

# **NEWS RELEASE**

**University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville**

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## **UACCB to offer beekeeping training**

BATESVILLE – The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville’s Community and Technical Education department is partnering with the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service to offer free beekeeping training classes. This three-part class will cover everything a novice needs to know to begin keeping honey bees safely and successfully. All classes are taught by Jon Zawislak, UA Extension apiculturist and EAS certified master beekeeper, who has nearly 20 years of experience working with bees.

According to Zawislak, “to make one pound of honey, bees must fly about 55,000 miles and visit around 2 million flowers. One single worker bee produces about 1/12 teaspoon of honey in her whole life, but working together, thousands of bees in a colony can produce between 40-100 plus pounds of surplus honey each year, depending on what plants are in bloom around the hive.”

Classes will be held Monday nights, 6-9 p.m. on Sept 11, 18 and 25 at the Nursing Allied Health Building, room 902. Different information will be presented each night. Plan to attend all three class sessions. Classes are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required to ensure sufficient materials for all participants. For more information or to register, call 870-612-2082 or email [communityed@uaccb.edu](mailto:communityed@uaccb.edu).