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Pests past, present and future

Past

I have an uncle who helped draw me some little advertising campaigns in the past. He lives in Ponca City, Oklahoma and I am republishing some of the cartoons he did for our company. Bob Rogers has long since been retired from Conoco, but he was also a good artist and he was always willing to help me.



Past to Present

In the late 1980s I was an officer of the local pest management association. One of the projects I started was connecting local pest control companies with Neighborhood Services so that low income individuals could get no-cost pest control treatments. The social service workers for Dallas did a good job finding the people for us and the pest control operators in and around Dallas did a good job offering their services. This project has been an annual occurrence for almost two decades.

In 2000, there was so much infighting with officers of the association and other problems, that many of the pest control operators decided the association was no longer worth the effort. However, the service project seemed to have a life of its own and continues to this day. In 2016, I will try to help an individual revive the local association. At the same time, I have been appointed a director for a national pest control fraternity. The main goal of the fraternity is to provide scholarships in pest control. So, 2016 will be busy for me outside of my normal responsibilities.

Present to Future

Reflecting on this season, I am once again thankful for my A-All customers and our employees who do a good job of taking care of your needs. We did make it through another year and it is difficult to predict what 2016 will bring. The doomsayers always say it will be the worst termite, rat, flea or whatever season because this makes interesting viewing or reading.

I have found that there are spikes in populations, but sometimes it is hard to determine over time if it is a significant increase. A drought will suppress a population of rats and insects. What will this rain for a whole year do to the population? We will see what happens next year. It certainly created beautiful fall foliage.

Much of the time pests are serious, but we always try to diffuse this with some humor. I hope you enjoy our cartoons shown here and I hope you have a good New Year and a wonderful Holiday and Christmas season. -David



Pest of the Quarter:

Chagas Disease and the Kissing Bug



Texas A&M is doing some research on the Kissing Bug and Chagas Disease. In South America, this disease is equal to that of malaria in Africa in its effect on the human population.

Many years ago there was an attempt to wipe it out with pest control treatments. Unfortunately, that was unsuccessful, just like the mosquito borne diseases of the world. So, we will eventually have to be concerned with control of the Kissing Bug here in the US, just like we deal with the mosquitos and their diseases.



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Dallas Morning News Article

If you read the Dallas Morning News on weekends, you might have seen the front page article the Sunday after Thanksgiving about the Kissing Bug and Chagas Disease. Is this a new disease to worry about? We'll see. Regular pest control can help, so the people in society who cannot afford pest control services will be the most vulnerable.

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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Young Entomologist Class in Plano



Oak Point Park Nature & Retreat Center



January 27th will be the start of my beginners Young Entomologist class. The coordinator has informed me we have students already signing up for the first class. The classes are open to all the community as well, not just Plano residents. It is easy to sign-up online on the Plano Park & Rec website at

<https://parks.planotx.org/econnect/Activities/ActivitiesAdvSearch.asp>

Just select **Outdoor Adventure** from the Category list on the left side of the page and you will see the Entomology and Insect classes for children.

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

If you know of kids interested in bugs ages 6-12 let them know about this one of a kind class. This is the first class in a series and if they take all six the student will receive a young entomologist certificate.



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