

Osprey Nest

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bringing a rodent he caught in the nearby field back to the nest.

After eating her lunch the father hopped up on the perch and the mother stretched out her wings a couple of times then flew up and over the nest about one foot and hovered there for about a minute or so, i guess thats her exercise.

Jim Wilson from the Northampton Parks & Recs. has been tracking the birds since they made their nest. He told me their is a 32-38 day incubation period before the eggs will hatch.

Keep reading the Blue Valley Times for updates on the happy couple.



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Expanded Unemployment Benefit Payments Begin This Week

By Michael Ortoski

SLATE BELT - The federal CARES Act provides expanded unemployment benefits of \$600 per week to eligible claimants. These payments are in addition to regular benefits provided through the unemployment system. The Department of Labor and Industry reports that these payments should arrive by Wednesday of this week for eligible claimants who received their regular payments for the week ending April 4.

Claimants who have not yet received a payment will receive the extra \$600 per week in the days following receipt of their first payment. An additional 13 weeks of benefits will be available to claimants who have been affected by the pandemic.

More information on the state's efforts to implement the provisions of the CARES Act is available on a new website created by the Department of Labor and Industry at <https://www.uc.pa.gov/COVID-19/CARES-Act/Pages/default.aspx>.

Stoller Announces Organic Product to Control Invasive Spotted Lanternfly

OMRI Listed Golden Pest Spray Oil Receives EPA Approval

By Dale Hanke

HOUSTON - Stoller USA, a leading plant health company, announced the addition of the spotted lanternfly to the Golden Pest Spray Oil label for conventional and organic use on the spotted lanternfly egg masses before they hatch.

Spotted lanternfly is an invasive pest from Asia that primarily feeds on tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) but poses a significant threat in the U.S. to agricultural and forest health. Adults and nymphs use their sucking mouthparts to feed on the sap of more than 70 plant species including grapes, hops, maple, walnut, fruit trees and ornamentals. They can feed in such large numbers that they stress plants, weakening the plants' resistance to disease and other insects. The sticky honeydew they secrete can also be a nuisance for people during outside activities where large numbers of the insects are present.

The spotted lanternfly was first discovered in Pennsylvania in 2014 and has since been

found in a small number of surrounding states. If allowed to spread in the U.S., it could seriously impact the nation's orchard, grape and forestry industries. Golden Pest Spray Oil can be used as part of an integrated pest management (IPM) strategy to control this insect and slow its spread.

Stoller's Golden Pest Spray Oil has been used successfully for several years to control gypsy moth when applied to the egg masses before they hatch. In recent trials, Golden Pest Spray Oil also provided control of spotted lanternfly when applied to its egg masses. This prevents further plant damage as compared to insecticides which are applied at later spotted lanternfly lifecycle stages, after plant damage has already occurred.

"The full extent of economic damage this pest could cause is alarming. Golden Pest Spray Oil is OMRI Listed, so it is safe and easy to use as an organic alternative to other pesticides. And, it provides superior control of spotted lanternfly when used as directed. We are excited to provide growers with a product to control this invasive pest and slow its spread." – Russell Thomas, Stoller USA General Manager.

Stoller is a global plant health company headquartered in Houston, Texas with a 50-year history of helping growers increase the productivity of their crops by providing knowledge and products that optimize nutrition, promote proper phytohormone balance and promote optimum yield potential. For more information visit www.stollerusa.com/spottedlanternfly or call 800-539-5283.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY



Adult (with wings closed) can be found July-December



Nymph (early stage) can be found late April-July



Egg mass (fresh) can be found October-December



Adult (with wings open) can be found July-December



Nymph (late stage) can be found July-September



Egg mass (older) can be found January-June

HOW TO MAKE A HOMEMADE MASK OUT OF FABRIC OR CLOTH

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Fabric (100% cotton is most effective)
- Fabric ties
- Scissors
- Sewing machine or a needle and thread

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Measure and cut two pieces of fabric in a rectangle pattern to fit snugly around the face (size 12 inches by 6 inches is standard for adults)
- Tightly sew both layers together on all edges
- Cut fabric ties to fit around the ears
- Sew the ties to the insides of the mask on the smaller edge, repeat on both sides
- Resew the sides to ensure a tight seal between both pieces of fabric and the earpiece

