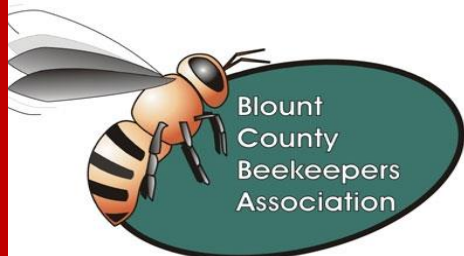


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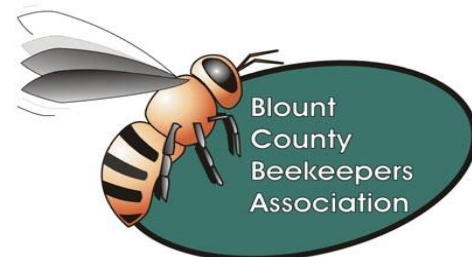
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**BCBA**

**JULY**

**NEWSLETTER**



OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT THE MARYVILLE CHURCH OR CHRIST, 611 SHERWOOD DR. AT 6:30pm. OUR MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. CHARLIE PARTON WILL BE OUR SPEAKER DISCUSSING PEST IN OUR HIVES AND METHODS TO CONTRL THEM. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TOPIC AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. OUR DIFFERENT FAIRS ARE COMING UP. I HOPE MANY OF US WILL CONSIDER ENTERING HONEY AND WAX ARTICLES IN THE FAIR. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING AT THE FAIR IN ANY CAPACITY PLEASE CONTACT LAURA ATWOOD. HER CONTACT INFO IS LISTED IN THE DIRECTORS INFO IN ANOTHER PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER. BY HELPING IN THE FAIR, YOU WILL RECEIVE FREE TICKETS TO GET INTO THE FAIR. IT IS ALWAYS A FUN TIME. IT IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO START THINKING ABOUT ITEMS THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION. THE FUNDS RAISED HELP TO PAY FOR THE GRANTS THAT WE GIVE TO NEW BEEKEEPERS. OUR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND A DIRECTOR POSITION WILL BE UP FOR RELECTION THIS YEAR. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE IN ANY OF THESE POSITIONS PLEASE LET ONE OF OUR PRESENT OFFICER'S KNOW.

## **SEASONAL MANAGEMENT:**

MOST OF YOU HAVE TAKEN YOUR HONEY OFF BY NOW. YOUR DRAWN COMB IS TRULY LIKE GOLD TO YOU SO MAKE SURE YOU TAKE CARE TO LET THE BEES DRY IT OUT AND STORE IT PROPERLY. IF YOU HAVE A FREEZER LARGE ENOUGH TO HOLD IT, THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO STORE IT. MOST OF US DON'T HAVE THAT SO WE HAVE TO RESORT TO OTHER MEANS. START BY STACKING THREE SUPERS ON AN INVERTED BOTTOM BOARD AND PLACE ABOUT ½ CUP OF

MOTH CRYSTALS (DICHLOROBENZENE) ON THE TOP BOX FRAMES ON A PIECE OF PAPER. ADD MORE SUPERS IN MULTIPLES OF 3 AND MORE MOTH CRYSTALS AND SO ON. IN EXTREME HEAT YOU SHOULD CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE CRYSTALS HAVEN'T VAPORIZED. IF SO ADD MORE.

**DO NOT USE MOTH BALLS** FOR THIS WILL KILL YOUR BEES WHEN YOU PUT THEM BACK ON THE HIVES IN THE SPRING.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT MITE TREATMENTS IF YOU TREAT. ACQUIRE YOUR TREATMENT SUPPLIES AND TREAT IN AUGUST. IF YOU WAIT MUCH LONGER YOU COULD BE TOO LATE. CHARLIE PARTON WILL BE SPEAKING MORE ABOUT THIS AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

~HARLEN

## **July 2018 - Chuck's Corner**

The main honey flow is over except for perhaps a bit of sourwood here and there. If there is any honey or sugar syrup near your bees, you will most likely begin to see robbing. I hope everyone has had a good honey crop. I know that I personally was concerned because I had lost over 60% of my hives over the Winter and then this Spring, it seemed that all my hives were swarming (no matter what preventative action I took). Yet, in the end, it looks as though I got an excessive crop of honey for the number of colonies that I had.

And of course, now is the time that we need to prepare for the health of next years bees. The health of your bees for the next few months is a main factor in your colony's Winter survival. At the July meeting, Charlie Parton will be speaking on various pests/diseases we might see in our hives and methods to prevent them. This is an important and timely topic for all of us.

As you take your honey off, please consider bottling a couple of jars to display at the TN Valley Fair as well as the Blue Ribbon Fair in Townsend. If you don't have any of the 1 pound display jars, the club should have a few available. This is always a fun event and a great time to meet beginning and seasoned beekeepers.

Lastly, as the Board of Directors plan for speaking topics for the 2019 calendar, please send me an email or text of topics if you have a subject that you think should be considered.

See you at the July meeting!

~CHUCK

### **MEMBERS WITH BEE RELATED ITEMS FOR SALE**

Ricky Bailey has Nuc's for sale. Call and Reserve. Call 865-250-8123

Coley O'Dell Will have Queens, through October. Call 865-984-5393

Howard Kerr Will have queens and HFC syrup for sale. Call 865-982-6750

Harlen Breeden has quarts of 65% Formic Acid for sale. Call 865-719-1828

## LAURA' BLURB

To Bee Fair...

In the Bee news:

National Honey month has officially been changed from September to July! Why? Because July is the optimal month to remove and extract honey. Waiting any longer will not leave your bees enough time to get their stores back up before the winter. AND... extracting now (in July) also gives you time to see and prepare what you've got for the county fairs (in September)!

County fairs have changed with the times, but they still serve their educational and community purpose of showing what is happening on many farms that some urbanites and suburbanites may never get to see otherwise. County fairs preserve and showcase many fading art forms and give local talents (like you) a chance to shine. Help create and maintain our beekeeping community by participating in honey shows at local fairs. The BCBA will be at two local fairs this fall: Tennessee Valley Fair and the Townsend Blue Ribbon Country Fair. Check out these links and schedules below and see if you're available. If you volunteer to work our booth, you'll get a free ticket to the fair that day.

<https://www.tnvalleyfair.org>

<http://www.gsmheritagecenter.org/events/blue-ribbon-country-fair-2/>

There are many ways to participate:

- Volunteering to help set up or take down the booth
- Volunteering to hang out in the booth and talk to people about bees
- Bring something bee related for us to display at the BCBA booth as part of our decorations
- Enter an educational display, photo, honey, or frame of honey in the competition

For more information about what you can enter in the honey shows, click here...

[what can I enter in honey show?](#)

Please contact me, Laura Atwood, so we can add you to our email/phone list as we make plans.

[Laura.atwood@gmail.com](mailto:Laura.atwood@gmail.com)

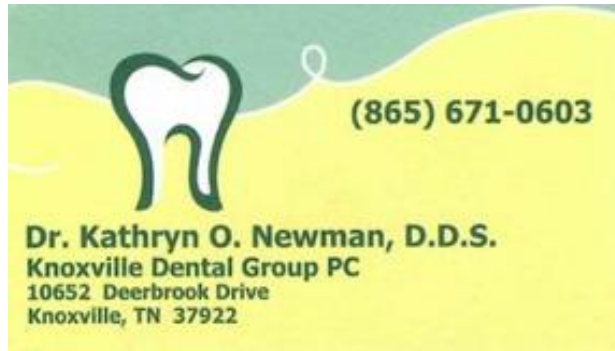
865-363-3771

Happy Honey Month!

~LAURA ATWOOD

## PLACE AN AD

If you would like to place an ad in the BCBA newsletter, please call one of our officers listed in this publication. Business card ads are \$32 for a paid member or \$40 for a non-member.



## Smokey Ridge Apiaries

Judy O'Dell

Owner, Manager

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[info@smokeyridgeapiaries.com](mailto:info@smokeyridgeapiaries.com)

865-984-5393

Beekeeping Equipment and Supplies

## Bee Inspectors

It's the state law to have your beehives registered, so don't neglect this important duty. If you want them inspected, below is a list of association bee inspectors. There is no cost for this service. If you are planning to move hives, they must be inspected.

Stacey Adair, 983-6223

Ricky Baily, 250-8123

Dennis Barry, 414-2116

Harlen Breeden, 719-1828

Charlie Parton, 776-1875

Stephanie Tarwater, 293-6229

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865-984-1005

Mark Ford, Secretary  
865-603-2016

Harlen Breeden, Alt. Officer  
865-719-1828

## 2018 DUES ARE DUE

**IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2018 DUES IT IS TIME TO DO SO. AS OF MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> WE WILL ONLY BE SENDING TO PAID MEMBERS. BERNIE HAS ASK THAT WE MAIL OUR DUES IN TO AVOID STANDING IN LINE AT THE MEETING. DUES ARE \$20.00 AND MAIL THEM TO BERNIE MCGRAW, 1220 HAVENWOOD DR. MARYVILLE, TN. 37804. HE WILL BE TAKING PAYMENT AT THE MEETING ALSO. TO AVOID INTERUPTION OF THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.**

Urgent Message. Local Beekeeping Associations, please forward this e-mail to all of your members that may have Registered or unregistered apiaries in the following counties: Bledsoe, Cumberland, Meigs, Rhea or Roane. Several cases of American Foulbrood were discovered when a diligent beekeeper called reporting problems with a couple of colonies. Tests confirmed several colonies were positive for American Foulbrood. These colonies were in the early stages of infection. Those colonies have been destroyed. The preliminary list of registered apiaries in the listed counties is 177 locations. This list will be narrowed down and all registered beekeepers with valid e-mails located within 8 miles of the infected colonies will be notified by e-mail ASAP (Hopefully within 24 hours). We will be notifying all registered beekeepers within the affected area and inspecting all apiaries within the affected area in the next few weeks. Any beekeeper that thinks they may have AFB should send an e-mail to [mike.studer@tn.gov](mailto:mike.studer@tn.gov) ASAP. Anyone that knowingly has American Foulbrood and does not report it is subject to a \$500.00 fine. Please be careful moving colonies within these counties get your local area inspectors to come out and inspect before you move anything. Anyone moving colonies out of these counties or within these counties without a health certificate is subject to a \$500.00 fine. Please everyone be diligent about hygiene when going from one apiary to the other. Designate a hive tool for each apiary or burn them between apiaries. If you know of anyone in these counties that is not registered please have them register their colonies ASAP.

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