

# The Bee Line

**Pineywoods Beekeepers Association**

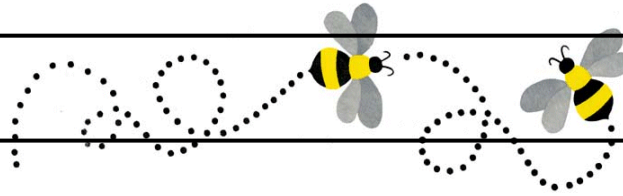
Next meeting Thursday, March 10, 6:30 pm

Angelina Co. Chamber of Commerce

1615 South Chestnut, Lufkin

<https://www.pineywoodsbeekeepers.org/>

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## March Program

This month we'll have a panel discussion about how and when to add boxes to your hives.

## Refreshments

Beverages: Luke Temple; Snacks: Elizabeth Ybarra, Joanie Kochanek

Bringing beverages or refreshments? If unable to attend, please notify Rachel Payne at 936-715-0362 or [texasbeegirl@gmail.com](mailto:texasbeegirl@gmail.com) so that we can supply them.

## Welcome to our Brood...

Donna & Dee Branch, Jayne Clark, Edward & Wendy Doucet, Kaylie & Jay Hamby, Richard Hammond, Todd & Amy Lykke, Luke & Lindsay Temple, Richard & Jana Willey, Elizabeth Ybarra

## Assorted Buzziness

Mark your calendar! We'll have our **2022 Bee School** on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>. \$60 course fee includes *Beekeeping for Dummies, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. A family member may audit (and share the textbook and handouts) at no additional charge. For more information, contact Rachel Payne at 936-715-0362 or [texasbeegirl@gmail.com](mailto:texasbeegirl@gmail.com)

**2022 PBA dues** are now due! Non-renewing members will be dropped this month. \$15 e-mail membership or \$20 postal membership, per family. You can pay by cash or check at the meeting or mail a check payable to Pineywoods Beekeepers Association to Treasurer Walter McLendon, 1006 Copeland St, Lufkin, 75904.

## Buy or Sell

For sale: OA vaporizer, \$80. Bob Love [bobhunts2@yahoo.com](mailto:bobhunts2@yahoo.com) or 936-366-0033

For sale: Roger Gauthier has a lot of beekeeping equipment for sale. 936-824-2239

For sale: New 2-frame electric extractor, \$265. Call or text Richard Davis at 936-635-0561.



**Bee helpful** and volunteer! PBA may have educational booths at some events and welcomes volunteers! Contact Rachel Payne at 936-715-0362 or [texasbeegirl@gmail.com](mailto:texasbeegirl@gmail.com)

4/2 – Nacogdoches Farmers Market Spring Fling, 9am – 1pm. Typically activities and games, petting zoo, special performances, and lots of local vendors. We sometimes set up a table with observation hive and information about bees, beekeeping, PBA, and Bee School.

The **Lufkin Daylily Society** is looking for someone to speak to their club about honeybees on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact Juanita Robinson at 281-414-3750 or [juanitarobinson20@yahoo.com](mailto:juanitarobinson20@yahoo.com)

### What's Buzzing

4/7-10 – **Spring 2022 Texas Master Beekeeper Exam**. The exam will be available virtually from April 7th-10th. There will be exam sessions for the Apprentice, Advanced, and Master levels. More information about the exam, as well as how to register, can be found at <https://masterbeekeeper.tamu.edu/2022-spring-exam-registration/>

### At Home Beekeeping Series

Each presentation will be held on the last Tuesday of the month. You can watch these presentations live via Zoom at <https://auburn.zoom.us/j/904522838> or on the [Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office](#) Facebook page. There is no need to register in advance for these sessions, you can just log on a few minutes before the presentation begins.

Topics include:

- March 29 –Methods for Controlling Varroa That Work
  - Jennifer Berry, University of Georgia

April 26 – How to Make Great Queens and Avoid Poor Ones

- David Tarpy, North Carolina State University

May 31 – TBA

- Frank Rinkevich, USDA ARS

June 28 – TBA

- Katherine Parys, USDA ARS

If you are unable to attend the live session, recordings of these presentations will only be available on the Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office Facebook page for 2 weeks after each presentation.

## **Seasonal Tips**

Robert Jones

March normally sees a warming trend along with the blooming of many wildflowers and plants across Deep East Texas. Expect early dewberry bloom, sweet clover, hairy vetch, Dutch/red clovers with the ending of the month seeing hawthorn, Yaupon holly, black locust, and other early-flowering bushes and trees.

This is the month for grafting, cell building, splits, early swarms, and the first hive supers added at the end of the month. Keeping bees is really a type of farming. Each and every year you will see winter losses. This month is the time to regain those losses by splitting your hives. There are actually two main reasons to split: hive loss replacement and swarm control. This can be done by the purchase of queen cells or live queens, or if you have the understanding of the cell builder, queen bee calendar, and know-how to graft you can do your own.

You can also do this by natural splits made from making a hive queenless and the bees making emergency queen cells or looking for hives that have swarm cells and using those cells also for making splits. The main idea is to propagate new queens and hives to the level you intend to keep. Swarm cells can be friends or enemies according to how you intend to manage your colonies.

When the first honey flow starts, it is natural that the bee colonies that are strong want to propagate and split. This, added to hive crowding, along with early weeks of stormy spring weather, is a catalyst for swarm cell building. Since we cannot control the weather, we move to what we can control. With colony crowding, if you can keep a colony always building and never crowded, you have some hopes of keeping your old queen out of the trees along with half the hive. Putting supers on ahead of the colony growth is one key factor to stopping over-crowding.

The other is to keep the nest mixed up by checkerboarding (putting in foundation frames) just in and around the nest area. This manipulation keeps the bees rebuilding the nest and away from building queen cells. The last control method is to replace the old queen with a new one. New queens will not normally swarm in their first year of service.

The main goal for this month is maintaining or expanding your apiary. The rule that we should use for feeding is to feed up to the time of supering a colony with honey supers. New starts should always be fed to support hive expansion with more brood.

## Comb-Grown Goodness

### Honey Pulled Pork Sandwiches

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/honey-pulled-pork-subs/>

- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 boneless pork shoulder butt roast (2-1/2 pounds)
- 1 bottle (18 ounces) barbecue sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup honey
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 8 submarine buns, split



Place onion and roast in a 5-qt. slow cooker. In a small bowl, combine the barbecue sauce, water, honey, garlic, seasoned salt and ginger; pour over meat. Cover and cook on high 5-6 hours or until meat is tender.

Remove meat; cool slightly. Shred meat with 2 forks and return to the slow cooker; heat through. Serve on buns. Cut sandwiches in half.

### Honey-Mustard Brussels Sprouts Salad

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/honey-mustard-brussels-sprouts-salad/>

- 1 pound fresh Brussels sprouts, trimmed and shredded
- 2 medium tart apples, chopped
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 1 small sweet orange pepper, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 cup green grapes, sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey mustard
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



In a large bowl, combine the first 8 ingredients. In a small bowl, whisk remaining ingredients; pour over salad. Toss to coat.

*These are two of the "30 Irresistibly Sweet Honey Recipes" posted on the Taste of Home website. You'll find all 30 here: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/honey-recipes/>*