President’s Report

The busy season is here—extraction, state fair, and about four to five other things that always fall at this time of year.

I’m troubled about an issue I can’t get out of my mind. What would a person do if his business was dependent on two or three people and he must make do with one? I know we all talk about how people don’t work like they used to. However, I even know for a fact that just showing up on time is not always a sure thing for employees. Is it that we really don’t know how to do things like "manual labor" anymore? Or is it "changing of the times"? I don’t blame anyone for accepting a job that has better hours or pays more money, or an employer that just simply understands we are human. Finding good help is not as easy as it used to be. Just talk to someone that needs employees. The stories are unbelievable. For the IHPA, this concern affects volunteers too, and I hope and pray that people keep on stepping up to carry the load of an organization that runs on volunteering!

The Iowa state fair is days away and I’m looking forward to squeezing in time for a couple shifts there. I hope you can volunteer and help us out. It’s not too late. Call Heidi and get signed up, I’m sure we will work out the ticket price. We buy your way in just for volunteering to work a shift. Since I’m talking about the fair, I was at the grounds a few days ago with a couple board members and officers. I’m a lucky president to have a board and officers that really want the best for the IHPA members and customers we have at the state fair. The planning, vision for the future, that we see and talk about is amazing. The ideas and dreams we share can and do become real. Just wait folks—I think some really good things are coming.

I do believe we have summer! HOT, HOT AND MORE HOT. A lot of heat is what the bees seem to like. I just hope we didn’t miss all the flow. It’s too soon to tell here the first part of July, but I'm hopeful we still will have a good flow in this hot spell we are in. I'm hearing that comb honey is a challenge this year. Some I've heard already have given up and put on supers to extract. My bees seem to be just making brood and seem to be more hand-to-mouth, meaning nothing to store yet, but it’s too soon here as a lot of my flow seems to be in mid to late July. I still have my fingers crossed. Hopefully by the next writing I will have it in the bucket and can give a real report.

I hope everyone has a good honey season and gets it done early. We need to get our bees cleaned up and get the winter generation of bees produced. I hope we can have less winter kill than last year. We have to be doing things in August. Mite treatments need to be done early so the winter bees are mite free. Feed them, lay in pollen, keep the queen laying through the mite treatment. That needs to be a goal, in my opinion. Anyway, some food for thought.

The deadline for a couple things is approaching. Queen application, grant money, scholarship students application— it seems these always catch us all by surprise. It’s that time! I need to send this, but I must say I’m busy, busy, and simply too busy. Things need to change for me. I want to say thank you to this wonderful board and officers I work with. I would like to be able to put more time in here as president. However, I do believe that sometimes a little bit of the president can and does go a long way. (Maybe it’s a good thing I’m BUSY.) In till next month, GOOD NIGHT!

Roy Krauf, IHPA President

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Iowa State Fair will be here before we know it. So yes it’s time to start thinking about these dates August 8-18....I am needing volunteers!! If it wasn’t for our members our booth would not run as smooth as it does! The shifts available are 9:00-1:30 (1st shift), 1:30-6:00 (2nd shift) and 6:00-9:00 (3rd shift)....if you are able to volunteer your time please get a hold of me. I will be sending tickets out as soon as I receive them. Please call/text 515-729-1761, email bhlove5@aol.com, or FB message me Heidi Godwin! Thanks again for all your help! Please check the July Buzz also! Here’s to a great 2019 Iowa State Fair!!

**I will be sending out tickets this week! Thanks for all who have called and already set up a time to volunteer!!**

( Editor Note: I captured this from Facebook. Check it out! )
It was FUN. (Rhonda Heston writing)

Brooklyn was asked to speak at the Centerville Rotary lunch in May. Due to a scheduling issue with school, she wasn’t able to make it. With only a couple of days to find someone to talk for 20 minutes, it was going to be difficult. Since I work in Centerville, it just made sense for me to make the presentation.

When I was trying to come up with what I was going to talk about for 20 MINUTES – I thought there was no way I could do that. Twenty minutes is really a long time to stand in front of a group and talk. I know I do it at the annual meeting every year, but I know most of you in the room.

The day came, and I was nervous. I was introduced, and I apologized that I wasn’t the Queen Bee, but I hoped I wouldn’t disappoint. I got started talking and before I knew it, I had talked about 25 – 30 minutes. My talk was about Iowa Honey Producers’. Do you know we have a lot going on in our Organization?

We were organized in 1912. A 501 c 5 non-profit organization. We have 1,300 members. That is up from about 350 in 2012. We have many programs and a lot going on. We have the ...

Youth/Education Program. started 15 years ago. First class was 3 students. In 2018 we had 20 students. We have 10 in 2019. The association provides beginning beekeepers, between the ages of 13 and 16, class, equipment, bees and mentor at no charge. Cost approximately $500 per student. Students get to keep their hive at the end of the year.

Queen/Princess Program. This open to young women at least 17 years of age through age 22. The Queen and/or Princess make appearance at local events, meetings, schools and the State Fair. The 2017 Iowa Honey Queen traveled to all 99 counties and logged more than 10,000 miles during her reign. Association provides the Queen with a phone, computer, mileage, hotel, national queen fees. A $500 scholarship is given to the Queen and a $300 scholarship is given to the Princess at the completion of her reign. Funding for the Queen Program comes from a quilt that is made by our members and raffled off during our Annual Meeting in November. Also, at the Annual Meeting we have a live auction and a silent auction. All proceeds go the Queen Program. The Queen also has “Roll a Candle with the Queen” during the Iowa State Fair.

 DOT Specialty Decals for License Plates. These are the decals that can be used on your Specialty License Plate. The decals are made to the same specifications that the month decal is made. These decals can be used on the License Plates, or on the fridge, or a window of your car. We have a minimal cost of $10 for one or 2 for $15. The proceeds of these Decals are used for Iowa State Fair Booth Renovations. In 2018 we replaced one sales counter and have plans to replace the other one.

 Iowa State Fair. Producers from across the state provide their products to be sold at the Iowa State Fair. These products range from 2oz honey bears, gallon jugs of honey, creamed honey, flavored honey, lotions, bug repellents, soaps, lip balms, deodorant, tooth paste, candles. Crayons, and honey lemonade. Every year it seems there are more and more new products made with honey or honey by-products. There are exhibits of a full frame of capped honey, an empty frame of wax, creamed honey, liquid honey of all shades, pictures, and observations hives with a marked queen. The Associations pays half of the cost of the Judging Team, that comes in on Wednesday before the Fair to judge all the products. Due the number of exhibits to be judged, it is not unusual for the Judging Team to be there for 9 to 12 hours.

 Merchandise. Every 2 years we change our product message. We are in the 2nd year of “Save the Bees”. Last year during the first weekend of the State Fair, we sold EVERY long sleeve t-shirt, sweatshirt and hoodie we had with this new message. As you know the first weekend of the State Fair it was at least 100 degrees outside and inside the Ag Building was even warmer.

 Educational / informative conferences / field days – Every year the Association hosts a Field Day and an Annual Conference. These events are open to our members (and non-members) for a nominal fee. At these events we bring experts in from all over the country to talk about things of interest to beekeepers. This year our Field Day was held in Ames at the Iowa State Horticulture Research Center. Our Annual Conference will be held in Des Moines this year in November at the Holiday Inn by the Airport. The Annual Conference will draw members from all over the State and surrounding states. We will have between 350 and 500 attendees. We have contests – mead, hive painting, photographs, cooking with honey and a couple of new contests this year.

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Our Vice-President is at it again...

Welcome to August fellow Buzz readers! I’m sure many of you have started to extract your honey or are making plans to do so. If you are new to beekeeping this year and extracting your honey seems overwhelming, ask for some help. Some of the local clubs may offer an extraction event or you can pair up with someone who has been keeping bees for a while. There is a list of the Iowa Clubs on the Iowa Honey Producers website. Hopefully some of you will be entering your honey into the State Fair or bringing it to the Annual Conference in November for the honey swap. Or maybe even entering it into the black label tasting contest that is new for 2019! Details about the contests are in this Buzz and will be on the website as well.

The State Fair is approaching fast! It’s such an exciting time of year! I can’t wait to see all of the entries that will be brought in to be judged! We could also use your help with the State Fair Parade and Honey Booth. For the parade we need individuals willing to walk or ride along with us showing your support for the IHPA. The parade takes place Wednesday, August 7th at 6:00pm. For more details contact Keri Kenoyer. The Honey Booth also needs willing volunteers to help out by working one (or more) of three shifts per day. I find working the booth is fun and exciting! Getting to talk to the general public about bees and honey and seeing their excitement about them too. Hopefully my schedule will allow me to volunteer a shift or two this year.

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Iowa Honey Bee Day – In 2018 we had the first Honey Bee Day at the State Capital. This year with the help of our directors and members, we had the first State Wide Honey Bee day. The governor and the mayors around the state declared February 20, 2019 as Iowa Honey Bee Day. February 27th was designated as a special day to appreciate the honey bee, hive related products and all the benefits the honey bee proves for Iowans.

So long story short – I could (and did) talk for 20-25 minutes about Bees and IHPA. If you are asked to give a talk about the Association or The Girls, don’t fear the experience. Embrace the opportunity to share your knowledge with non-beekeepers. They really to want to know.

Submitted by,
Rhonda Heston, Treasurer

Plans and preparations are well under way for our Annual Fall Conference. In this Buzz there is an updated registration form. The cost and menu for the Youth Lunch has been edited as well as what dinners could be made Gluten Free if requested. If you have already sent in your registration form and wish to make and add these changes please contact Rhonda Heston.

All our favorite contest will be back this year as well as a new one. Details about the contests as previously stated are in this Buzz. The Honey Swap will be making an appearance again this year as well. Many of you missed this fun activity last year as did I. Details about the Honey Swap are listed with the contest rules.

I have been busy working out the details with our conference speakers and as soon as I get their Bios, photos and speaking topics panned out they will be posted as well as the schedule of events for the two days in the next Buzz and on the website. This Annual Fall Conference should be a really great one if it all lines into place.

Well I must run along and chip away at my mile long TO DO list. Hope to see some of you at the upcoming events.

Keri Kenoyer, IHPA Vice-President

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As hard as it is to believe the Iowa State Fair is here! IHPA’s next big event is the Annual Meeting in Des Moines in November. Please complete the information included in the Buzz or online. If you want to pay by debit/credit card, please send your information form to me. We can take care of your credit card payment at Registration on Friday, November 8th. If you have any questions, please let Keri or me know.

Thanks, Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer

I want to take a moment to say I AM SORRY. When I sent the address file for the July Buzz to the printer, I sent the wrong file. That is why you
Dear Beekeepers,

I know it may be hard to start thinking about the State Fair, however, Spring is here and the Iowa State Fair is fast approaching: August 8-18. For those members new to the Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA), we have a booth at the State Fair annually in the Ag Building 2nd floor. We sell honey products, honey lemonade, lotions, soaps, beeswax items, promotional merchandise, etc. This is our main fund-raising event, and the profits are used to help support our various educational programs. We ask our members to help make this event a success by volunteering their time assisting with cash register sales, bagging product, pricing, mixing and serving honey lemonade, offering honey samples, etc. Each volunteer will be provided with free honey lemonade if you get thirsty while working at the booth, also a FREE pass to get into the fair, plus you get to enjoy the great entertainment at the fair before/after your shift at the booth.

We had a successful 2018 thanks to all those who participated! Over the years we have had some wonderful people volunteer their time and would love to see you again. We encourage new members, friends, families and bee clubs to participate in this event too, because we need everyone’s support to make this event a success.

We have three shifts daily: 9 am to 1:30 pm; 1:30 pm to 6 pm; and 6 pm to 9 pm (14-16 people needed per shift). If you are able to volunteer for one or more shifts during August 8-18, we would like to hear from you. All you need to do is mail the completed tear-off slip below, or email the same details to bhlove5@aol.com, or call my number below. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Heidi Love (IHPA Secretary) 18115 F Ave, Perry, IA 50220. Cell: 515-729-1761

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1st person: _______________________________________
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3rd person: _______________________________________
Childs name & ages: ________________________________
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Please write below the date(s) you would like to work and circle shift that works best for you.

We appreciate any help you can provide!

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Does Your Hat Say This??

Don’t forget about our Save the Bees merchandise. This is our second year and we will be thinking about a new slogan for 2020. Do you have any ideas? Now is the time to start your design. Please let a board member know if you have a design you would like to see implemented in 2020.

We also have some green and pink Keep Calm Keep Bees shirts in 2x and 3X sizes still available.

Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer
107th Iowa Honey Producers Association  
Conference and Annual Meeting  
November 8th -9th, 2019  
Airport Holiday Inn – Des Moines, Iowa

Friday and Saturday ~~ Registration: 8:00 AM ~~ Conference/ Annual Meeting: 8:30 AM

Please print legibly!

Name: _____________________________________   Additional Attendees: (please include age of children)
Address: ___________________________________   _______________________________________
City/State/Zip: ______________________________  _______________________________________
Phone: _____________________________________  _______________________________________
E-mail Address: _____________________________  _______________________________________

**DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS OCTOBER 25th ** ** NO EXCEPTIONS **

If you can only attend one day, no discounts are offered. No refunds given after November 1st.

Conference and Annual Meeting Fees:

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Youth 17 and younger FREE to attend with a parent or guardian

QUEEN LUNCHEON – Friday: Italian Buffet (pre-registration required)
Number of tickets _____ x $25.00 $ _______

BANQUET – Friday Awards Banquet (pre-registration required)
Vegetarian Lasagna _____ x $30.00 $ _______
*Honey Garlic Chicken w/ Honey Garlic Butter Sauce _____ x $30.00 $ _______
*Parmesan Crusted Pork Loin w/Parmesan Cream Sauce _____ x $30.00 $ _______
Child’s Dinner (child up to 10 years ) Chicken Tenders _____ x $12.00 $ _______

*Please state if you need your dinner to be Gluten Free

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON – Saturday  Box Lunch will include
Sandwich, two sides, dessert and beverage (pre-registration required)
Ham _____
Turkey _____
Club _____
_____ x $20.00 $ _______

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES
IHPA membership dues (includes subscription to “The Buzz” newsletter) $20.00 $ _______
2nd Family membership w/same address - Name - ___________________________ $ 5.00 $ _______

TOTAL DUE: $ _______

Return this completed form along with payment to: Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer
Check payable to Iowa Honey Producers Association 52735 187th Avenue
Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation Chariton, IA 50049

Event questions can be directed to Keri Kenoyer, VP IHPA kenoyerfarms@gmail.com
107th Iowa Honey Producers Association  
Conference and Annual Meeting  
Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th, 2019

Holiday Inn Des Moines Airport 6111 Fleur Drive Des Moines, IA. 50301

Registration opens: 8:00 am                Conference/Annual Meeting starts: 8:30 am

The IHPA Conference and Annual Meeting is our yearly opportunity to get together and discuss our favorite thing, BEES!! This meeting is open to anyone interested in beekeeping and honeybees. We have a variety of guest speakers to speak on their expertise in the beekeeping world.

This is a great opportunity for individuals thinking about keeping bees, new beekeepers and beekeepers a few years in, to meet other beekeepers from around the state, swap stories, ask questions and seek advice from those who have years of beekeeping under their belts. There will be no shortage of information and answers!!

This is why you go to a conference....... Vision, Inspiration and Connections!!

2019 Keynote Speakers:
Mel Disselkoein, Kirsten Traynor and The Minnesota Bee Squad

Additional Speakers:
Becky Tipton, Bill Allinder, Jeannie Saum and Peggy Ennis

There will be presentations about Queens, Mites and overall bee health as well as making products, cooking with honey, processing wax, business start-up and labeling.

For those who enjoy a little friendly competition, there will be several contests you can enter to showcase your passion and talents. There will be both a youth and an adult category in each contest. The contests will include; mead making, hive body painting, photography, cooking with honey and new for 2019 black label honey tasting. Additional contest details and rules will be in the next Buzz. Looking forward to seeing all the entries this year.

The honey swap will also be happening this year. This is a fantastic way for you to swap honey with other fellow beekeepers from around Iowa and maybe from another state!

There are several rooms reserved for our event at a discounted rate of $119.00 = taxes. Rooms will go quickly. Reservations must be made by Thursday, October 17th, 2019 to get this discounted room rate. There are a couple Handicapable rooms reserved for our event as well. Call (515) 287-2400 to make your reservations.

Questions? Call or text 515-490-2011 or email kenoyerfarms@gmail.com  IHPA VP Keri Kenoyer
2019 IHPA Annual Conference Contest Rules

Contest will be Friday, November 8th, 2019. Entries need to be in place by 10:00 am.

Cooking Contest
Youth: 15 years and under
Adult: 16 years and older

- Honey must be the only sweetener used.
- Entries will be judged on 1) Presentation and overall appearance of entry; 2) Best use of honey; and 3) Flavor and texture of entry.
- Can only enter ONE item in each category.
- You must supply the recipe with your entry.
- Your name must be on the backside of the photo to be entered.
- Photo MUST be of a Honey Bee!
- Photo can not have identifiable persons, animals or labels.
- Photos will be judged by the Annual Conference attendees.

Categories to be entered are:
- Bee on flower
- General Beekeeping
- Extracting Honey
- Specific photos pertaining to honey.

There will be a First, Second and Third place ribbon awarded to the top three in each category of each division.

Rules for Mead Making:
- Supply at least TWO bottles of mead per category entering.
- Bottles must be 12 oz. or larger with all labels removed.
- Your name and category entering must be written on a 3x5 notecard
- Judges reserve the right to combine categories when the number of entries is insufficient.
- Judges’ decisions are final.

Mead will be judged on: *Alcohol Strength; *Sweetness; *Carbonation; *Temperature; *Taste; *Presentation.

Categories to be submitted will include:
- Traditional Meads
- Molemel (Fruit Meads)
- Metheglyn (Spiced Meads)

There will be a First, Second and Third place ribbon awarded in each category.

Bring extra bottles to share at Social Time Sampling Friday Evening before the banquet.

Membership Reminder
IHPA membership year runs from January 1st and ends on December 31st. When you fill out your Annual Meeting registration form, you will be completing information for your 2020 dues. Still only $20 for the first Beekeeper and $5 for each additional Beekeeper in the house. Only one Buzz Newsletter will be mailed per membership address.

The IHPA is a 501(c)(5) organization. This means that your membership could be tax deductible, as your magazine subscriptions and conferences could be as well. Consult your tax professional for more information.

Also, if you donated bees, products, services or items for the auctions, a letter of donation can be provided for these as well.

If you would like a letter of donation, please let Rhonda Heston know. She can be reached at IHPATreasurer@gmail.com or 515-724-2124 (call or text). Thanks, Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer

Rules for “People’s Choice” Photo Contest
Youth: 15 years and younger
Adult: 16 years and older

- Any size photo will be accepted
- Photo must be matted but not framed
- Your name must be on the backside of the photo to be entered.
- Photo MUST be of a Honey Bee!
- Photo can not have identifiable persons, animals or labels.
- Photos will be judged by the Annual Conference attendees.

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Rules for the “People’s Choice” Painted Hive Body
Youth: 11 years and younger
Youth: 12 years to 16 years
Adult: 17 years and older

- The use of Stenciling is not allowed
- Hand painted design to cover a minimum of one side of the hive body
- Theme of your choice
- Name and category entered must be written on a 3x5 notecard
- Entries will be judged by Annual Conference attendees.

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AUGUST BEEKEEPER OF THE MONTH

Michael Kidd and his son Jack, 13, started their beekeeping journey in 2018. A beekeeping class led by Andy Joseph, State Apiarist, provided the information and the incentive to further pursue the possibility of backyard hives. A local family, the Winters, had a son who had gone through the IHPA Youth Scholarship program. Ajay Winters was kind enough to let Jack and Mike set up their first hives in his apple orchard just outside of Dallas Center. The first year was one of learning. Jack lamented that “Beekeeping suits are hot in the middle of summer!” While they enjoyed their periodic jaunts out to the Winters orchard to check on their bustling hives, they realized it might be nice to have the bees closer to home.

At that time the City of Dallas Center did not allow beekeeping within residential areas. Mike, being the Mayor of Dallas Center, approached the Planning & Zoning board about the idea of changing this. The Planning & Zoning Board held a public hearing to gather input from the community about making a change to allow backyard beekeeping. Local Beekeepers along with Eric Kenoyer, District 5 Director for IHPA, attended and were able to provide local residents with information on the topic. Ultimately the City of Dallas Center was able to pass an ordinance in the summer of 2018 to allow up to 3 hives on residential lots. That fall the bees came home to live in the Kidd backyard.

Jack and Mike continued their bee education at the IHPA Conference in Ames and met Doyle Kincy, District 4 Director with the IHPA, who has since answered many questions. The original hives survived the coldest part of the winter but in the end, one hive did not make it too spring. While this was frustrating it did not deter them. Mike and Jack added two more packages of bees in the spring of 2019. The original hive that survived did swarm in June, despite attempting to put measures in place to prevent this, and it was quite a thing to see. They realized they have both learned a ton about bees, but still have a lot more to learn. Jack’s mom, Darci, told him her garden is “the best it has ever been since the bees came to live with us” and as a family they have become much more conscious of what products they are using that might harm local pollinators and what changes they can make to their environment to encourage them. Beekeeping has been an interesting project for this father and son duo.

Submitted by District 4 Director
Doyle Kincy
Notes from the Beeyard, by Phil Ebert

Supers are on. The extractors are ready to go. Now, we have a bit of a lull. Hopefully, honey will start to come in. My mind can turn to other things. I am not much of a housekeeper. I try to keep the clothes washed and the dishes cleaned up but the rest of it suffers. It got bad enough that I was forced to do some recent cleanup. I came across a very dusty copy of “Timely Chats,” a collection of articles written by Bill Carlisle for “The American Bee Journal.” Bill passed in 1985 but he is still fresh in my mind. He went to work for Dadants in 1935. Jobs were scare during the depression. G. H. Cale had been his scoutmaster and helped him get a job at Dadants as a night watchman. He was extremely grateful to have gotten that job. He expressed this over and over. Bill went on to assist both GH and GH Jr (Bud) Cale with the beekeeping work at Dadants. He worked with Bud on the Starline and Midnight breeding programs. He also worked with Elva Kurlin operating a beekeeping cooperative with Dadants and served as an editor of the Bee Journal. He kept bees on his own all over the upper Midwest. He talks a lot about the fall flow in his articles. They would pull their honey in July and let the bees fill up on the fall flow for winter. That worked for us until the fall flow disappeared. We didn’t have syrup tanks until the late 90’s. I got them when Tractor Supply in Grinnell shut down. I had my eye on the tanks as they gradually reduced prices. It got down to the last day and they were still there. We were still working bees out of a pickup, but my neighbor had an old Chevy grain truck. We took that to Grinnell and bought the tanks. They were $100 each for a 1000 gallon and a 1500 gallon. We still use those tanks today.

I also have CC Miller’s book—50 Years Among the Bees. I refer to it from time to time. One of his big problems was when the bees got after the horses pulling his wagon. This was in the late 19th and early 20th century. There was a lot of bee forage. It is hard for me to imagine having 100 to 150 colonies in a yard. CC was a cutting-edge guy. He was well known and wrote for the journals.

Another book I have is “Homesteading in Wyoming 1919-1932.” It is a collection of letters written by the wife to her family in Indiana. Before Facebook and the internet, people actually did this. She often wrote several times per week. I have written about this book before, but it still intrigues me. The family did an incredible amount of work. They built their own house, raised most of their food and were involved in community activities in addition to operating 1,000 colonies of bees in the area around Powell, Wyoming. They didn’t have varroa, but the other problems were the same. They needed better queens and better markets. The queen yard was some distance away. It was necessary to take the train to another town and rent a buckboard to drive out there. All I have to do is get in the truck and turn the key.

Times change but a lot of beekeeping is unchanged. I have noticed that some beekeepers keep trying to reinvent the wheel. Ideas that didn’t work 50 or 100 years ago are coming back in vogue, i.e., Warre hives. Top bars have also come into the picture. Those are a poor choice for the upper Midwest in my mind. Leo Sharashkin has done a lot to publicize these. Dr Leo is a brilliant guy and lives in an area of the Ozarks where these can work. The farther north you go, the less likely they are to succeed. Bees eat their way to the top of the box in the wintertime. Unless there are ultra-deep frames in the top bar, survival is not likely unless the winter is very mild. The problem with very deep frames having no foundation is that drone comb becomes more prevalent the father down you go. Drone cells are mite factories.

We are remanufacturing the pallets we made with screened bottoms. That was an idea that didn’t work out. We wanted to close them off in the fall. The heat loss out of the bottom can restrict brood rearing in the spring. We made plastic inserts for this purpose. Our construction methods were less than precise. That meant we needed inserts of various widths. This was a major pain. Sometimes we would forget to take them out. This provided a haven for hive beetles, wax moths and other pests just below the screen. They are also pretty worthless for Varroa control. They do improve hive ventilation in the summer. We didn’t have nearly as many bees hanging out. The bees also kept the screens clear. Debris did not accumulate like it does on solid bottoms. We had a frame screwed to the pallet that held the screen. We removed the frame and replaced it with Steel Ply. We were able to use the rails over. It is not an efficient way to gain pallets, but I don’t like to waste anything.

The weather is heating up!! Will there be a flow? Let’s hope!
As always summer is one of the busiest times of year for bee keepers and I am no exception. Between taking care of my bees, getting ready for the state and county fair and all the other fun things in summer I almost forgot that it was time to get cooking and make some delicious treats for you all! August is peach season so I thought it would be fitting to try some tasty peach pie and with all the heat we have been having nothing sounded better than ice cream!

**Peach Ice Cream (Pg. 177)**

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<td>Sliced peeled peaches</td>
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<td>Honey</td>
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<td>Lemon juice</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unflavored gelatin</td>
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<td>Heavy cream, whipped</td>
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Place peaches in a medium‐sized bowl. Mix honey and lemon juice in a small bowl and drizzle over peaches. Cover and set aside for 2 hours.

Drain fruit, reserving ¾ cup of juice. In a small saucepan combine reserved juice with gelatin and cook over low heat until gelatin is completely dissolved.

Place peaches in a blender. Add gelatin mixture and process at medium speed until peaches are finely chopped. Refrigerate. When the mixture begins to thicken, fold in whipped cream. Pour into the can of an ice cream maker and process until thick and creamy. Spoon into a plastic container, cover and place in freezer to harden. **Yields about 1 quart.**

Emma's Notes: The ice cream was very refreshing. If I made it again, I would probably add just a little bit more honey depending on how sweet the peaches are. While making the ice cream I over‐whipped the cream so much that I made butter. To prevent this happening to you, watch the cream very closely for when it starts to get just a little bit stiff but not grainy. Properly whipped cream will make smooth ice cream. If you would like, you could add a lemon syrup to the ice cream for an additional splash of color. The recipe is best with very fresh local peaches. If you do not have an ice cream freezer, it will also work to put it in a bowl in the freezer and stir it every few minutes.

**Simply Delicious Peach Pie (Pg. 121)**

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<td>Pie dish lined with pastry, extra for lattice</td>
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<td>Peaches, unpeeled</td>
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<td>Quick cooking tapioca</td>
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<td>Honey</td>
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Mix peaches with tapioca and fill pastry. Pour honey over the peaches. Cover with the lattice top. Bake in a hot oven (425 degrees) for 35 minutes. Remove from oven and brush pastry with milk. Return to hot oven an additional 5 minutes or until peaches are tender and pastry is glazed.

When baking a pie in a hot oven often the edges if the pastry should be covered with foil to prevent over‐browning. Lattice top: Roll out pastry and cut into strips about ½ inch wide. Lay strips across the pie at 1-inch intervals. Every other strip should be folded back to the center. Lay a second set of strips across the first, alternating lifting every other strip of the first set. This makes a laced effect. Fold the lower pastry shell up over the lattice strips at the edge and press to seal firmly. Flute the edges and bake. Makes 1 pie.

Emma's Notes: It will take a lot longer to bake than 40 minutes. I baked the pie in a hot oven for the called‐for 35 minutes and then brushed on the milk, and after that I baked it an additional 25 minutes before the peaches and pie crust were completely done. It may not take your oven as long as it took mine but when you make it, expect it to take longer than the recipe says. Aside from that, the recipe was very easy to follow, and the pie was very good. With only five ingredients (I am including the milk) it was very simple to make and took very little time.
District News--TWO new bee clubs!

Iowa Honey Producers District 2 Report – Tom Hart

District 2 represents 12% of our IHPA membership and includes 162 Beekeepers from 11 counties across Northeastern Iowa. It is apparent that local bee clubs provide a great forum to further the mentoring discussions. Prominent issues under discussions have included:

1. Winter hive survival techniques, starting with assuring the late Summer health of our bees, supplementing them with adequate honey stores and quality pollen patties, protecting hives from the NW Winter winds, considering building hives to a three deep hive body level and topping fall hives with 10lbs. granulated sugar.
2. Varroa mite control emphasizing standardized testing using a half cup of bees (=300) from brood frames and varying controls to utilize comprehensive pest control methods.
3. Queen failures including laying worker resolution, by moving the affected hives 1,000 feet and dumping the contents out on the ground, while introducing a new queen in a hive body set at the original hive location. The concept being that the bees will make it back to the hive ahead of the laying worker and establish allegiance to the new Queen. Success has been observed repeatedly with this method.
4. Swarm prevention by providing adequate hive space for brood development. This often means postponing the use of Queen excluders. Unintentional swarming can also be controlled by doing splits to create artificial swarming and expand the apiary.

Another District 2 highlight has been the organization of local beekeeper groups. New Beekeepers clubs were welcomed in Dubuque County--“The Dubuque Swiss Valley Beekeepers” and in Linn County--“The Heartland Bee Club”. Both clubs have Facebook sites and are off to a good start sharing ideas and planning interesting meetings and events. What is very impressive for me to observe is the mentoring provided by veteran beekeepers to novices at club meetings throughout this District. This good will speaks volumes to the core values of our IHPA organization.

Extractor and Sugar House for rent!
The Indian Creek Nature Center's Sugar House is available for rent during honey harvest season (July 16-September 27). The rate is $20 for a half day. Included in the rental is the use of the Nature Center's radial extractor, decapping stand, and various decapping tools. Renters are responsible for scheduling a brief training to review how to operate the extractor and orient themselves to the Sugar House (to be scheduled when you call to reserve the Sugar House). Renters are also responsible for clean up and leaving the Sugar House in perfect condition for the next renter. Students who have participated in an ICNC Beginning Beekeeping Series in the past can use the Sugar House for free! Questions/reservations, contact Registrar Rachel Bailey at rachel@indiancreeknaturecenter.org

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Raffle Tickets--You’ll need a quilt someday!!

It’s time to start gathering up your items for the live and silent auctions at the Annual Meeting in November, to benefit the Queen Program.

The IHPA quilts are complete and they look SPECTACULAR – as usual. Jodi Kraft did a wonderful job of putting these together. And our members outdid themselves with the blocks!! There are two again this year – one to raffle and one to auction at the annual meeting on Friday night. The raffle quilt winner will be drawn on Saturday afternoon, at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. These can be purchased ahead of time or at the annual meeting. You do not have to present to win the Raffle Quilt, but you don’t want to miss a minute of the annual meeting. Your vice president Keri has lined up some great speakers for your education and enjoyment.

To purchase raffle tickets, please indicate on your Annual Meeting registration form that you wish to purchase tickets. If you want to purchase outside of the annual meeting registration, contact Rhonda Heston at IHPATreasurer@gmail.com or text/call 515-724.2124.

Thanks, Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer

We are the Pollinator Partnership, an organization devoted to pollinator conservation, and we are reaching out to you about a collaborative effort we are leading to help beekeepers and honey bees across North America - the Mite-A-Thon.

The Mite-A-Thon is an initiative to assist beekeepers in checking their bees for the parasitic mite, Varroa destructor (varroa), with the two primary objectives of 1) raising awareness about honey bee colony varroa infestations in North America through effective monitoring methods and 2) making management strategies available for discussion within bee organizations utilizing Mite-A-Thon partner-developed information and outreach materials.

As you may know, varroa compromises a bee’s health and can lead to many colony health issues. Having varroa in the hive is a common occurrence, and knowing how many mites are in the colony is invaluable to the beekeeper.

For the Mite-A-Thon, beekeepers are invited to check their hives at least once during a one week period from September 7 to 14. Checking for the varroa mite follows one of two standard protocols found at http://www.pollinator.org/miteathon. Beekeepers participating in the Mite-A-Thon check their hives and then upload the results at www.mitecheck.com or using the MiteCheck app. All the data entries are kept anonymous, and the data are not tied to specific beekeepers or organizations. These data are then aggregated and will provide a snapshot of the level of varroa mites in colonies across the continent during this week.

Can we count on your participation in the 2019 Mite-A-Thon? As a beekeeper, there are no costs to you, and the ability to accurately gauge the level of mite infestation in a hive is an important tool to master. Last year over 650 North American beekeepers participated in the Mite-A-Thon and we would like to surpass that number this year. You might want to ask your beekeeping organization to make this a group activity and to support learning more about varroa.

We hope you will participate in the Mite-A-Thon, and would appreciate your confirmed commitment by Friday, August 9th. Simply reply to this email. We would love to also highlight your participation by posting your operation’s logo on the program website and other materials. If you have a logo and want it posted, send along a high-resolution version in your email.

Thank you for your partnership and collaboration! If you have questions feel free to call us at 415.362.1137 or visit http://www.pollinator.org/miteathon.

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HALLE, Germany — Citrus fruits, coffee and avocados: The food on our tables has become more diverse in recent decades. However, global agriculture does not reflect this trend. Monocultures are increasing worldwide, taking up more land than ever. At the same time, many of the crops being grown rely on pollination by insects and other animals. This puts food security at increased risk, as a team of researchers with help from Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg writes in the journal Global Change Biology. For the study, the scientists examined global developments in agriculture over the past 50 years.

The researchers analysed data from the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization on the cultivation of field crops between 1961 and 2016. Their evaluation has shown that not only is more and more land being used for agriculture worldwide, the diversity of the crops being grown has declined. Meanwhile, 16 of the 20 fastest growing crops require pollination by insects or other animals.

“Just a few months ago, the World Biodiversity Council IPBES revealed to the world that up to one million animal and plant species are being threatened with extinction, including many pollinators,” said Professor Robert Paxton, a biologist at MLU and one of the authors of the new study. This particularly affects bees: honeybees are increasingly under threat by pathogens and pesticides, and populations of wild bees have been on the decline around the world for decades.

Fewer pollinators could mean that yields are much lower or even that harvests fail completely. However, risks are not spread equally across the world. The researchers used the FAO data to create a map showing the geographical risk of crop failure.

“Emerging and developing countries in South America, Africa and Asia are most affected,” said Professor Marcelo Aizen of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Research CONICET in Argentina, who led the study. This is not surprising, he says, since it is precisely in these regions where vast monocultures are grown for the global market. Soy is produced in many South American countries and then exported to Europe as cattle feed. “Soy production has risen by around 30 percent per decade globally. This is problematic because numerous natural and semi-natural habitats, including tropical and subtropical forests and meadows, have been destroyed for soy fields,” Aizen said.

According to the authors, current developments have little to do with sustainable agriculture, which focuses on the food security of a growing world population. And, although poorer regions of the world are at the greatest risk, the consequences of crop failure would be felt worldwide: “The affected regions primarily produce crops for the rich industrial nations. If, for example, the avocado harvest in South America fails, people in Germany and other industrial nations may no longer be able to buy them,” concludes Robert Paxton, who is also a member of the German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv) Halle-Jena-Leipzig.

The researchers advocate for a trend reversal: Care should be taken to diversify agriculture worldwide and make it more ecological. This means, for example, that farms in particularly susceptible countries should grow a diversity of crops. In addition, farmers all over the world would need to make the areas under cultivation more natural, for example by planting strips of flowers or hedgerows next to their fields and by providing nesting habitats on field margins. This would ensure that there are adequate habitats for insects, which are essential for sustainable and productive farming.

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The IHPA Grant Proposal Form will need to be submitted during the Submission Period prior to the Annual Meeting. The IHPA Board will review the stated use of the Grant to confirm the use is in line with the goal of promoting continued research in honeybees and beekeeping. This review will allow the board time to request additional information if needed, and ensure total proposed Grants do not exceed the association’s budget for research Grants.

With acceptance by the IHPA Board, the Grant Proposal will be brought to the floor during the Business Meeting of the Annual Meeting for a vote by the members. Grant Proposals can be made by anyone with a current IHPA membership. Members are encouraged to help the Association to identify research projects that will continue to work for the benefit of honeybees, beekeepers and the honey industry.

**Submission Deadline: September 30, 2019**

**Submission Period: July 1st – September 30, 2019**

IHPA Member submitting the Grant Proposal.

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Please provide a description of how the proposed Grant would be used in regard to your research relating to honeybees, beekeeping or the honey industry. (Please add additional page(s) as needed.)

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