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How to stop the spotted lanternfly



Spotted lanternfly adults have gray wings with dark spots and a flash of red. The USDA is asking Hoosiers to be vigilant this year about reporting the spread of the invasive species.
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Karl Schneider Indianapolis Star | USA TODAY NETWORK

With the return of robins, daffodils and other idyllic signs of spring come unwanted visitors known as invasive species.

A relatively new addition to the not-welcome list Hoosiers should watch for is the spotted lanternfly. Discovered in the U.S. around 2014, the conspicuous planthopper was first found in Indiana in 2021. Since then, it has spread north from Switzerland County all the way to Huntington County.

Invasive species damage native plants and create economic burdens for farmers. So, for this edi-

tion of Scrub Hub, we spoke with an expert at the U.S. Department of Agriculture to answer: How can Hoosiers stop the spread of the spotted lanternfly?

Short answer: Show them your boot heel

Spotted lanternflies are robust feeders that prefer a good soft spot on leaves to suck out sap. This causes oozing wounds that lead to wilting

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Eaton teen found alive and reportedly healthy

Douglas Walker
Muncie Star Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

EATON — After eight days, a missing teenager was back in Eaton on Friday night, alive and reportedly well.

Details of the events leading to 14-year-old Scottie Dean Morris' return were not immediately available.

At 10:58 p.m., Eaton police posted on Facebook that "Scottie has been located and found safe!"

"Medics are checking him out right now and we will be conducting interviews."

About 11:30 p.m., Eaton Police Chief Jay Turner told The Star Press that Scottie would be taken to IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie "to be checked out head to toe."

"He appears to be OK," the chief said.

Turner said he could not yet confirm details of how the teen was found by an Eaton officer, about 10:30 p.m. at Harford and Harris streets.

The teen was reportedly speaking with his mother as the officer approached them. The chief said he anticipated interviews would be conducted through the night.

About 3 a.m. Saturday, however, the chief said his department had worked with the Indiana Department of Child Services and that "Scottie has been placed in another home for the evening."

Turner said interviews would be

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Bank failures test Yellen's experience

Crisis required 'powerful and quick' response

Fatima Hussein
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Working against the clock to stop a developing banking crisis, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen had until sunset on Sunday, March 12, to come up with a plan to calm the U.S. economy.

She quickly turned to someone who had been through the fire before, and on a much larger scale: Hank Paulson.

Paulson, who ran the Treasury Department during the financial crisis in 2008, counseled immediate government action. "It's really hard to stop or even slow down a bank run. And to do that requires a powerful and quick government response," Paulson said, recounting what he told Yellen.

A bank run on Silicon Valley Bank had

begun earlier in the week. Regulators took it over by that Friday afternoon. The move panicked shareholders and depositors, stirring stark reminders of earlier failures that triggered the Great Recession.

Perhaps no treasury secretary has come to the office with Yellen's ample resume, including service as the chair of the Federal Reserve and a lifetime of

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Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's experience was put to a severe test as she worked to assure multiple constituencies. AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES/AP FILE

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