

Poison ivy crops up in Kansas gardens

I started hearing about poison ivy way back in my Cub Scout days, and I have always viewed it as camping-trip problem. The last several years, though, I have ran across it in what I call unusual situations.

I guess I have just never looked for it much in our semi-arid conditions. We, of course, look for it at 4-H camp and warn the kids to watch out for it. Fortunately, I have never experienced it and hope I don't after visiting with several unlucky gardeners who have had the rash.

The most recent case I became aware of was a gardener removing weeds who apparently came in contact with the vine and then touched her eye area. Moral of that story would have been "don't scratch that itchy nose."

We all know poison ivy has three leaves, remember the saying "three leaves, leave it be."

It also can present itself in three forms: an erect woody shrub, a ground cover that creeps along the ground and a woody vine that will climb trees. When poison ivy climbs, it forms numerous aerial roots that gives the vine the appearance of a fuzzy rope.

The leaves of poison ivy also vary. Though the compound leaf always has three leaflets, the leaf margins may be toothed, incised, lobed or smooth. The size of the leaves can vary, although usually the middle leaflet is larger than the other two. Also, the middle leaflet is the only one with a long stalk; the other two are closely attached to the petiole, or leaf stem.

Poison ivy is often confused with Virginia creeper, a similar vine. Virginia creeper, however, has five

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leaflets rather than three.

Three methods are used to eradicate poison ivy: pulling or grubbing out the plants by hand, cutting off the vine and then treating the regrowth or spraying the plants directly.

The method used depends somewhat on the plant's growth form. If the plant is growing as a ground cover, direct spray or grubbing the plant out is often necessary. If grubbing, wear gloves and a long-sleeved shirt.

The soil must be moist for grubbing to work well. Wash the clothes (and yourself) immediately after you finish. It might also be a good idea to rinse the washing machine.

If the plant is in the shrub form, direct spray is the most common control method. If the plant is a woody vine that has climbed a tree, the preferred method is to cut the plant off at the base and treat the sprouts after they emerge. Some triclopyr herbicides also have instructions on treating a freshly cut stump directly.

Herbicides that can be used include glyphosate (Roundup, Killz-all Weed and Grass Killer, Nutgrass, Poison Ivy and Vine Killer) or triclopyr (Brush-B-Gon Poison Ivy Killer, Brush Killer, Stump Killer). Poison ivy is tough. Repeat applications may be necessary.

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What do mothers get for \$160,140?

There was a study done a few years ago that calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18. They estimated \$160,140 for a middle-income family.

For those that have a full quiver, that number can lead to wild fantasies of "just think what we could have done if we didn't have kids." For others, that number might confirm the decision to remain childless.

That \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into \$8,897 a year. That is only \$741 a month or \$171 a week. That is just a mere \$24 a day, just a little over a dollar an hour.

Moms we honor you this weekend. The big question is what do you get for your \$160,140? Naming rights — first, middle, and last. Glimpses of God every day, giggles under the covers. Eskimo kisses, Velcro hugs and butterfly kisses too.

Then there is the endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds and warm cookies. You always have a



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hand to hold, a partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites, building sandcastles and skipping down the sidewalks in pouring rain.

For \$160,140 you never have to grow up. You get to finger paint, carve pumpkins, play hide and seek and peek into bird nests.

You have an excuse to keep reading the adventures of Piglet and Pooh. You get to frame rainbows, hearts and flowers under refrigerator magnets.

Just think about it — there is no bigger bang for your buck! You get to be a hero for retrieving a ball from the bush, removing a splinter or pulling gum out of bangs.

You get a front row seat to witness history — the first step, the first word, the first zit, the first date.

You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications and human sexual-

ity that no college can match.

In the eyes of children, you have all the power to heal a boo-boo and scare away the monster under the bed. Patch a broken heart. Police a slumber party. Ground them forever and love them without limits.

Why? Because one day, like you, they will love without counting the cost. Unless they can think of a better investment, which I doubt they can.

Ladies, this week instead of giving you a mini message on motherhood, I just want to say thank you. Maybe you don't hear that around your home enough. Maybe you don't feel like you deserve it because you have failed.

Can I just tell you that child that makes you a mom was and is a gift

from God. It doesn't matter the conditions of conception.

It might have been the result of a sinful moment. It could have been a total surprise. Maybe it was planned between you and your spouse, and now you feel overwhelmed.

Can I encourage you just to stop for a moment today and think about the rewards, the treasures you are obtaining through that child?

There was a church sign that read, "If evolution is true, how come mothers still have only two hands?"

Well, there are times I am sure you wish you had about four more hands. Not just this weekend, but everyday, may you receive a hand from us who are passing. Guys, may we bestow honor on our spouses like never before. Kids, may gratitude for your momma overwhelm you.

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Pastor: Michael Estep
Fifth & Broadway
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Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am
Morning Service: 10 am
Evening Service: 6:30 pm
Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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Sacrament Meeting: 10 am
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Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am

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Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am

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Minister: Rev. Bob Winters
Worship Service: 9 am CST
Sunday School: 10:15 am CST

First Christian Church

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Pastor: Rev. Ted Amos
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899-2080 or 899-3797
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:50 am
Evening Service: 6 pm
Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm

First United Methodist Church

1116 Sherman
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Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez
Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 am

Goodland Bible Church

109 Willow Road • 899-6400
Pastor: Chad DeJong
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am
Morning Worship: 10:45 am
Evening Worship: 6 pm
Wednesday: AWANA (Winter)
and prayer: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Pastor: Travis Blake
Fifth & Center • 890-3450
Sunday: Sunday School for all ages:
9:15 am (Child care provided)
Morning Worship: 10:30 am
Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m.
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Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m.
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Sunday: Worship: 9:30 am
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Wednesday: Youth group
meets at 7 p.m.
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1160 Cattletrail
Pastor: Jim Martin
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am
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- Do not use proper names
- Bring your completed list to The Goodland Star-News office at 1205 Main or at our booth at the Fair by 12:00 p.m. by Monday, August 14th

Winner will be announced in the Friday, August 18th edition

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