



EJ'S NEWS

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CLUB MEETING

April 9th

Jefferson County Library

Board Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Club Meeting 9:30- -

Latest Ideas on helping

**Honey Bees deal with
current Challenges!**

By Timothy Lawrence Ph D

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APPRENTICE CLASS- 10:30 a.m.

April 9th--Apiary visit

April 23 Canceled

Bee Package Day

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Bee Keepers.

Thank you Gloria and Calvin for an informative presentation on splitting hives. There are many techniques available but, as Gloria pointed out, there are many important factors to consider to be successful. Our hives seem to be thriving and are already looking a bit crowded so we've got our hardware ready, have ordered two new queens and now just look forward to favorable weather conditions later this month.

Thanks also to Kees Kolff for making arrangements for Tim Lawrence to present to us at our April meeting. Tim is the WSU Extension Director in Island County. He has his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in environmental sciences and more than 25 years of Extension experience in both Community Development, and Agricultural and Natural Resources. Tim has been keeping bees for 53 years, he holds a Bachelors degree in Apiculture and Pomology, and was a commercial beekeeper for more than 20 years and has an adjunct appointment the Entomology Department and Honey Bee Health Program at Washington State University. Among other things, Tim will discuss the latest challenges facing honey bees and how to cope with those challenges. I'm sure he'll have time to answer most of your questions. He is a great resource for us so please attend our April meeting and add to your beekeeping knowledge.

Good luck to everyone later this month as you start your new hives or split existing ones. We can all compare notes at the May meeting.

Sincerely,

Dave Morris

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These people have volunteered to head committees in 2015:

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, and
Gloria Neal

**2016 CLUB DUES ARE OWED
NOW.**

\$24.00 PER PERSON

\$36.00 PER FAMILY

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Hopefully, we are getting close to turning our backs on Winter! We are getting excited about all that Spring holds for us and our "girls".

Spring seems to be coming early this year...many of our fruit trees are in full bloom, and the bees are happily gathering their bounties.

As we continue into spring and summer, let's not forget to share our knowledge of beekeeping with our new beekeeper friends who are just starting out! If beekeeping was easy, everyone would be doing it...Your experiences are a valuable tool you can share with others.

We are so looking forward to our Guest speaker for April...Timothy Lawrence. Please let everyone, interested in honey bees, know about our next meeting!!!

Well, that's the buzz for April!

Gloria

It is March now and the Apprentice Beekeeping classes have started. It's still not too late to get into our classes , tho.

Here is the schedule.

Apr 09 APIARY VISIT– Inspect Hives after Winter (Weather Permitting)

Apr 23 Canceled - Package Day (probably)

May 14 (#5) Swarming

May 28 (#6) Summer Management and Honey Production

June 25 (#9) Honey Bee Mites / (#8) Diseases and Pests

July 09 APIARY VISIT – Hive Inspection look for problems

July 23 (#10) Pollination, Queen Rearing, Marketing

Aug 6 (#7) Fall Management

No class is scheduled for Package Day. Since we are going into August, remember that meeting is the **FIRST** Saturday because of the Jefferson County Fair.

PLEASE let me know if you would like to conduct any of the sessions. You don't really understand a topic until you try to teach it. Plus, I really don't want to be the only instructor. The students benefit from different viewpoints.

Note that there are two hands-on sessions still scheduled at the apiary. These require more than one beekeeper to help the students. All help will be appreciated.

I anticipate another great year in class, so invite your friends, neighbors, casual acquaintances, and anyone else who might have an interest to check it out.

Harry

REGISTER YOUR HIVES

**To register your hives with the State ... go to WSDA...
Plant protection division
Beekeeper/broker Registration. ..Or phone 360-902-2070.
It's only \$5 to register 1 to 5 hives...**

Read about a hardier honey bee that fights back by biting back!!!

<http://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2016/01/11/462391470/a-hardier-honeybee-that-fights-back-by-biting-back>

Thanks to Lauri Boren for sending this to me!

APRIL HONEY-DO LIST

With our wonderful warm days, I hope you have all had a chance to check your “girls” out and make sure their queen mother is still laying a good brood pattern and there are lots of workers to keep all the duties in the hive going!

Using a sticky board under the screen, you might want to check the mite load. 24 mites in 24 hours means you may want to do a mite treatment before you put any honey supers on.

We are feeding some of our colonies to stimulate their growth, altho there seems to be so much nectar out there, our “girls” don’t even notice all the dandelions in full bloom!

They do need a lot of food for the brood and themselves at this time of year.

Remember if you’re picking up new packages or nucs, that you have your 1 to 1 syrup made ahead, and take your bees straight home. Never leave them in a car...overheating will kill them!

If your colonies are strong, you may want to reverse the hive boxes, to give your colonies more room to expand.

Watch for swarm cells...if our weather continues to stay this warm, and your colonies start to feel crowded, they may get the urge to make swarm cells. I have caught swarms as early as the middle of April!

April is a good time to order new Queens and split those overcrowded colonies.

Facts from “At the Hive Entrance” by H. Storch

The bees carry a particularly large number of small white sugar crystals to the hive entrance.

They are consuming stores from frames outside the nest, where crystallization occurs more easily. It is advisable to give a liquid feeding immediately. The sugar solution should never be boiled or it crystalizes more readily.

Small drones fly away from the hive.

They are the result of a queen that has not been fertilized, or a laying worker.



APRIL'S HONEY RECIPE

Fudgy Brownies

½ cup butter

2- 1oz. squares unsweetened chocolate

½ tsp sea salt

1 tsp vanilla

1 cup mild honey

1/3 cup flour

1 tsp. baking powder

2 eggs

1 cup coarsely chopped nuts

Melt butter, chocolate and salt in a saucepan on very low heat.

Remove from stove and stir in vanilla. Blend in the honey, flour and baking powder. Add the eggs and beat well with electric mixer.

Stir in the chopped nuts.

Pour into a greased 9 X 9 inch pan.

Bake at 325 degrees for about 35 minutes or until done in the center.

Remove from the oven and cool for 15 minutes before cutting into squares.

Makes 16 delicious fudgy cookies.



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

A honey bee has two stomach...their extra stomach is for carrying honey and nectar!!

Bee-licious..... Blake



LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

TARBOO VALLEY WOODEN WARE

- Ph. # 360-301-0686

Remember, Club members get 5% discount.

Looking for someone who would
like to put Honey bees on my
property...

Please call:

Helena Paneyko

360-774-1513

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