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L.C.B.A. MISSION
STATEMENT:
TO PROMOTE
BEEKEEPING
THROUGH
EDUCATION,
COOPERATION, OR
ANY OTHER
EFFICIENT MEANS



www.loraincountybeekeepers.org

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT: Denzil St. Clair



the mice are thinking about their warm place to live, so mouse guards will be needed soon too.

You will find information on the annual

taining. The Auction will take place after dinner. Proceeds of Auction will go to the LCBA building fund.

Election nominations are right around the corner. Have you thought about running for one of the positions of the executive committee? Duties of positions open can be found elsewhere in the BUZZZZ. You may have strong leadership qualities and would be a great asset for your organization and it would be great experience for you.

You don't need to be an expert beekeeper to be able to run for any of these positions. You have support from all the other positions to help you with anything that you need.

I nominate you!!!!

See you at the Banquet!
Valerie

Fall Banquet and Auction, which is Saturday, October 15th on page 3. It makes for a great evening of fellowship with other members, your family and theirs.

Items can be brought in with you to the banquet and will be on tables will be able to be viewed by all so you will have a chance to see what others have brought to see if there is anything you might want to bid on. Some things have gone quite high because two people really want it. It becomes quite comical at times and very enter-

Well, when I hadn't received Mr. President's notes, I called and found out he has been under the weather, so guess I am writing them for him. (Under the weather or is this him above relaxing in Paradise?)

Tomorrow is the last day of September. By now you should have your supers off and found whether you needed to treat for mites or not and any other timely fall chores regarding your bees. The temperature is only showing 49° for Saturday and I'm sure

DONATIONS TO LCBA TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Lorain County Beekeepers Association is a 501c(3) organization. Any donations made to LCBA are tax deductible.

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2011 BUZZZZ CALENDAR

October 1-2 – Country Harvest of Antiques & Crafts (LCBA has booth)

October 14 - **NO MEETING**

October 15 - **ANNUAL FALL BANQUET & AUCTION -6:00**

October 23 - Newsletter Deadline

October 26 - Executive Meeting 7:00 P.M.

November 11 - Regular Meeting - Guest Speaker: Tammy Horn, Election nominations

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Note new e-mail address for president

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For submissions to THE BUZZZZ....
For the NOVEMBER issue are due
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER .

**Items not received before that date
will go in the next months issue.**

Please send all articles, ads, and/or
notes to:

e-mail- buzzzzeditor@frontier.com

Please **do not** include layout or extra
characters, (bold, italics, indents, etc.)
as they may be removed during editing
process.

**All submissions are
subject to approval.**

LCBA Executive Meet-
ing is held the last
Wednesday of every
month unless holidays
change the schedule.

The meetings are held
at the Henrietta Town-
ship Hall on Vermilion
Rd. in Oberlin at
7:00 p.m.

We encourage
members to attend.

LOCATION & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**LCBA meetings are held the second
Friday of each month at 7:00 P.M.**

The First Church

(United Church of Christ)
106 N. Main St. Oberlin, OH

Membership dues are **\$25.00 if you re-
ceive by mail**, \$20.00 per year if you re-
ceive by e-mail. Those receiving by e-
mail can pick up a hard copy at the meet-
ing. Membership includes all immediate
family members. Memberships run per
calendar year, January to December.
Membership expiration date is December
31st of each year for mail or e-mail. You
can renew your membership on the web
site www.loraincountybeekeepers.com
with Pay Pal or

**Send dues to the Treasurer:
Dave Williams
11923 Green Rd. Wakeman, OH 44889**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you have moved or your e-mail
changes, please notify Dave at a meeting
or by e-mail, dogpatch@centurytel.net
You must keep information & member-
ship dues current to receive your newslet-
ter in a timely manner.

Check LCBA web site for meeting
changes or cancellations due to bad
weather.

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KEEP THEM COMING

August & September has been a busy couple of months for me, and I'm sure many of you. I wanted to take a minute to thank those that sent me articles that they found interesting to use in the BUZZZZ. I'm using quite a few this month. Bob Soltys was one, Denzil St. Clair was another and Bonnie Pierson.

Sometimes it can be tough to come up with things for the newsletter so I am always grateful to those that contribute articles of their own or

things they have found are of interest to their fellow beekeepers. I've also found things on our Face Book account (www.facebook.com/lorainbeekeepers) that have been posted by someone, that are interesting and even some fascinating photos. Our friends list has grown amazingly and some of the countries where they live are very surprising that they have Face Book.

So again, thank you to anyone who sends me articles. Keep them com-

ing. I may not use them the month sent, but save them and use them another month. Think about writing an article of your own. What your first year of beekeeping was like would be a good place to start, or if you find some great idea that works for you and may help someone else, write something up and send it to me (by e-mail is best).

I'll be waiting to see what I get. In the mean time, HAPPY FALL!!!

ANNUAL LCBA FALL BANQUET

There will be no Friday meeting in October due to the banquet. The banquet will be held Saturday, October 15th. Social time begins at 6:00 P.M. with dinner around 6:30. The banquet will take place at the **Birmingham Community Center, behind Birmingham Methodist Church, 15018 South Street, Birmingham.**

Meat and beverages will be provided by LCBA. Members are asked to bring covered dishes and desserts. Suggestions are a variety of potato dishes, pasta dishes, salads, vegetables, etc. for main dishes and desserts are any baked goods, pies, pudding or desserts of your choosing. Members are usually hungry

and will eat all the great cooking other members bring in.

Over the years we've had some interesting items for auction. Chickens, Birds, Turkeys, pumpkins, Christmas items, homemade breads, gift baskets, home canned items, a homemade honey warmer, hand crafted items, just to name a few. So think creative and see what you have or can make, or do an IOU for some time to help a new beekeeper, etc. and come and join the fun. Just be sure that they all are good quality items. Proceeds will benefit LCBA building fund.

Note the date on your calendar. You won't want to miss it. It is one of the best times of the year,

especially the auction portion. I look forward to this every year. My cheeks usually hurt from laughing so much. Below are a couple of pictures take last year.

The auction has always been a member favorite. Our comedic auctioneer and assistants make a very entertaining evening. We will see you there for a great evening of friendship, food and fun.

Please RSVP by October 1st, or as soon as possible so we have a number count for meat and drinks. By e-mail, buzzzzeditor@frontier.com or phone, 419-929-1110 or any of the other execs listed on page 2.



BEE AN EXECUTIVE

As stated on the front page, election nominations are coming up in November. If you have thought about a position on the executive committee, but not quite sure what the positions entail, I'm going to do my best to list them for you.

President: Plan and lead meetings, plan fair and outside functions and activities, run executive meetings, suggest speakers for meetings, write presidents note to members for BUZZZZ newsletter

Vice President: Assist president in planning of meetings, fair and outside functions, lead meetings when president isn't available,

write president's note when president isn't able to, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA

Secretary: Take meeting minutes at regular and executive meetings, handle necessary correspondence, mail notifications to potential beginner class sign ups, send out class notification to media, confirm speakers, other misc. duties, submit minutes to executives for approval, submit final minutes to BUZZZZ editor for newsletter, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA

Treasurer: Establish and maintain financial matters for the or-

ganization (writing checks for bills or other expenses and payables), present reports at executive meetings regarding Income and Expenses, submit report to BUZZZZ editor for newsletter, support, assist and vote on matters regarding LCBA

Trustee: Assist all positions if needed and support, assist, and vote on matters regarding LCBA

All positions have always supported each other as a team and in the best interest of our organization. You are not left to do it all yourself. We all help each other and work together. So please consider running for a position.

BEES, SEA TURTLES AND A BOY WITH A BIG HEART A HONEY OF A COMBINATION

BELLINGHAM, Wash., July 27, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Like lots of kids on summer break 14 year-old Henry Miller visited The Georgia Sea Turtle Center. And like lots of kids Henry had fun, took pictures and learned sea turtles don't lay eggs until they're 30-35. For most teens that would have been the end, but Henry is a natural born entrepreneur and activist.

(Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20110727/AQ42835>)

You see, when Henry was 11 years old he learned about Colony Collapse Disorder and started his own business donating part to *The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees*. "You know we'll only last seven years once bees are gone," Henry reminds us. Now almost three years later Henry is *Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Henry's Sweet Mira-*

cle Honey & Henry's Stingers™. A very unusual honey company featuring blends such as *Grumpy Grandpa* a combination of raw honey, red pepper & garlic; *Naughty Nana* is a ginger/pepper blend; & *Phoebe's Fireball* is chipotle/cinnamon. Henry explained, "Our spicy honey uses honey more as a condiment. It's honey with a kick!"

Veterinarians at the Georgia Sea Turtle Center commonly use raw honey to treat turtle injuries.

"Did you know only 1 in 4000 hatchlings survive? I mean that's crazy and makes every sea turtle special," Henry marveled. So like any eco-entrepreneur, Henry dug out his company card and adopted a sea turtle, "the donation goes toward the medical care for other sea turtles. My adoptive sea turtle is Phantom. He lost an eye from a boat accident and had a horrible infection from a fishing hook stuck in his neck. Phantom had to have mul-

iple honey treatments to draw out the infection. Now he's been released with a transmitter and I'm going to put a link on henrysstingers.com so kids can see where Phantom is at any time." "Funny thing is, we use honey in a completely new way while the sea turtles are using it in one of the most oldest ways possible," he laughed. Next, these ancient mariners got a little teen tech support when Henry shot a video, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv7GksTLnwg> tweeted about it at honeywithakick and posted it on Face Book.

Henry's mother was a teacher, which may be why he likes giving educational talks at schools, putting bee facts on his labels and telling kids what they can do to help bees. And sea turtles.

SOURCE: Henry's Sweet Miracle Honey

EU Bans GM-Contaminated Honey From General Sale

<http://www.cornucopia.org/2011/09/eu-bans-gm-contaminated-honey-from-general-sale/>

September 8th, 2011

Bavarian beekeepers forced to declare their honey as genetically modified because of contamination from nearby Monsanto crops

The Guardian
Leigh Phillips

The European Union's highest court on Tuesday ruled that honey which contains trace amounts of pollen from genetically modified (GM) corn must be labeled as GM produce and undergo full safety authorization before it can be sold as food.

In what green groups are calling a "groundbreaking" ruling, the decision could force the EU to strengthen its already near-zero tolerance policy on genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Bavarian beekeepers, some 500m from a test field for a modified maize crop developed by Monsanto – one of only two GM crops authorized as safe to be cultivated in Europe – claimed their honey had been "contaminated" by pollen from the plant.

The European court of justice found in their favour, a ruling that should offer grounds for the beekeepers to claim compensation in a German court.

But the court's finding also potentially threatens recent EU legislation, introduced in July this year, that permits traces of GMOs in animal feed without a safety review.

Mute Schimpf, food campaigner for Friends of the Earth Europe, said that the ruling "would confirm that existing laws allowing traces of unauthorized GM contamination are insufficient and would need revising."

French Green MEP José Bové, an

ex-farmer well-known for his destruction of a McDonald's franchise in the south of France and the uprooting of GM crops in Brazil, said that the only protection farmers can have is for a complete ban on GMOs in Europe.

"Beekeepers are powerless to prevent the contamination of their honey by GM pollen, as farmers are for their crops, and thus powerless to prevent the tainting of the foodstuffs they produce and the integrity of their product.

"The only sure way to prevent this is by precluding the cultivation of GMOs."

Greenpeace, describing the traces of pollen in the honey as "genetic pollution" said that Monsanto and the Bavarian state should be held liable for the beekeepers' losses as a result of their product having to be labeled as containing GMOs.

However, agricultural specialists criticized the ruling, saying that the decision has no grounding in science.

Guy Poppy, the director of the centre for biological sciences at the University of Southampton, told the Guardian: "There is no safety issue. This honey is as safe as any other."

The corn in question is genetically engineered to produce an insecticide that naturally occurs in the soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (BT). The production of this toxin protects the maize plants from European corn borer larvae.

"The Monsanto maize is genetically modified to produce the BT protein. But this same protein actually has been regularly used for years as a spray even by organic farmers," he added.

"The consequences of these sorts of ruling is that new methods of plant breeding, whether GM or other forms that are developed, could be thrown out of potential use, making it impossible to innovate."

Vivian Moses, professor of biotechnology at the University of London and the

chairwoman of Cropgen, an advisory group on GM foods, said: "These beekeepers believe that there is a sensitivity among consumers of the presence of GM material, that the honey containing GM loses quality. They are just protecting their economic interest.

"But scientifically this doesn't add up to anything, as the crop has been judged as safe for human consumption."

In response to the ruling, the European commission will in two weeks discuss the issue of GMOs and honey with EU member states.

According to Brussels, it is likely that the decision will have an impact on the honey into the EU as Europe does not itself produce sufficient quantities for the size of the market. The bloc produces 200,000 tonnes per year and must import an additional 140,000 tonnes.

Argentina and China, both GM-friendly countries and the two biggest importers of honey into the EU, are likely to be affected in particular, the commission warned.

"The honey is not dangerous. There is no health risk from honey in the EU," insisted EU consumer protection spokesman, Frédéric Vincent, worried that shoppers might stop buying honey as a result of the news.

"It's an important ruling from the court. I can't say at this point whether we need to change any laws," he added. "The contamination is done by the bees themselves. We can't put GPS tracking on the bees."



CATCH THE BUZZ

Sustainable Ag Research Grants Available

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: 8/29/2011

For more information contact:

North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE)

612-626-3113

www.sare.org/ncrsare

ncrsare@umn.edu

The 2011 North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Youth & Youth Educator Grant Call for Proposals and Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals is now available.

These grants are a part of the Farmer Rancher Grant Program. Their purpose is to provide opportunities for youth in the North Central Region to learn more about Sustainable Agriculture. Sustainable agriculture is good for the environment, profitable, and socially responsible. A total of approximately \$34,000 is available for this program.

There are two options:

1. **YOUTH GRANTS.** These grants are for on-farm research, demonstration, or education projects by youth ages 8-18. Research and demonstration projects are for hands-on efforts to explore Sustainable Agriculture issues and practices. Education projects can involve teaching others about Sustainable Agriculture or attending a Sustainable Agriculture conference, workshop, or camp. \$400 maximum.
2. **YOUTH EDUCATOR GRANTS.** These are

grants for educators to provide programming on sustainable agriculture for youth. \$2,000 maximum.

Interested applicants can find the call for proposals online as well as useful information for completing a proposal at <http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Types-of-Grants/Youth-and-Youth-Educator-Grant-Program>.

Proposals are due by 4:30 pm, Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the NCR-SARE office in Jefferson City, MO.

Potential applicants with questions can contact Joan Benjamin, Associate Regional Coordinator and Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator, at benjaminj@lincolnu.edu or 573-681-5545 or 800-529-1342. A hard copy or an emailed copy of the call for proposals is also available by contacting Joan Benjamin. We make slight revisions to our calls for proposals each year, which means it is crucial to use the most recent call for proposals.

The 2011 North Central Region - Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Farmer Rancher Grant Call for Proposals is now available.

Farmers and ranchers in the North Central Region are invited to submit grant proposals to explore sustainable agriculture solutions to problems on the farm or ranch. Proposals should show how farmers and ranchers plan to use their own innovative ideas to explore sustainable agriculture options and how they will share project results. Sustainable agriculture is good for the environment, profitable, and socially responsible.

Projects should emphasize research or education/demonstration. New this year, there are three types of competitive grants: individual grants (\$7,500 maximum), partner grants for two farmers/ranchers from separate operations who are working together (\$15,000 maximum), and group grants for three or more farmers/ranchers from separate operations who are working together (\$22,500 maximum). NCR-SARE expects to fund about 45 projects in the twelve-state North Central Region with this call.

Interested applicants can find the call for proposals online as well as useful information for completing a proposal at <http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Types-of-Grants/Farmer-Rancher-Grant-Program>.

Proposals are due on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the NCR-SARE office in Jefferson City, MO.

Potential applicants with questions can contact Joan Benjamin, Associate Regional Coordinator and Farmer Rancher Grant Program Coordinator, at benjaminj@lincolnu.edu or 573-681-5545 or 800-529-1342. A hard copy or an emailed copy of the call for proposals is also available by contacting Joan Benjamin. We make slight revisions to our calls for proposals each year, which means it is crucial to use the most recent call for proposals. NCR-SARE has funded more than 800 farmer rancher grants worth more than \$4,800,000 since the inception of this program.



2011 County Fair - YTD

1/1/2011 through 9/21/2011 (Cash Basis)

Category Description 1/1/2011- 9/21/2011 OVERALL TOTAL

INCOME

County Fair Display Win 100.00
 Sales 14,684.90 14,684.90
TOTAL INCOME 14,784.90

EXPENSES

County Fair Honey Sticks 1,915.50
 Events 2,042.99
 Honey Sales 7,909.22

TOTAL EXPENSES 11,867.71

OVERALL TOTAL 2,917.19

Income/Expense by Category - YTD

1/1/2011 through 9/21/2011

INCOME

Class Books 225.00
 Classes 1,350.00
 County Fair Display Win 100.00
 Donations 1,186.60
 Membership 1,719.08
 Miscellaneous 121.90
 Raffles 894.00
 Sales 14,804.90
 Sales LCBA Honey 36.00
 FROM Lorain National Savings 1,000.00
 FROM New Lorain National Checking 4.60
 FROM PayPal 192.60
 FROM Petty Cash Fund 229.00
TOTAL INCOME 21,863.68

EXPENSES

County Fair Honey Sticks 1,915.50
 Events 3,206.62
 FICA 25.00
 Food 270.78
 Honey Sales 7,909.22
 Insurance 500.00
 Meeting Hall 100.00
 Newsletter 1,439.33
 Overpayment-return 50.00
 PayPal Fees -0.28
 Postage 140.80
 Poster Sale 0.00
 Prizes 50.00
 Scholarship 447.55
 Speakers 1,400.40
 Supplies 421.48
 Web Site 59.70
 TO New Lorain National Checking 1,421.60

TO Petty Cash Fund 4.60
TOTAL EXPENSES 19,362.30

OVERALL TOTAL 2,501.38

Account Balances - As of 9/21/2011

Account 9/21/2011 Balance

Bank Accounts:

Lorain National Savings 23,396.87
 New Lorain National Checking 6,444.20
TOTAL Bank Accounts 29,841.07

Cash Accounts:

PayPal 0.00
 Petty Cash Fund 289.70
TOTAL Cash Accounts 289.70

OVERALL TOTAL 30,130.77

Submitted by: Dave Williams



Standing at attention on top the bee barn at Lorain County Fair every year to welcome all who come in.

SCARECROW CENTERPIECE CONTEST

We are having a centerpiece contest for our annual Fall Banquet/Auction. In previous years we have done the contest with a normal centerpiece fall theme. This year Bill Vittori came up with the idea of doing a Scarecrow as the centerpiece. Great idea Bill!!!

Of course we need to keep it on a downsized dwarf scale or they wouldn't fit on the tables. So bee creative with it and keep it under a foot or two. You will be donating them as door prizes at the end of the meeting if you bring one, but you will have a chance of winning a great prize for the best one in first, second and third place. We will keep what the prizes are a secret until the Banquet.



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