

Honeybee losses improve from horrible to just bad

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Honeybees work in a hive located in an apple grove at Hartland Orchard, a family farm near the Blue Ridge Mountains in Markham, Va. A U.S. survey of beekeepers released on Thursday found improvements in the outlook for troubled honeybees. Winter losses were at the lowest levels in more than a decade with only 21 percent of the colonies dying.

ment, said vanEnglesdorp, a University of Maryland entomologist. He credited the reduction in the parasite to a new product to fight the mite and better weather for pesticide use.

The 10-year average for winter losses is 28.4 percent.

"We would of course all love it if the trend continues, but there are so many factors playing a role in colony health," said bee expert Elina Lastro Nino at the University of California Davis, who wasn't part of the survey. "I am glad to see this, but wouldn't

celebrate too much yet."

For more than a decade, bees and other pollinators have been rapidly declining with scientists blaming a mix of parasites, disease, pesticides and poor nutrition.

While usually hive losses are worst in the winter, they occur year round. The survey found yearly losses also down, but not quite to record levels. About one third of the honey bee colonies that were around in April 2016 were dead a year later, the survey found. That's better than the year before when the annual loss rate was more than 40 percent.

The survey, originally started by the U.S. government and now run by a non-profit, is based on information from nearly 5,000 beekeepers who manage more than 360,000 colonies. University of Montana's Jerry Bromenshenk said the study gives too much weight to backyard beekeepers rather than commercial beekeepers.

Noregaard receives Daughters of American Revolution award



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Samantha Noregaard, center, graduating senior at Neahkahnie High School, received the Astoria Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award May 23. Pictured with her are Sandra Fuller, left, and Sue Glen, right, both of the Astoria Chapter DAR. Noregaard also wrote an essay which won in competition among seven local high schools. The essay then placed first in the district, and went on to place second among all 36 Oregon DAR chapters. She received monetary awards at all three levels. Information on the award and other DAR scholarships is given to area schools each August.



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Pictured, from left, Warrenton High School Assistant Principal Josh Hannusch, Warrenton Rotary Club's April Student of the Month Krista Morrill, and Warrenton Rotary Club President Birch Kelly.

Warrenton's Morrill is selected for Student of the Month honor

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WARRENTON — Krista Morrill, a Warrenton High School senior, has been selected to receive the Warrenton Rotary Club's April Student of the Month award. The program honors accomplished local high school students who make a difference in their school and/or community. The school administration chooses each recipient.

Morrill has a GPA of 4.10, and is a member of the National Honor Society and the Student Council. She has been involved in athletics at the high school, and is admired and praised by the staff and students for setting an example of excellence.

Each Student of the Month receives a printed award along with gift certificates from area businesses who also want to acknowledge noteworthy student achievements, including Warrenton Fultano's Pizza, GB Jewelers, Warrenton Mini Mart, Sweet Scoops, Lucky Locks, Armie's Café, Starbucks and Sandi Kelly.

The Warrenton Rotary Club's meetings are open to the public. For information, go to www.facebook.com/warrentonrotaryclub

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Columbia Memorial Hospital — Needs volunteers to provide assistance to patients, visitors and hospital staff. Training provided. For information, go to www.columbiamemorial.org. To schedule an interview, call 503-325-4321.

Columbia River Maritime Museum — 1792 Marine Drive. Volunteer opportunities for those with an interest in maritime history. For information, call the volunteer coordinator weekdays at 503-325-2323.

Columbia Senior Diners — 1111 Exchange St., Astoria Senior Center. Volunteers needed weekdays to serve tables and for kitchen help. To volunteer, call 503-325-9693.

Community Emergency Response Team — CERT volunteers needed for community events and disaster response with local police, fire and emergency medical service agencies. Training includes fire safety, first aid, traffic and crowd control, communications, damage survey, disaster planning and civic events within city limits. For information, contact CERT coordinator Kenny Hansen at khansen@astoria.or.us or leave a voicemail at 503-325-4411.

Friends of Seaside Library — 1131 Broadway, Seaside. Volunteers needed to staff the fundraising store. For information, call 503-738-6742 or stop by the library.

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Long-Term Care Ombudsman — Certified ombudsman volunteers advocate for the rights, care and dignity of the elderly and disabled living in licensed long-term care facilities. Many residents have no one to watch out or speak up for when things go wrong. Volunteer Ombudsmen talk to the residents, investigate complaints, and work to resolve problems. Flexible schedule, four hours a week, mileage reimbursement available. Training is provided. For information, call 800-522-2602 or go to www.oregon.gov/lto

Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program — Adults needed to mentor elementary and middle school students once a week during lunch. For information, call Mary Jackson at 503-440-0368 or email lunchbuddies.mp@gmail.com

NorthWest Senior & Disability Services — Needs dishwashers and volunteers to serve and clean up weekdays at a meal site, and drivers for Meals on Wheels. For information, contact Candy Foster at 503-738-9323.

Providence Seaside Hospital — Needs volunteer drivers for Community Connections, a free program that transports people to services and appointments related to health and well-being in the Portland-Metro area. Mileage reimbursement available. For information, call (503) 717-7171 or email Alana.Kujala@providence.org

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ing people. Opportunities are available in the hospital gift shop, café, and as greeters and for spiritual integration. For information, call (503) 717-7171 or email Alana.Kujala@providence.org

River Song Foundation — Looking for people to assist with Trap/Neuter/Release/Feed (TNRF), especially in the Seaside and Knappa/Svensen areas. TNRF involves setting and/or monitoring traps, and daily feeding of cats and maintenance of any shelters, and is a proven, science-based method that along with spay/neuter programs is the only effective and humane way of ending cat homelessness and suffering. Call 503-861-2003 for information and to volunteer.

Seaside Downtown Development Association — Volunteers needed to help with local events happening throughout the year. For information, call Tita Montero at 503-717-1914 or email director@seasidedowntown.com

Seaside Museum and Historical Society — Volunteers needed to help as docents, maintaining and creating exhibits, and various events throughout the year. Small and large projects available. Any amount of time will be greatly appreciated. Call the museum at 503-738-7065 or email seasidemuseum@hotmail.com

Start Making a Reader Today — Needs volunteers to read to students one-on-one for one hour a week at local elementary schools. To volunteer, call 503-391-8423 or go to www.getsmartoregon.org

Svensen Congregate Meal Site — Wickiup Grange Hall, 92683 Svensen Market Road. To volunteer, or for information, call Debbie Dunaway at 503-791-7298 or 503-861-4202.

Titanic Lifeboat Academy — Volunteer to help care for animals and assist with sustainable living projects; minimum commitment of four hours per week requested. Some training provided. For information, contact Caren Black at 503-325-6886.

Tri-City Spay and Neuter Thrift Store — 600 Broadway, Seaside. Needs volunteers interested in improving the welfare of animals. For information, call 503-738-7040.

Veterans Services Officer of Clatsop County — Seeking volunteer drivers to transport veterans from Astoria to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Portland using the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) van. To volunteer, call 503-298-8757 or email clatsopvso@gmail.com

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Volunteers needed to help with Meals on Wheels and in the dining room Mondays or Thursdays. For information, contact Barb Balensifer at 503-861-1341.

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