

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA MARCH, 2007 NEWSLETTER WWW.WCABA.ORG

DATE: Tuesday, March 27, 2007
TIME: 7:00 P.M.-Beekeeping 101;7:45-Break; 8:00-Gen. Mtg/Program
PLACE: Allen Baca Senior Ctr, 301 W. Bagdad, Bldg. 2 Rm. 2 , Round Rock
PROGRAM: Scholarship Achievement Awards and 2007 Recipient Presentation
HOSTS: **Elizabeth Exley, and Deborah Cravey**

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Did you get Spring Fever after our last meeting? If itching to start planting flowers and other plants indicates spring fever, then listening to Mark Ney talk about plants gave me that itch. It was good to see several guests and new members attending this program.

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The program this month will be honoring our 2006 class of scholarship recipients, **Nathan Exley, Kacey Hordnes, and Caleb Nicholson**. We will also be introducing our 2007 Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost scholarship winners. The **TBA Honey Queen, Rachel Seida**, and our **WCABA Honey Queen, Meghan Cantlon**, will assist in the presentations. We encourage our former scholarship winners to be present and to assist the new beekeepers in assembling the hive parts they will be receiving as part of the scholarship. Members are asked to assist (or kibitz) this activity, which will take place in the parking area.

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PROGRAM

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Don't forget: March 27 is the deadline for ordering and paying for your queens and packages of bees if you want to take advantage of the WCABA discount. You can order bees direct from Walker Honey Company but you get the discount only if you order through our association. The bees will be delivered to the Bost Farm on Saturday, April 21. Look for a map with directions at the end of this newsletter.

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NEWSLETTER

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Jimmie Oakley will give a demonstration on hiving a package of bees at 1:00 P.M. on the 21st. Although this orientation activity will be intended to help the scholarship winners learn how to get ready to work their bees as well as introduce their package of bees to their new home, adults are welcome to attend and pick up pointers beneficial to them. There usually has been a half dozen or so adults interested in attending.

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Nathan Exley gave an excellent demonstration regarding his 2006 scholarship hive when a reporter and photographer from the *Williamson County Sun* visited him recently. He demonstrated beekeeping techniques and answered their questions like a pro. I will have a copy of the article with pictures for you to see at the meeting Tuesday night. We're proud of our scholarship youths!

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We were delighted to welcome a number of new members to WCABA at the last two meetings. Those who joined at the February meeting were Cherrie Smith, Austin; Michael, Nancy, Evan, and Emily Tuuk, Austin; Veda Capps, Salado; Donnie Brown, Austin; Thomas Bunner, Elgin; Nolan and Linda Young, Temple; Janice, Patrick, and Noah Hartley,

Lampasas; Kent Knight, Georgetown; Speer Macartney, Georgetown; and Jeff and Christine Thompson, Killeen. Several have joined since the meeting; they are Terri Loe, New Braunfels; Richard, Monica, and Michael Holman, Thrall; and Jill Weber, Kempner.

Members who renewed their memberships are Rory and Tasha Heisch, Katelyn, Kyle, and Kristen; Bob Ruckriegel; Suzan Gibson; Jim Guy, Jr.; Randy and Amy Oakley and family; Shirley Kinningham; Sharon Hulings; James Lockhart; and David Abeles and Shalui. Some of our 2006 members have procrastinated and have not yet renewed; they will receive a reminder card. We hope they will make a point of sending in their dues right away.

We were also happy to welcome several guests to our last meeting; they were Joyce Richardson, Charlotte Staggs, Jennifer, Juliette and Jessica Martin, and Tim and Ian Diller. We hope our guests will consider becoming members of WCABA.

February door prizes were donated by Marcus and Jody Young, Juanita Duel, Suzan Gibson, and Jeann Schmidt. Lucky winners were Christine Thompson, gift certificate; Mary Bost, flower basket; Daly Young, flower basket; Laren Kohn, bee ornament; and Juliette Martin, bee picture frame.

I always enjoy reading “The Classroom” by Jerry Hayes in the *ABJ* as the questions sent in are about everyday bee yard activities and the answers Jerry gives are common sense and knowledgeable. One of the questions in the March issue was regarding the prevention of swarming. Jerry suggested two methods: splits or replacing capped brood with empty comb. By dividing or splitting an active hive, you can increase your colony numbers and not lose swarms. Supers can be added to a crowded hive but keeping an open brood nest that is not wall to wall brood is perhaps more important in reducing the swarming instinct. By moving capped brood out of where the queen is and replacing it with empty comb, the colony does not feel crowded and with added room for the queen to lay her eggs, the population keeps growing to harvest a bumper crop. This is a good method for a hobby beekeeper with less than a dozen colonies.

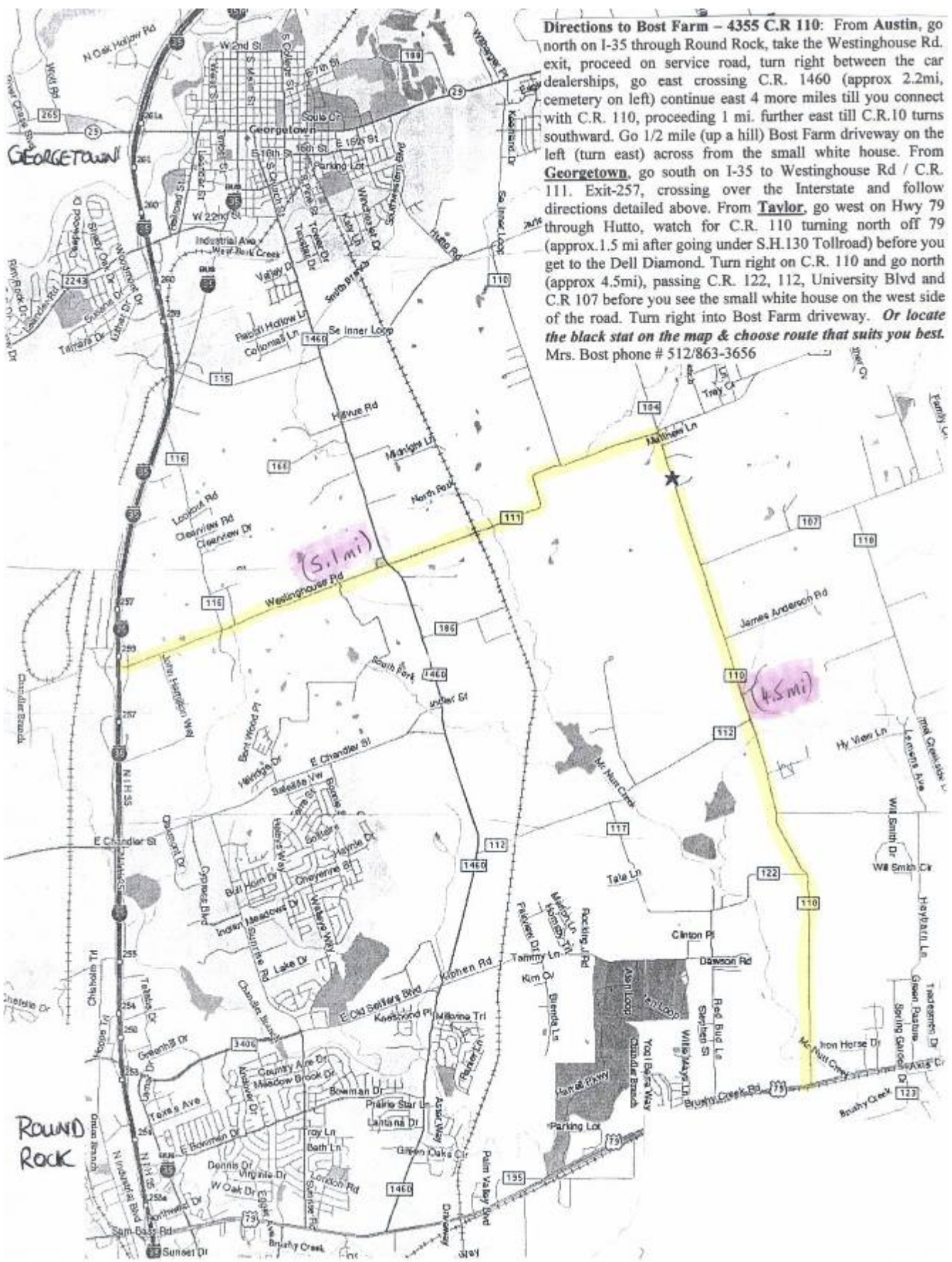
Do you watch for recipes using honey, recipes for good health for your kids, or for yourself? Here’s one I found in the March ’07 issue of *Guideposts*. It’s called...

Yummy Peanut Butter Granola

3 cups rolled oats 1 cup roasted peanuts ¼ cup wheat germ ½ cup shredded coconut ½ tsp. ground cinnamon ½ tsp. salt 1 c honey ½ cup smooth peanut butter 1 tsp. vanilla extract ½ cup raisins

Preheat oven to 300 F. Grease a 13 x 9-inch baking dish with unsalted butter. In a large bowl, combine the oats, peanuts, wheat germ, coconut, cinnamon, and salt. In a small saucepan over low heat, combine the canola oil, honey, peanut butter, and vanilla. Stir until the mixture is completely combined—do not allow to simmer. Pour the warm peanut butter mixture into the bowl with the dry ingredients and mix until well- incorporated. Spread the granola in the prepared pan and bake for 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Allow the granola to cool, then break into chunks. Transfer to an airtight container suitable for storage; add the raisins and mix until well combined.





Directions to Bost Farm – 4355 C.R 110: From Austin, go north on I-35 through Round Rock, take the Westinghouse Rd. exit, proceed on service road, turn right between the car dealerships, go east crossing C.R. 1460 (approx 2.2mi, cemetery on left) continue east 4 more miles till you connect with C.R. 110, proceeding 1 mi. further east till C.R.10 turns southward. Go 1/2 mile (up a hill) Bost Farm driveway on the left (turn east) across from the small white house. From **Georgetown**, go south on I-35 to Westinghouse Rd / C.R. 111. Exit-257, crossing over the Interstate and follow directions detailed above. From **Taylor**, go west on Hwy 79 through Hutto, watch for C.R. 110 turning north off 79 (approx.1.5 mi after going under S.H.130 Tollroad) before you get to the Dell Diamond. Turn right on C.R. 110 and go north (approx 4.5mi), passing C.R. 122, 112, University Blvd and C.R 107 before you see the small white house on the west side of the road. Turn right into Bost Farm driveway. *Or locate the black star on the map & choose route that suits you best.* Mrs. Bost phone # 512/863-3656

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