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EJ'S NEWS

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EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Sat. May 12h,2018

Board Meeting9:00a.m.....

PROGRAM: 9:30am

BAIT HIVES AND

SWARM PREVENTION

Class starts TODAY at

11:00 a.m.

on May 26th

Class at 9:00 a.m.

See page 3 for details

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Beekeepers,

Late Start. I recently received an email from a woman in Port Ludlow who was wondering where all the bees were this year. She has not seen bees on her spring flowering plants and trees. She said a friend in Port Hadlock was having the same experience. She was worried that there was a problem throughout East Jefferson County. I replied that we had not had reports of any widespread problems and that the cold and wet first half of April may have had something to do with it. It could also be that we don't have many beekeepers in the Port Ludlow area? If others are having a similar experience, please bring it up at our meeting on the 12th.

We're Lucky. Thus far Africanized bees haven't moved too far north. This is not the case for beekeepers in Texas. In El Paso, an extractor was called out to a private home where a large bee colony had taken residence for several years. The aggressive bees wouldn't allow it. The bee specialist estimated there were almost 1 million Africanized bees living in the walls and the roof of the house. An older couple who lives in the home said the beehive has been in their walls for three years. But the bees began getting mean and the homeowners worried about the neighbors, their pets and their children, who walk right past this house every day after school. According to the extractor, "They're a mixed breed -- Africanized and European together. They're hybrids and are maybe 20-30 times more aggressive than regular honeybees. We found that, as soon as we opened a little area, were we thought we'd find maybe 20,000 bees, it turned out to be over 100,000 bees. They attacked us and started biting me all over, even with the suits." Evidently the TV crew on hand to capture the moment, also experienced multiple stings.

Advanced Workshop. For those of you who have had some experience raising bees and want to take it to the next level, WSU is conducting a queen rearing and bee breeding workshop June 15-16 in Pullman. The workshop has a star-studded list of instructors including two European guest speakers.

<http://bees.wsu.edu>

Respectfully,

Dave Morris

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Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, and
Gloria Neal

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Swarm season is already here... There have been many reports of some very large swarms in the past few weeks, in spite of the cold days we have had.

Along with the excitement swarms create, many beekeepers are receiving their long awaited packages and nucs to start their new colonies this spring! This is an exciting time.

We have a club of experienced beekeepers who have a wealth of knowledge that could be shared with our new beekeepers. Harry suggested that we start a club roster, with names and phone numbers, or e-mails, for those that would be willing to answer questions or give advice to our members searching for answers to their bee questions. This will be discussed at our May meetong.

The Topic for our meeting this month will be Bait Hives and also preventing swarming. Many of our members have been very successful with catching swarms with this method using bait hives. Don't miss this informative meeting on the 12th!

That's the buzz for May
Gloria
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The ideal swarm from someone
elses colony....

BEEZWAX by John Martin

OLD WALLY TOLD HIS WIFE
HE'LL NEVER LOOK AT
ANOTHER WOMAN AS LONG
AS HE LIVES!



AWW, THAT'S SO
ROMANTIC!



YEP...OLD WALLY... HE'S
IN THE HOSPITAL!
THEY GAVE HIM TWO
DAYS TO LIVE!



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**The Honey Bee is more honored than animals not because she labors,
but because she labors for others.**

-St. John Chrysostom

MAY'S HONEY-DO LIST

Goal is to bring your bees to high population, without swarming, so they start to peak at the time of the main honey flows, but not before.

***Make sure your colony is queenright and laying eggs. If needed, replace the queen with a purchased one and watch for signs of swarming.**

***If you have new packages or nucs, be sure to feed them until they have drawn out new foundation at least 30 to 45 days.**

***Give your colonies pollen patties and syrup to stimulate development.**

***If using natural alternatives for Varroa control, like DRONE Comb, be sure to take out and freeze drone comb before the drones emerge.**

2018 APPRENTICE BEE CLASSES

We are nearing the end of the classes. We only have three more to go. I plan on the following:

May 12 Our old friend and buddy, the Varroa mite

May 26 Forget it, it's Memorial Day weekend and I have better things to do (like checking out bee hives)

June 9 Queen Rearing, Marketing, final thoughts

June 23 Course Review and tests (true false, open book, reference materials allowed)

July 14 Pass out certificates (of course everyone will graduate!)

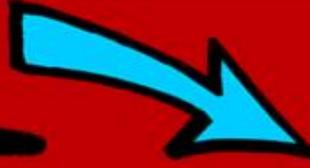
One thought for the club: I have not been able to do the apiary visits this year, so I think having a mentor for the new beekeepers would be great. If you would like to be a mentor, I will have a sign-up sheet at my table during the next meeting on May 12.

I think the Master Beekeepers registration fee is still \$10.00, but of course that is subject to change. The club membership fee is \$24 for an individual or \$36 for a family, That brings the total to \$34 for an individual or \$36 for a couple.

Harry



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

Swarming is a natural life cycle of the honey beeto reproduce itself-----Blake



"THE LITTLEST BEEKEEPER"

You may remember lasts month's article about Zachary and his love of honey bees.

Since Zach had lost his hive last year, his birthday present on his 7th birthday, this year, was two Old Sol Nucs.

On pickup day, Zach arrived with his grandparents. Zachary took his time to walk through all the nucs to make his choice of the two colonies he would take home. Here he is with his choices, ready for the trip home.

I received so many emails and calls from beekeepers who enjoyed hearing about Zach, that I thought we would let you know through the summer how he and his honey bees are doing.



STAY TUNED!!

Bees lives are measured in days, not years. During the first three days of a bees life, a worker bee is a chamber maid . cleaning brood cells, but she will spend 20 percent of her day resting and 20 percent walking around. After age 4, as her hypopharyngeal glands start secreting brood food, she becomes a nurse. By age 12, she knows how to sting and she goes to work in food storage, evaporating nectar to make it honey, packing pollen, building comb, and helping guard the hive entrance. At age 20, she's ready for dangerous work out side the hive, gathering pollen, nectar, water, and resin. By the time she's 28, she has worn her wings ragged and worked herself to death!

-Dr. Jamoke's little book of hitherto uncompiled facts and curiosities regarding bees.

LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

KEEP BUZZING WITH BLAKE

Oxalic Acid treatments for your bees

For information, call Gloria and leave a message for Blake. He will return your call....360-301-1850

TARBOO VALLEY WOODENWARE & HONEYBEES

Frank Neal- Ph. # **360-301-0686**... (If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

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