

Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers Association



March 2019

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Upcoming Events

- **Monday, April 1st 7:00 pm**
Monthly meeting at the First United Methodist Church.
510 W Maple Street, Clyde.
Swarm prevention and control. Bring ideas and experiences to share!
- **Monday, May 6th 7:00 pm**
Monthly meeting
- **Beginning Beekeepers Class**
Saturday, April 6th and 13th 12:00 - 5:00 pm
Tom's barn - 4865 CR 175, Clyde

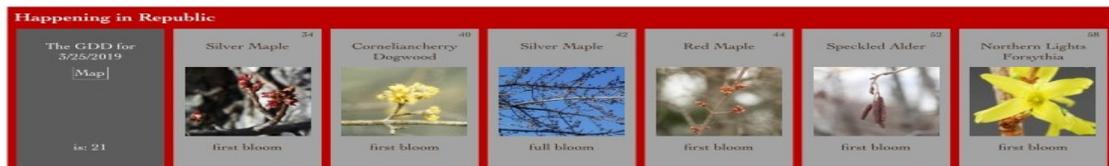


Helpful Tool

Ohio State Growing Degree Days: <https://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/gdd/>

A phenology event calendar that tells you what is coming or already in bloom in your area. Simply put in your zip code and date, then click "Show me the Calendar".

As of today, March 24th, Republic (my hometown) is at a 21, which means we are halfway to the FULL silver maple bloom (42). The FIRST silver maple bloom is at 34, getting close!!



Sandusky is currently at 23, Clyde at 19, Bellevue at 20, Gibsonburg at 18. Visit the website to see where your location is on the calendar! This gives you an educated forecast of when the nectar flow will start. A priceless tool provided by Denis Ellsworth, OSU, & Ohio State Extension.

In the meantime, it is important to make sure you are ready for another bee season! Whether you are installing new packages/nucs, or helping an overwintered colony build their stores, now is the time to kick it into high gear. Our girls need us this time of year, so feed feed feed!

Do you have enough equipment –hive bodies, frames, swarm traps, smoker fuel, clothing, etc.- to get you through the year?

Do you have enough sugar for sugar water? Have you been in contact with your supplier?! I can't wait to hear how everyone's spring is going at our next meeting!

Honey Bee Trivia

T or F:

1) A colony preparing to swarm will normally produce more queen cells than a colony superseding their queen.

TRUE

2) Pollen supplements are more effective than pollen substitutes in building up colonies in the spring.

TRUE— A pollen supplement contains some natural pollen which makes it more attractive and increases consumption in comparison to a pollen substitute.

Sweet Treats

Bean & Honey Burrito Casserole

- 1/2 cup cooked yellow rice
- 8 (8 inch) flour tortillas
- 1/4 cup yellow mustard
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 15 oz can garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 15 oz can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup corn
- 2 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon honey



- Prepare yellow rice as directed on package; reserve 1 1/2 cups. Refrigerate any remaining rice for another use.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.
- Line bottom of baking dish with 4 tortillas. To make the honey sauce, whisk together the mustard, sour cream, and 1/3 cup honey in a small bowl. Combine the red pepper, green pepper, garbanzo beans, black beans, and corn in a large bowl. Scoop out 1/2 cup of the bean mixture and reserve for topping.
 - Stir the chicken, 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese, cumin, yellow rice, and honey sauce into the bean mixture. Mix well. Pour mixture into the baking dish. Top with 4 tortillas; sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese, and the reserved 1/2 cup bean mixture.
- Bake in preheated oven until hot and bubbly, 30 to 45 minutes. Cover with aluminum foil if top browns excessively. Remove from oven, drizzle with the remaining 2 tablespoons of honey.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/203299/bean-and-honey-burrito-casserole/>

SWARM LIST

If you want to be listed on the SRVBA website for swarm removal, send an email to Linda Miller at

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