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KDA Receives Grant to Support SAVE Farm

MANHATTAN, Kan. — The Kansas Department of Agriculture has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to support the development of the **Service-member Agricultural Vocation Education** program, also known as **SAVE**. The award was one of 36 grants made through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which aims to help address issues associated with the rising age and decrease in the number of U.S. Farmers and Ranchers.

SAVE works to bridge the gap between the need for new farmers in our country and the large population of veterans and transitioning service members looking for new opportunities, a high percentage of whom indicate an interest in farming. The **SAVE Farm** vision is to provide occupational agricultural training, therapy and engagement to a significant number of veterans, serve members and family members on a training farm in Kansas.

"This grant is central to **SAVE's** growth and success," said **Gary LaGrange**, president of **SAVE**. "As we move toward a mature, comprehensive training model for our service members and veterans, this grant enables us to significantly expand our reach and ability to bring new, younger men and women into farming and agriculture. It is a pleasure to work with KDA and USDA as we seek to address the national challenges facing veterans and farmers."

This grant will support three specific programs as part of the **SAVE Farm**: a bee keeping training program, farm tours including farm business planning and financial management, and apprenticeships on working farms with potential succession possibilities.

"The **SAVE Farm** serves a valuable role in providing a bridge between the agriculture community and the service we owe to our veterans as they transition to civilian life," said **Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey**. "The hands-on training and therapy provided through this program open the door for these veterans to a fulfilling future career in agriculture."

The average age of farmers in the U.S. is approaching 60, and farm succession has been an increasingly critical concern. More than 60 percent of veterans come from families that have farmed in the previous generation. NIFA's mission is to invest in and advance agricultural research, education and extension that solve societal challenges, and this \$257,000 grant to Kansas will serve that mission. At the same time, it will further KDA's purpose to serve, promote and grow the state's largest industry: agriculture.



For more information about the **SAVE Farm**, go to www.thesavefarm.org.

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President's Corner

Jim Kellie

Hello all and Merry Christmas along with Happy New Year. It has been a few years since I was in this position and writing to you about what is happening in the Bee and Honey world of Kansas.

From reports, certain areas had a good honey crop this year. The north central area seemed to take the lead this year. Northeast seemed to be a little spotty but in general still did well. South Central and small parts of Southwest were in a drought area and made either very little or nothing at all. The rest of Southwest seemed to make an average crop. I didn't hear any reports from the Southeast so let's hope they had a good run. I hope by now everyone either has their bees winterized snug in winter locations, off to Southern states where it is warm, or in California where right now it is not so safe with the many fires. Yikes!!

We have had something interesting happening this year in the bee world. Western Kansas is beginning to have many more commercial operators again. There are several young people who are entering in to this phase of beekeeping ranging from 300 to 1500 colonies or more. We also continue to see a rise in people interested in beekeeping for fun or a little jingle in their pockets. New beekeeping classes continue to fill up quickly. While the USDA stats are not out on 2017, the 2015 & 2016 stats are. We have moved up from 7000 colonies to 8000. However, our production for the state is down. It went from 500,000 pounds down to 288,000 pounds. I know the drought in the central area most likely had an effect on that. There were a couple of commercial operators in that area that would have been the majority of that decrease.

The national association conventions are both in January with the American Beekeeping Federation being in Nevada this year. The American Honey Producers will be in San Diego. Lanette and I will be attending the American Honey Producers conference this next year. If you ever get a chance to go to a national meeting it is well worth it. Great speakers on the latest science, along with some of the best learning sessions out in the halls, listening and asking questions to the older experienced beekeepers and scientists who are very willing to discuss their findings with you.

The KHPA board has a few things on the agenda we are working on and will further work on with more data at the spring meeting. We have a couple of universities asking us to look at their program and asking if we will participate. We tabled discussion

until we have more clear data on both programs and a better look at them.

Secondly, Greg, our past president, looked into and formed a group who met with the Department of Ag to see if the license needed to sell and pack honey in retail stores could be changed so that a specific small amount would not be required to have a license. They met with the Department and was told it was not a regulatory issue but it had to be changed through the legislature. I talked with Greg, and a Lobbyist friend who works the legislature for another company about this issue. After much discussion I will present to the board our findings and then we can make a decision as to further pursue or lay low for a while.

The last item, for the moment anyway, is vehicle Farm Tags for beekeeping operations. Currently beekeeping is recognized in the state of Kansas as a farming operation. If the beekeeper has a vehicle over a certain weight (pickups do not qualify), and a certain percentage of income is from the beekeeping operation, they qualify for farm tags. That being said, every new election we have newly elected County Assessors that are not aware of the ruling that was made in the early 1980's. So we have a few beekeepers that have run into this problem. We will need to contact the state and address this issue to see if they will help educate the new assessors. I am sure by spring there will be more issues that the KHPA board will be looking at. If you know of, an issue please feel free to contact one of us as we are here to help you in what ever capacity we can.

I have been to a few of the bee clubs around the state, but there are several more I would like to visit to get an idea of how your area is working and what if anything we can do or just get to know everyone. See you this next spring. **Jim**



"Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain... and most fools do." "If you have no honey in your pot, have some in your mouth." Benjamin Franklin- patriot, inventor, statesman . 1706-1790

Bee Fest—2017 in Newton—September 30



The first **Bee Fest** was held in Newton on Sept. 30, 2017. Around 70 beekeepers from all over Kansas attended to see live inspections, hear about queen rearing, fall/winter hive preparation, old-style candle making, soaps & lotions, SAVE Farm, pollinator-friendly plantings, etc. **Greg Hana-ford** of **Tulsa Bee Co.** was the headline speaker. Seen at right, **Greg** is preparing to do his presentation of a Two Minute Hive Inspection. **Bill Vinduska** speaks to a break-out group of newer beekeepers at left. Below— six vendors provided Bee Fest attendees a variety of beekeeping equipment, products of the hive and other shopping options. A silent auction was held to help fund future **Bee Fests**. The **Great Plains Beekeepers of Southcentral Kansas** were **Bee Fest** sponsors and organizers. Plans are underway to make next year's an even larger event to benefit beekeepers in southcentral Ks.



Vendors displayed beekeeping supplies and equipment, soaps/lotions, T-shirts along with a variety of items for sale.

Right, **Kat Pogatshnik** performs an old-fashioned candle making demonstration at Bee Fest. Using a wood-fired bees wax melter, **Kat** makes beautiful and unique candles. 9-30-2017



Northeast Ks Bee Keepers Assn. Fun Day—2018

Mark your calendars for another exciting **NEKBA Fun Day** on **Saturday, June 2, 2018**. 7:30 AM-6:00 PM at the Douglas County Fairgrounds—2110 Harper St.—Lawrence, Ks. 66046. You will enjoy a full day of Beekeeping Workshops, Keynote and other Speakers, Swarm Demonstration, Lunch and Honey Ice Cream. Details to appear in **Cappings** as they unfold. Also, see the **NEKBA** website for more details:

www.nekba.org

Right— Dr. Taylor during a Swarm Presentation



Speakers Confirmed for Heartland Apiculture Society's 2018 Missouri Conference

ST. LOUIS – Five speakers have been confirmed for the 2018 **Heartland Apicultural Society's (HAS)** annual conference to be held July 11-13, 2018 at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Established in 2001 by several professional entomologists, the conference rotates through the Midwest to make it easier for local beekeepers to attend sessions focused on the latest beekeeping methods and research.

Among the speakers confirmed to date:

Dr. Marla Spivak, a MacArthur Fellow at University of Minnesota's Bee Lab

University of Minnesota Bee Squad, a beekeeping instructional and public outreach program to encourage collaboration and public education about bees

Dr. Keith Delaplane, director of the University of Georgia Honey Bee Program
Jennifer Berry, University of Georgia Honey Bee Program lab manager.

Dr. Dennis van Engelsdorp, University of Maryland Honeybee Lab, who directs the Bee Informed Partnership, the Tech Transfer Program and the annual national beekeeping management surveys

Samuel Ramsey, University of Maryland PhD candidate and researcher.



<http://www.heartlandbees.org>

It Happened in Emporia!

Fall 2017 KHPA Conference—Oct. 27-28



Clint Walker speaks before a full house on Varietal Honeys. **Clint** also presented thoughts on niche marketing, agri-tourism and future plans for the next generation to take over their family honey farm.



Becky Tipton congratulates the **Stringtown Bombers** youth group of Burlington, Ks. on successfully completing the second year of their KHPA Youth Grant program.



Meanwhile at the Clinic. **Reyah Carson** demonstrates bee venom therapy using live bees and a group of KHPA members eagerly waiting for their bee venom therapy. **Reyah's** presentations were a huge hit with the attendees! While all participants survived bee sting therapy treatment... the bees did not fare as well. (bees donated by Robert Burns)



Rachel Carlson as portrayed by local raconteur, **Ann Birney**, speaks before banquet guests on the book **Silent Spring** written by **Carlson**. This famous book resulted in a movement to ban DDT and other pesticides which posed threats to humans, the environment, eagles and other wildlife.



Left: **Dr. Park**, Univ. of Arkansas, spoke several times during the KHPA fall 2017 conference. His presentations were factual, detailed and at times quite humorous. Dr. Park has a rare combination of traits for a professor— he is able to combine well-timed humor with a presentation to make it interesting for everyone! Dr. Park brought microscopes for attendees to see bee anatomy at a level of view few of us have opportunity to see.

Other presentations at the conference included— Opportunities to be a part of Ks Agritourism, Varietal Honeys, Weights & Measures Laws, Defining your bee operation, Niche Marketing, Agriculture Pesticides and Fungicides, Small Hive Beetles, Boutique Beekeeping, Honey Snacks & Hors d'oeuvres and the Silent Auction raising funds for the KHPA Youth Grant Program.

Remembering the Brown Family...

Joli Winer

One of the great things about being a member of a beekeeping club is the opportunity to meet so many great people. I've been a member of KHPA for about 32 years. During that time, I had the pleasure of getting to know the **Brown** family.

We were recently notified that one of our long-time members passed, **Donna Brown**. Her parents were **Vernon** and **Mae Adee**- two folks who NEVER missed a meeting! I remember one time we were going around the room talking about what we wanted to invent and **Vernon** (while in his upper 80's) said that he wanted to make a wax spinner out of an old washing machine. My husband, **Cecil**, thought that was a great idea and has saved two of our old washing machines to do just that-only he's never done it-we just have the machines sitting around!

For many years **Donna** never missed a meeting. She was always the quiet support behind everything the association did. Her husband, **Robert Brown**, who passed in 2010, was president of the Kansas Honey Producers at least 2 times. **Robert** and **Donna's** son, **Jerry** was president at least 2 times. The **Brown** family also was in charge of the State Fair Booth for many years. Many of the things that we do at the fair had their origination with the **Brown** family. They were always very hard working and professional.

After the death of **Vernon Adee**, the **Browns** donated a \$250 gift certificate to an up and coming beekeeper each year and carried on this tradition for many years-the certificates were rotated between Dadant, Drapers and Mid-Con.

Upon her death, **Donna** donated 13 huge boxes of items that she collected over the years. Her wish was for the money from the proceeds of this to be used for the youth Grant Program and the education of our members. Seven cases of these items will be used in the silent auction on March 9th and 10th. The other 6 boxes she donated to the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association to be used toward the same educational purposes.

At the October board meeting the board voted to make a donation of \$250 to the University of Minnesota's new Bee Lab to honor the **Brown** family. **Robert Burns**, our treasurer, took care of that for us. The **Brown** family will soon have a Paver with their name on it, in honor of that donation.

News from the Northeast Region

Another year of beekeeping is coming to a close. The fourth quarter of 2017 has been an interesting transition for several of us. Here in the north eastern portion of the state, we have been blessed with so many great beekeepers willing to donate their time to serve our association's members. Taking on new roles have included **Steve Messbarger** filling some big shoes for our 2016 outgoing President, **Andy Nowachek**. **Marlene Pantos** stepped into her new role of secretary and has kept our administrative items during meetings run smooth. **Gaylan Stanley**, as our association's librarian, has been busy keeping track of all the group's great book resources in place of **Alex Pantos**. To round out the transition, I have been focused on filling the role of program chair that for years has been managed so well by **Becky Tipton**. To all of our great board members that work so hard to offer great programs, events, and countless learning opportunities; your hard work and dedication pays off every month when we have a full room of beekeepers eager to listen and absorb tons of great information.

Our **NEKBA 2017 Youth-Veterans Scholarship** auction was a huge success in raising \$1,852.50! A good solid 2 hours of feverish bidding on bee-related donations and other great items. The December meeting will focus on a round table discussion/open forum for beekeepers to talk about any topic touched on thru the year and share their experiences. At the end of the meeting, our ever popular honey cookie exchange will take place.

As 2017 comes to a close, the New Year holds all new opportunities for beekeepers. Come out of your comfort zone and try something new such as pollen collection, comb honey production, queen rearing, or set-up a stand at your local farmers market. Whatever you decide to expand into, feel comfortable that we are surrounded by a tight knit collection of great people all striving to move beekeeping forward in a positive direction. Each of us is always willing to help each other learn more, excel, and offer continuous support. In my experience this is a special trait that beekeepers have. Never keeping score with their fellow beekeeper, but rather always wanting to make sure that all of us succeed and prosper whether as a backyard hobby, small side business, or the commercial individual. Here's to a Happy Holidays to all and a prosperous New Year for 2018.

Chad Gilliland

Youth Grant Program update

The youth grant is continuing and serving a new group of budding beekeepers. At the Fall KHPA meeting, we heard from our two newest grant groups. **The Stringtown 4-H** group has completed their 2-year mentorship with **Danny Decker**. They evaluate their experience as very rewarding and have introduced bees to many families in their Burlington community. The increased awareness of what our pollinators need to be successful could be the greatest impact of this program.

The **Cherry Street Youth Center** of Chanute, KS just finished their first year and report real success with their bees. Their mentor, **Ron Smail**, has positive things about working with this group—some of our youngest beekeepers ever. We are looking forward to continued success with this unique youth center project.

We chose two groups to receive youth grants for the 2018 season. From Holton, **Lucky Stars 4-H Club**. They plan to keep their bees near Prairie Lake in Holton. **Amy Cyphers** is the group/project leader. **Amy** has had bees herself for a couple years and is excited about sharing her love of honey bees with area youth. **Steve and Becky Tipton** will act as mentors for this group.

The second group is the **Rock Creek 4-H Club** of Rock, Kansas (that's near Winfield, KS). This is a fairly new 4-H group and they have a lot of eager and active families looking forward to learning about honey bees. **Rick Elam** has agreed to mentor this group and we know they will be in good hands.

It's not too early to contact groups in your area and direct them to our web page: www.kansashoneyproducers.org for complete grant requirements. NEKBA plans to offer a class this winter on becoming a mentor. If that's something you'd be interested in pursuing, contact our area representative, Chad Gilliland for details.

Becky Tipton

New KHPA Cappings Editor

Stephanie Brown, (**GG's Honey Beez & More**), from Hutchinson is your new **Cappings** Editor. **Cappings** will take on a new look beginning with the first issue of 2018.

GG's Honey Beez & More began in 2014, or so. Kind of by a series of events.

I love taking pictures, I wanted to take pictures of bees. I got intrigued with the bees. At the same time, we had changed over from eating sugar to honey, it was costing us a small fortune. I decided to do some studying and see what it took to get a hive, so we could have our own honey. I took some college classes online, and order a hive.

We have a man who most know, **Bill Drews** who is a local bee keeper, that goes to the local farmers market and drives a bee mobile. I was too chicken to ask him for help. Well as fate would have it the bee mobile broke down and someone gave him **Mark's** phone number, for him to work on the bee mobile. So, **Mark** worked on the bee mobile and I got a chance to talk to **Mr. Drews**, and Lord that man can talk!! He told me I needed to go and join the bee keepers club, like-minded people and all.

I went to my first meeting in McPherson, KS and got started that spring, With **Mr. Drews** getting us our first swarm, since then **Mark** has gotten involved, you can say taken over!! We have gone from wanting a hive to having 16; hopefully we can keep building.

Since then we have had the most wonderful opportunity to meet a whole bunch of awesome people and make a whole nest of new friends, with a few being key help to us. We would NOT be where we are today without the help of **Kristi!!!** Thank YOU!!

My Granddaughter named the company **GG's Honey Bees**. We often get asked what is the GG? It is Grama and Granpa, or Grand kids, we then Changed it to **GG's Honey Beez**. Then, because we do more than just Honey, **Mark** said we needed to change it to **GG's Honey Beez & More**.

I'm not quite sure why I decided I would be the editor of the **Cappings**, but here we are. I encourage EVERYONE to help, if you have something you want changed or see added PLEASE let me know. I am asking for people to send in recipes for food and other items that involve honey, bees wax, or are all natural. If you have an article you want to send in PLEASE do so!! The more the merrier!!!

I will try my best. Feel free to contact us at GGshoneybeez@gmail.com - 620 669-9746.

I hope all have had a Merry Christmas and happy holidays!!

Stephanie Brown

Bees and the War on Terror

Sniffer bees have been trained to detect bombs. Sounds improbable, but it's true. Scientists have discovered that bees can be trained to detect scents far more quickly and are less costly than dogs. The bees are exposed to a particular smell and given a sugar reward. By repeating this process several times, the bee associates that smell with food so it sticks its proboscis (or tongue) out to receive it. Trained bees are placed inside a hand-held detector. When they recognize a particular scent, like explosives or cocaine, they stick out their tongues and this response is recorded by computer software so the human handler can identify the source instantly.

The potential of bees is enormous. It may not be long before sniffer bees are a more familiar sight than sniffer dogs.

DARPA, America's sci-fi **Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency**, has a billion dollar a year budget and sponsors 'off-the-wall' ideas like bee bomb detectors that could prove to be winners in the fight against terrorism.

Kansas Honey Producers Spring 2018 Meeting

Friday and Saturday March 9 & 10 2018

[The Cedars Conference Center—1021 Cedars Drive, McPherson KS](#)

For information or questions about the meeting -Joli Winer 913-593-3562

or email joli@heartlandhoney.com

The Spring 2018 meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers will be held in McPherson at The Cedars Conference Center. The Hotel for the sleeping rooms for the meeting is the Hampton Inn at 200 Centennial Dr. (just off of I-135) at McPherson. Rooms are \$99.00 a night and includes breakfast and free wi-fi. Reservations must be made by February 16th for this rate. Mention KHP to get the discount. Reservations may be made either online at Hampton.com, → choose McPherson, → choose KHP or you may call 620-480-2990 and mention KHP.

Our guest speakers will be **Dr. Dewey Caron** and **Randy Oliver**. **Dewey M. Caron** is a graduate of Cornell University and Emeritus Professor from the University of Delaware. He has received numerous awards and forms of recognition for his teaching and extension work during his career. He has written many books and is one of our favorite guests. Some of his books are *Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping*, *Observation Hives-How to set up, maintain and open a window to the world of Honey Bees*, *Beekeeping Basics* and *Africanized Honey Bees in the Americas*.

Randy Oliver owns and operates a small commercial beekeeping enterprise in the foothills of Grass Valley in Northern California. He and his two sons manage about 1000 colonies for migratory pollination, and produce queens, nucs, and honey. He has over 40 years of practical beekeeping experience, plus holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biological Sciences. **Randy** researches, analyzes, and digests beekeeping information from all over the world in order to not only broaden his own depth of understanding and knowledge, but to develop practical solutions to many of today's beekeeping problems, which he then shares with other beekeepers through his various articles in bee magazines, his speaking engagements worldwide, and on his website: www.ScientificBeekeeping.com

Cooking contest- Anything Cherries-The predominant sweetener should be honey-please bring printed recipes without your name on them. **Marietta Graham** will coordinate. Foods will be tasted on Friday and prizes will be awarded. Participants may bring sauces for ice cream for Friday night dessert, too (but this is not part of a contest).

Silent Auction—please do not bring items for the silent auction-we have had a very generous donation from the **Brown Family** of **Donna's** honey pots and gift items—7 boxes! So please save your items until the next meeting. **Donna** had some beautiful items. It will be a great auction with money going to our Youth Grant Program. **Becky Tipton** coordinates

Dinner on Friday will be catered by **Knackies BBQ** and will be a BBQ Buffet. The program will be **Beekeeping in the California Foothills** -**Randy Oliver** presents: A pictorial presentation of our season of beekeeping in the California foothills—wintering, building for almond pollination, splitting and nuc sales, building for honey, late summer and fall management.

Program for the KHPA Spring 2018 Meeting

March 8th, Thursday night - Executive Committee meeting at The Cedars at 8:00 pm - 1021 Cedars Drive

Friday, March 9th Cedars Conference Center 1021 Cedars Drive

7:45-8:30 Registration & Silent Auction set up (please see note about not bringing items)

8:30-8:45 Call to order by President Jim Kellie

8:45-9:45 Good News about Bees, positive spin on the nasties of beekeeping mites/pesticides/honey/forage & people. **Dr. Dewey Caron**

9:45-10:45 **The Times They are a Changin'** Bees are continually being forced to evolve due to environmental changes and introduced parasites. In turn, beekeeping, and the business of beekeeping must also evolve. An overview that puts the recent evolution of beekeeping and agriculture into perspective--how parasites, climate change, changing agricultural practices, beekeeping practices, world trade, pesticides, and GMO's fit into the picture of today's state of the honey bee. **Randy Oliver**

Friday program continued

- 10:45-11:00** Break
- 11:00-12:00** Putting in a Certified Kitchen
- 12:00-1:00** Lunch on your own
- 1:00-2:00** Apitherapy -Candy Rogers—(tentative)
- 2:00-3:00** **MANAGING COLONIES FOR SPRING BUILDUP AND SWARM PREVENTION**
Management suggestions based upon an understanding of bee biology and behavior. **Randy Oliver**
- 3:00-3:30** Break-end of silent auction at 3:30
- 3:30-4:30** **Anticipatory Beekeeping** Successful beekeepers seek to stay ahead of their bees, anticipating what will occur based on what a colony inspection reveals or the season dictates. If we only react we will be constantly trying to catch up. How can we best anticipate mite population levels, queen events, worker population fluctuations and which of several management options best serves to allow us to be ahead of, rather than merely reacting to, what the bees are doing? Anticipate, not merely react, is easy to say but difficult to accomplish. **Dr. Dewey Caron**
- 4:30-4:45** Get a Cherry Honey Snack
- 4:45-** Area Groups meet
- 6:00** Dinner-catered by Knackies BBQ and Catering -Program: **Beekeeping in the California Foothills** A pictorial presentation of our season of beekeeping in the California foothills—wintering, building for almond pollination, splitting and nuc sales, building for honey, late summer and fall management.

Saturday March 10th

- 8:00-8:30** Registration & Silent Auction Set up
- 8:30-9:30** **Adapting to Varroa & Extended Release Oxalic Acid Update-** A group of us are collaborating with USDA-ARS to collect data in support for EPA to approve this application method, which is showing great promise (and may be a game changer in varroa management). This presentation will be about our progress to date. **Randy Oliver**
- 9:30-10:30** **Bee MD**, diagnosing and treating bee maladies using decision "tree" approach to determine where the problem is and arriving at a diagnosis and a solution. Internal hive/External hive/adult bees/brood - Pollinator Protection will be available on website **Dr. Dewey Caron**
- 10:30-10:50** Break
- 10:50-11:05** Grant Group presentation
- 11:05-12:05** Chad Gilliland --Topic to be announced
- 12:05-1:05** Lunch on your own
- 1:05-1:35** Beekeeping by the Numbers- Dr. Dewey Caron
- 1:35-2:35** To be announced—2 things will be going on—1 will be the Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Certification – something else will also be going on but that is to be determined!
- 2:35-2:50** Break & end of Silent Auction
- 2:50-3:50** **Small Scale Queen Rearing** Every beekeeper should experience the joy of rearing daughters from their best queens! In this presentation I show step-by-step queen rearing techniques for the hobbyist through small commercial beekeeper. Tips from several decades of experience-**Randy Oliver**
- 3:50-4:30** Business Meeting

Program subject to Change

KHPA Spring 2018 Meeting Registration Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

COUNTY _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____ write email address clearly

Check here if you would like to receive your newsletter by email

List names of those registered for name tags

Children- please list for name tags-- under 18 free

Meeting Registration For members: Children under 18 free

Per Person 2 day registration-Friday and Saturday \$ 80.00 X _____ = _____

Per Person 1 day only _____ Friday only _____ Saturday only \$ 45.00 X _____ = _____

Meeting Registration For Non-members: (Includes a 1 year membership)

Per Person 2 Day registration-Friday & Saturday \$95.00 X _____ = _____

Per Person 1 Day _____ Friday only _____ Saturday only \$60.00 X _____ = _____

Friday Dinner -BBQ Buffet catered by *Knackies BBQ*. BBQ Brisket & BBQ Chicken Breast, Cheesy Hash Brown Caserole, Baked Beans and Bacon, Cauliflower & Broccoli Salad. Ice Cream Sundaes for Dessert. (Participants may bring homemade ice cream sauces)

Check here if you want a vegetarian meal _____ veggie meal \$15.00 X _____ = _____

Check here if you need an alternate meal because it is Lent \$15.00 X _____ = _____

Children under 12 \$8.00 X _____ = _____

Membership for Kansas Honey Producers Association: ___ Renewal ___ New \$15.00 _____

Youth Membership 2018 (18 years of age or under) ___ Renewal ___ New \$7.50 _____

Membership 2018 Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn: ___ Renewal ___ New \$15.00 _____

Donation for Grant Project \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Kansas Honey Producers Assn or KHPA and mail to Robert Burns, 7601 W. 54th Terr., Shawnee Mission KS 66202
913-481-3504 or email rburnshoney@gmail.com

Registration & payment now accepted with PayPal at kansashoneyproducers.org
If you have questions please call me, Joli Winer, at 913-856-8356

Note: No receipts will be sent

ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD... (I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN KANSAS ANYMORE)

CATCH THE BUZZ – WORLD'S OLDEST BEEHIVES FARMED IN ISRAEL AT TIME OF PROPHET, ELISHA

"My son, eat honey, for it is good; Let its sweet drops be on your palate." Proverbs 24:13 (The Israel Bible™)

An Israeli archaeologist made a remarkable and rare discovery to ensure that all of Israel has a year as sweet as honey, while helping understand the Bible just a little bit better. Hebrew University professor Amihai Mazar was exploring an archaeological dig at a site in the Jordan Valley called Tel Rehov when he found evidence of beekeeping 3,000 years ago, the oldest evidence of this industry ever discovered. Beeswax was found at the bottom of the ancient beehives excavated at Tel Rehov in the Jordan Valley.

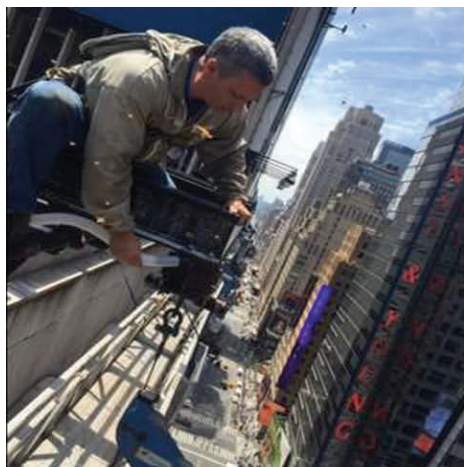
"Beekeeping is not described in the Bible and Israel is not especially suited for beekeeping, no more or less than any other place with flowers," Professor Mazar said. "But even today, if you go out to the fields in that region, there are hives in the field."

Biblical scholars believe that when the Bible mentions honey, it is usually referring to honey made from dates. Professor Mazar pointed to his discovery as evidence that the Bible could also be referring to honey from bees. Many archaeologists believe the site is where the Prophet Elisha lived at approximately the same time bees were buzzing around.

"Though it was not mentioned in the Bible, this was a very large and important city in the time of King Achav and Elijah the prophet," Professor Mazar said. He estimated that at the time, the city was home to approximately 2,500 people.

Researchers believe there were at least 180 hives housing more than a million bees, with each hive producing about 11 pounds of honey each year. The archaeologists also found remains of actual bees, identifying the breed as being native to Turkey.

"These are the most ancient bees ever found in the world," Professor Mazar said. "They did not arrive in Israel by themselves, so there had to be thriving trade between Israel and Turkey at the time."



New York City beekeeper, Andrew Coate with bee vacuum, clears a swarm from framework atop the Times Square building near where the New Years' ball drops. This job makes those 'on a tree-branch grab a step ladder' swarms look pretty easy! June 2017.



Haefeli's Honey Farm retail store in Del Norte, Colorado. No beekeeper's vacation is complete without visiting another bee keeper! Del Norte, a quaint town in southern Colorado, is home to about 1,600 people and one amazing honey retail store!

Kansas Honey Producers Fall 2018 meeting

October 26 & 27, 2018 in Great Bend Kansas

The fall 2018 meeting of the Kansas Honey Producers will be held in Great Bend Kansas at the Best Western and Perkins. Details will be available soon. Please "Save the date".



Upcoming Events

American Beekeeping Federation celebrates their 75th Diamond anniversary in 2018!
2018 Conference & Trade Show: Jan. 9—13
 Grand Sierra Resort - 2500 East Second St.—
 Reno, Nev. 89595 info@abfnet.org for information and registration

American Honey Producers Association 2018 conference—Jan. 9—13 at Double Tree by Hilton— 7450 Hazard Center Dr.— San Diego, Calif.
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BBQ—Backyard Beekeeping Question

Q— I have a colony of bees that just sting too much— what can I do?

A— There is no reason to tolerate bees that act too defensively. It could cause issues with your neighbors for one thing. First, you need to evaluate some reasons why they are aggressive. Are they being molested by a skunk or other animal regularly? Are they without a queen? If they are queenright and there are no signs of them being pestered, then you have one real valid option. Re-queen them with one from gentle stock. If you mail-order a queen, you will have no idea the temperament her offspring will possess. It may take a few weeks for the ill-tempered bees to die off and the new queen's progeny to take over. Keep your grill hot and your bees happy!

Local/Regional Meetings

Konza Beekeepers Association

Meet second Tuesday every month at 7:00 PM
 at Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, Ks.
<http://www.konzabeekeepers.org>

Northeast Ks. Beekeepers Assn.

3rd Monday each month at 7:00PM Douglas Co. Fairgrounds
 2110 Harper St., Lawrence, Ks. www.nekba.org

Heartland Beekeepers Assn. of SE Kansas

Meet 1st Thursday each month—6:30-8:45 PM—Room 102
 Yates Hall—Pittsburg State University Campus
<https://www.hbasek.org>

Shawnee County Area Beekeeping

3rd Wednesday each month—6:30 PM at Shawnee North
 Community Center—300 NE 43rd—Topeka, Ks email:
bstbees@embarqmail.com

South Central Ks. Honey Producers Assn.

2nd Saturdays each month @ 1:00 PM—Great Plains Nature
 Center— 6232 E 29th St. North—Wichita

South Central Ks Beekeepers Assn.

Winfield, Ks.—Richard Harvey 620-442-8332

Golden Prairie Beekeepers Association

2nd Tuesday each month—6:30 PM at Garnett Co Extension
 Office—124 W County Rd, Columbus, Ks. Contact: Marlin
 Mc Gowin: 875-433-1381

North Central Ks.

Meet at Morford Lavender Farm every other month —1376
 18th Rd., Kanopolis, Ks 785-472-4984—join North Central
 Beekeepers on Facebook to become notified of meetings.

Cherokee County Area Beekeepers

Meet 3rd Thursday at 6:30 PM at Cherokee Co. K-State Re-
 search and Extension office— 124 W County Rd.—Columbus,
 Ks. <https://www.facebook.com/CCABclub/>

Western Ks Beekeepers

Meet at various locations in western Ks.
 Contact- Carolyn Simpson- crs@wbsnet.org 620-765-0098
 Greg Swob—gswob@mwenergy.com 785-639-7766

Solomon Valley Beekeepers

solomonvalleybeekeepers@gmail.com

Flint Hills Beekeepers

fhbeekeepers@gmail.com

Kansas Honey Producers Assn

www.kansashoneyproducers.org

Meet twice yearly— 2-day conferences- last weekend in Oct.
 & in early March.

Kansas Honey Producer's Association Membership Application

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American Bee Journal 1 year subscription \$24.00 _____

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