



# Lorain County Beekeepers Association

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## *President's Message*

*Hello Fellow Beekeepers,*

*Hope you all have honey supers on your hives. The bees need plenty of room. And as always - treat, treat, treat for Varroa.*

*It is time to get your honey ready to show at the Fair. You can access entry information on the Fair's website under 'Entries'. Bee info starts on page 93 - Book 40. There are 43 classes to enter Bee related products. Entry deadline is August 5th.*

*July 12th will be a busy night for LCBA. If you are interested in selling honey at the Lorain County Fair you **MUST** attend a meeting this Friday at 6 PM in the Church. '**MUST attend**' meaning not an option if you are interested in selling honey and bee related products.*

*At 6:00 PM John Rose will be in the Memorial Garden removing honey supers. This is a hands-on opportunity to learn and help John. Bring your protective equipment and give John a hand. At 7:00 PM John will present treating your hives with Formic Pro.*

*Demos on uncapping honey - 4 methods; extracting honey - 3 different extractors; bottling and labeling will follow. Dave Borling will lead these hands-on demos. So come prepared to get sticky. For those of you who have not harvested honey before, you will not want to miss this meeting. If you have done this before, you may learn something new or more efficient way to do the job or give tips to the new Beekeepers.*

*And if that is not enough, LCBA will be providing hot dogs and potato chips. Please bring a side dish or dessert.*

*The next EOSC Meeting will be at the Lorain County Fairgrounds Pavilion, Thursday July 25th at 5:30.*

*The August members' meeting will be on the 9th at the Fairgrounds. We will be cleaning up the Bee Barn for the Fair. A cleaning supply list will be in the August newsletter.*

*Bee There Friday,*

*Marilyn*

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

***Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!***

***June's Members Meeting***

***Vince Dubesa!!***

***Don't forget to get your tickets at every meeting!***

***You Don't Want to Miss July's Member's Meeting!!***

***Please be patient with us at our July members meeting as we have a lot going on!***

***6:00 Join John Rose in the bee yard and help pull honey supers for our extracting meeting at 7 pm. Please make sure you have your personal protective equipment***

***6:00 Mandatory Sellers Meeting for anyone and all members of their apiary that plan on selling honey products at the fairground during the fair. Please meet inside the church, closest to the road.***

***7:00 John Rose will demonstrate how to formic pro your hive.***

***7:15 Dave Borling will unveil the mysteries of honey extraction and help guide you through the process to bottle honey for fair entries this year!***

***We will have hot dogs and chips available for a picnic lunch, please bring a side or dessert!***

***Next End of Summer Classic Meeting – Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion at Lorain County Fairgrounds.***

***Thank you to Rick Parobeck, for donating the 5<sup>th</sup> basket for the LCBA Basket Raffles at our Field Day Event!***

## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

### End of Summer Classic Event September 28, 2024

#### Lorain County Fairgrounds

*This year our EOSC event will be a car show with raffle baskets and food. Our first meeting to start gathering donations and baskets for the event will be on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at the Pavillion at the Lorain County Fairgrounds.*

### Lorain County Fair August 19 – 25

*Now is the time of the year to start planning your fair entries, you can access information at the Fair's website under "ENTRIES" Entry Book 40 – Apiary. This is our LCBA department and we would like to encourage everyone to enter honey and bee products. All it takes is three 1- pound bottles of honey to enter your honey for judging. There is a large baking entry section with the only criteria is honey within the product! Fair entry forms, rules and guidelines will be available on July 1 at [www.loraincountyfair.com](http://www.loraincountyfair.com) to preview the regulations for entries! Let's make our barn shine with the number of entries this year!*

### Intent to Sell Honey at the 2024 Fair

*Are you interested in selling your honey at the fair this year, please see the following rules and intent to sell forms that must be completed and returned by the July 12, 2024 mandatory sellers meeting. The only exception to the rules are first year members to LCBA, the date and members meeting rules do not apply to you. If you have any questions, please see Bren Leiby or a board member and they can help you with any questions you may have.*

# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

Once again, many thanks to Cherished Creations !!!



# Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

*June's Meeting - What to do with a drone laying hive AND  
How to close a hive and transport it*



## Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

### ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE LCBA???

Fight the Hunger

## STOCK THE TRAILER

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While it is hard to imagine, food insecurity continues to affect the communities we live in every day. That's why Farm Credit Mid-America launched the **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer** challenge in 2021. Along with Rural 1<sup>st</sup> as a sponsor, Farm Credit Mid-America challenges local communities to help feed those in need while supporting junior fairs.

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## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

**WHAT:** Lorain County Fair

**WHEN:** August 18-25

**WHERE:** Junior Fair Office Barn 14

**WHO:** Holden Harker or Nolan Norman  
loraincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com

## CONTEST PRIZES AND RULES

All participating\* county fairs will receive \$500.00

Additional prizes are awarded based on total pounds donated

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE: \$5,000    2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE: \$3,500    3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE: \$1,500**

\*Participation money will be awarded at the county fair. Top prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all participating county fairs. No purchase necessary. Additional terms and conditions may apply. For a full listing of terms and conditions, please visit [fcm.com/fightthunger](http://fcm.com/fightthunger).

### Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer 4-H Club/ FFA Chapter Competition

**Who-** Lorain County Junior Fair Board

**What-** Hosting a competition between 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters to see which group can collect the most food

**When-** July 1-August 18

**Where-** Lorain County Fair Grounds will be the final weigh station to determine the winning group

**Why-** This program will help the Lorain County Junior Fair support the community that supports us.

**How-** Lorain County Junior Fair Board is asking that each group collect as many non-perishable food items during the duration of time before the fair. **The food items are to get weighed on Sunday August 18 from 10:30-11:30 at the infield scale and loaded directly into the trailer from there.**

**Prize Money is allotted to the winning club by weight and will be announced during **OPENING CEREMONIES ON SUNDAY AUGUST 18.****

**1st- \$250**

**2nd- \$150**

**3rd- \$100**



**Contact: Holden Harker or Nolan Norman**  
loraincountyjuniorfair@gmail.com

*If you're interested, please see Sheila St. Clair for details.*

*Also—please take a look at the application and guidelines on the next page for the American Beekeeping Federation's "Bee Practical Award"*

*What have you got to lose right?*

**Bee Practical Award**  
**American Beekeeping Federation**  
**Request for Applications**

The American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) is offering an award for up to \$2,000 to a beekeeper with a practical beekeeping idea that is relevant to other beekeepers. The \$2,000 will be split in the case more than one awardee is chosen. We are looking to fund one or more individuals that have developed a practical beekeeping practice *OR* have a practical beekeeping idea that needs funding to be developed. Examples of practical ideas include, but are not limited to: a novel way of utilizing old bee boxes, an air conditioned bee suit, a more accurate method of sampling for varroa mites, a method of collecting colony information, or a hive design for people with disabilities. Novel ideas will receive a higher rating.

Awardee(s) will be asked to share their idea with ABF membership in two ways. One, present their idea at the ABF annual conference in January 2025 hosted in Reno, Nevada.

Free registration will be included. Two, the awardee(s) must write an article about their idea for the ABF's Quarterly magazine.

**Applications will be accepted through October 1, 2024**

**Awardee(s) will be notified by October 15, 2024**

**Application Submission:**

Submit their applications to [Garett.slater@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Garett.slater@ag.tamu.edu). Each application must include:

- Applicant's name, mailing address, email address, and phone number
- Summary of idea (1-2 sentences)
- If the idea has been completed or if it is an idea that will be developed with the award money
- One-page description of the idea for a practical beekeeping practice
- One or more images that describe the idea and does not include the applicant

**Qualifications:**

- *Must* be a member of the American Beekeeping Federation. Go to [abfnet.org](http://abfnet.org) to become a member.
- *Must* be a beekeeper. Researchers, including students, may apply if you are also a beekeeper.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of distinguished ABF Research Committee members and the funds awarded based on the originality, practicality, and feasibility of the idea. One application per person is allowed. Teams, like a beekeeping club, may apply if at least one person is an ABF member. Prior to submission, anyone interested in seeking a patent for their idea should apply for the patent before applying to avoid invalidating the patent application.

For questions or additional information, contact [garett.slater@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:garett.slater@ag.tamu.edu)

Lorain County Beekeepers Updates and Events

LCBA's Sunflower Field at Lorain County Fairgrounds





## Lorain County Beekeepers Spotlight

**Beekeeper: Ella Boitel**

**July 2024**

**1. How long have you been beekeeping?**

*2 years*

**2. What prompted you to become a beekeeper?**

*My first inclination was to help with the declining honey bee population. Once I had a hive I was excited to harvest my own honey.*

**3. How did you hear about LCBA?**

*I signed up for an online Intro to Beekeeping at Lake Erie Nature Center and since I live in Lorain County I joined LCBA.*

**4. Did you have a mentor? If so, who was it?**

*Yes, Daryl and Steven have been helpful as well as attending meetings.*

**5. What has been your biggest challenge?**

*My biggest hurdle is finding the queen and eggs and not killing my queen.*

**6. What have you enjoyed most about beekeeping?**

*I like opening up the hive to hear all the buzzing and knowing the bees are healthy and going about the business of maintain their hive.*

**7. How many hives do you have?**

*None at the moment*

**8.. What area is your apiary in? (Village or Township only)**

*Village*

**9. What are your five year beekeeping goals?**

*To have 2 to 3 healthy hives.*

**10. Your words of wisdom to new beekeepers?**

*It's a cool way to connect with nature and it makes you more aware of how to think about ways to live with a smaller carbon footprint. Don't be afraid—they are gentle creatures.*

**To Promote Beekeeping through Education, Cooperation and any other Efficient Means**

Located in Lorain County, Ohio, LCBA was founded in 1919 as a non-profit organization committed to educating the public about the value of honeybees and the impact honeybees have on our world. We provide educational appearances upon request to schools and groups. LCBA encourages and mentors beginning beekeepers through scholarship programs for students along with adult education.

**Monthly Meetings**

**When:            2nd Friday of each month, starting at 7:00pm to 9:30pm**

**Where:            Life Church**

**1033 Elm Street, Grafton, OH 44044**

**Did you know donations to LCBA are tax deductible???**

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

**The BUZZZZ Advertising Fees**

Members can place classified ads—maximum 4 lines (approx. 3/4 in by 3 3/4 inch) for free on a one time basis. If the same ad places for more than 1 month, a fee will be charged. There is also a fee if the ad is larger than the size listed above. Ads will run in the newsletter which is posted on the LCBA website and distributed to our member circulation and billed for 12 issues.

Rates are as follows for ads provided by customer \*LCBA Officers reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to change, modify, add, or delete all or portions of ads for content. Terms and policies to change. Information posted is a courtesy to LCBA Members and/or a paid advertisement for business entities. LCBA does not endorse or guarantee quality or pricing .

1 (Full) page - \$25.00 per month/issue

1/2 page ad - \$18.00 per month/issue

1/4 page ad - \$12.00 per month/issue

1/8 page ad - \$10.00 per month/issue

Any questions regarding advertising?

Contact Lori Keleman at

BuzzzzWorthy@gmail.com



Letter of intent to sell honey or other products at Lorain County Fair

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Apiary Name \_\_\_\_\_

City Honey is from \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt sizes needed for all sellers from your apiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check items you intend to sell:

- |            |               |         |                      |             |           |       |
|------------|---------------|---------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Honey      | Creamed Honey | Pollen  | Cut Comb/Ross Rounds | Chunk Honey |           |       |
| Hand Cream | Lip Balm      | Candles | Beeswax              | Soap        | Jelly/Jam | Other |

List other \_\_\_\_\_

My apiary is intending to sell honey and other bee related products at the LCBA fair honey booth. I understand I must register all products I intend to sell with an entry category with the LC Fair entries for judging, which is a separate entry form with the LC Fair and a deadline of August 5, 2024. I must be a current LCBA member with membership paid prior to March 1, 2024, and have attended 4 full members meetings prior to tonight's meeting. You must show honey to sell honey or bee related products. I understand 20% of my honey and other bee related products will go to the Lorain County Beekeepers Association as a tax-deductible donation.

I must notify Bren Leiby by the July 12, 2024 mandatory meeting if I am going to sell honey so there will be enough time to prepare, NO EXCEPTIONS. Fair information and Intent to Sell forms are available at the meetings beginning in June, on the website and in the newsletter. Once you have turned in an intent to sell form, you will be responsible for working in the honey vendor booth during fair week even if you do not have product to sell. All representatives of your apiary that will be working in the vendor booth during fair week **MUST ATTEND** the mandatory Honey Booth Vendor Rules meeting on July 12 at 6 pm in Life Church to be eligible to work during fair week.

**Fair Chairman, Bren Leiby, can be reached with any questions at 440-381-1145 or brenhono77@yahoo.com**

My signature verifies that I have read the LCBA Fair Rules and will abide by the rules.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*End of Summer Classic*

# **BEST** of the **BEST**



## *Classic Cruisin'*

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 | LORAIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

GATES OPEN 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

### **Lorain County Beekeepers Association proudly presents the End of Summer Classic!**

A fundraising project to build a year-round learning facility at the Lorain County Fairgrounds for future generations of beekeepers and farmers. With building plans in the works, we welcome you to join us in making this vision a reality!

We would especially like to thank LaManna Presents for their generosity and time. Open to all years, makes and models.

*Shine'em up and show them off!*



**BECOME A FRIEND OF LCBA BY TAKING PART AND GIVING GENEROUSLY!**

### **DONATIONS AT THE GATE ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED**



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#### **Special Attractions**

- LCBA Sponsored Raffles
- LCBA Sponsored Door Prizes
- Food & Beverages
- Music

For more information contact Randy at (440) 381-1956.

Visit [www.loraincountybeekeepers.org](http://www.loraincountybeekeepers.org) or follow us on Facebook for more updates and announcements.



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