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# EJ'S NEWS

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## **E.J.Bees' Club PROGRAM**

**Our guest speaker this month will be from the Noxious Weed Program in Jefferson County and will be sharing in how this program relates to honey bees. This will be sure to give us some important insite on the county's methods of dealing with noxious weeds.**

## **CLUB MEETING**

**June 13th**

**held at**

**Jefferson County Library**

**Board meeting 9:00 a.m.**

**Club Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

## **APPRENTICE CLASSES**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Sat. June 13th**

**Class # 7**

**Sat. June 27th.**

**Class # 8**

## **APPRENTICE CLASSES**

**June 13<sup>th</sup>- Hive inspection...Important things I need to look for in my colonies...Tarboo Valley  
Woodenware, Dabob**

**June 27<sup>rd</sup>- Diseases and Pests**

2015

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Frank Neal

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## Ej bees' workers

These people have volunteered to head committees:

**APPRENTICE CLASSES:** Harry Prather

**NEWSLETTER:** Gloria Neal

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Bonnie Osmer

**WEBSITE:** Mike Edwards

**MEETING AND ACTIVITY**

**CO-ORDINATORS:**

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather,  
and Gloria Neal

**MEETING CONVENER:** Kees Kloff

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## EJ Beekeepers...

**From the sound of comments I'm hearing from all my beekeeping friends, it's been a very busy spring in their apiaries!**

**An incredible video was shared with me..."A THRILLING LOOK AT THE FIRST 21 DAYS OF A BEES LIFE". Check it out! You can find it by googling the title. The best one was narrated and shows the development of the honey bees and Varroa destructor mites at work in the cells. In 60 seconds you will see the development from the egg laid to the bee emerging from its cell. The photographer was Anand Varma, and was done for National Geographic.**

**Another site shared with me this month with lots of information on beekeeping was:**

**<http://www.nature.com/natureoutlook/bees/>**

**Thanks to all of you who forward these wonderful sites to us, so they can be shared with everyone!**

**Well, that's the buzz for June,**

*Gloria*

**<http://www.thebeevlog.com/2015/04/swarm-data-april-2015.html>**

## WSU DIAGNOSTIC LAB WEBSITE

[entomology.wsu.edu/apis/diagnostic-lab/](http://entomology.wsu.edu/apis/diagnostic-lab/)

# BUZZ WORTHY PLANTS FOR JUNE...



Clover

Mint

Huckleberry

Hyssop----->

Honey suckle

Borage

Mock Orange



### CLUB DUES FOR 2015

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP WITH EAST JEFFERSON BEES,  
IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY  
DONE IT.

## **JUNE'S HONEY-DO LIST**

### **For the Apiary**

**This is the time of year when you're colonies are buzzing with life...the beginning of honey flow season. Your colonies will reach peak population this time of year!**

**June is a good time to order new queens and split those overcrowded colonies before they decide to build swarm cells.**

**Check honey stores in the brood chambers every two weeks through June until the starting of the main nectar flows. Raising brood and keeping the colony fed can take a lot of food. One to one for spring syrup.**

**Watch for swarm cells. Once they're capped over, it's pretty difficult to stop your colony from swarming.**

**It may be time to add a honey super to give your bees more room this month. You may want to add a queen excluder under your super, especially if the comb is drawn out already. Continue to add honey supers to your strong colonies as they continue to grow.**

**If you see a curtain of bees on the front of your hive on a warm day, this is normal...they are just cooling the hive or themselves.**

**Don't forget to keep grease patties on your colonies. It is a holistic soft treatment that seems to have an impact on the control of tracheal mites. An informative website on grease patties, essential oils, and recipes is:**

**[beesource.com](http://beesource.com)**

**If you have just started a honey bee colony this year, continue to feed your bees until they have drawn out the second story brood box, and have ample food supplies.**

# JUNE RECIPE



## HONEY CITRUS THIRST QUENCHER

- ¾ CUP WATER
- ½ CUP HONEY
- 2 PEELED AND QUARTERED ORANGES  
(no seeds)
- ½ PEELED AND QUARTERED LEMON (no seeds)
- 2 LIMES PEELED AND QUARTERED (no seeds)
- 1 CUP CUBED FRESH PINEAPPLE
- 1 BOTTLE 7-UP

Combine the water and honey in your blender. Blend.

Add fruit and process again until the fruit is liquefied.

Fill your glass half full, add some ice cubes, and fill with 7-up. A sprig of lemon mint gives it a finishing touch!

Makes about 1 Qt.



# BUZZING WITH



# Blake

**Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!**

Honey bees, scientifically known as *Apis mellifera*, means honey-carrying bee...

.....Noteworthy!!

Blake



## LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

**TARBOO VALLEY WOODEN WARE- Ph. # 360-301-0686**

**All 8 frame woodenware**

**20% off marked price.**

**Remember, Club members get 5% discount.**

### **5 FRAME NUCS FOR SALE**

**2015 Queen**

**5 frames include brood,  
workers, honey and pollen.**

**\$150.00**

**Tarboo Valley Woodenware**

**Ph. 360-301-0686**

**or 360-301-1850**

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