

The Bee Line

Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

Next meeting Oct. 8, 2026, 6:30 pm

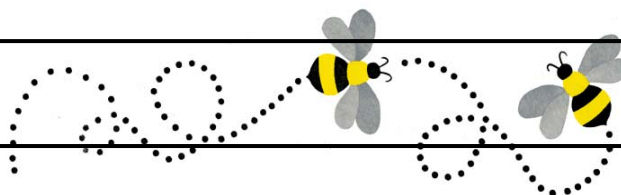
Lufkin VFW Post 1836

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

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OCTOBER PROGRAM

Nancy Walker will demo several items – a pollen feeder, yellow jacket trap, and easy-build robbing screen – and will show us how she makes OA/glycerin sponges. Roger Gauthier will talk about starting three-frame nucs.

NOTE: The VFW ladies will no longer be cooking for us because too few people are eating for it to be worthwhile. However, you can order food at the cantina.

2028 BOARD – If you're interested in serving on the 2028 Board, let Ricky Davis or a current Board member know. Elections will be held at the November meeting. Ricky has a year left in his term as President, but you can volunteer or nominate people to be Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, or Apiary Manager.

SEASONAL TIPS

Robert Jones

October will give us the major goldenrod flow along with a variety of other weeds this time of year. The flow can be exceptional, but again, if too much rain is falling the nectar can be washed out and you will need to supplement with sugar syrup. The fall flow normally lasts until the first fall frost but can be slowed by early cold snaps as well.

This is the time, at the end of this flow, to decide what needs help and what can stand on its own. Several things must be considered at this time. The quantity of honey must be at a minimum of 40 lbs, or a medium honey super full above a deep brood box. Additionally, the quantity, or number, of bees must be observed. Hives with nests smaller in size than a basketball will not produce enough bees at this point to over-winter. On the coldest winter days, the over-winter process sees the outer layer of bees die off due to cold. If there are not enough bees at this point, the hive will be lost.

It is best to stack two weak colonies, picking the best laying queen of the two, for winter survival. Leaving both as they are will most likely see the die-off of both colonies. Saving the resources this way will allow you to easily spring-split this colony because it survived the winter with the resources that it needed.

WHAT'S BUZZING

In 2017, new federal rules required certain medications to be prescribed by a veterinarian, including some for honey bees. Beekeeping hasn't traditionally been included in veterinary medicine programs, so most vets know nothing about working honey bees. Texas A&M students founded the Texas A&M Bee Veterinarians in 2022, the college's "first veterinary organization dedicated to honey bee medicine, conservation, and beekeeping." They're working on producing veterinarians who are knowledgeable about bees and beekeeping. To read more, visit this site.

<https://vetmed.tamu.edu/news/press-releases/texas-am-bee-veterinarians-honeybee-medicine/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

SFASU FALL PLANT SALE

DATE: October 10, 2026

TIME: 9 AM to 2 PM

LOCATION: Pineywoods Native Plant Center in Nacogdoches

ADDRESS: 2900 Raguet Street, Nacogdoches

EVENT PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1414447350591338>



TEXAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

DATE: November 19-21, 2026

LOCATION:

W.T. Brookshire Conference Center

2000 W. Front Street

Tyler, TX 75702

EVENT PAGE:

<https://texasbeekeepers.org/annual-convention-2026/>



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Free beekeeping class

1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:30 pm at Nacogdoches Seventh Day Adventist Church playground April 15th – Nov 15th. Facebook post by Vasiliy Osadchuck from Ukraine with over 40 years' experience. Theory and hands-on for beginners plus advanced discussions for the pros.

At-Home Beekeeping Series

Presented by the Lawrence Co. Alabama Extension Office. 6:30-7:30 pm. Recordings from this series are available **for only two weeks** after each session on the Lawrence County Alabama Extension Office Facebook page.

<https://www.aces.edu/blog/topics/bees-pollinators/at-home-beekeeping-series/>

2026 Dates and Topics

- **October 27**—European Foulbrood
 - Meghan Milbrath, Michigan State University
- **November 17**—Exploring Semiochemical-Based Tools for Managing invasive Small Hive Beetle
 - Bashiru Adams, Mississippi State University
- **December**—No Session

Honey Oatmeal Cookies

<https://recipesmaren.com/delicious-honey-oatmeal-cookies/#novacard-30368>

INGREDIENTS

1 cup unsalted butter, softened to room temp
¾ cup brown sugar, packed tight
¼ cup honey, pure & local
1 large egg (best if at room temp)
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 ½ cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled
1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats



INSTRUCTIONS

Pre-heat to 350 and line baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a big bowl, beat the softened butter, brown sugar, and honey until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes with a mixer. Add the egg and vanilla, mixing until all smooth.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt until no lumps.

Slowly mix the dry ingredients into the wet mixture until just combined, don't overdo it. Then, fold in the oats with a spatula.

Using a spoon or cookie scoop, drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto the baking sheet, about 2 inches apart. Flatten just a bit with fingers for even baking.

Cook for 10-12 minutes, until the edges are golden but the centers are still soft, but don't overbake; they firm up as they cool. Remove from oven and let cool on the tray for about 5 minutes before moving to a wire rack.