



Robert Newkirk
CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE

In honor of Art Treon

Firefighters from a number of companies gathered at Town Bank Volunteer Fire Company Nov. 29 following a memorial service for Art Treon, who died in the line of duty after responding to a fatal fire in North Wildwood last week. Treon was the county Fire Coordinator and deputy coordinator of the county Office of Emergency Management.

Bee bills proposed to protect pollinators, beekeepers

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Week" by the United States Department of Agriculture.

"It's really bringing to light the Eastern Bumble Bee which is another bill we did designating that bee as the New Jersey state pollinator," said Andrzejczak.

The bill notes the Eastern Bumble Bee is an essential pollinator because it has a

long flight season, can fly at low light levels and at low temperatures and pollinates a wide range of plants including the state's leading agricultural crops of blueberries, cranberries, tomatoes and peppers. Another bill introduced by Andrzejczak creates a \$500 fine for any person who intentionally destroys a man-made native bee hive. He said it would cover instances of a

neighbor destroying hives because they did not want bees near their property or a competitor trying to damage another beekeeper's operation.

The \$500 penalty would be levied for each hive that was destroyed, said Andrzejczak.

"Some people do beekeeping as a hobby, other people do it as their source of income," he said. The fine is designed to cover lost income from a

well-established hive, said Andrzejczak.

He said growing up in Cape May County, he was always aware of farming.

"Bees are a big part of the reason why we are the Garden State and why our farms do so well," said Andrzejczak.

While the five bills were passed in the legislature, they are currently stuck in the Senate Economic Growth Committee which has not met much recently, according to Sen. Jeff Van Drew.

"I'm certainly going to encourage the chairman to post the bills when they do start meeting again, which should be shortly," he said.

Earlier, Andrzejczak introduced legislation that would require the grounds of government and municipal buildings to plant native species of plants that would be beneficial to bees, butterflies and wildlife.

Ned Morgan, president of the South Jersey branch of the New Jersey Beekeepers Association and a beekeeper

in Deerfield Township, told the Star and Wave his bee crops have done "fairly well" this year.

"I haven't had any major issues or concerns and we've had one of our best sales years ever," he said. "We've had some of the best bloom that I'd ever had in this area."

The winter of 2014 was tough on bees because of temperatures fluctuating between very cold and very warm, said Morgan.

"It's better if they stay basically cold, it keeps the movement down inside the hive and therefore they don't go through their food as fast," he said. "When they are moving around a lot or out flying, now they are going through their winter stores and they use them up long before they can have anything out there from floral sources."

Morgan said the varroa mite was the single biggest pest for honey bees and if beekeepers don't treat their hives, they will lose their bees.

"There is not a hive in my opinion you can find anywhere in New Jersey, anywhere in the United States that doesn't have varroa," he said.

Morgan said miticides are available and without treatment, bees won't survive the winter.

He said bees are treated for varroa in late July and the month of August so that the

bees that go through the winter are not being parasitized and getting the virus the varroa mite transfers.

Morgan said he was generally optimistic about beekeeping in the future due to research being undertaken by a number of universities and government agencies for better treatments for varroa and breeding bees that may be able to resist the varroa mite.

"There's a lot more education out there around pesticides," he said.

The European Union has banned pesticides that are still in use in the U.S. that are suspected in causing Colony Collapse Disorder in hives.

Morgan said a series of pesticides called neonicotinoids have been banned in Europe while more research is undertaken on their effect on honey bees and other pollinators. He said neonicotinoids, because they are a systemic pesticide, go through an entire plant, getting into the pollen and nectar which are the foods for honey bees.

In locations where genetically modified crops are growing, which are resistant to "Round Up," farmers may be spraying the herbicide on flowering weeds such as dandelion and Dutch white clover which honey bees use for foraging, said Morgan.

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Sailing to graduation

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Christina Green's recruit company, Lima 190, as it was

referred, was complimented by Commanding Officer Captain Todd Prestige at graduation. Lima 190 was a giving company, which participated in the Coast Guard Enlisted Memorial Foot Race, raising money in the process. A few weeks later, Lima 190 recruits volunteered at the Nature Center of Cape May on Delaware Avenue in a beach and environmental clean up operation. In 2013, TRACEN volunteered more than 3,000 hours of service to the community.

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