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The Party Animal News

The Forest Gump of Entomology

10% off Wildlife Inspections

If you have not had a Wildlife inspection at your home for a while you might consider having one done. Rodents can damage cars in a garage if the overhead door is not sealed. Squirrels can damage wires and raccoons will tear into your ductwork to heat and cool your attic (their new home). If you would like to have the home checked just give us a call and we'll be happy to send someone out to check it over.

Clip this offer and present it

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Pest of the Quarter:



Hive Beetles

This beetle was first discovered in the United States in 1996. Therefore, this is an introduced species from sub-Saharan Africa. The movement of migratory beekeepers from Florida have moved this species into Texas.

The damage by these beetles to a hive could cause the bees to leave the hive. Once the hive is destroyed by the beetles the beetle will leave the hive and my customers have seen them crawling on the floor by the hundreds. At one house the larvae were crawling in the attic almost 30 feet from the hive and dropping from the ceiling down into a bathroom. This is not a typical problem we come upon, but most interesting when we do.



There are entomologists who have to sit identifying bugs all day in a lab and they don't stumble across the real world of insects on a daily basis like I do.

A rare occurrence in my entomological life is the hive beetle, which I have only seen about five times in homes. The hive beetle destroys a honey bee hive. You would never notice it until the hive beetle larvae migrates by the thousands away from the bee hive. Pretty cool phenomenon to see and experience (unless it's your home).

Another unique event was when twenty to thirty wasps emerged in a master bathroom. I knew they were parasitic wasps and I saw a cricket in the bathroom. A Texas A&M entomologist who examined a sample of the wasps said they lay eggs on crickets and live off the crickets until they emerge. He was going to write a paper on the wasp so he

called me about them. I happened to be at the right place at the right time - sort of like Forest Gump.

Ann and I were in Medina, Ohio for our great nephew's first birthday party so we did some sight seeing in this small town. We noticed a plaque on one of the brick walls of a building telling the significance of the Root Candle Company and Amos Root.

You may have heard of Root Candles. Amos Root came up with a way to harvest honey without destroying the beehive in the later part of the 19th century. He became an internationally known expert, author and entrepreneur on the subject. At the peak of his beekeeping business he was shipping four railroad cars a day of honey. Beekeeping played an important role in the economy of many com-

munities at that time. (See picture from Cleveland Art museum)



Extracting Honey from a Tree

Eventually the Root family specialized in candles and no longer sold bee keeping supplies. They have an outlet store in San Antonio, not far from us.

The great Paul Harvey would add to the story of Amos Root that he befriended the Wright Brothers, eye-witnessed their manned Ohio flight at Huffman Prairie and wrote about it to convince those who would not believe man could fly. This beekeeper, scientist, candle maker and entomologist was an important part of U.S. history. Amos Root. And now you know the rest of the story.

-David



Making a Home for Bugs

Believe it or not, I will be taking a half day course in Austin with the Texas A&M extension service to learn how to build a bug hotel. Kids of all ages love to catch bugs and one class I have added to my courses at Plano Parks & Rec is a class for young entomologists.

The bug hotel I build in Austin will be mine and I hope the Park and Rec people will allow me to install it for my bug classes. Most of the time I am telling people to clean up a mess. This time I will be making a mess for the bugs.

If you ever have a possible bug or part of a bug PLEASE save it! That will help us to identify the problem more quickly, target the correct pest and begin treatment sooner.

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Oak Point Park Nature & Retreat Center



Jordan Davis is the current co-ordinator for my classes I teach for Plano Parks & Recreation. I have been leading Firefly Classes for many years during the spring. This summer we added a Wildlife course for the kids and are planning a Young Entomologists series of classes for 2016.

She even established a firefly course on request this summer for one of my clients because they had grandchildren coming in during the summer who had never seen the insect. So, if you are ever interested in doing a class for your family or friends this is always a possibility. The class would be open to all the community as well, once it is scheduled and placed on the website for online sign-ups.

Classes are taught at the Oak Point Park Nature Preserve where the City of Plano has just opened their newly constructed Nature & Retreat Center.



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