

## The Buzz



Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

May 2012

## Summer Field Day June 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 We will have a "bee beard" live demo!! Pg.9





June 9th—CIBA Meeting

June 15th—Master Class Twilight Meeting

**June 16th**—IHPA Field Day (Board meeting to follow.) **New Date!** 

August 9th-19th—Iowa State Fair

September 9th—IHPA Board Meeting, 2pm.

November 15th—IHPA Board Meeting, 7pm.

November 16-17th—IHPA Annual Meeting, Marshalltown, IA



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We also have 5 frame nucs with new queen for \$98.00. Deposit of \$30.00 required. (No frame exchange) Our bee yards are inspected by Iowa Bee inspectors. I will only be selling 30 package hives this year. I have 40+ years experience in beekeeping.

Send deposit to Curtis Barnhart, P. O. Box 70, Monticello, IA 52310 with your name, address and phone number that you can be reached at. I am out of town until March 24.

You can call and leave a message at my office (American Supply)
Or autum49@yahoo.com

Thank you. Curtis Barnhart 319 465-6655

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#### IHPA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Merchandise

The IHPA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise is now available for purchase. Be sure to check out the June issue of the Buzz for a complete order form with images of each item. If you know what you want, send in your order and show your support for the IHPA in our 100th Anniversary year!

The price list is as follows:

#### Merchandise:

\$22.00 Honey Pot

\$36.00 Utensil Crock

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\$ 2.00 Magnet

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large

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Melanie Bower, Treasurer

#### The Buzz Newsletter Article Submissions and IHPA Memberships

Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to Alex W. Ebert by email to **TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com** or by mail to The Buzz, c/o Phil Ebert, 14808 S. 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E., Lynnville, IA 50153. **The deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> 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. IHPA Membership is only \$10 annually. To join IHPA and receive your complimentary member subscription to The Buzz Newsletter, please contact Melanie Bower, IHPA Treasurer, 207 S.E. Diehl, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone: (515) 287-6542

Hope everyone is having good luck with their bees this spring. I think that most people had better luck keeping their bees alive through the mild winter but the package bees were still very much in demand with all the new beekeepers.

The weather, of course is the real dilemma this year because it seems that we should basically just tear a month off the calendar as far as blooming periods. Apples, plums, dandelions, and most everything across the board has bloomed nearly a month early. This may be a read disadvantage to newly established package because it won't have time to build its population before the main honey flow. Maybe plants will hang on but it seems to me that most bloom run their course and the flow ends, so pay close attention to your bee's strength and available stores. Feeding, harvesting, swarm control, medicating, and mite treatment The first membership for 2012 is still should be done according to the colony \$10.00 and \$5.00 for each additional needs, not by a date on the calendar.

thought to and made preparations for dress. entering some items in the apiary division at the State Fair. I have been try- Membership dues for 2013 will be ing to think of ideas for the IHPA to \$20.00 for the first membership and use to provide incentive to increase the \$5.00 for each additional family memamount of entries. One thing we will ber that would like a membership and do to is provide a nuc or replacement is living at the same address. queen to anyone who enters an observation hive. I would love to hear from Melanie Bower, Treasurer some of the membership about your ideas to provide some useful incentives.

ing. To nominate someone, simply write about for my Presidents Column. submit the name and the reason why you feel this person is deserving of the Thank You. honor to the Awards Chairman, which Have Fun, Work Hard, happens to be me. I will then evaluate and Bee Involved. the nomination and discuss it with other members who can give input. I Curt Bronnenberg am not going to list the awards here,

Greetings from the President but if you think someone is doing an exceptional job or has done something exceptional in the past simply submit their name and story and we'll decide which award is appropriate. One award I'd like to specifically talk about is the Pioneer Award. The criteria for this award are 50 years in beekeeping and still active. This is the one that I feel this being our 100 year anniversary we need to be sure that anyone deserving of this award should be recognized this

> Good Luck. Work Hard. Curt Bronnenberg



#### 2012 Membership Renewal

family member that would like a mem-I hope you all have given some bership and is living at the same ad-

#### THE 2012 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE IHPA

I think it would be nice to have a Bee-Please keep your eyes open to anyone keeping Question and Answer section who does an exceptional job of pro- in the Buzz, so if you would like to moting beekeeping or helping the submit a Question please e-mail to IHPA and nominate that person for one cbronny823@aol.com and use the Subof the IHPA awards to see that the per- ject line Buzz Question and Answer. It son is recognized at the annual meet- will help me with ideas for subjects to

#### **GREAT NEWS FOR THE SUMMER FIELD DAY!!!**

Hello to everyone! Hope everyone is having a great spring. This mild winter has been great for the heating bills, and easier on the bees. Check your bees to be sure they have adequate stores of food. It's a sad thing to have the bees make it this far only to starve to death for lack of food this close to spring. By this writing, the brood rearing is well underway, and the bees will need a pollen and nectar/ food source. I have great news for our Annual Summer Field Day!

#### **NOTE THE DATE** CHANGE TO JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>

As I was working on speakers for our annual meeting, I contacted Larry Connor. He could not come to our annual meeting, but mention this summer possibly. To make a long story short, he will be coming to Iowa as our speaker/guest for our summer field day, and he also wanted to have a limited attendance advanced class for Friday afternoon/evening, June 15<sup>th</sup>! (See the details below). I am fired up about Larry's' coming to Iowa and this opportunity. What a great way to celebrated 100 years of beekeeping in Iowa!! I hope you take every opportunity to attend this event. Oh yea, don't forget about the "bee beard"!!! Do I see any volunteers??? YES I DO!!!!

BEE HAPPY!!!! Pat Ennis VP, IHPA 515-293-2601 flat lander@lycos.com



#### **Iowa Honey Queen**

Happy Spring Beekeepers! I cannot believe that it's April! This month is flying by. The weather is gorgeous, the girls are doing fantastic, and I am staying very busy with scholarships, playing soccer, getting ready for prom, and planning for graduation (I can't believe it's next month, already!)! March proved to be a very happy month for me. Not only did I have the honor of performing as the lead actress in the school play, "AUTISTIC LI-CENSE", and thoroughly enjoying myself, but I also enjoyed success in FBLA as well. On the 29-31 of March I competed at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference in Coralville, Iowa. My events included Business Communication and Public Speaking II. In my speech for Public Speaking II, I spoke about the wonders of honeybees and how our love for them was soon turned into Bee Scholars and a mentorship. I also spoke about how it turned our whole family into beekeepers, while allowing us to transform our habit into a small business.

Needless to say, I was thrilled beyond words when my advisor told me I had won the event! I then presented my speech to the entire attending State FBLA delegation of 750 members and their advisors... which means that now almost 800 more people across the state of Iowa know that I'm the Iowa Honey Queen! As I was the first place recipient of the competition for Public Speaking II, I will be advancing to the national level and competing in San Antonio, Texas this July at the National FBLA Leadership Conference!!! As for other Iowa Honey Queen adventures, in May, I look forward to traveling to Hopeville for a women's club speech. Additionally, I am excited to be venturing to Goodell for a field day with the Ennis's. Hopefully I'll bump into some of you at these occasions! Again - please do not hesitate to contact the Queen Chair, Connie Bronnenberg to schedule me into one of your events. I would love to come and

"bee" helpful in any way possible.

I hope your spring is starting off great!

Renae M. Beard 2012 Iowa Honey Queen

#### **Iowa Honey Princess**

Hello my fellow beekeepers, Spring, what a wonderful season! I love going on walks out to the bee yard, seeing the girls out, and working hard. Like my family's bees I have been busy in the "Bee World", ranging from helping Craig Greene with educating new beekeepers to giving speeches at FFA Chapter Banquets.

On January 17 I joined Mr. Greene in teaching twenty new students at bee-keeping 101 classes. It was so fun answering questions, and telling beekeeping stories. I loved how Mr. Greene told the new families the pros and cons of beekeeping that first night, and what to expect. The classes lasted for seven weeks, and I was so delighted for all the new beekeepers joining this wonderful hobby.

On February 25 I had the honor of joining Mr. Alex Ebert at the Hy-Vee on Fleur Drive in Des Moines to demonstrate honey. Even though no one finds standing for four hours much fun, I had an amazing time. When one can woo any child or adult from the sale on candy bars to come over, try some honey, and eventually having them take a couple of bottles of honey home is always a great feeling.

For my Oral Communications class at school I have given several speeches about honey, honey bees, and enemies to honey bees. Since the speeches the journalism's chief editor addressed me one day in the hall. I was interviewed by one of her pupils, and now I am in the seventh issue, twenty-fourth volume of the Pella Community High School's newspaper, Pelladium. If you go to http://issuu.com/pelladium/docs/march2012pelladium?mode=window any of you will be able to view the article [on page 3].

Since this was my last year to partici-

pate in FFA competitions, I decided to compete in public speaking at the district level. My speech was about a world without honey bees, and the agricultural crisis we, as America, are toying with. I got high reviews from the judges, and they commented on my enthusiasm for the safety of the honey bees. At my year end Chapter banquet my adviser told me to give my speech to the Chapter. I got a standing ovation, and some of our special guests that night that worked with chemicals came up to me, and thanked me for educating them on honey bees.

I am looking forward to helping out new beekeepers establish their first colonies when they arrive here in April, talking with 300 third graders in Mahaska county Ag Day about honey bees, the upcoming farmers markets, and the Field Days. I hope everything is going great with your hives, and I wish all of you luck for the 2012 season. If you need any help promoting your

honey, or need an extra hand out in the bee yard don't hesitate to call me, 641-780-1358. I would love to come out and help in any way.

Love, Hannah VanWyk 2012 Iowa Honey Princess

## IS IT A VIRUS OR INSECTICIDES?

There is considerable controversy as to whether it is a virus OR whether insecticides are the big factor of the Disappearing of honeybee colonies.

I have predicted all along that it is insecticides that are causing a major part of the problem. Now the latest reports that are making Headlines is the insecticide that was designed to cause ALL insects to become disoriented is doing just that and taking its toll of honeybee colonies.

Scientists, here in the U S have pin pointed that there is also a virus involved. Recent tests in Italy and Greece

have shown the pesticides used to cause the disorientation of insects is a large percent of what's taking its toll on bees.

I have contacted the highest of authorities in Washington D C and ask that those types of insecticide be condemned. The damage and the loss of the honey Bees in their entirety could be much more costly than all the insects attacking farm crops. There are other chemicals that would control insects that were less damaging to

I made numerous trips to Washington D C in the 1970's along with the

late Glenn Gibson, at the time President of the American Honey Producers Organization. We went in behalf of beekeepers who were losing thousands of colonies due to the use of DDT. We did get thousands of beekeepers compensated for their terrific loses. That put many beekeepers back in business.

If the Government doesn't correct this situation then Congress needs to come up with compensation one more time.

Beekeepers can help themselves by changing their management methods. It is still possible to winter colonies with minimal losses and some of those cooperating with my methods have wintered two winters with nearly one hundred percent survival and more than, survival they were in excellent condition on April 1st.

Glen L. Stanley



#### **Colony Disorder:**

I have surmised for quite some time that pesticides were the most to blame for colonies becoming disoriented and disappearing. Generally tests were made on each chemical made to make sure that they were not harmful to the honeybee and that was fine. However, it was apparent that a combination of the several chemicals involved and gathered by the bees in pollen were just more than the bees could manage and stay alive.

AND NOW, an insecticide made by the Bayer Company for the purpose of causing all Insects to become disoriented is exactly what is happening to the bees

It seems this product, as it is applied to the seed corn becomes quite sticky and

#### THE BEEYARD REPORT

of Agriculture only to be advised that it

will be necessary to get the EPA in-

this chemical banned..

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Glen Stanley

volved in an attempt to get the use of

As I sit down to write this, the foremost thought in my mind is that I don't have time for this. My second foremost thought is that we are spending incredible amounts of money. The bees look fabulous. We have to do something with them. Our original projections for

> equipment needs proved to be woefully inadequate. We are buying boxes, frames and lids by the pallet. For a business that grew one piece at a time, this is quite a change. Our cash flow is good so we are not borrowing money for this. Long ago, I resolved never to borrow money for anything to do with bees. I will borrow money to buy honey but not bees or equipment. If you have money invested in bees and equipment and have a bad year, the bank

still wants their money. That can be difficult. You can always make something on honey

We are making splits, building nucs and getting ready for our 2nd load of package bees. Distribution of the first load of packages went smoothly. We only had two leakers plus one 4# pkg that I dropped. That was exciting. I later discovered, to my dismay, that Alex had captured that little fiasco on video. It was a special moment. We had 120 people pick up bees on the first load. There will be over 100 on the 2nd load.

One of the customers on the first load backed into the water hydrant. The water for the steel building feeds off that line. I didn't know anything had happened until I found out we didn't have any water in the building. My

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won't feed into the planter without first saturating it with a powder so it will slip into the hill drop of the planter. In the process this powder is polluting the air and drifts as free as the breeze. The bees and other insects as well as birds are effected and eventually will become extinct.

Economists only look at the billions of dollars worth of crops that are produced (free of insects) against the one billion dollars worth of honey produced, without considering the many billions of dollars of crops that are produced by the fact that it happened by honeybee pollination. Once the honeybee becomes extinct there are a hundred different crops, pollinated by the bees that will produce little or nothing at all. I hope to change that view.

I have contacted the Federal Secretary

neighbor came over the next night with his backhoe. We dug it up in the dark. I put a cap on the line but I still need to get the hydrant back in and the hole filled up before the next wave of customers arrives.

Queens were late arriving. That has compounded our problems. We finally got the first 150 from Texas and now we have California queens coming in. We put third stories on the colonies that were really strong early.

We'll pull those boxes for our split. We are putting in lots of foundation in the hope that it will give the bees something to do until we can get the supers on.

That's it for now. Try to stay ahead of things!!

Submitted by Phil Ebert



#### SUMMER DRINK

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3 c. chilled pineapple juice

2 ripe not brown bananas

3-4 tsp. honey

1 tbsp. lime juice

1 c. crushed ice

2 whole fresh strawberries

Put all the above ingredients in blender except strawberries. Blend until smooth. Pour into chilled glass. Top with fresh strawberries.

#### **Featured Beekeeper of the Month**

Our featured beekeeper of the month is a participant in the Iowa Honey Producers' mentor program and her name is Sophia Wilson. Her parents are Alex and Jennifer. Their family lives in the country near Nevada, Iowa where they are surrounded by farmland. Cross-country, soccer, choir, speech, key club, and studying are keeping Sophia busy during her freshman year at Nevada High School. After graduation she plans to attend college and possibly become an ecologist.

Sophia found out about the beekeeping program through the local co-op at Wheatsfield [Ames, IA]. She says she decided to accept the challenge to learn beekeeping because few people keep bees even though they are greatly needed in agriculture. John Johnson is her mentor. She took classes during the winter last year at Marshalltown Community College, and learned the basic information about keeping bees. She also learned bees are ornery when she managed to get stung on the back of her knee while wearing her suit and boots and her little sister was safely standing about three feet away only wearing her rain-boots. In the spring her plans are to move her bees to a place where there is more diversity in plants and the bees can collect more pollen, thus creating an opportunity for more honey production and success next year.

This year Sophia is looking forward to helping at the Iowa Honey Producers booth at the Iowa State Fair.

Good luck with your honey production this year Sophia.

Submitted by Ron Wehr







Sophia Wilson installs a package of honeybees with guidance from mentor John Johnson.

#### Support IHPA by Helping at Our Iowa State Fair Sales Booth!

Dear Honey Producers:

We hope you will be able to help the Iowa Honey Producers Association with honey and lemonade sales at the 2012 Iowa State Fair. Dates of this year's fair are August 9<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring any other helpers with you who may be interested in working. Children who are ten years of age and older enjoy assisting and are welcome. It would be so much easier if you would contact me to let me know whether you will be able to work or not this year. I don't know all 400 plus members of the IHPA and don't have time to go through the entire membership list to contact members to see if members can work.

We will send passes which provide free entry to the State Fair to all who assist with honey and lemonade sales. Days, dates and times for which help is needed are listed at the bottom of this letter. We need at least 8 people for each shift (every day) which is 9 am until 1:30 pm or 1:30 pm until 6 pm or 6 pm until 9 pm. Those working the last shift will need to help put things away and help clean up and get ready for the morning shift the next day. It is helpful if workers could arrive a few minutes before the scheduled shift so current workers can train the new workers before leaving the booth.

Please return the work schedule, call or e-mail indicating the dates and times you can help. Also, if possible, please list a first or second choice of dates and times you can be available to help with sales. Please state the names of all those coming with you who will be helping with State Fair sales.

Contact me even if you have already asked for a specific date, just to be sure we are all on the same page. Remember that we need approximately 21 people per day to fill the necessary shifts. The building is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for each of the 11 days that the Iowa State Fair runs. This is the main money making project of the Iowa Honey Producers Association. Please help us maintain adequate money to provide the necessary programs of the association.

We had a fantastic sales year last year and hope to continue the large amount of sales this year. We were very short of workers last year and hope to have enough workers this year during the Iowa State Fair. We are showcasing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iowa Honey Producers Association. Please consider helping your association. Hope to see you at the Iowa State Fair!

Donna Brahms, IHPA Booth Manager 14922 535<sup>th</sup> Street Griswold, IA 51535 (712) 778-4256-H or (402) 677-2460-C E-mail: mbrahms@netins.net

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We always have a "Honey Of A Time" working at the Iowa State Fair!

## 2012 BID SHEET FOR HONEY AND PRODUCTS TO BE SOLD AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR SALES BOOTH

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Hard Honey Candy(assorted)	Creamed Honey-regular
Creamed Honey-flavors	Beeswax Candles
Other Beeswax Products	Beeswax Bars(1 oz., ½ lb., 1 lb.)
section comb containers. Quality standards for all comb plastic boxes must be well drained with little or no liquid boxes or section comb honey which weighs at least 14 or that meet quality standards. Honey from all suppliers must content and excellent overall quality. All of the contained IHPA booth manager has the right to refuse any contained price, quality and ability to provide required quantity of for the duration of the Iowa State Fair.  Bids must be received by June 30 phone numbers. Suppliers of State Fair Honey will use the Labels must be attractive with preprinted wording, which item supplied. Include one sample of your label with the flavored creamed honey for sale due to lack of adequate NOTE: Arrangements need to be made to pick up and the same supplied in the same supplied in the flavored creamed honey for sale due to lack of adequate NOTE: Arrangements need to be made to pick up and the same supplied in	will accept cut comb in plastic boxes and wooden and round honey are: clean cappings and all cells capped. Cut comb in a honey. We will pay \$5.25 per unit for cut comb in plastic unces. We will pay \$4.00 for comb honey in round containers ust be 2012 crop, Iowa honey with 18.5% of less moisture ers need to be at a uniform fill line and free from foam. The ers not meeting this standard. Winning bids will be based on product for the entire fair. All winning bids will remain in effect the entire own business label on products supplied for State Fair Sales. In includes name and address of the supplier and net weight of the bid sheet. The IHPA booth manager may limit the number of sales space.  The unused product between 9 p.m. & 10 p.m. Sunday, August and the product between 9 p.m. & 10 p.m. Sunday, August
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# IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary 1912-2012 Summer Field Day June 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

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#### We will also have a "bee beard" live demo!!

Come join us for the fun starting with registration at 8:30 am, and the field day starting at 9:00 am until 3:30pm.

A noon potluck will take place, please bring a dish to pass. The IHPA will provide BBQ chicken, tableware, honey lemonade, bottle water and coffee.

#### **Registration information:**

Registration cost will be \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members.

#### **Pre-registration to:**

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