS 67202-2921**. To obtain or review the proposed permit and supporting documentation, contact **Arwa Alrefaai at (785) 368-7030**, at the central office of the KDHE or **Joshua Webb**, at the **KDHE South Central District Office at (785) 337-6042**. The standard departmental cost will be assessed for any copies requested. The proposed permit, accompanied with supporting information, is available, free of charge, at the KDHE BOA Public Notice website, <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/413/Public-Notices>.

Please direct written comments or questions regarding the proposed permit to **Arwa Alrefaai**, KDHE, BOA, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 310, Topeka, KS 66612-1366. In order to be considered in formulating a final permit decision, written comments must be received no later than noon on **June 15, 2026**.

A person may request a public hearing be held on the proposed permit. The request for a public hearing shall be in writing and set forth the basis for the request. The written request must be submitted to **Arwa Alrefaai**, KDHE, BOA, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 310, Topeka, KS 66612-1366, no later than noon on **June 15, 2026** in order for the Secretary of Health and Environment to consider the request.

The preceding notice refers to the air permit for **Plumb Thicket RNG, LLC** located at **440 NE 150th Road, Harper, Harper County, Kansas 67058**. If you want more information or you have other questions, please contact the KDHE Non-Discrimination coordinator and call 785-296-5156 or send an email to: [KDHE.NonDiscrimination@ks.gov](mailto:KDHE.NonDiscrimination@ks.gov).

[El aviso anterior se refiere al permiso de aire para **Plumb Thicket RNG, LLC** ubicado en **440 NE 150th Road, Harper, Kansas 67058**. Si desea obtener más información en español o tiene otras preguntas, por favor, comuníquese con el Coordinador de No Discriminación de KDHE y llame al 785-296-5156 o envíe un correo electrónico a: [KDHE.NonDiscrimination@ks.gov](mailto:KDHE.NonDiscrimination@ks.gov).]

Janet Stanek, Secretary  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

# SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

### ROADRUNNER BASEBALL:

Home Games Played At The Harper Sports Complex

- March 27 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- March 30 - Tournament @ Goddard, 4:00 p.m.
- April 2 - Tournament @ Goddard, 4:00 p.m.
- April 6 - vs. Medicine Lodge & Skyline, 2:00 p.m.
- April 7 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- April 9 - vs. Cheney, 4:00 p.m.
- April 7 - JV @ Conway Springs, 4:00 p.m.
- April 16 - @ Medicine Lodge, 4:00 p.m.
- April 20 - vs. Wichita Trinity Academy, 4:00 p.m.
- April 23 - @ Kingman, 4:00 p.m.
- April 24 - JV @ South Sumner, 4:00 p.m.
- April 27 - vs. Wichita Warriors, 4:00 p.m.
- April 28 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- April 30 - vs. Douglass, 4:00 p.m.
- May 4 - @ Conway Springs, 4:00 p.m.
- May 5 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- May 7 - @ Belle Plaine, 4:00 p.m.
- May 14 - Regionals, TBD
- May 27-29 - State @ KU, TBD

### ROADRUNNER SOFTBALL:

Home Games Played At The Harper Sports Complex

- March 27 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- March 30 - Tournament @ Goddard, TBD
- April 2 - Tournament @ Goddard, TD
- April 6 - vs. Medicine Lodge & Skyline, 2:00 p.m.
- April 9 - vs. Cheney, 4:00 p.m.
- April 13 - @ Haven, 4:00 p.m.
- April 13 - JV @ Conway Springs, 4:00 p.m.
- April 16 - @ Medicine Lodge, 4:00 p.m.
- April 17 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- April 20 - vs. Wichita Trinity Academy, 4:00 p.m.
- April 23 - @ Kingman, 4:00 p.m.
- April 24 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- April 27 - vs. Wichita Defenders, 4:00 p.m.
- April 24 - JV @ Douglass, 4:00 p.m.
- April 30 - vs. Douglas, 4:00 p.m.
- May 4 - @ Nickerson, 4:00 p.m.
- May 7 - @ Belle Plaine, 4:00 p.m.
- May 8 - JV @ Chaparral, 4:00 p.m.
- May 11 - @ Conway Springs, 4:00 p.m.
- May 18 - Regionals, TBD
- May 27-29 - State @ KU, TBD

### ROADRUNNER BOY'S TENNIS:

- March 31 - Varsity @ Valley Center, 3:00 p.m.
- March 31 - JV @ Pratt, 3:00 p.m.
- April 2 - Varsity @ Conway Springs, 3:00 p.m.
- April 2 - JV @ Valley Center, 3:00 p.m.
- April 6 - JV @ Hesston, 3:00 p.m.
- April 7 - JV @ Wellington, 3:00 p.m.
- April 9 - Varsity @ South Barber, 3:00 p.m.
- April 11 - JV @ Chaparral, 9:00 a.m.
- April 14 - Varsity @ Chaparral, 3:00 p.m.
- April 14 - JV @ Hesston, 3:00 p.m.
- April 16 - Varsity @ Winfield, 9:00 a.m.
- April 21 - Varsity @ Chaparral, 3:00 p.m.
- April 23 - JV @ Kingman, 3:00 p.m.
- April 30 - Varsity @ Pratt, 10:00 a.m.
- May 4 - League @ Wichita State
- May 8 - Regionals, TBD
- May 15-16 - State @ Prairie Village

### ROADRUNNER GOLF:

- March 31 - Chaparral JV Tournament, 1:00 p.m.
- April 2 - Varsity @ Pratt, 1:00 p.m.
- April 7 - Chaparral Varsity Tournament, 1:00 p.m.
- April 9 - JV @ Medicine Lodge, 1:00 p.m.
- April 16 - Varsity @ Kingman, 1:00 p.m.
- April 21 - Varsity @ Medicine Lodge, 3:00 p.m.
- April 28 - Varsity @ Clearwater, 1:00 p.m.
- May 5 - Varsity @ Cheney, 1:00 p.m.
- May 14 - League, TBD
- May 18 - Sub-State, TBD
- May 26-27 - State, TBD

### JR. RUNNERS TRACK & FIELD:

- April 2 - @ Chaparral, 1:00 p.m.
- April 7 - @ Kingman 1:00 p.m.
- April 9 - @ Pretty Prairie, 3:00 p.m.
- April 16 - @ South Barber, 1:00 p.m.
- April 21 - @ Medicine Lodge, 1:30 p.m.
- April 30 - @ Andale, 1:30 p.m.
- May 4 - @ Conway Springs, 1:00 p.m.
- May 7 - League @ Andale, 9:00 a.m.

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