

The Bee Line

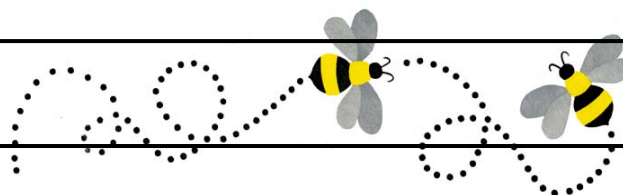
Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

Next Meeting Thursday, September 8, 7:00 pm

Angelina Co. Chamber of Commerce

1615 South Chestnut, Lufkin

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September Program

Brian and Tammy Muldrow, of Muldrow Bee Farm in Beaumont, have believed in conserving southeast Texas local honey bees and encouraging local family beekeeping since 1965. Besides educating prospective beekeepers, including providing four years of their bee school, they offer bee colonies and apiary products at www.muldrowbeefarm.com. Brian will present an overview of natural beekeeping, evolving beekeeping practices, and his philosophy on how to be a successful new beekeeper!

Refreshments

Beverages: Ken Clegg; Snacks: Linda Bordelon and Rita Hester

Bringing beverages or refreshments? If unable to attend, please notify Rachel Payne at 936-715-0362 (h), 903-288-0610 (c), or rachelpayne519@yahoo.com so that we may supply them.

Assorted Buzziness

PBA 2016 Youth Program

Youth Program Requirement Reminder: Young beekeepers in our PBA Youth Program, be sure to create and schedule your 'Updates,' which can be as simple as a few minutes of reading a blog of your experiences/observations/beekeeping questions, or as creative as a scrapbook, or slideshow of your photos that we can help you place on our projection screen! Contact Youth Program Chairman Colin Bishop cbish@yahoo.com 409-466-4644

Bee helpful and volunteer! PBA will have educational booths at some events and welcomes volunteers! If interested, contact Marie Kocyan 936-632-2272 redcutridge@yahoo.com

9/24 – Angelina County Master Gardeners Fall Native Plant Sale, Angelina County Farmers Market, Lufkin, 8am – 2pm. Ferns, grasses, perennials, shrubs, trees, and vines – bring a wagon and come early!

9/27 – Nacogdoches Farm Bureau Ag Day, Nacogdoches Expo Center, 8am – 2pm (4th and 5th graders).

10/1 – SFASU Pineywoods Native Plant Center Fabulous Fall Plant Sale, Nacogdoches, 9am - ? Best regional plant sale!

10/1 – Diboll Day, Orchard Park, Diboll. Parade at 9am, festival with food and crafts at 10am.

10/8 – Downtown Nacogdoches Farmers Market Fall Fling, 8am – 12pm. Fun for the whole family!

10/14-16 – Heritage Village Harvest Festival, Woodville.

Buy and Sell

For sale: jars for honey; 1-gal are plastic, others are glass
30 cases of 1-gallon (4 per case), \$2 per case
20 cases of ½-gallon (6 per case), \$3 per case
10 cases of 8-oz jars, \$2 per case
5 cases of 8-oz taller jars, \$2 per case
50 jars without case (flat front and fluted sides)
Several single cases
75-frame electric extractor (pick up in Baytown, TX), will discuss price
Betty Hignite higniteb@suddenlink.net or 936-645-2014



For sale: Wholesale honey in 2-gal and 3-gal buckets at \$2/lb; translates to \$6/qt – inexpensive enough to resell! 2-gal bucket at 20 lbs = \$40 and 3-gal bucket at 30 lbs = \$60. Used beekeeping equipment in Lufkin – a Little Wonder 4-frame manual-turn honey extractor (\$350.00 cash), an electric 4-frame honey extractor (\$450.00 cash), and a solar wax melter with stand (\$250.00 cash). Contact Karl Lemke 936-875-4870 sslemke@consolidated.net



Wanted: Jesus Vasquez would like to buy several medium surplus honey supers. 409-594-4251 (cell)

Ongoing bulk white granulated sugar source in Tyler – approx 35 cents/lb by the 55-gallon drum or smaller portions to your container. Les Jeske 903-561-2085 PM 4011 Birdwell Drive, Tyler 75703.

What's Buzzing

9/23-10/2 – **East Texas State Fair** in Tyler. East Texas Beekeepers Association will have a booth.

www.etstatefair.com

10/8 – **20th Annual Field Day at USDA Honey Bee Lab** in Baton Rouge, LA. Gates open at 9:30am; activities from 10am to 3:30pm. Nonrefundable pre-registration fee of \$30

required for attendees age 12+. Pre-register by Sept 30. Fee increases to \$40 on Oct 1. The registration fee covers expenses including coffee, pastries, and catered lunch. The Field Day will include courses for beginners and more experienced beekeepers as well as workshops for those interested in a variety of topics. For info, Dr. Lanie Bourgeois 225-767-9299, Sandra Hineman 225-767-9280, or Joe Sanroma 318-346-2805. For questions regarding online registration, David Ferguson 225-726-1664 or Robert Taylor 985-969-4647. <http://www.labeekeepers.org/>

11/3-5 – **2016 Texas Beekeepers Association Annual Conference** in Belton. See the website for links to Convention Program schedule, Speakers Bios, Honey Contest and Photo Contest rules and cash prizes, Registration and Tickets by email, and Hotel discount (reserve before 10/17 for TBA Annual Convention rate). Tickets may be purchased by the Day event, or for the Full Annual Convention admission. <http://texasbeekeepers.org/annual-convention-2016/>

11/3 – **Texas Master Beekeeping exams** in Belton. Apprentice level at 8am, Advanced at 1pm. Register online by 10/27. See website for more info. <http://masterbeekeeper.tamu.edu/>

EpiPen prices have increased. An excerpt from the cited article:

Mylan said that “product improvements” have driven up the cost of EpiPens. They further add that the company offers discounts and that most of the devices are covered by the insurance. Other sources say that Mylan issued a statement, “pointing the finger at high-deductible health plans that require consumers to pay much more out of pocket for many drugs.”

According to [WILX News](#):

Doctors say [the] technology hasn't changed much and there is no real reason for the price hike. However, a competitor of the EpiPen recently stopped producing its product, giving Mylan—the maker of EpiPens—somewhat of a monopoly.

Another excerpt:

FLASH UPDATE: AT PRESS TIME...

The pharmaceutical company at the center of the EpiPen price-gouging controversy has decided to lower the cost of its medication for some patients.

Mylan, which had hiked the price of the medication by more than 400 percent, announced plans to cover up to \$300 — or roughly 50 percent — of the cost of a pack of two EpiPens for patients who were paying the full amount.



The company also plans to double the eligibility for its patient assistance program, which will eliminate out-of-pocket costs for uninsured and under-insured patients and families.

[http://www.beeulture.com/catch-buzz-epipen-prices-rise-400/?utm_source=Catch+The+Buzz&utm_campaign=b8c6104264-Catch The Buzz 4 29 2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0272f190ab-b8c6104264-331991377](http://www.beeulture.com/catch-buzz-epipen-prices-rise-400/?utm_source=Catch+The+Buzz&utm_campaign=b8c6104264-Catch+The+Buzz+4+29+2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0272f190ab-b8c6104264-331991377)

Devastating bee loss in South Carolina

“In parts of South Carolina, trucks trailing pesticide clouds are not an unusual sight, thanks to a mosquito-control program that also includes destroying larvae. Given the current concerns of West Nile virus and Zika — there are several dozen cases of travel-related Zika in South Carolina, though the state health department reports no one has yet acquired the disease from a local mosquito bite — Dorchester decided to try something different Sunday.

It marked a departure from Dorchester County’s usual ground-based efforts. For the first time, an airplane dispensed Naled in a fine mist, raining insect death from above between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Sunday.”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2016/09/01/like-its-been-nuked-millions-of-bees-dead-after-south-carolina-sprays-for-zika-mosquitoes/?tid=sm_fb#comments

From the Hexagonal Office

by Mike Bordelon

Honey Bees – More than a Source of Honey

The importance of honey bees extends beyond pollination and as a source of food. It has long been regarded by ancient people as a celestial food. It has been held in high regard by people of various cultures and religious groups who use honey not only as a food and medicine, but also as an offering to their gods in various ceremonies.

In Hinduism, honey (madhu) is one of the five elixirs of immortality. The Vedas and other ancient literature mention the use of honey as a great medicinal and health food.

In Jewish tradition, honey is a symbol of the New Year, Rosh Hashanah. At the traditional meal for the holiday, apple slices are dipped in honey and eaten to bring a sweet new year.

In Buddhism, honey plays an important role in the festival of Madhu Purnima. The day commemorates Buddha’s making peace among his disciples by retreating into the wilderness.

In the Christian New Testament, Matthew 3:4, John the Baptist is said to have lived for a long period of time in the wilderness on a diet consisting of locusts and wild honey.

BEE AWARE FOR SEPTEMBER –

In many places in the moderate regions (East Texas), there may be a slow nectar-and-pollen production period in middle to late summer. Commonly called a dearth, the situation can last for a couple of weeks

to a couple of months. During this time, feeding may be necessary. By late summer, fall-blooming plants kick in, and often there is another short but intense collection time. The duration may last for a month or a bit longer, depending on rain and early frost. It is an unpredictable time, so pay attention to hive food resources.

Comb-Grown Goodness

Chewy Honey Oatmeal Cookies

<http://www.honey.com/recipes/detail/10/chewy-honey-oatmeal-cookies>

½ cup butter, softened
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup honey
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 ½ cups quick-cooking rolled oats
1 cup whole wheat flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 cup raisins, chocolate, or butterscotch chips



In medium bowl, beat butter with sugar until thoroughly blended. Blend in honey. Blend in egg and vanilla, mixing until smooth. In separate bowl, mix together oats, flour, salt, cinnamon, and baking soda; blend into honey mixture. Blend in raisins or chips. Drop dough by rounded tablespoonfuls onto greased baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 12 to 14 minutes until cookies are golden brown. Remove from oven and allow cookies to cool 2 to 3 minutes before removing from baking sheet. Cool completely, then store in an airtight container.

Blueberry and Honey Overnight Oats

<http://www.quakeroats.com/cooking-and-recipe/blueberry-and-honey-overnight-oats.aspx>

½ cup Quaker® Oats
½ cup milk
¼ cup Greek yogurt
¼ cup blueberries
1 tablespoon honey

Add Quaker Oats to your container of choice, pour in milk, and add in blueberries and Greek yogurt. Sweeten by topping with honey before refrigerating. Rise, shine, and enjoy!

See the website for variations, including the following:

Oats and milk plus a little coconut, almonds, and pineapple.

Oats and milk plus 1 t cocoa powder, 1 T chocolate shavings, and strawberries.

Oats and milk plus 1 t vanilla, 2 T honey, 1 t cinnamon, 2 t ground flax, and sliced peaches.



Cameron Crane brought some of his honey to the August meeting. Brianna and Natasha Yoder drew names for door prizes.

Rachel Payne had fellow homeschoolers over to look at her bees and extract a little honey. Rachel had removed a swarm from a tree at their house earlier this year and the girls were fascinated by the bees. The Victor kids and Payne kids took turns cranking the extractor.

Photos submitted by Linda Bordelon and Rachel Payne.