



Monthly Apiary Newsletter

June 2018

Presentation:

June 12th, 7:00pm, at the Defiance Extension Office.

Joe Pristash - Mighty Mite Killer Representative - Kills Mites and Hive Beetles to help keep bees healthy. This is a non-chemical method of dealing with these pests. Come see his presentation and how they are keeping bees healthy. We do have a beekeeper in our club that owns 2 of these and we will give you the hard science about this product. Open discussion: keeping ahead of your bees "supering", hive beetle & wax moth prevention, and being ready for County Fair entries.

In the Apiary:

It's the beginning of yet another month, time to do your alcohol mite wash and share your results at the upcoming meeting. Inspect your hives, what color is your open brood, do you have eggs or Queen? If you're a beginner with nucs and packages, you should be feeding 1:1 sugar/water and pollen to help build to draw out foundation. You can also use some Honey-B-Healthy in the sugar/water solution.

We are in the middle of the honey flow. Stay ahead of the bees by adding supers once they get to 70% to 80% full of capped nectar. Watch for the bees backfilling the brood area and Queens cells.

Pollinator Sanctuary & Training Facility:

The sanctuary has been sprayed for weed killer and will be tilling the corn stubble under. We will be setting up work days to start the putting up the fence, planting of Ohio native pollinator trees, and setting up hive stands for incoming students & beekeepers. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help thus far, we would like to get this finished, as soon as possible, to set a date for a ribbon cutting event.

Area County Fairs:

Are you thinking of entering your hive products into County fairs? Get your entries ready now, check each county for their rules & deadlines.

Henry County (Napoleon) - Aug 9-16

Defiance County (Hicksville) - August 18-25

Fulton County (Wauseon) - Aug 31 - Sept 6

Williams County (Montpelier) - Sept 8-15



Inviting beekeepers to new apiaries:

Mr. Pete Diehl is opening up a preserve of acres of purple / white dutch clover to any beekeepers that would like to place their hives there. Please contact me about this as I will be seeing him this week about this.

Defiance Area Events:

Woodland & Wildlife Family Festival - June 23rd is having a kids day to learn about pollinators "honeybees". We would like a few volunteers to help answer questions and hand out information.

Defiance Riverfest - June 24th & 25th at Riverside Park is coming up and we would like to have a booth for honey sales, club information and to answer public's questions. We are looking for volunteers to help, you don't have to stay for hours on end, but every little bit helps. We will have a sign-up sheet at the May meeting, if your available.

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Calendar of Events

Advanced Internship
Defiance Extension Office
June 9th @ 8:30am

BSBA Meeting
Defiance Extension Office
June 12th @ 7:00pm

Beginning Internship
Defiance Extension Office
June 23th @ 8:30am

**Woodland & Wildlife
Family Festival**
June 23rd

Defiance River Fest
Riverside Park
June 24th