

# Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association



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When brood is present in winter, the honeybees maintain an internal hive temperature of 93 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Upcoming Events

- **Monday, February 5th 7:00pm**

Monthly meeting at the First United Methodist Church.  
510 W Maple Street, Clyde.

- **Saturday, April 7th and 14th 12:00 - 5:00pm**

Beginning Beekeeping class

You will learn all the beekeeping basics that include how to spot and evaluate the queen, pest management, choosing equipment, feeding, winter care, installing your first bee package or nuc and much more!

Details and registration forms coming soon.

## Winter Blues

Just like the bees in their winter cluster, us beekeepers are getting anxious for warmer weather. During the winter months, it is a great idea to prepare for spring and the upcoming honey-bee season. Make sure you have all necessary equipment for swarms, new packages, splits, varroa treatments, etc...



Winter is a great time to catch up on your Beekeeping Basics by reading books, articles, journals, and blogs. Getting involved in your local beekeeping association is another great way to expand your knowledge. Whether you are a new beek, or have 20 years of experience, there is always something new to learn!



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Since high school, Shana Baldosser has been interested in bees and honey production. After attending The Ohio State University and earning her degree in ultrasound, she moved back to Republic. She currently has 2 hives and hopes to expand her apiary this upcoming spring. She extracted about 26 pounds of honey in her first year as a beekeeper and her family/friends are anxious for more! The SRVBA has really helped her in her new journey as a keeper of the bees.

## Sweet Treats

A couple of healthy recipes to start off your new year! What's healthier than loading grapefruit with honey and sugar?!



### Honey Broiled Grapefruit

1/4 cup honey

2 grapefruits

1/4 cup brown sugar

Cut grapefruits in half and drizzle each half with 1 Tbsp of honey and 1 Tbsp of brown sugar. Place in pan and broil until golden brown.

### Honey Cocoa-Banana Overnight Oats

2 Tbsp. honey

2 cups rolled oats

1 1/2 cups milk

1/2 cup yogurt

1 banana— mashed, chopped, or sliced

1-2 Tbsp. cocoa

Mix all ingredients together in bowl or jar and place in fridge overnight.

When you are ready to eat, remove from fridge. Oats can be eaten cold or heated in the microwave for 30-60 seconds. They will also keep in the refrigerator for 2-3 days.

### 2018 Elected Officers

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Treasurer— Linda Miller

Directors— Don Miller, Evelyn Lepard, Carol Mahl

Education Chair— Rich Brutsche

Newletter Editor— Shana Baldosser

Membership dues of \$20 to  
Linda Miller by March 1st!

<http://srvba.ohiostatebeekeepers.org/forms/2018-membership-form/>

Follow this link for the 2018 membership forms.



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