Above are some of the submissions from some of you for designs on IHPA merchandise. You’ll hear more about all of this at the Annual Meeting in DesMoines. See you there!

Also, please get your membership taken care of--see page 14.
President’s Report

Iowa Beekeepers:

We are at Annual Meeting time! What’s that mean? The year is about done for beekeeping and maybe a break for some. I hope it has been a great year for you.

The end of the day, on Saturday of Annual Meeting, we will be having a benefit for Heidi. We have a quilt that’s going to be auctioned off and we will be doing a mentor auction. I will elaborate more on this at meeting time but I want to break the ice sort of and speak about Heidi now, as it will be a simple but effective way to raise some money. So plan on sticking around for a bit longer than the agenda says.

I’m sitting around in my house on a Monday morning waiting for dispatch to call when I get a call from my mechanic saying I need a radiator for the truck. Unless I go to Des Moines myself, I’m down till Tuesday afternoon. I take off in hot pursuit, (Des Moines is two hours from me) since for a truck driver, having your truck down is not good. Hopefully he gets it all back together so Tuesday morning I will be ready to go. Always something! I keep reminding myself I’m in this for the money, and sometimes the money stream seems to flow in reverse!

Ok I’m back at this. I will be calling on some good people around Iowa to step up and help the IHPA. Directors are needed for districts 1,2 and 3. Dave, Eric and Doyle have served and feel it’s time for new people to step up. I will miss all three of these guys. They have done a Very fine job and I thank them for their service. I’m looking forward to meeting the new directors as there are several that can, in my opinion, do a very nice job. I do realize it does not suit everyone. If you want more info please call as my phone is just about always on. My office job does allow me to talk on a headset, but texting is not in the cards! Thank you!

I’m looking forward to a well-planned-out, and full Annual Meeting. Seeing all the members is fun for me. We try hard to apply the feedback we get the best we can. I need to close and want you all to travel safe to annual meeting. I will see you all there.

Good night! God bless.

IHPA Vice President’s Report

Welcome to November, fellow Buzz readers. Can you believe that in a matter of days our largest event of the year will be open us!! Hopefully everyone has gotten their registration in for Fall Conference. If you haven’t, you can still register and pay at the registration desk, however you will not be able to get meal tickets for the lunches or the banquet dinner. The Conference Agenda is posted to the website, on Facebook and in this Buzz. Hopefully you see a speaker or subject you’re interested in.

The main hall will be packed with vendors. Be sure to visit each of these vendors to see all their great products. This year these vendors will be present: Mann Lake, Dadant, Lappe’s Bee Supply, Kelley Beekeeping, Ebert Honey, BEEpothecary, SB Printz and Promo, The Left-Handed Woodworker and The Sweet Tree Garden.

Hopefully many of you are planning to enter one or more of the contests! I’m excited to see all the creativity we have among our members, both youth and adult. Some great prizes have been added for the first-place winners, so bring your “A” game! All the contest rules and details are here in the Buzz and on the website. Good luck to all who enter.

Thank you to everyone who has sent me photos to use for my conference project. This has helped out tremendously. I hope you all will enjoy it and the conference.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Keri Kenoyer - VP

CHECK OUT THE MENU--GREAT SPEAKER ABOUND AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE. REVIEW THE NEXT THREE PAGES AND THEN FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AND PACK YOUR BAGS. BRING A NOTEBOOK!
Mel Disselkoe

Mel was born on a big farm in South Dakota and has been studying bee behavior for 47 years. He is very passionate about honeybees and has operated hundreds of hives commercially, one would say he knows all aspects of beekeeping. Mel continually teaches both hobbyist and novice beekeepers how to farm honeybees and treat them like livestock to ensure there will be offspring for the following year. He will be speaking about his method of queen rearing as well as his method for over wintering his bees using sugar blocks.

Kirsten Traynor

An avid beekeeper, scientist and writer, Kirsten has travelled the globe in a beeline, seeking out the best beekeepers, bee breeders and scientists. In 2006-2007, Kirsten received a German Chancellor Fellowship and drove over 50,000 miles throughout Western Europe to study the differences between European and American Beekeeping.

Fascinated with the social complexity of a honeybee hive, she earned her Phd in biology from Arizona State University with Dr. Robert Page. While a grad student, she spent almost a year in Avignon, France in the lab of Dr. Yves Le Conte as a Fulbright Fellow. As a post-doc, Kirsten investigated how pesticides impact honeybee health with Dr. Dennis VanEngelsdorp. She served as editor of American Bee Journal and is the author of “Two Million Blossoms– Discovering the Medicinal Benefits of Honey” and “Simple, Smart Beekeeping”

She manages a small, sustainable apiary– Flickerwood Apiary– where she produces top quality nucs and Maryland-reared queens. By using the biology of the bee against the biology of the varroa, she keeps her colonies healthy without synthetic chemicals.

Bill Allinder

Bill is a beekeeper and pollinator habitat conservationist. He is also an enthusiastic foodie and wine collector. Bill is a graduate of the Kansas City Culinary Center’s Professional Culinary Arts Program, Series I and II. He has taught honey cooking classes at the Culinary Center, Missouri State Beekeepers Association conferences and Missouri local beekeeper clubs. Bill is an ANSI-Conference for Food Protection certified Food Protection Manager.

Bill operates East of Paradise Honey Farm near Paradise, Missouri. He has converted several acres on his property to pollinator habitat, with locally-sourced, certified native Missouri tall-grass prairie wildflowers. He was the 2001 Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District Conservationist of the year, and his pollinator habitat is certified as Monarch Watch Waystation #15019.

Bill co-founded the Northland Queen Rearing Program which strives to provided members of the Northland Beekeepers Club in Smithville, Missouri with well-mated, locally adapted bee stock. He is passionate about sustainable beekeeping, and he enjoys hunting wild bee colonies in Vermont as a pastime. Bill is a past Vice President of the Missouri State Beekeepers Association.

He will be giving an informative presentation on cooking with honey as well as hunting wild hives in Vermont. Bill will also serve as a quest expert judge for our cooking contest.
**Steve and Becky Tipton**

Master Beekeepers, Steve and Becky Tipton have been keeping bees in Northeastern Kansas for over 30 years. Serious sideliners, Steve and Becky produce honey and make a selection of value-added products including; soaps, lotions, balms and creamed honey. Steve also makes mead for their own enjoyment.

Their greatest pleasure come from teaching other beekeepers throughout various outlets such as the NE/KS Beekeeping Association, Kansas Honey Producers, the Nebraska Beekeepers Association, Mother Earth News and the American Beekeeping Federation.

Steve and Becky have also taught a beginning beekeeping class for 6 years at the local community center as well as mentoring many area beekeepers. Both Steve and Becky have been active in local associations, holding a variety of offices. They don’t just want to make more beekeepers, they want to help people be great beekeepers!

Becky will be giving a couple live demos on making soaps and wax products like lotions and salves as well as a presentation on hive communication. Steve will be sharing his knowledge of varroa management and tips and tricks on managing your hives throughout winter and early spring.

**Jeannie Saum—BEEpothecary**

Jeannie Saum—B.S.Ed, M.Ed, is a retired educator of 36 years, a beekeeper and co-owner of BEEpothecary, a small business that produces dietary supplements, skincare and shaving products made with beehive resources. Jeannie is an avid crafter, gardener and writer, providing magazine articles about beekeeping and hive resources. She speaks at bee clubs, bee conferences, and festivals about the amazing health benefits of beehive resources and the many value-added products that can be made. She is excited to have the opportunity to share BEEpothecary’s passion for beehive resources and teach others about Health–powered by BEES!!

Jeannie will be presenting on the less popular hive resources: pollen, propolis, and bee venom. She will discuss how to harvest and clean these products, along with the various uses and health benefits of these products. Jeannie will also be giving a two-part informative presentation on how to start up your own business the hive products. She will discuss the ins and outs of what you need to get started, label, sell and market your products.

**Rebecca Masterman—UMN Bee Squad Associate Program Director**

Rebecca Masterman first worked for the UMN Bee Lab as an undergraduate in 1992, and returned in 2012 as the Bee Squad’s Associate Program Director and Coordinator. Becky graduated from UMN Twin Cities with a B.A. (major in history, minor in biology) and then obtained a Ph.D. in Entomology studying the neuroethology of honey bee hygienic behavior under the direction of Dr. Marla Spivak.

**Bridget Mendel—UMN Bee Squad Program Manager and Grant Writer**

Bridget takes care of bees, teaches classes for beekeepers and the public, and manages interdisciplinary, pollinator–focused programs including Bee Arts and the HMR Pollinator Project. She also writes grants and communications for Bee Squad’s programs and research projects. Outside of Bee Squad, she teaches creative writing to college students. Her own work has appeared in DUSIE, NOO Journal, Beekeeper’s Quarterly, and Nous Zot Press. She is the recipient of a Minnesota Emerging Writers Grant, and holds a B.A. from Northwestern University and a MFA in Creative Nonfiction from UMN.
Brooke Sommerfeldt—Bee Research Technician and Outreach Coordinator

Brooke Sommerfeldt manages bees and serves as the Program Coordinator for Bee Squad’s Pollinator Ambassadors Program. She also gives pollinator talks to groups throughout the Twin Cities. Brooke first discovered her interest in bees while doing research at the University of Wisconsin-Stout when she completed her undergraduate degree in Applied Science with a concentration in Biotechnology.

Jenny Warner - UMN Bee Squad Team Leader and Beekeeper

Jenny Warner has been a valued member of the UMN Bee Lab since 1997 and is a founding member of the UMN Bee Squad. She graduated with a B.S. in Horticultural Food Production and a minor in Soil Science from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Jessica Helgen - UMN Bee Squad Team Leader and Mentoring Apiary Coordinator

Jessica Helgen is a founding member of the Bee Squad, and she loves meeting beekeepers from Minnesota and around the world! She fell in love with beekeeping on a study abroad trip to Southern India in college. After graduating from St. Olaf College in 2006 with a B.A in Biology, she started working for the UMN Bee Lab, then returned to India for a Fulbright fellowship to study Asian honey bees (Apis Cerana). In 2013 she traveled to Yunnan, China to teach beekeeping to farmers. Jessica currently coordinates the Mentoring Apiary Program, which provides hands-on training to hobby beekeepers. She is most proud of convincing new beekeepers to try glove-less beekeeping!

Peggy Ennis: I have been married to Pat, my beekeeper husband for 15 years. Pat has been beekeeping since the 1980’s. Beekeeping was totally foreign to me at that time, but wow, I’m amazed at the fantastic products the hive produces!
Pat is very passionate about honey bees and beekeeping, and one of our ‘first dates’ was to one of his bee yards, and I thought, “This is interesting”...... Shortly after our marriage, he took me to my first IHPA’s annual meeting; back then it was held in Marshalltown IA, and there, I met some of the most friendly, interesting and quirky people, all sharing their passion of beekeeping. That was my introduction to the world of beekeeping, and I’ve been enjoying it ever since.
We teach a beginning beekeeping class in Mason City at NIACC and are members of the Iowa Honey Producers Association, the North Iowa Beekeepers club and Boone River Beekeepers Club.
Together we own and operate P & P Honey and Bee Supply, Inc., located in north central Iowa in Goodell, offering and producing honey, beeswax, queens, nucs, packages and equipment.

The Buzz Newsletter Article/Ad Submissions

Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to rrihpa@gmail.com or mail to The Buzz, c/o Ron Rynders, 890 13th Ave SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250 Cell 712-449-5010. Complimentary (small) ads run for two months. Paid (larger) ads payment handled by Treasurer Rhonda Heston. The deadline for submissions is the 10th of each month to be included in the following month’s newsletter. The Buzz is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Honey Producers Association which is an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society.
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 ages 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:
Members Registration BEFORE October 25th

______ x $40.00 $ _______
AFTER October 25th

______ x $45.00 $ _______
Non-members Registration BEFORE October 25th

______ x $50.00 $ _______
AFTER October 25th

______ x $55.00 $ _______
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

______ x $20.00 $ _______
Turkey

Club

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 Charlton, IA 50049

Event questions can be directed to Keri Kenoyer, VP IHPA kenoyerfarms@gmail.com
IHPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

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

Fall Conference Agenda - Friday November 8th
Notes: All contest entries due and in place for judging by 10:00 am in room Iowa BC. Get your quilt raffle tickets at registration. Silent and Banquet Auction donations are to be turned in at Registration. Door prize drawings will take place behind the scenes; look for your name on the white board at Registration desk.

Coffee Drinkers – There is a wonderful coffee bar located in the main lobby of the hotel. Honey Swap bottles need to be turned in behind Registration by 10:00 am.

8:00 am – Main Lobby  Registration Opens
8:30 am – 8:45 am – Iowa A  Welcome- Announcements
8:45 am – 9:45 am – Iowa A  Speaker: Mel Desselkoon – On the Spot Queen Rearing
9:55 am – 10:55 am – Iowa A  Speaker: Kirsten Traynor – Using the Biology of the Bee vs the Verroa
10:55 am – 11:25 am – Lobby  Break- Visit the vendors, vote on contests in Iowa BC, Honey Swap
11:30 am – 1:00 pm – Ballroom  Queen’s Lunch; Introduction of Queen Candidates
1:10 pm – 2:40 pm - Iowa A  Speaker: Bill Allinder- Cooking with Honey; An Introduction
1:10 pm – 2:10 pm – Iowa DE  Speaker: State Apiarist Andy Joseph
2:40 pm – 3:10 pm – Lobby  Break- Visit the vendors, Honey Swap, purchase Quilt Raffle tickets
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm – Iowa DE  Contest Winners Announced
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm – Iowa DE  Membership Business Meeting
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Iowa BC  Pre- dinner social time, visit vendors, Honey Swap
6:15 pm – 6:45 pm - Iowa A  Banquet Dinner
6:45 pm – 7:45 pm – Iowa A  Speaker: Kirsten Traynor- Over the Atlantic; European Hive Management
7:45 pm - Awards Ceremony followed by Queen Auction

Please collect your contest entries on your way out for the evening. The contest room will be rearranged for use on Saturday. (Schedule is subject to change).

Fall Conference Agenda – Saturday November 9th

8:00 am - Main Lobby  Registration Opens
8:30 am – 8:45 am – Iowa A  General Session: Meet the 2020 Queen and Board.
8:55 am – 9:55 am
Iowa A  Kirsten Traynor: Two Million Blossoms- Honey for your Health
Iowa C  Minnesota Bee Squad - TBD
Iowa D  Becky Tipton – Soap Making
Iowa E  Minnesota Bee Squad - TBD
Ballroom North  Mel Desselkoon – Over Wintering using Sugar Cubes
9:55 am – 10:25 am  Break- Visit vendors, Honey Swap, Silent Auction
10:35 am – 11:35 am
Iowa A  Bill Allinder: Hunting Wild Hives
Iowa C  Jeannie Saum: Business Start up part 1
Iowa D  Steve Tipton: Wintering and Spring Hive Checks for the New Beeks
Iowa E  Peggy Ennis: Wax; What is it? How to clean and process for use
Ballroom North  Youth Scholarship Meeting Room
11:45 am – 1:00 pm – Iowa A  Youth Scholarship Lunch; Introduction of 2020 students
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm – Iowa A  TBD
1:40 pm – 2:40 pm
Iowa A  Minnesota Bee Squad- TBD
Iowa C  Jeannie Saum: Business Start up Part 2
Iowa D  Becky Tipton: Hive Communication
Iowa E  Minnesota Bee Squad: TBD
Ballroom North  Minnesota Bee Squad: TBD
2:40 pm – 3:10 pm  Break: Last chance to visit vendors, Honey Swap, Silent Auction
3:20 pm – 4:20 pm
Iowa A  Minnesota Bee Squad: TBD
Iowa C  Jeannie Saum: Bee Venom, Pollen, Propolis- What? Why? How?
Iowa D  Becky Tipton: Making Products with Wax and Honey
Iowa E  Minnesota Bee Squad: TBD
Ballroom North  Minnesota Bee Squad: TBD
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm – Iowa A  Closing Remarks/ Raffle Drawings

THANK YOU for coming!

Please be sure to fill out an evaluation form and drop it off at Registration as you leave today.
**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.

Judges reserve the right to determine how to best judge the entries.

--- Can only enter ONE item in each category.

--- You must supply the recipe with your entry. ----- Your name must be on the back of the recipe. -- Contest coordinator will keep the recipes to be included in the "Buzz" newsletter.

--- Bring enough samples for judging as well as tasting during the Friday Evening Social Sampling before the banquet.

The categories to enter will be:

- Breads
- Cookies and Bars
- Muffins, Cupcakes and Brownies
- Snacks and Appetizers
- Sauces, Jams, Jellies and Butters (Items entered in this category must be accompanied by a bite size food item to sample with).

The Holiday Inn has been gracious enough to allow us to have our cooking contest and bring outside food into the venue, we must follow some simple rules for our social sampling time. 1. Food must be broken down into bite size pieces. (After the judging!) 2. Drink samples must be in extra small cups. This would be why the above categories were selected.

There will be a First, Second and Third place ribbons given in each category for each division.

**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.

--- ONE entry per category

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 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.

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

**Rules for “People’s Choice” Black Label Honey**

--- 1 pound plastic bottle with a flip top lid of this year’s honey. Jars and bottles without a flip top lid will not be accepted for entry.

--- Bottle must be completely covered with aluminum foil so that you can not see the honey but lid is still accessible.

--- Due to the space available in the contest room, this contest will be limited to the first 25 entries.

--- When entered, your bottle will be assigned a number for identification purposes.

--- Honey will be judged on taste alone by Annual Conference attendees.

There will be a first, Second and Third place ribbon awarded to the top three honeys.

**Honey Swap**

A lot of you missed this fun opportunity to swap honey with other fellow beekeepers so we have brought it back. These are the guidelines for the swap:

--- Bottle(s) need to be 12oz. or 1 pound size filled with this year’s honey.

--- Bottle(s) can be unlabeled or you may have your personal label on them.

--- You can bring more than one bottle

--- You will be given one ticket for each bottle you bring to the swap (limit of 5). At anytime, you then can exchange your tickets for another participant’s honey.

Good Luck to all who enter the contests! I look forward to seeing all the creative variety. If you have any questions about the contests, contact Keri Kenoyer at 515-490-2111 or kenoyerfarms@gmail.com.
Notes from the Beeyard, by Phil Ebert

It’s a new month already. It seems like I just finished writing the article for last month. Extracting is over. We got a good crop—about 100#/colony on both ends of the operation. Nectar was coming from soybeans almost until the beginning of September. That does not bode well for a good crop of beans, but it certainly was a boost for the honey crop. It resulted in the colonies we pulled in late July and early August getting plugged with honey. It was a very good year to be making fall splits. We have seen a good number of late season queen supercedures in the older colonies. It will be hard for those colonies to get built up enough to survive the winter. Sometimes supercedures are stress related. The mites and/or viruses get so bad the bees know they have to do something. Their options are limited. Superceding is about the only option they have besides swarming. Those colonies have not crashed, and mite counts have generally been low, so I am guessing the old queens ran out of bullets. There is no way to know for sure. After 40 years among the bees, I am still trying to figure some of this stuff out.

We are putting in pollen patties and feeding syrup in earnest now. Adam’s colonies are busting with bees (see pix on Facebook page—type in ebert honey on a search and the website and Facebook page will come up). He had a few yards that didn’t get pulled until mid-September. They are full of bees, but we are worried about them. Pulling that late in the year gives the mites too much time for buildup. As brood rearing decreases, more and more mites emerge to ride the bees. That is why there often seems to be an exponential increase in the mite load later in the fall. If you don’t have your mites under control by early September, the odds of your bees being alive in the spring are rather remote. Healthy bees can overcome a lot if they have adequate stores. The problem is keeping them healthy. You can’t always tell just by looking at them. Sometimes those big good-looking colonies are the ones that die first.

I just got a call from a lady looking for “sour honey” which she had been told would help cure cancer. Apparently, that is being promoted on the internet. I thought maybe she was referring to sourwood honey. I did an internet search and came up with some interesting things, most of which were bogus. The internet can be a hotbed of poor information. One ad advertised “sour honey from the mountains of Brazil.” It was promoted as a cure for cancer—$498 for 12 oz. Another advertised propolis as sour honey. Honey has a lot of health benefits, but I wouldn’t rely on it to cure cancer. I have had cancer patients tell me they took honey after radiation treatments when food didn’t taste good. Honey goes into the blood stream quickly and can act as a bit of a “pick me up.”

Take advantage of the winter meetings. Get some new ideas. Someone from our operation always goes the AHPA meeting.

I am not very creative, but I am good at recognizing things that will fit my system. The Iowa meeting is a good one. We also attend the Missouri state meeting as vendors. They have a good meeting but is not as well attended as the Iowa one. I think part of this is due to the fact that they have some local clubs that have substantial programs of their own. The ones in the St Louis area have a lot of members.

I look forward to winter. We don’t have down time anymore but there is less pressure. I get to go to a few basketball games. I like the Drake games. Tickets are cheap and I can sit close to the court.

Consider an oxalic dribble in November for a final mite cleanup. Oxalic is cheap and effective on exposed mites. It works when it is chilly out. There will not be much brood—maybe none—in November. Give your bees a head start on spring.
MERCHANDISE
Would you believe we have had the slogan “Save the Bees” for two years already? Well, we have. It is time to retire this very popular slogan. The limited inventory of shirts, hats and cooling towels will be discounted at the Annual Meeting. When the inventory is gone, it’s gone.

But with the Save the Bees merchandise gone, it’s time to start thinking about a new slogan. Do you have something that you think would make a great slogan? Now is the time to put that idea into a suggestion. The Board would like to have several ideas for shirts at the Annual Meeting. The membership will vote on their favorite and that will become the Iowa Honey Producers’ Association slogan for the next two years. So, get your thinking caps on.

Not only do we want your suggestions for a slogan, we would also like to have drawing/mock up of a shirt to put into the Annual Meeting program. Please put something together. It doesn’t have to be perfect, and send it to Rhonda Heston by October 15, 2019 to have it included in the Annual Meeting program.

What’s in it for you? You will receive one of each new item with YOUR new slogan – T-Shirt, Hat, Apron, etc.—and an article in the Buzz Newsletter after the first of the year. So, get those creative minds working and let’s come up with a GREAT new design. We’ve got some latent designers out there. If you have any questions, please let Rhonda know.

Also, we will be taking bids after the first of the year for the actual printing/production of the merchandise. If you are interested in being including in the bid process, please let Rhonda know. We would like to have new merchandise available for Summer Field Day 2020.

2020 Membership – Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st. Membership dues are $20 for the first beekeeper in the house and $5 for each additional beekeeper in the house. One Buzz Newsletter will be sent per address/per membership.

Your membership dues can be renewed on the Annual Meeting registration form or the membership form online. The last directory we published was in 2018. It’s about time for a new one. We will need everyone’s information to make it complete.

Please send your dues to Rhonda Heston, Treasurer, 52735 187th Ave, Cheriton IA 50049. We will now have the ability to take debit/credit cards for your annual dues. Call Rhonda for more information, 515-7244-2124.

Jamie Beyer meets with Sec’y Mike Naig
On October 14th I met first with a staffer for Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig. Then I connected with Sec’y Naig himself at a Christmas tree farm in Denison. Although we didn’t meet at an apiary, we had a great bee discussion.

Sec. Naig is Andy Joseph’s boss and I was able to speak with him for over an hour. We talked of many things that are affecting bees and beekeepers. We also talked about Andy Joseph and the value he brings to beekeeping in Iowa. His quote was "we could use three Andy Josephs and his position is very secure within his Department."

We are fortunate to have Secretary Naig listening to us and wanting to work with us on many different issues. He will be at our Conference in Des Moines on Friday, Nov. 8. He does want to hear from us. Bring your questions for him.

MEMBERSHIP DUES
IHPA membership year runs from January 1st and ends on December 31st. 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. By sending one Buzz Newsletter to one address, we reduce the cost of the Buzz. Which in turn provides more funds for more scholarships, more programs, etc. If you would rather read the Buzz online, please indicate that when you renew your membership.

It is time to prepare a new 2020 Membership Directory. Please check your information for accuracy so we can have an accurate directory in 2020.

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

Hope to see everyone there!

Jamie Beyer
Meet the Court

A State Fair Report on our Club Queens

When we learned that our State Honey Queen Brooklyn Pardall had been chosen as the Lee County Fair Queen we knew we would need extra help covering our State Fair Program obligations while she fulfilled her obligations to Lee County. After reaching out to every beekeeping club in Iowa we were able to find the coverage that we needed. Our clubs have done an excellent job preparing their queens to greet the large crowds we have come to expect at the Iowa State Fair. Let me introduce you to these amazing ladies...

Megan Eveland is a familiar face to many of you. It is hard to think of an event that Megan has not been a part of since becoming a scholarship student. She has been an amazing advocate for honey bees as well as producers. We were the fortunate benefactors of Megan’s hours of study & preparation because she was called upon the fill in one afternoon when our State Apiarist, Andy Joseph, was caught in state fair traffic. Because she was not scheduled to present, she did not have teaching tools on hand. We pulled a few photos from the Apiary Division Photo Contest & just add Megan AND we had an instant program. Thank you to the Back to Basics Beekeeping Club for sharing Megan with us. She is a dynamic speaker and a real asset to our beekeeping community.

Emma Jakes might not be a familiar face to all of you but she is surely a familiar name as she has been making monthly contributions to the Buzz Newsletter by reviewing recipes from the IHPA cookbook. When we knew we had a day with two cooking presentations our thoughts naturally drifted to Emma and she did not disappoint. Emma wowed the crowds with two honey recipes geared toward busy families & the back to school schedule. It was fun to watch the cookbooks fly off the table after Emma’s well placed commercial for them. It was easy to tell that Emma was going to be a crowd favorite because of her easy smile and her down to nature personality. We weren’t sure there were going to be enough samples because she drew a very large crowd. Thank you to the Friendly Beekeepers of Iowa for loaning Emma to us. She is very knowledgeable & had the perfect skill set for our busy fair schedule.

If Abigail Kelly was not a familiar face before the Iowa State Fair, she certainly was afterwards as she covered several key presentations. The area where she was most valuable was her role as the story teller at our Kids & Bees Expo on the last Saturday of the fair. If you need a library program or an elementary school presentation, this is the girl to call. She had the kids on the edge of the seats Abigail had a bevy of sisters come along to help. Not only did the whole sister, Olivia, stepped in to serve as our mascot, Buzz the Bee. This sister programs & were no doubt featured on many social media pages as families Thank you to the Central Iowa Beekeepers for sending a top quality Honey

and eager to learn more. The added plus--family volunteer in the stand, her little duo brought a lot of attention to our sought them out for photo opportunities. Queen to us.

Veronica Vonderohe is a relative newcomer compared to Megan & Emma but she was certainly a valuable player in our lineup. Veronica has been a club queen for less than a year but she has a wealth of knowledge at her fingertips. She may feel like she was baptized by fire because one of her first state fair experiences was the opportunity to go live in the Crystal Studio of WHO Radio for her first ever radio interview. She handled it with tremendous grace and composure. Veronica also brought a big team of volunteers with her to help man the honey booth and to serve at the teaching hive stations. Thank you to the North Iowa Beekeepers Club for training up such a fine queen.

JoAnn Brahms is a new honey queen from a long line of beekeepers including her grandparents, Mike & Donna Brahms. JoAnn gave us some much needed coverage at the end of the fair by coming alongside of Abigail for the Kids & Bees Expo and then by speaking on the Knapp Stage in the Animal Learning Center. For those of you who don’t know, this can be a very intimidating venue. The audience has tons of distractions – everything for crying babies in strollers to a whoop from the crowd when a baby animal is born. JoAnn talked from her experience as a 4th generation beekeeper & the crowd really related with her family memories. Watch for great things from this girl. Thank you to the Southwest Iowa Beekeepers for sending your queen to help us out.

Makayla Ansel is our youngest member of this royal court but do not let her age fool you. Makayla was the star of our Queen Booth. There was no way any one was going to pass by with out receiving her attention. Her experience at Farmers Markets made her a perfect fit for the candle rolling station. As you can see in the photo the families adored her as much as we did. She is currently serving as the Princess for the Central Iowa Beekeepers so we send our thanks to Queen Chair Susan Kelly & President Jaime Beyer for encouraging Makayla to dive into the deep end of the pool with the IHPA.

Our thanks would not be complete without mentioning our Club Queen Chairs (Eric Kenoyer, FBI; Susan Kelly, CIBA; Diane Brahms, SWIB; Jim Marshall, BBTB; & Rich Vonderohe, NIBC) and our State Queen Chair, Connie Bronnenberg. Connie has long had a vision for improving our queen program by helping clubs to rear their own queens. It was a privilege to serve along side of her. She is a credit to our organization and a blessing to all the young people she works with. Her solid advice kept things moving smoothly throughout the planning phase and then throughout the fair. A special thanks to Brandon Raasch & Rich Vonderohe for helping escort the girls & making sure that our teaching tools were where they needed to be. Lastly, a huge thank you to our State Apiarist, Andy Joseph and our past royalty, CarlyRaye Vannoy, Maia Jaycox & Belle Hemesath and our American Honey Queen, Hannah Sjostrom for all their advice & encouragement. After reading about their valuable service to the IHPA, please make the effort to seek out these girls, their parents & queen chairs at our annual meeting to thank them for being so willing to help us out. It would have been a sad day if your booth managers had to cover all the programs, so we are especially grateful. They would also be a great source of knowledge if you are thinking about having a queen represent your club next summer. We met so many wonderful young beekeepers at the Iowa State Fair. It would be a shame to not give them a chance to be your club queen or ambassador. Ask us how we can help you start your program! (submitted by Carole Vannoy)
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### At the Annual Meeting in DesMoines, look for these people and ask whatever questions you have about starting up your own club!
Emma’s Recipes

November, as always, is the start of family gatherings and frequently has a wide array of potlucks and large meals. At my family’s gatherings we always have some family favorites that come every year but we also enjoy trying out new family favorites and sharing them with everyone who joins us. This year I decided to try a honey bread pudding and honey nut squash made with Acorn Squash. I hope you try out these recipes and see if they can become seasonal favorites for you too!

Honey Bread Pudding (Pg. 103):

2 cups bread crumbs 1/3 cup honey
¼ to ½ cup raisins, chopped dates, figs, or nuts 3 tablespoons butter
Dash of salt ½ teaspoon vanilla
3 eggs, beaten 2 cups milk, scalded

Use day-old bread, cut into cubes. Place with fruit of choice in a greased 1 ½ – quart baking dish. Add butter, honey, salt, and vanilla to eggs. Add milk slowly. Pour over cubes. Set baking dish into a pan of hot water and bake at 350 degrees, 35-45 minutes or until set.

Note: Marlene bakes this without the pan of water because they like the crust next to the dish.

Emma’s Notes: The bread pudding was a little different than I expected because I am used to bread pudding with a lot of spices. The recipe was easy to make although the pot of hot water did not cook the pudding evenly. I did bake the pudding for the last ten minutes without the water. This helped the side that was cooking more slowly to get done. Overall it was pretty easy to make and tasted good too!

Honey Nut Squash (Pg. 137):

2 acorn squash ¼ cup honey
2 tablespoons brown sugar 2 tablespoons walnuts
2 tablespoons raisins 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Cut acorn squash in half, spoon out seeds. Place cut side down on a baking rack. Bake at 400 degrees until soft, about 30-45 minutes. Combine honey, butter, brown sugar, nuts, and raisins, spoon into the squash and bake another 5-10 minutes until lightly glazed.

To microwave: Place on a microwave safe plate to bake according to manufacturer’s directions. Then spoon mixture into halves and microwave on high (100%) for 30 seconds or until lightly glazed.

Emma’s Notes: Yummy! The acorn squash were very hard to cut; while cutting one of the squash I also cut my finger. Please be careful as you cut the squash! I baked all four pieces about 1 hour before spooning in about 1 ½ tablespoons of the mixture into each squash. I had expected more of the mixture to be in each squash, but my mother told me the amount that went in each squash was normal. Everyone who tried the squash said they were very tasty!

Report on the Youth Scholarship Program

As we close out another beekeeping year, I would like to give an update of the IHPA Youth Scholarship program. We have ten students finishing up the IHPA Youth Scholarship program this year. I look forward to seeing their displays at the Annual Meeting November 9th.

The late start to spring, and the shortage of bee packages did give this year’s students a slow start, however in the communication that I have had with the students and mentors, it sounds like overall it was a successful year.

Thank you to all of the mentors that supported the program this year. Without your help this program just will not work. We have the potential of 13 new students for the 2020 year. I am looking for mentors in the following areas of the state: Parkersburg, Panora, Osceola, Holy Cross, Roland, Storm Lake, Cresco, Council Bluffs, Hubbard, Winterset, Coon Rapids, Ottumwa, Dubuque. If you are interested in being a mentor please contact me at beekeeper@reevestkd.com, or my cell at 515-720-7617.

It is my sincere hope that the 2019 IHPA Youth Scholarship recipients had fun this year, and enjoyed the fascinating world of honey bees. I look forward to seeing you all at our annual meeting in November.

Ted Reeves
IHPA Youth Scholarship Coordinator.
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Fall of 2019 Beekeeping

I’m writing this in early October 2019 and once again noticing changes that I haven’t previously seen on our property. We have a nice natural pond with lots of trees for shading as well as lots of water lilies that bloomed later than we ever recall. In past years, the summer heat of July or August turned many of the lily leaves brown and the water lilies stopped blooming. This year the summer heat came in June when we’re usually doing swarm interventions. Who knew that we would also find swarm cells in September?

When we find swarm cells, we often move some of those frames and bees into 5 frame medium boxes. I happen to believe that swarm cells tend to produce bigger queens for a couple of reasons. Swarm cells are not created in a hurry because the hive’s queen died or some other reason. In fact, strong healthy hives are prone to swarm and have a healthy number of bees to provide good nutrition to the large number of developing queens in those swarm cells. A hive with swarm cells is raising a 2nd queen, not replacing a queen. We often talk about the nutrition value of raw honey for people; however, the nutrition value of honey, pollen and royal jelly to developing queens should not be undervalued.

In our area there was an awesome 2019 nectar flow (spring, summer & fall) that probably contributed to some good mated queens. We always check the capped brood pattern of the new queens and this year they did great. We didn’t get too much rain to wash out nectar or interfere with mating of the queens. This summer was a great year and the young nucs/hives are doing well except for this desire to swarm late in the year even when they have space.

We do treat our hives with Apiguard every fall and have been very pleased with the results. In early September, we checked a new small hive with three mediums and plenty of space. We’ve given it to a young student, so as a teaching opportunity, we decided to check the small hive with them before treating it at their home. There in the third box were several developing swarm cells (queen larva & royal jelly, but nothing was capped). Needless to say, I reacted verbally and stood back trying to figure out how to best handle this problem. We knew that any swarm would not make it through the winter and if by some chance we caught the swarm, we would have to feed, feed, feed and feed. I remembered that bees also communicate by smell and figured the Apiguard would interfere with their communication. We then went through all three boxes and removed all developing swarm cells. We then treated with Apiguard and hoped for the best.

We don’t always do a thorough inspection of our hives prior to treating due to time and weather concerns; however, we did check the top box of one small hive and found the same problem we had with the student’s small hive. We then removed all the developing swarm cells and started treatment with Apiguard. Unfortunately, I did not make a note as to which one of our hives had this problem (oops again). We did not take time to inspect our other hives for this problem. (We are so tired of the heavy lifting.)

Followup: Early this week we had some fantastic weather, so we checked the young beekeeper’s small hive on October 7th and it doesn’t appear to have swarmed though the queen has not restarted her egg laying after treatment. Historically, we have not checked our hives after treatment, so initially we were alarmed. We checked some of our hives and some queens had restarted laying eggs and some had not. We don’t know if the queens were Italians or Carniolans. Apparently, Italians want to raise lots of young and may be slow to shut down and Carniolans tend to shut down quicker. At this point, it’s hope for the best.

During our inspections on October 7th, we also found one hive after treatment with lots of capped brood. Unfortunately, it also had swarmed which was evident by the smaller bee population and the numerous swarm cells that were being cleaned out. I should also mention that the queen appears to be a drone layer. Is she a new queen that doesn’t know what she’s doing or did the treatment interfere with her development or did she simply get a poor mating or?

As our climate warms with perhaps more fall nectar (which should be a good thing), will it trigger more fall swarming? Are the bees confused by the weather changes? Are we?

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Weldon

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**Our Queen Grieves**
Hi all! I hope you’re having a great fall. It’s been pretty beautiful outside.

This is my last article in the Buzz until a new queen is crowned. So, in summary, my summer was awesome being the **2019 Iowa Honey Queen**. I met with so many people, and worked with especially younger kids to ensure they knew the importance of bees and even what they can do to help sustain them although they may be young. I easily traveled over 1,000 miles this summer.

Sadly, my fall plans of teaching have been put on hold or completely removed due to my father passing away this September 20, 2019. It was sudden, and we were not expecting it at all. He was my best friend... we were extremely close. Therefore, I’m taking his death very hard and so is the rest of my family as we are tight knit.

This fall I planned to lead an Alzheimer’s walk in Iowa City, go see residents and inform them of my duties and bees in Cedar Rapids, and more. Although this was scheduled right after my dad’s passing and was unable to attend, I now work at the University of Iowa hospital and am going to plan on visiting some of the children in the oncology (cancer) and cardiovascular (heart) units as **Iowa Honey Queen** here soon. This may include bringing wildflower packets for them to grow; even in their room for their stay.

Thank you everyone for a great year as Queen, and thank you for the continued prayers to my family. If you wish to reach out for condolences, especially to my mother, our mailing address is
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I cannot express my gratitude for this opportunity and how grateful I am to be surrounded by supportive, loving people. Bless everyone, and may this upcoming year treat you well :) Brooklyn Pardall, 2019 IHPA Iowa Honey Queen

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