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The Official Newsletter of the
Kansas Honey Producers Association



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From your president:

At the time of this writing, two days after Christmas, our weather is perfect. The bees are flying and we've had no winter losses so far. In the past 30 days, we have received 3+ inches of much needed rain with almost no runoff. Looking across the state, it appears that our Western Kansas beekeepers also received some moisture, only in the form of snow.

Looking through the inspection holes in my candy boards, I find that about half of my hives have been using the candy supplement. The rest are not too far behind as the clusters are moving up within the supers. One important thing for new beekeepers to remember is when spring brood production starts, so does the temperature requirements for the cluster. This also means increased food consumption. Dependant upon both day length and weather conditions, this may begin as early as the end of January. Monitoring your hives in the winter is just as important as in the spring and summer.

Recently honey has made the national news—wish it were more positive. Concerns continue to circulate about the purity of the honey on the store shelves. Is the honey that's been super filtered really honey? Tough questions. One of our favorite Honey Board promotions asked the question, "How do you know your honey is pure if you don't know the beekeeper?" For our customers, knowing the source of their honey is very important. It is likely that these international concerns will lead to another increase in wholesale honey prices. How do you price your honey? We like to know the range honey prices available in our area. We check several local grocery stores and a couple of "health food" markets. Our prices are higher than nearly anything at the grocery store and slightly less than some of the health food brands. But, our honey has better flavor and more "know the beekeeper" appeal than any other choice. Your honey does, too. Don't try to make your honey a bargain price—it's a bargain in quality!

Becky and I wish all of our members a happy new year and hope to see you in March at our spring meeting in McPherson.

E-mail address that failed to receive the trial KHAP Newsletter are listed below. If the owners of these e-mail addresses would like to receive the Cappings newsletter by e-mail please send me a correct e-mail address. Thank you, Hester

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New Beekeeping Class

Saturday, March 17th, 2012

8:00-5:30

Matt Ross Community Center

8101 Marty

Overland Park KS 66204

Multi Purpose Room

This is the "Save the Date" notice for the beekeeping class of the Northeast Kansas Beekeepers and the Midwestern Beekeepers. More information will be available later contact Cecil Sweeney for more information at 913-856-8356 or watch the nekba.org web site.

2012 Master Beekeeping Workshop

A 3-day Master Beekeeping Workshop will be offered in Ithaca, Nebraska at the Agricultural Research and Development Center Headquarters Building on June 28-30. This workshop will provide detailed instruction in bee biology and

practical beekeeping. Training will include both classroom and hands-on sessions. Registration for the workshop is \$140 and includes 5 meals, a workbook, a cap and refreshments. The hands-on sessions will be in an apiary, and participants

should bring their own protective gear. For a complete program with schedules and a list of presenters contact Jeri Cunningham (contact and registration information provided below).

Send Master Beekeeping Workshop

Registrations to:

Jeri Cunningham

University of Nebraska

Department of Entomology

103 Entomology Hall

Lincoln, NE 68583-0816

Email: jcunningham1@unl.edu

Phone: (402) 472-8678

Kansas Honey Producers

Spring 2012 Meeting

Friday & Saturday March 2 & 3

Meeting and Beekeeping Class
Best Western Holiday Manor, McPherson KS
620-241-5343 to make reservations

This spring our meeting will be held at the Best Western Holiday Manor in McPherson Kansas. This is one of our favorite meeting places. We are planning to have two programs going concurrently. We will have a beginning beekeeping class and some value added workshops at the same time. The beekeeping class will be a two day class and will cover everything from A-Z. If you know of someone interested in beekeeping please pass this information on to them. Please watch your mail or our kansashoneyproducers.org web site for the full program.

Our guest speaker at the meeting will be Dr. John Skinner a professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the Entomology and Plant Pathology Department. He is an excellent teacher and will be a wonderful addition to our beginning beekeeper class.

Please make your reservations for the hotel as soon as possible. Call 620-241-5343 to make reservations. Mention the Kansas Honey Producers to get the rate of \$62.99, make reservations by February 15th to get that rate.

Friday night Dinner Buffet

Attendees are asked to please try to attend the dinner. At this hotel we have to pay for our meeting rooms and we have a reduced charge or no charge if we spend money for food at our banquet.

All buffets are served with iced tea and freshly brewed coffee

Down Home Buffet \$19.00

Tossed Salad With Toppings And Dressings, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Chicken Fried Steak, Herbed Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes With Country Gravy, Dressing, Southern Style Green Beans, Country Corn, Biscuits With Honey Butter And Fruit Crisp.

Kansas Honey Producers Association Spring 2012 Registration Form

Friday & Saturday, March 2 & 3

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP+4 _____

COUNTY _____ PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

-I wish to be contacted for swarm removal. -I wish to be contacted for bee removal.

Pre-registration (must be sent in by February 22nd:

Per person (\$30.00 x _____) = _____

Per couple (husband, wife) \$50.00 _____

Children under 18 Free

Late Registration at the door:

Per person (\$40.00 x _____) = _____

Per couple \$60.00 _____

Children under 18 free

Our wish is that all attendees who are non-members will join, however we welcome everyone to the meeting!

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

Youth Membership 2012 KHPA (18 years of age or under) q Renewal q New \$7.50 _____

Membership 2012 Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Assn: q Renewal q New \$15.00 _____

Friday Night Buffet & Program s

Adult - \$19.00/person (\$19.00 x _____) = _____

Child - \$8.00/child (\$ 8.00 x _____) = _____

Donation for Youth Scholarship Project \$ _____

Donation for the Queen Program \$ _____

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 913-831-6096 or email rburns@kc.rr.com (registrations not accepted by email)

Kansas Honey Producers' Association

Life Membership Criteria

KHPA annual members may transfer to life membership by donating a complete bee hive to the association for use in the state bee yards as described below. The honey produced in the KHPA managed bee yards is sold at the Kansas State Fair. Money generated through honey sales is paid to the general fund to compensate for the life members' annual dues.

Member shall provide the following:

2 deep brood supers (9 5/8")

3 medium supers (6 5/8")

New frames and foundation (10 for each super) to fill required supers. State Coordinator will instruct member of type and kind.

hive bottom board

telescoping cover

inner cover

Minimum of three pounds of live bees including a queen

All woodenware must be commercially manufactured and be in NEW, UNUSED, CONDITION. Exterior Supers must be latex primed and painted white or a light color. Alternative exterior finish MUST be approved by State Coordinator.

The bees, including queen will be purchased by the **State Coordinator for the KHPA managed bee yards**. **State Coordinator** will contact member with the cost of bees and any delivery. The donor member shall promptly pay **KHPA** for the bee purchase to complete the life membership requirements.

Delivery of hive to one of the state bee yards will be the responsibility of the donor at the direction of the State Yard Coordinator.

2nd Vice President:

Rocky Schmied

5327 E Elm

Wichita, KS 67208

316-684-0990

khpa@oakschmied.com

(Guidelines subject to change at State Coordinator's and 2nd Vice President's/board's discretion.)

North by West

by Greg Swob Northwest Ks Director

I'd sure like to think the woes of 2011 are long behind us and the eternal optimists that we bee-keepers are will continue showing up as we endure winter and approach spring. I have all the best feelings for 2012! Of course, I had good gut feelings a year ago for 2011- can't win them all! Just prior to Thanksgiving I need to comment on how we've enjoyed the most beautiful fall – many highs in the 60's & 70's, good moisture (for once), leaves slowly turning their gorgeous autumn colors, etc. I am surprised to find a dozen or so drones sitting outside the entrance of my favorite queen's colony this late in the year. All the other colonies I am aware of have long since kicked the essential DNA donating 'bums' out for the season. As one tries to reenter the hive through my new Dadant metal mouse guards, he is promptly escorted back out by several ladies waiting guarding the entrance. I took some of these metal guards and added a reinforcing bend at the top, which I felt they badly needed. I'm not a very good inventor, but can usually come up with an idea or two to make something better. A gene I gladly inherited from our Dad, who could pretty much build/fabricate about anything he needed to. Are you experimenting with anything new in 2012? I have a short list starting with how I intend to do some small scale queen rearing. Also, making a transition from wax foundation to wax-coated plastic inserts in black & neutral colors. James Christopher of Natoma asked me if I'd given any thought to Carniolans? Well after doing some research, 2012 may be a good year to try out a few colonies. The promotions on this breed sound promising, but any promo pitch is. As we all know the bad stuff is either never mentioned or is worded so that it's not 'bad' at all. Pitchmen... what can I say? I may try some, but sounds like they need to be well monitored to help manage swarming.

Now, we turn the calendar a page and December's first week hit us with almost an inch of moisture with frozen rain and snow combined! That should help make for a good winter wheat crop and spring flowers for us bee-folk. What I like about winter is that it reminds me spring is just a few calendar pages away!

In this issue of **Cappings** is a copy of the newly revised **Life Member requirement** program. A committee was formed to review the guidelines and what we have now is the latest revision that will be voted upon at the Spring **KHPA** meeting in McPherson. If you wondered what those yellow 'Life Member' name tags meant; if your budget allows; if you're interested... please review the proposed regulations and consider the opportunity to assist **KHPA** by donating a completed hive and live colony for State Fair honey sales production. Then, you can bring the equipment to McPherson for the yard manager to take along if you wish.

For now, I wish you all a great winter, which I feel is almost a contradiction of terms- I dislike winters more and more each year. Happy Holidays and I look forward to seeing you all again in McPherson! Greg Swob - Swobee Honey Farm - 1569 Toulon Ave. - Hays, Ks. 67601

Kansas Honey Producers' Association

For TEN months & 1 month ended 2011.

Treasurer's Report - Statement of Revenues and Expenses - Modified Cash Basis

Date 11/30/2011

M-T-D

Y-T-D

10/31/2011 Endg Check Book Bal
CASH on-hand deposited
Beginning Balance November 1, 2011 =

Interest (Chkg)

KHPA Meals

KHPA Meeting Reg

KHPA Membership

Miscellaneous

NEKBA Dues

Queen Fund (donations)

K&S Scholarship Program (donations)

Subscriptions

Bee Culture

Total REVENUES =

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Assoc (ABF or AHPA) Dues

Awards

One-night Stay Award

1st, 2nd, & 3rd place entries

Bank Charges

The Cappings (Editor)

Paper & Postage

Printing & Editor

Hotel Charges/Conference/Meals/Rm

Conference Room(s)

Meals/Tea/Coffee & Service

Hotel Tx's

NEKBA Dues

Membership Dues/Reg Refunds/Meals

Miscellaneous

Printing & Editor(other)

Scholarships/Expenses

Speaker/Travel/Stipends

Subscriptions Paid

Bee Culture

K&S NPTax / Privilege Fee

Total EXPENSES =

Ending Balance =

EOM Memb Stats

38 PY Membs 2008

26 PY Membs 2010

11 Schirshp Membs

13 Comp Membs

38 Life Membs

118 Current Membs

178 CY Total Membs

Current Month/Year Excess of Revenues/(Expenses) =

NOV 2011 Scholarship Funding

2011 Beg. Aoot Bal.

YTD Net Credits

YTD Net Debits

2011 YTD Endg Bal.

Net Excess of Rev/Exp '04,'06,'08,'07,'08,'08,'10 '11

\$10,618.81

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Total:

\$75.00

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Total:

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\$8,346.18

\$90.00

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(\$114.00)

(\$8,314.78)

\$10,481.62

\$10,481.62

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\$30.41

\$1,936.29

\$1,546.23

\$1,520.85

(\$348.85)

\$1,445.32

\$1,546.62

\$209.65

\$2,741.74

\$7,886.52

\$10,461.11

\$0.00

\$10,461.11

\$9.19

\$2,825.50

\$3,784.00

\$1,807.50

\$200.00

\$307.50

\$17.50

\$236.75

\$157.25

\$130.00

\$100.00

\$62.25

\$731.56

\$4,960.32

\$307.50

\$97.00

\$176.97

\$13.20

\$691.70

\$1,746.61

\$157.25

\$40.00

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This past September, we were privileged to host Allison Adams, 2011 American Honey Princess, in our home during the state fair as she helped us promote beekeeping at the KHPA booth. Earlier in the year we hosted the 2011 American Honey Queen, Teresa Bryson, who helped us promote honey at the Wichita Garden Show. These young ladies are delightful and do a wonderful job promoting honey and beekeeping around the country for us. We received the following thank you from Allison this fall:

"Thank you for a wonderful visit to Kansas! It was a pleasure to promote the beekeeping industry with you and other members of the Kansas Honey Producers Association at the fair. I was impressed by the organization of the booth and the variety of products available--you have done a fantastic job! . . .

". . . You have given me such happy memories, and I will treasure them: venison bacon, adventures in Wichita with Jubilee and Mari [our daughters], our nightly money-counting party in the trailer, the infamous Bale [the 500# bale of cotton at the Kansas Cotton Growers which mysteriously moves about the Pride of Kansas building after hours and has to be hunted by the booth manager], a rollicking good time at Prairie Rose, watching "Fireproof," attending church, a tour of the Domestic Arts building, and laughter all the time. . . ."

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Hello to All,

Most of you probably know that our Introduction to Beekeeping class which was scheduled for last fall at our Perry campus was cancelled due to minimal enrollment. We then decided to make this into an online class which will have three weekend afternoon meetings in Meriden (dates to be announced depending on weather).

This class starts on January 17th. If any of you still want to enroll in this class, please notify me by e-mail or call my cell at 785-741-2829. I am now at the college farm most of the time rather than in my office, so my cell is the best way to contact me without delay.

This class is definitely going to be held since we have met the minimum enrollment numbers. The tuition cost will be \$348 for three credit hours, and the textbook fee is \$40. Please understand that this will be a semester long class with very thorough instruction, unlike some introductory one day workshops which usually run \$50.00.

We are extremely fortunate to have Steve and Becky Tipton of Meriden as our instructors. They are both Master Beekeepers and have taught the master Beekeepers class for the University of Nebraska. Steve is currently president of the Kansas Honey Producers Association, and both hold officer positions in the Northeast Kansas Beekeepers Association. They are both very knowledgeable in addition to being very nice people. I have been a beekeeper for around 30 years, and I am enrolled in the class myself because I know that I will learn a lot that I don't know.

So, if you are interested in taking this class, give me a call, and I will help you get enrolled or answer any questions you might have.

Wendell Ganstrom



The results of the recipe contest:

1st: Honey Pumpkin Rolls

2nd: Pumpkin Honey Cinnamon Rolls

3rd: Pumpkin Home Butter

4th: Pumpkin Pie Spice Honey Jelly

Fall Beekeeping Classes from Highland Community College

BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION (AB 124) for 1 credit hour will be offered the first weekend of November. The class will go from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 and from noon to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6. Students will learn the skills necessary to make a beehive and will take home a complete starter hive. The class will be held at HCC's Klinefelter Farm facility two miles east of Hiawatha. Instructors will be Wendell Ganstrom and Travis Grossman.

HONEY PRODUCTS DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING (AB 121) for 3 credit hours will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the HCC Perry, Kansas, campus from Oct. 17-Dec. 7. Students will learn how to make value added products from honey and beeswax such as candles and soaps. Instructors will be Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney.

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING (AB 120) for 3 credit hours which was originally scheduled to begin in August has been rescheduled for January and has been converted into an online class which will require one weekend of hands-on session with actual colonies. This weekend will be determined by students' availability. Instructors will be Steve and Becky Tipton.

Additional classes planned for the Spring 2012 semester are SPRING APIARY MANAGEMENT, COLONY HEALTH & DISEASES, and APIARY INTERNSHIP.

For more information about enrolling in Highland Community College beekeeping classes, please e-mail Wendell Ganstrom at wganstrom@highlandcc.edu.



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HOW TO ENROLL IN HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BEEKEEPING CLASSES

1. APPLY FOR ADMISSION- Simply follow this link to our website and complete the online application form. If you are taking this class but are not seeking a degree, check the box that says "non-degree seeking", and you won't have to have an official high school transcript or GED certificate sent.

https://secure.highlandcc.edu/Site/Admissions/Online_Application.php

2. DECIDE WHICH CLASS OR CLASSES YOU WANT TO TAKE- Follow the link below and type in "beekeeping" in the "key word" blank to get a list of all beekeeping classes offered. To see a course description, click on the blue link below the course name.

[https://myhcc.highlandcc.edu/selfservice/Search/SectionSearch.aspx?
sort=CourseId&year=2011&term=FALL&advanced=true&num=10&loadcriteria=true](https://myhcc.highlandcc.edu/selfservice/Search/SectionSearch.aspx?sort=CourseId&year=2011&term=FALL&advanced=true&num=10&loadcriteria=true)

3. FIGURE YOUR TOTAL COSTS- Follow the link below and use the "Regional" fee section of the chart. This is the tuition cost per credit hour. Some classes may also have an additional fee for supplies and textbook cost. After you have applied and enrolled in a class, our business office will send you a bill which you can pay either by check or credit card (Visa or MC), money order, or cash.

http://highlandcc.edu/Site/Admissions/Tuition_Cost.php

4. ENROLL IN THE CLASS- Call Wendell Ganstrom to get enrolled.

Office- 785-442-6069

Cell- 785-741-2829

Home- 785-544-6588

EXPLANATION OF FEES FOR AB 124- BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT CONSTRUCTION

This is a 1 credit hour class so your tuition will probably range from \$90-103. Although you might find some one-day beekeeping workshops for less money, this class will have 15 hours of contact time. Many one day workshops are only introductory classes. Our beekeeping classes at Highland Community College are very intensive and thorough in what the student learns and should not be confused with other workshops offered elsewhere. At the end of this class the student will take home a complete starter hive and the knowledge to save money by making one's own equipment.

Our \$57 fee for supplies and text covers the following items. The right hand column indicates what these items would cost unassembled and with shipping from Dadant and Sons in Quincy, IL. It is easy to see by comparison that the student gets quite a bargain with our class fee.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Outside cost</u>
1- starter hive kit (bottom, brood chamber, inner cover, telescoping top, entrance reducer	64.25
1- hive stand	12.10
1- frame jig	9.95
10- frames	9.95
10- sheets of foundation	9.95
Shipping & handling for 54 lbs.	56.47
Glue, nails, etc.	free
<u>Bee Hive Construction</u> by Peter Sieling	<u>12.00</u>
TOTAL IF PURCHASED COMMERCIALY	\$174.67
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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# _____ E-mail Address _____

Membership Kansas Honey Producer's Association per year (Jan.-Dec.) \$15.00 _____

Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 _____

Additional family member's names:

Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____

American Bee Journal 1 year subscription \$19.50 _____

Bee Culture Magazine (formerly "Gleanings") 1 year subscription \$21.00 _____

Donation Amount _____

Total Due Total _____

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E-mail address: rburns@kc.rr.com

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Kansas Honey Producer's Association

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