

North Central Beekeepers newsletter  
November, 2015

**2016 dues are \$ 10.00 see  
Larry Chismar or send to North  
Central Bee keepers Assoc.,Inc.  
P.O. Box 294 Brainerd, Mn.56401**

## **Greetings;**

**November lunch committee;**

**Barb and Bill Mass, Judy Ebinger  
and Doug Enlow**

**Thank you !! Thank you to all  
who have taken a turn at  
making lunch over the last  
years. Lunch is an opportunity  
to work with someone who you  
may or may not know to make a  
friendship that may last the rest  
of your life. The lunch is very  
important to help members and  
guests stay and share  
experiences and knowledge in a  
relaxed atmosphere. There are  
some opportunities to serve  
lunch during 2016 left, please  
sign up.**

**November Program;**

**We will have our youth who  
received bees and equipment  
from our Bee Keeping Mentoring**

**program give a report on their  
first year experiences in bee  
keeping. We have seven youth in  
this program. Ian,Dylin, Emma,  
Keaton, Kailer, Madalyn and  
Gabby. These young people  
need your help and  
encouragement to go on and be  
better bee keepers than we are.**

**TIDBITS from around;**

## **Youth Beekeeping Scholarship**

The scholarship is an excellent way to introduce beekeeping to an interested young person between the ages of 12 and 17. Most participants enjoy learning about cultivating honeybees, and many continue their efforts beyond the program.

Application deadline: January 15

### **Objective**

To better understand honeybee contributions to the environment and food chain.

To experience responsibility and enjoyment through beekeeping.

To explore beekeeping as a hobby, sideline or care

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To provide beekeeping knowledge to a family with no prior beekeeping experience.

### The Award

A one-year membership in the Tri-County Beekeepers Association

Tuition to University of Minnesota Beekeeping Short Course (including the textbook) for youth and one parent. A complete set of woodenware for one beehive.

Package of bees for the hive.

Beekeeping gear: hat, veil, gloves, hive tool and bee smoker.

Mentoring by a Tri-County Beekeepers Association member for one year.

### Eligibility

The applicant must be between the ages of 12 and 17 by the deadline date at the top of the page.

The applicant must be a resident of Minnesota.

The applicant must be currently enrolled in public, private or home school.

The applicant must have permission and agreement from parent or guardian.

The applicant's parents or guardian must not be beekeepers.

The applicant should plan on keeping their bees in the greater St. Cloud area.

The application must be submitted to the Tri-County Beekeepers Association no later than the deadline date on top of this page

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### The Selection Process

The Tri-County Beekeepers Association Youth Program Committee awards the scholarship.

The Youth Program Committee will arrange an interview with finalist and parents/guardian.

The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant by the Youth Program Committee, and presented at the first meeting in February.

### Responsibility of Recipient

The applicant must attend five of the twelve Tri-County Beekeepers Association regular monthly meetings and report on their experience at two of them.

### How to Apply

Fill out the application form completely.

Send completed application, letter and signed terms and conditions of agreement to:

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Foley, MN 56

Minnesota National Public Radio [recently reported on a whistleblower complaint](#) filed by USDA entomologist of USDA's Brookings, S.D., Agriculture Research facility.

Lundgren [published a study](#) which linked neonicotinoid insecticides with stunted growth or death of monarch butterfly larvae. Monarch populations have plummeted in recent years because of habitat loss. Lundgren's research showed milkweed plants growing near farm fields treated with the insecticide could harm monarch larvae.

Lundgren's complaint, which is being represented by the Washington, D.C.-based group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), [claims that when Lundgren began to study how neonicotinoid insecticides](#) affect bees and other beneficial insects, his research and work travel began falling under intense scrutiny, which later led to Lundgren being suspended for violating agency protocols.

Jeff Ruch, executive director of PEER, argues that pressure from the pesticide industry has led USDA to stifle scientists like Lundgren. He had no evidence, but said the complaint will let attorneys seek information and interview USDA officials about the Lundgren case. He believes that work will prove USDA targeted Lundgren because of his neonicotinoid research.

According to the Minnesota National Public Radio report, a USDA spokesperson said that while the agency can't discuss individual cases, it takes scientific integrity seriously.

"We fully review allegations of wrongdoing and make the results of those reviews available to the public online." USDA, he added, has "procedures for staff to report

any perceived interference with their work, seek resolution, and receive protection from recourse for doing so."

**Want ads;**

**Free to members, wants, for sale and services.**

**Fix the old one, Build a new one**

**Bee equipment etc.**

**Gilbert Frank**

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**See you all on November 16,**

**Burt:**

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