The Buzz

Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

July 2020

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President's Report

Iowa beekeepers,

The IHPA is facing some major change for the next fouteen months. For many years we have been blessed to have had our state fair booth to market Iowa honey products and serve the best tasting honey lemonade on the state fairgrounds! Now that the Iowa State Fair is canceled, we will not be able to have that this year. The fair booth was our money maker for the year. I always wanted to try to diversify our organization with new adventures and ways to provide income for the IHPA, but nothing seemed to be as good as the fair was. Yes, we paid a lot of money to the state fair to be there, but it also yielded big revenue back to us. Like a farmer paying a thousand dollars for XYZ seed corn and having it yield twice as much as what $700 corn yields. No brainer to buy the high dollar stuff. When the IHPA board meets on June 27, I'm sure it will be a hard one for all of us to get through. As your president, I'm not looking forward to what the IHPA needs and must do to get through the next 14 months. Believe you me, when things are bad, they can get worse.

But we will make it through this time. Cuts will happen. We may not like it, **but I hope everyone thinks long and hard before deciding not to pay the $20 dues to keep our membership income secure**. We can make it through this if we stay together. No one saw this COVID 19 situation coming. We have every right to expect some really good times ahead of us if we hold our breath just a little while. The board is a strong one. Let's face some facts: beekeeping is a rollercoaster ride. Some hives are great and some are not so good. You never will be able to get all hives to bee perfect. But good beekeepers will always try. As your president I will always want the best. We will get through this. I try hard to stay positive and I don't like negative thoughts. This is the hardest message I've had to write and stay positive. Trucks don't sell in these COVID times either. Bottom line is, we're in need of a face-to-face board meeting so we can figure it out. Forgive me for being a bit short, but I'm late to the editor.

One happy note--my bees look good and they are busy, so there must be some good flow they have found. I hope yours are looking good too. I'm looking forward to extraction just around the corner! Good night!

Roy Kraft
IHPA President

**********SAVE THE DATE**********

2020 IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: NOVEMBER 13-14, 2020

WHERE: MARRIOTT HOTEL - JORDAN CREEK PARKWAY

WEST DES MOINES, IOWA

TIME: 8:00am - 4:30pm

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As we all know, COVID 19 has changed our 2020 Field Day plans. The program for our IHPA Annual Meeting is consistently changing. Some of these changes include our out-of-state speakers. Their employers have placed a hold on all their travel plans at this time. We have had many conversations about these concerns. No one has cancelled at this point; it's a "wait and see" plan. I'm sharing this information with you because right now we live in a day-to-day changing world. **We will have** an IHPA Annual Meeting, but it might just look a little different this year. I will keep you updated on these changes and hopefully more restrictions will be lifted in the next few months.

I want to thank everyone who has shared their ideas and have agreed to participate in our 2020 IHPA Annual Meeting. As I mentioned above, we will have an Annual Meeting and **it will be a Great one**!!

Cheri Van Sickle, Event Coordinator

Our Queen Keeps Working!

July is here! 2020 is certainly going fast. My bees have been keeping me busy. My family has bees at four different locations. Because we have so many beekeepers, we are able to split up the yards between people which makes checking the hives faster and easier. I have also been tuning in to a variety of virtual bee events. I have been able to virtually attend a Friendly Beekeepers of Iowa monthly meeting and a Des Moines Backyard Beekeepers monthly meeting. I was also able to catch a little bit of the Great Plains Master Beekeepers Virtual Bee Fun Day.

In May, I continued to post videos on the Iowa Honey Queen Program Facebook page. I had the opportunity to interview Doyle Kincy at the Governor's Mansion. He showed off the hives at the Governor's Mansion. I am going to

continue to post videos so stay tuned. On June 10th, I gave a virtual tour of the Science Center of Iowa's beehives to the members of a bee day camp. They seemed to love seeing the inside of a beehive. I was able to show the differences

between a worker bee, drone, and queen bee. I also showed them honey, nectar, and pollen. When I got stung, I was able to explain to them what to do when you get stung. By the time you are reading this, I will have spent three days at Howell's Greenhouse and Pumpkin Patch. I will share with visitors about the importance of honeybees. On June 22nd, I will have demonstrated how to make beeswax lip balm and rolled beeswax candle with the help of the Clive Public Library and Zoom.

I have an observation hive! Eric Kenoyer gave me an observation hive and Doyle Kincy gave me a swarm to put in my observation hive. An observation hive is a one frame thick hive that has plexi-glass parallel to the comb surface. I use an observation hive to take bees with me to programs to use as a teaching tool. Bees are the best way to teach about bees! I marked the queen in the swarm hive. Marking queens is hard! My queen may have a little bit of a streak. I am excited to see if the bees try to clean her up a little bit. I am looking forward to using the observation hive throughout the summer when I can to show people how amazing bees are. Thank you Doyle and Eric for making this possible.

At this point, it is hard to say what July has in store for me. I currently have a variety of programs scheduled and hopefully many of them will still happen in one form or the other. Stay tuned to the Iowa Honey Queen Program Facebook page for more updates. If you would like to schedule a program or event with me, please contact Queen Chair Connie Bronnenberg at (515)-480-6076 or cbronny823@aol.com.

Abigail Kelly, 2020 Iowa Honey Queen

Membership Dues

If you didn't get a BUZZ Newsletter this month in the mail, are your dues current?

So - if you are reading this online, and you typically read it here each month – **have you paid your dues? I**f not, **go to page 10** and take care of that. The first beekeeper in the house is $20 and each additional beekeeper is $5. One Buzz Newsletter will be mailed to each household. Please make your check payable to IHPA and mail to

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If you have questions, please let Rhonda know at 515-724-2124 or IHPATreasurer@gmail.com.

Remember your membership dues are used in part to pay for the Buzz Newsletter.

BEEKEEPERS OF THE MONTH
the whole Kelly family!

It is often said that the children are our future. Well, in the Kelly family, the children may be the future, but they are also the primary beekeepers. In 2016, the Kelly family wanted to help honeybees and other pollinators by planting pollinator-friendly plants and flowers. Through the Des Moines Backyard Beekeepers Facebook group they met Mike and Julie Sander, who put a couple of beehives in their Polk County yard. The family would often observe Mike and Julie checking the hives and ask lots of questions. In 2017, Abigail, (15 at the time) Bethany, (13 at the time) and Olivia (10 at the time) began to shadow them during hive inspections. The Sanders also invited them to attend beekeeping meetings with them. The girls began checking out books from the library and reading everything they could about honeybees. Abigail and Bethany both applied for the IHPA Youth Scholarship in 2017. Abigail was awarded the scholarship and the Kellys bought an extra hive set up so Bethany could participate. They attended the Friendly Beekeepers of Iowa class in Indianola and learned a great deal and met some wonderful people. The Sanders left a hive on their property for Olivia to manage, so the IHPA really got three students in one shot. The Sanders mentored the girls and were very influential helping them to be active in both Des Moines Backyard Beekeepers and Central Iowa Beekeepers Association. The girls even volunteered at the IHPA State Fair booth in 2018. As part of their record keeping for the IHPA scholarship, Abigail and Bethany began a blog (DasselAcres.com) where they share the good, the bad, and the ugly about keeping bees. If you know someone who is looking to start, it is a great resource that shares the truth about what it is like to be a beekeeper. The girls had a great first year as beekeepers, harvesting over 100 pounds of honey and taking four strong hives into winter.

2019 started out great; all four hives made it through winter. Abigail was crowned Central Iowa Beekeepers Association Honey Queen. The girls were still learning and leaning on the Sanders for support, encouragement, and mentors. The bees, however, struggled from the very wet spring All three of the girls' hives ended up dying due to disease and queen issues, but the one remaining hive produced some wonderful splits that the older girls were able to move to a new yard. They worked out many of the details with the property owner and they actively managed those hives by themselves. “Keeping bees in another yard requires a lot of preparation and pre-planning before leaving the house,” they said.

While the bees were struggling in 2019, the girls took the extra time they had to learn more about products of the hive. Going to bee club meetings and reading books opened up their eyes to how they could utilize more than just honey to build a business related to bees. They worked on beewax products, starting with dirty comb from the hive, rendering it, and making it into products they can sell, such as lip balm, various salves and lotions, and beeswax candles. Abigail says, “I love beeswax because it works awesome in skin care products. I have incredibly dry skin and have tried many different creams to help it. Beeswax based creams and lip balms are my favorite because they moisturize really well, and I know what ingredients are in them. If you are a beekeeper who just lets your beeswax sit in a bucket, I would encourage you to learn how to render and utilize the beeswax (or give it to me, and I will use it).”

Abigail (now 18) was crowned 2020 Iowa Honey Queen at the IHPA annual meeting held in Des Moines in November. What you may not have known is that all the Kelly girls helped behind the scenes volunteering at the event. Bethany (now 16) handed out bags to attendees, helped with door prizes and attended as many sessions as she could. Miriam (14) helped checking people out who purchased merchandise and silent auction items. Olivia helped with the silent auction, information desk and any other tasks that needed to be done. Elianna (9), the youngest Kelly girl, helped her sisters assemble the conference notebooks with other volunteers and smiled while she handed out the conference bags. Susan, aka The Chauffeur/Mom was also there helping as needed. When asked why they would do these things, Susan replied, “IHPA has given so much to our family and we might not be able to donate money, but we can certainly donate our time. Many hands make light work is a phrase we use often in our house and it is especially true when putting on such a large-scale event. We love attending these beekeeping events because we meet new people and learn new things.”
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2020 has surely been a challenging year. As Iowa Honey Queen, Abigail went from a fully-booked schedule to nothing overnight when COVID hit. It has been an adjustment for her to be able to change course mid-stream and be creative when people were not sure what they could do or not do. It has also been very hard to have such big events that were important to her canceled, such as Summer Field Day and The Iowa State Fair, not to mention the 20+ events that she had scheduled from March – August.

Thankfully the three beehives came out of winter strong and are doing great. They have done splits on all the hives and all of the original three hives have honey supers on them and they are filling up quickly. The splits are doing great. Olivia got a new package this year and after a hiccup of a start, it is doing great. They have a new beekeeper this summer: Dad/Sean has his own hive and Olivia (now 13) is teaching him how to keep bees. His hive is in their second off-site location, next to Olivia's hive. He has a long way to go, but Olivia is using her teaching skills to get him moving right along. Olivia says, "I had wonderful teachers that taught me so much. I am very excited to keep beekeeping and teaching my dad."

Beekeeping is truly a family affair in the Kelly household. Thomas (22) and Nathan (19), the oldest children, will help haul things around as needed. Nathan has helped the girls build some equipment. Caleb, 11, is learning to get over his fear of bees and will help the girls haul things to and from the car, especially when Abigail does Honey Queen programs. Levi, 7, also loves to haul things and show how strong he is. Jeremiah, 5, has no fear of bees and has been walking up to the hives unsuited for years. He loves to find injured bees and try to save them. So far, he has not been stung.

In closing, please do not overlook the young people at events. While they are the future of IHPA, they are also our present and are learning alongside the adults and many times they are surpassing the adults. (Both Susan and Sean admit the girls know way more than they do.) These young ladies are a great example of how we can integrate families into our organization and really learn beside them and encourage them to continue the beekeeping legacy in Iowa. When you see them at a meeting, ask them questions and then listen to their answer--they just might surprise you.

Doyle Kincy
IHPA District 4 Director

2020--A Most Memorable Year

This is one of those very rare years for the history books and we're only half-way through 2020. I do miss our monthly Red Rock Bee Club Meetings and I hated missing the last two sessions of our eight-week Beekeeping Classes in Knoxville and Albia.

Due to COVID 19, many of our beekeeping students have had very flexible work schedules and we've been able to interact with some on a one-to-one basis in our apiary. Jerry currently has a bad knee and finds it difficult to stand for long periods, so I've lost some of my labor. Fortunately, the students have been a great help and I feel like Tom Sawyer, getting their help in the apiary. It's been fun with a lot of laughter.

We also have a 14-year-old student who took classes with us and whom we've set up with beekeeping equipment. The 14-year-old has an adult sibling who also took classes and is also very involved in learning beekeeping. The help of an older adult is a necessity for young beekeepers to be successful.

We know a few individuals who have left beekeeping for various reasons and have donated equipment to us for young beekeepers. Andy Joseph inspected the equipment and our apiary, so I'm comfortable reusing the equipment.

This year we made the decision regarding the young student after the individual worked hives with us a few times. I must admit that this will be the route that we choose regarding which young student to mentor and set up with beekeeping equipment and bees. They also see how large some hives may become and if they have any fears regarding beekeeping. In the spring, they get valuable experience in creating nucs, splits, swarm interventions etc. and might even get stung. Their reaction to stings just might let you know if they really do or don't want to keep bees.

Respectfully submitted by **Sheila Weldon**

(Editor: Is this Jerry Weldon getting around to pruning his apple trees in June?

No, lookit that nice swarm he's working on.

May all your captured swarms cooperate nicely!

Here's what happened when Jamie Beyer "bought" Tom Hart!

At the IHPA Annual Meeting last November there was a fund-raising auction for Heidi Love. There were a lot of dollars raised for Heidi and I was lucky enough to "purchase" Tom Hart. What he offered was a day of his labor to repair/build something at your home.

Well, this spring and summer I have been wanting to build up my reserve supply of hive bodies of both deeps and mediums. I had purchased 75 unassembled boxes and was trying to figure out how I was going to make time to get these done. Then I thought of what I had bought of Tom's services and figured he may be able to build some of these boxes.

I called Tom and asked if he would be willing to do this. He immediately said yes and asked for the details of how we could connect. So I delivered the cartons of unassembled boxes to a friend's shop. His friend and beekeeper, Marty Stimson, along with Tom, was there at the shop waiting for me. I had a pickup load of cartons of these boxes and I told Tom to only work on them until you have fulfilled your commitment, then leave the rest for me to assemble.

In only a few days, Marty delivered a van full of completed boxes which was the first delivery with more to come in a week or so. Not only were the boxes put together, but they were very well constructed. Now, today, I just received word from Tom that ALL the boxes were completed. Please see the picture of Tom next to just a few of the boxes.

Tom (and Marty) not only fulfilled his obligation, but way beyond what I expected. They also did it with enthusiasm and an energy that is humbling. I now have two new friends--Marty and his wife Janet. I totally enjoyed talking with them and found out that we have a lot in common.

So, come this November when we have our Annual Meeting, if Tom is up "for sale", BID ON HIM!! He is not only a wonderful person, but he and his friends do great work!!

Thank You Tom and Marty!! (Submitted by Jamie Beyer)

Here's a note from the IHPA Legislative Rep, Jamie Beyer concerning our efforts to make the honeybee the Iowa State Insect:

Dear Jamie,
I regret to report that SJR 2004 is not going to make it to the floor for debate in the House this year. This split session due to COVID-19 has caused havoc in many areas including the legislative session and **postponement of many good bills.**
We will try again next year.

Sincerely,
Robert P. Bacon
State Representative 48

Vice President's Report

Hello fellow beeks. Well this week has been kind of exciting. We added honey supers to our hives and they are doing well. We still have a weak one but it is still plugging along. I was disappointed to hear about the State Fair being cancelled but understand the reasoning. I am sad I will not be able to hear your stories of the beekeeping excitement you had this year. I once again am grateful that Abigail the Iowa Honey Queen is still posting on the Facebook page. I have a congratulations to her for graduating this year in this craziness. I also would like to thank Emma (Congrats on her graduation also!) for her recommendations of the recipes. I tried them this month and they were good.

This month the board will be meeting to discuss the changes that will have to be made since the Fair will not be happening, so be prepared to see some changes as everything is having to change as of late. I am anxious to be able to see many of you and may be stalking you at the farmers markets just to catch up and see how you are faring.

Have a great July and I am thankful that all of us here are doing well and everyone is still alive. Thank goodness that we can go outside now. I spend lots of time with the animals and in the yard so as to get out a little. Hope to be able to see you all soon. Have a great month and I can't wait to hear how your honey harvest is going.
Your Veep, Kris Silvers

Emma's Recipes

July has arrived with many of the activities and hot weather that accompany it. On those busy, hot days when we've been out working with the bees, I thought it might be nice to try a cool snack and not heat up the kitchen making supper with a cold supper. Milkshakes and a chicken salad sounded like they would be perfect for that!

Honey Banana Strawberry Milkshake (Pg.161)

1 pint vanilla yogurt
½ cup milk
1 banana
2 ½ cups strawberries
¼ cup honey
1 cup ice

Combine all ingredients in blender and pour into glasses and enjoy. Makes 4 servings.

Emma's Notes: This milkshake was very good. I made it with fresh garden strawberries, but it would still be delicious with frozen or store-bought berries. I really enjoyed how easy and quick this recipe was to make. I could not find vanilla yogurt in pint sizes, so I bought 2 pounds and used 2 cups of yogurt (2 pounds is about 3 and 1/3 cups of yogurt). Everyone really enjoyed the milkshakes and said we had to make them again!

Honey-Chicken Salad (Pg. 127)

4 cups cooked chicken
1 cup dried cranberries
1 ½ cup mayonnaise
¼ teaspoon salt
3 celery ribs, diced (about 1 ½ cups)
½ cup chopped pecans, toasted
1/3 cup honey
¼ teaspoon pepper

Combine cooked chicken, diced celery, cranberries, and pecans. Whisk together mayonnaise, honey, salt, and pepper. Add the mayonnaise mixture to the chicken mixture, stir gently until combined. Garnish with pecans.

Emma's Notes: Everyone enjoyed this salad. I was a little skeptical when I saw the fruit and nuts but, after I made it, I thought it was delicious. If you are in a hurry after a long day of work, it works well to just mix it all together instead of mixing them separately. The chicken salad was very smooth and creamy. The fruit added flavor and was a great complement to the salt of the mayonnaise.

Editorial.

Roy Kraft invited me to pen some thoughts on various topics that are currently happening in our world. It started when Roy and I were reflecting on what a loss canceling the Fair is for us and for the whole state.

We all recognize that a rogue virus is a dangerous enemy, not to be ignored. However, some of the reactions to the virus were dangerous also. Oh that the wisdom that comes with age and experience would be shared with young people whose views are short-sighted and ill-advised!

And as we now adjust to these new restrictions, beware the sense of power that some leaders and younger people are reaching for. Remember that true power comes from beneath. It is only as members of society bestow leadership onto elected officials that peace reigns. When over-confident graspers reach for power they don't possess, then society crumbles into a heap that resembles mistakes made by other societies. Study history! There have been revolutions in the past (Russian, French, Chinese) that have terrorized people and lasted only a short while. There are revolutions (British, American) that resulted in long-term peace and successful societies. When all around us we find people who want to imitate loser revolutions and replace our successful society with failed attempts at power, we must speak up. Schools have not taught history well, if youngsters don't appreciate these things. Parents and grandparents must step in and influence our youth so that we avoid being vacuumed up in a quest for power.

So how do we find a balance? Some step up and "tell us" what to do to avoid viral infections. Thank them and cooperate. But when the grasping continues and perspective is replaced by fairy tales, we need to fear for our very existence. Just as with good beekeeping--do good research, participate in trials and solutions, learn from your mistakes, teach the next generation how to judge fairly and to seek wisdom, and share the products: the sweet success of faithful obedience.

Ron Rynders, Buzz Editor.

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LIFE IS BETTER WITH BEES Merchandise.

The merchandise is ready to order! This year, due to uncertain times, the Board of Directors has opted to use an on-demand supplier for our merchandise. There are several very good reasons for doing this. One: IHPA does not have to pay for the merchandise up front, thus saving us the expense of having the wrong shirts in the wrong sizes or colors. Two: We don't have to store the merchandise. Three: We don't have to transport all the merchandise to the State Fair or the Annual Meeting. And best of all, we don't have to count it after the Fair for inventory purposes.

You ask how do members order the merchandise from the on-demand supplier? It's easy – just go to our website, www.iowahoneyproducers.org, click on the merchandise tab, and see the options offered. We are offering our standard colors – yellow, gray and black crew neck t-shirt. In addition, we will be offering one additional color this year – ISU cardinal. All colors will be available in all sizes and designs. The apron will only be offered in a charcoal color. This year we are offering a 30-oz. Black Tumbler for sale. I've seen it and it is cool and keeps my drink cold for over 24 hours.

As you place your order, you will notice there is not a shipping charge. That will save you some money. Your order will be shipped within two weeks. Here is a list of merchandise being offered:

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Women's Sweatshirt	$25
Apron	$15
Tumbler, 30-oz. Black	$30

Now that the Fair has been canceled, I will not need to order quantities of product for sale at the Fair. All the decisions are now up to you!

As you may notice, a new hat is missing. I am still working with the supplier on getting a quality hat at a quality price. Stay tuned. Hopefully we can add a new hat to the list on the website soon.

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Do you want a part-time job?

Back in January, I took a job with National Agriculture Statistical Service. (Ron Rynders, editor) I contact farmers and survey them about livestock and land values and other topics. For now, we are only phoning. It would make an ideal supplement job for someone who needs to stay close to home or someone who is retired. Very flexible hours, a chance to talk to interesting people. **NASS** needs enumerators all over the state, but Ruth Wojahn is seeking someone to work Osceola and Lyon counties in the northwest. Cell 712-260-4590. Or anyone can contact the main office (Cindy) at 515-776-3400. Statistics gathered provide the USDA with facts that help them decide on farm bills and other legislation. (PS: I like working for NASS)

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