



The

LCBA BUZZ



January 2026

Providing Education in Sustainable Beekeeping

Most monthly meetings at 6pm in room 109 of Washington Hall, Centralia College; exceptions will be published in advance. Club apiary is at 765 North Fork Road

Upcoming activities and events

Wednesday January 14: **Holiday Party!!** Mark your calendar now Borst Park kitchen #1 **Mead making class beginning at 5:30, dinner following!** There will be awesome raffle items; this year we are trialing having both \$1 and \$5 tickets, high dollar items will be \$5 tickets. Bring plenty of cash!

Beginning Beekeeping Class at Centralia College starts Saturday January 3 for 6 consecutive Saturdays. Students this year will have a one year membership in LCBA.



Wednesday, February 11; **Jeff Ott**, of the highly acclaimed Beekeeping Today podcast, will speak on technology in the apiary

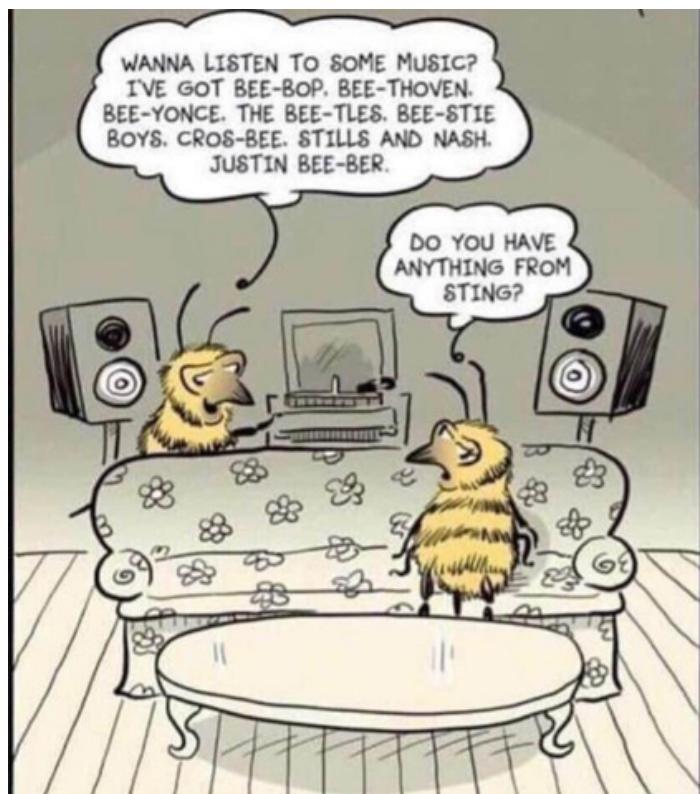
WELCOME BEGINNING BEEKEEPING CLASS of 2026!!

We are excited to announce that LUKE GROVE is our youth scholar for 2026. In addition, we have over 20 students taking the class. Welcome everyone!

Here's an interesting and informative article on mites and bees from WSU where a lot of bee research is taking place.

<https://pubs.extension.wsu.edu/product/navigating-the-mite-spectrum-in-honey-bee-colonies-from-harmful-tropilaelaps-to-harmless-counterparts/>

Did you know there is a tool library in Chehalis where you can rent a tool for a week? They have an electric extractor, if you want to try one out this summer before purchasing one. Go to www.mrctoolbucketlibrary.org to see what's available.



3rd annual beekeeping swap meet coming March 7 to the Oakview Grange on North Pearl in Centralia! Great place to sell your unwanted equipment, or buy something you need. (last year there was an extractor, woodenware, and more. Look for details in the next newsletter

Classes available at WoodsBeeCo.

One of our local vendors, Woods Bees, offers a variety of classes and workshops throughout the year. Go to WOODSBEECO.com; select the tab 'shop' then 'shop now!' and select 'classes' from the left pull down menu. Coming up is a salve making workshop using beeswax and essential oils on January 10th.



MEMBERSHIP DUES are now due!

\$ 40 for a family/individual membership

\$20 for junior (under 21) membership

no cost for youth membership (under 18)

PAY NOW!!

Please complete a membership application for renewal and bring to a meeting with cash or check payable to Lewis County Beekeepers Association (bank asks that this be written out, not abbreviated to LCBA} or mail form with payment to LCBA, PO Box 461, Chehalis, WA. 98532.

Please pay dues by March 1. Dues are for calendar year January 1 through December 31, 2026. You must have dues paid by March 1 in order to receive club pricing for bees. Bee orders will be at the March membership meeting.

Would you be willing to mentor?

Members may think they're not experienced enough to mentor, or they don't have time, or a myriad of other reasons. In reality, if you have kept bees for 3 years you are well prepared to mentor! Even if you lose a hive, you gained knowledge you can pass on to a new beekeeper. When we assign mentors, we try to match with

someone in a close geographical area so driving time is minimized. Often questions or concerns can be dealt with by

phone or text. The amount of time spent with a mentee decreases as they gain experience. The new beekeeper is hopefully motivated to attend every apiary workshop available as every beekeeper does things differently; this can help the new beekeeper figure out 'their own way' and provide more education

that can decrease the mentor's time commitment. As a new beekeeper, how did you learn? Please, as a 'seasoned' beekeeper, consider mentoring one of our new beekeepers! Everyone gains from it! Let Phil Wilson know you'd mentor, or indicate willingness on your membership renewal form.



HOLIDAY PARTY



JANUARY **14** AT 5:30 PM

Mead making demonstration at 5:30 - 6:15, dinner at
6:30

BORST PARK KITCHEN #1 2020 BORST AVENUE (ON THE
LEFT, JUST PAST PLAYGROUND)



great raffle items, tickets \$1 or \$5

FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD



Ham, rolls, meatballs & drinks
provided, please bring a side dish
or dessert to share

Club Library Books Available for Check Out

Books are often available at monthly meetings but if there is a book you want to be sure to get, email Theresa (our treasurer) at theresaar@protonmail.com

The Complete Idiots Guide to Beekeeping: Everything the budding beekeeper needs for a healthy, productive hive by Dean Stiglitz and Laurie Herboldsheimer

The Beekeeper's Bible: Bees, honey, recipes and other home uses, Abramsbooks

Queenspotting : Meet the remarkable queen bee and discover the drama at the heart of the hive by Hilary Kearney

Building Beehives for Dummies by Howland Blackiston

Beekeeping for Dummies by Howland Blackiston

The Complete Guide to Beekeeping Including how to make HoneyWine by Roger A. Morse

Keeping Bees by John Vivian

Keeping Bees Green Guides by Pam Gregory and Claire Waring

Top Bar Beekeeping: Organic Practices for Honeybee Health by Les Crowder and Heather Harrell

Honey Bee Diseases and Pests from the Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists

Enjoyable Lifelong Beekeeping: An AZ (Slovenian) Beekeeping Tutorial for Beginners by Brian Wentz

A-Z Beekeeping With the Slovenian Hive by Janko Bozie and William Blomstedt

Honey Bees and their Maladies: A Field Guide by Penn State Extension

Keeping Bees in Horizontal Hives: A complete guide to apiculture by Georges de Layens

The Hive and the Honey Bee: the classic and definitive book on beekeeping

The Lives of Bees: The Untold Story of Honeybees in the Wild by Thomas Seeley

Honey bees (National Geographic Kids) by Jill Esbaum



Auction items update: the 2 frame extractor bid is currently \$100; it will be at the holiday party on January 14 if you'd like to see it. The camera current bid is \$101. Bid increments for either item is at least \$5.00 . The top bar hive is still for sale, no offers received. The camera and extractor auctions will end January 14, the top bar hive will sell at the end of the February meeting if any offers are received. See pictures of items on next page; email me if you have questions or want more information. bevp003@gmail.com



Club items for auction (silent bid) or sale (OBO)



Top bar hive complete with frames, follower boards current **\$100** OBO



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[amazon.com](#)

Zoom certified webcam Nexigo N990 sells for \$225 new, used a few times to film our meetings before we got the OWL, in excellent condition

Current bid **\$101**, bid \$5 increments

A new, unused 2 frame manual extractor by Harvest Lane. Sells for over \$200 at Tractor Supply. Current bid **\$100**, bid \$5 increments

