



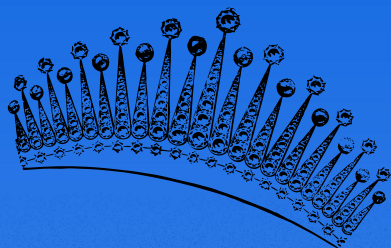
The Buzz

Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

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A Busy Month for the Queen

See what IHPA Honey Queen, Abigail Kelly, has been up to on Pages 7-8



Annual Conference

Check out all of the exciting details, competitions and more for the Annual Conference Pages 10-15

We Remember

An influential beekeeper, Lee Heine, passed away this month. We take a moment to remember his impact on Page 21

Thank you!

from the Summer Field Day Committee:
Cheri VanSickle, Tom Hart, Rhonda Heston, Kris Silvers

The committee would like to thank everyone that helped out to make Summer Field Day successful. Tom Hart and the group on his side of the state for putting up and taking down the tents. Adam and Phil Ebert for letting us borrow their location to tour and welcoming us to their place. Rhonda Heston for her work with the payments, registrations, and cash registers. Connie Bronnenberg for making the sweet rolls for the Queen table. Abigail and Bethany Kelly for running the queen table and helping serve where needed. Roy Kraft for filling in as the MC. All our speakers: Andy Joseph, Roy Kraft, Jason Foley, Phil Ebert, Randall Cass, Dr. Matt O'Neal, Tom Hart, Ed St John, Phil Ebert, Adam Ebert, and Jamie Beyer. There were a few bumps in the road, but all turned out ok rain or shine. I think everyone who attended enjoyed socializing with other bee keepers new and old. After putting together the closing of field day, rounding up all bills and money spent, we are on to the Annual Meeting. If anyone has questions or concerns please let any of us on the committee know.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Roy Kraft

Iowa members:

I've had a day of it! Back from helping our committee set up for the state fair. A work out! From unloading product coming in, like 50 plus pails of honey (at 50 lbs a piece) for the lemonade, to bagging sweatshirts and t shirts. Wow, glad that's done.

We lost a great man, Lee Heine. My condolences to his family. He will be remembered by me as one who gave a lot to the IHPA scholarship program, queen program, and other associations at the state and national levels. I briefly chatted with Lee at the 2019 annual meeting. I did not know him that well. He knew me as the president and I knew him as one who cared deeply about our association. We have pages in this Buzz dedicated to Lee. Rest in peace, our scholarship program is very solid.

The scholarship program and queen program deadline is fast approaching! Pass the word if a youth wants to do this you must apply by cut off date to be eligible, please see the web site for applications for both www.iowahoneyproducers.org

Our 2021 Annual Meeting is just around the corner as state fair is in the books. Budget yourself, as we all need to participate in our luncheons and banquet. You sell us out for McDonald's and you make it very hard for us to keep our price at the door reasonable. I know for fact that other states are much higher at the door than us. Fact is, the motel busses its fees off of food sales of our three meals. It's getting harder and harder to keep this all in some kind of prospective. Trust me there is a lot of discussion about this and the board tries very hard to accommodate all. The speakers we have are very good and very easy to understand. I'm looking forward to listening to them. Some board members also are very, very excited they are coming. So budget yourself and make it happen. I have to budget myself for state fair and I always enjoy the fair and work I do at the booth. I actually get vacation time this year the first time in close to 15 years. Paid that is, owning your own truck does not have paid vacation time with it.

Ok, Medium One report! I will say it like this, pilot got cannibalized rite of the bat. Hired a new one then. Nothing but cruise around the runways for the spring and summer!! When things are bad they can get worse! So where is this plane? Somewhere between taxing and flying, I think. So here is the way it is. The hive cannibalized the first queen. New queen added, then chalk brood set in. For weeks and weeks. Now it is just starting to work in the third box of mediums. In August there will be no honey crop, barely one box of bees. I will be treating with antibiotics shortly and looking for mites. I did treat them for mites earlier. I'm just trying to get it strong enough and get enough comb so they make it through winter. I have really had a horrible year with chalk brood or European foulbrood. I have one super of honey on 9 hives. That's one, one super out of 9 hives! Not nothing to brag about...down rite embarrassing to say the least. I'm just calling it as it is folks. Not a good year for me with bees. I guess that's why I'm looking forward to annual meeting and learning more, as I most definitely don't have it figured out! Way past my bed time folks!

Good night, God bless

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kris Silvers

Hello fellow beeks,

When you read this we will have already survived the Iowa State Fair and are hopefully getting back on track to the almost normal lives. Kids in school and work starting to look as normal as possible. It has been a whirl wind of a summer for me with canning and honey. We have gotten the most honey we ever have this year and holy cow! I must be getting older, the honey supers seem a lot heavier every year! I hope that everyone has had a great season and are starting to think of the mite treatments and winterizing your hives. I want to sort of change pace by bring up the Annual Meeting. I know it seems like forever since we have seen each other. Sometimes a weekend break is good to just visit with other beekeepers, learn information or practices from others, and maybe hear something you have not tried or done before. I would really like to encourage everyone to put the Annual Meeting on your calendar (November 12th and 13th). Also during the annual meeting there is the voting of new officers. I am so grateful for the wisdom and experience on the board and everyone stepped up to extend their time in office due to not being able to hold annual meeting. I was reading in success magazine that sometimes having a "changing of the guard" is a good idea. Sometimes when the same people are in the same place doing the same thing they don't always see the big picture or outside the box. I know there are so many talented people who are part of the IHPA and would be able to bring change and challenges to the board, and maybe help us launch further into the digital wave. I would like to encourage anyone to step up to show us what you have to add to our fabulous organization. I am super new to the board myself, but I always feel I could learn or change more. We have made some huge leaps in the last year with Zoom meetings, conference calls, bee classes on Facebook Live or Zoom. Also, Abigail has done many presentations on the internet and pulled in her sisters to be her production company. I am ecstatic that Kelsey has taken the Buzz to a new direction, Cheri is doing an amazing job as the Event Coordinator, and Jason Foley putting his spin on the IHPA website. I feel that this hiccup in everyone's lives may be really a step in a new direction. Where will that lead the IHPA? What new and upcoming things can we implement in the next year? What suggestions do you have for this exciting opportunity to make some changes? Update to email lists? Digital copies of the Buzz? Payment of anything online? Voxer? Tik Tok? More YouTube how to videos? Please let us hear some ideas and suggestions. Help be a voice and a movement of taking our organization into the next century. Off my soap box. Hope you all had a great summer and cant wait to see you at the Annual Meeting in November. Email me at anytime. kristin.silvers@gmail.com

-Kris Silvers, VP

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rhonda Heston

A decision will be made at the next Board meeting as to when we will return to monthly Buzz Newsletter. So in the meantime, membership dues are due at 12/31 each year. You can renew from the annual meeting sign up form included in this newsletter. As a 501(c) 3 company, your membership may be tax deductible, as can your conference fees and publications you subscribe to. Contact your tax professional for details. Please let Rhonda Heston know if you want a letter of donation for the 2021 tax year.

Merchandise merchandise with "Life is Better with Bees" design!! Crew Neck T-Shirts, V-Neck Ladies T-Shirts, Long Sleeve T-Shirts, Crew New Sweatshirts, Hoodie Style Sweatshirts, Hats and Aprons, as well as Cooling Towels should be available after the fair. Email me at ihpatreasurer.com or call (515) 724-2124 with questions.

IHPA OFFICER & DIRECTOR NEWS

EVENT COORDINATOR

Cheri VanSickle



The Conference and Annual Meeting consists of two full days that you won't want to miss! With abundant opportunities to get back to the things we've all missed doing together- like networking, discussing hot issues, face to face interaction in education sessions, socializing, celebrating and to continue our journey "To Keep the Knowledge Flowing." You will have the opportunity to be a vendor to display and sell your products and merchandise. See registration form on page 15. We are anticipating 300+ to register this year! You may also consider donating a silent auction and/or door prize item. Proceeds from the auction benefit our Honey Queen Program.

This year's Annual Meeting theme "To Keep the Knowledge Flowing" speaks to our hope and optimism as we continue to learn from each other. To move forward doesn't mean to push past what we have been through and try to return to life exactly as it was before. on the contrary, to truly move our association forward we must share our knowledge and experiences to become stronger and smarter.

We will need to evolve to meet the challenges ahead by bridging where we have been to new skills and knowledge and look forward to a new future in beekeeping.

Only by sharing our keeping experiences and information can we have a better tomorrow. I hope to see you at this year's IHPA Annual Meeting. You can expect sessions to help you become a better beekeeper.

I am looking for photos taken this year at local club events, Summer Field Day or the Iowa State Fair. If you are willing to share them with me please email them to be at vansicklemm@hotmail.com

The Iowa Honey Producer Queen, Abigail Kelly, presented Dr. Matthew O'Neal with a research check for the Entomology department at Iowa State University. Dr. O'Neal was one of our speakers at our July 2021 Field Day.





Emma Jakes' Recipes

Continued

My, how the summer has flown! It seems like just yesterday I was starting the summer, working with swarms, attending camp, and doing all the summer things! Now it's almost September, State Fair was amazing, and everyone is looking toward school and the Annual Meeting. I tried out two recipes this issue that are nearly polar opposites. The tomatoes are a great side dish to throw together after a long day of school or work, they're easy, healthy, and sound like summer. The Baklava cake is a great dessert to take to the Annual Meeting cooking competition, it's a little time consuming, pure sweetness, and tastes amazing.

Honey Scalloped Tomatoes (Pg. 141)

2 cups cooked tomatoes	½ Teaspoon salt
Pepper to taste	2 Tablespoons butter
2 Tablespoons honey	1 cup cracker crumbs

Cover bottom of buttered baking dish with a layer of tomatoes. On this sprinkle salt, pepper, dots of butter, and honey. Cover with a layer of cracker crumbs. Repeat with another layer of tomatoes, crumbs, and seasoning. Bake 20 minutes in a hot oven (Emma did around 400 degrees).

Emma's Notes: Hear me out! It's not that weird! I was a little doubtful of how good --or bad-- it would be but was pleasantly surprised. I used canned, cooked tomatoes rather than cooking tomatoes which made the recipe take a lot less time. I also used a one-quart casserole dish and it made about 4 servings. For crackers, I used Ritz® crackers and crushed them while they were still in the cracker sleeves. If you're having trouble imagining what the recipe is like, think of a lasagna for how the layers are done. Since I didn't have a specific temperature, I baked it for 10 minutes covered and the last 15 (I baked it an extra 5 minutes) minutes uncovered to let the honey caramelize. My family loved it and deemed it a "keeper" recipe.

Baklava Poke Cake (Pg. 97)

Cake: 15.25 oz. box Butter Pecan Cake Mix

2 ½ cups finely chopped walnuts	1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ cup butter, melted	14 oz. can sweetened condensed milk
¾ cup honey	

Whipped Topping:

1 cup heavy cream	¼ cup powdered sugar
1/8 cup honey	½ teaspoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon cinnamon	

Additional walnuts and honey for topping, if desired.

Bake cake according to box directions in a 9" x 13" cake pan. While cake is baking, mix walnuts, cinnamon, and butter and set aside. Once the cake is done, remove from oven and let cool for about 10 minutes. Mix together sweetened condensed milk and honey. Poke holes all over the cake. Pour about three quarters of the sweetened condensed milk mixture over cake. Cover cake with walnut mixture. Pour the rest of the sweetened condensed milk mixture over the walnut layer. Put cake in refrigerator and allow to cool completely and absorb the milk mixture, about an hour.

To make the whipped topping, freeze a mixer bowl and whisk attachment for 10-15 minutes. Remove bowl from freezer and whip heavy cream until it begins to thicken. Add powdered sugar, honey, vanilla, and cinnamon and whip until stiff peaks form. Spread whipped topping over completely cooled cake. Refrigerate cake until ready to serve.

Emma's Notes: Wow! This was certainly not a quick recipe, but it was amazing! As far as making the cake, it was not difficult by any means, but it was time consuming. With the addition of the cake mix, I anticipated the recipe being relatively quick; however, there is quite a bit of stopping then starting again (bake the cake, let it sit, add topping let it sit, freeze the bowl, let it sit, etc.). Freezing the mixer bowl and whisk helped the whipped topping come together a lot faster and keep its shape. If you have a warm kitchen like mine, you will want to work quickly so that the topping doesn't lose its "Fluff." It was well worth the effort. The cake was amazing. Each layer was reasonably distinct while also allowing the flavors to complement each other. Additionally, this cake is very forgiving if you make a mistake. I bought the wrong type of cream, needed to leave the cake over night without the whipped topping and it was just as good the next day. The cake is very rich so I would recommend cutting small pieces for best enjoyment. Overall, the cake was amazing, and I will definitely be making it again!

Legislative News

Lobbyist: Jamie Beyer

Now that the Legislative Session in Iowa is over (as of last April) I can report as to what beekeepers gained in protections and promotions of our bees. I first want to Thank Jim Obradovich of the Capital Group as our paid Lobbyists. Because of our reduced income this past year he reduced his fees to us by 75%. Yes, 75%!! Without him and his group of lobbyists we would not have done as well this year in our gains.

This is a very short summary of major law changes that affects beekeepers;

- It is now a criminal offense to interfere with the transportation of an agricultural animal which includes bees
- The Farm-To-School Program has been updated to allow school districts to purchase items from local producers -- this includes honey. A task force has also been formed to recommend how schools may be provided with practical options to acquire fresh locally produced produce including honey
- A new code chapter has been created that is referred to as the "Iowa Agricultural Tourism Promotion Act". It limits the liability of people involved in agricultural tourism on a farm -- this includes an apiary. This chapter also defines "farm animal" to include honey bees. This is a big change in the definition!!
- Ag Unauthorized Sampling. It is now illegal for anyone to commit unauthorized sampling by entering private property to gain the samples of agricultural products. Honey bees are included in the legislation as an agricultural animal
- A \$500,000 appropriation has been approved for the Forest Health Management Program. This includes efforts to monitor, manage and reduce insects and diseases that harm Iowa's forests and trees. We all know the importance of trees for our bees

An additional note that is not legislative -- For those of you that attended the Field Day in Mount Vernon heard Dr. Matt O'Neil speak. He reached out to me to invite the new Iowa State University Department Chair of Entomology and Plant Pathology, Dr. Steve Harris, to come to our September Director's meeting. The relationship that we have with the Entomology group at ISU is well known especially with Randall Cass and with Dr. Amy Toth. I did email Dr. Harris and he is coming to address the Directors. He will be talking about how we can work together on various research projects involving honey bees. This relationship with ISU will improve our commitment to knowing more about honey bees in Iowa.

Please contact me for anyone needing clarification of the legislation or with comments.

Thanks,

Jamie

Did you know?



Did you know you are able to get FREE educational materials from the National Honey Board!?

These free educational materials are made for grades 2-4, but are applicable for many settings.

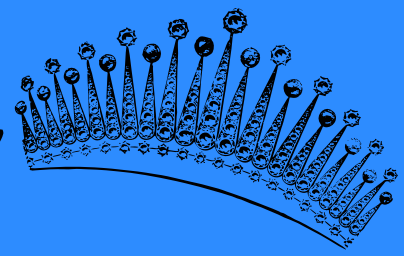
There are many resources offered for free, you just have to pay \$9.95 for shipping.

Go to honey.com/shop to find all of these great deals.



Royal Proclamation

Abigail Kelly - 2021 Iowa Honey Queen



Happy Fall, beekeepers! I have been busy the past few months! I am so excited to share with you about my recent activities so I am going to get right into it!

On May 20, also known as World Bee Day, I shared with students at Bergman Academy about the basics of honey bees. I shared about the honey bee life cycle, three honey bee castes, and honey making process. These students already knew so much about honey bees and had lots of great questions!

On June 14, I traveled down to Lamoni to partner with the Decatur County Conservation Board to share about the importance of honey bees. At this program, I met two people who have tried pollen. I have never met anyone who has tasted pollen before! The audience was also able to roll their own beeswax candle.

On July 18, I spoke to about fifty cub scouts along with beekeeper Keith Bidne. I brought along an observation hive which the students were eager to look at! Keith and I brought along honey for the kids to taste and compare.

July 23 found me at the Fredericksburg (Upham Memorial) Library. I spoke about honey bees as part of the library's summer reading program. The questions included what do honey bees do in winter and why do honey bees raise a new queen.

July 10 was the Iowa Honey Producers Association's Summer Field Day at Adam Ebert's property in Mount Vernon. Despite the drizzle and chill, I had a great time interacting with our members. I was able to give an update on my activities, help serve food and drinks, and catch a bit of the presentations.



I was able to lead story time at the Dayton Public Library on July 14. I had a great crowd come out. The kids loved doing their crafts, rolling candles, and tasting honey. I loved answering all their questions!

July 16 was another busy day for me. I spoke to over a hundred kids at a STEM event in downtown Des Moines. The event was a flurry of activity! I focused on sharing about honey and beeswax and what the bees do with it. Of course, I shared honey sticks and rolled honey candles with the kids.

On July 27, I had not one, but two presentations in Dubuque. First, I presented on behalf of the Dubuque Public Library to give a presentation on beeswax and its uses. The kids were eager to hear about honey. They could not believe that the bees make beeswax too! Later in the day, I shared about how beekeepers can utilize beeswax with the Dubuque Swiss Valley Bee Club and the Great River Bend Beekeepers.



I was able to speak to the Clive Rangers for the third year in a row on July 29! Some of the kids were able to remember what they have learned in the past few years. It was a joy for me to see how I have made an impact as a Honey Queen.

As part of preparation for the Iowa State Fair, Veronica Vonderohe, the North Iowa Honey Queen; Emma Jakes, the Friendly Beekeepers of Iowa Honey Queen; my sisters, Bethany, Miriam, Olivia, and Elianna; and I helped Connie Bronnenburg bag honey candy and cut rolled candle supplies.

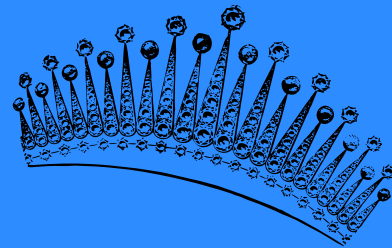
On August 3, I led story time at the Cedar Valley Arboretum and Botanic Gardens in Waterloo. I had a great turnout! The kids loved being able to see honey bees flying around the gardens.

While in Wisconsin, I visited the Honey Acres Honey Museum. Their museum is a great opportunity for so many to learn more about honey bees and their importance! I enjoyed touring it, talking with one of the owners, and trying some of their delicious chocolates. If you are ever in Wisconsin, be sure to stop by the lovely museum.

Royal Proclamation

Abigail Kelly - 2021 Iowa Honey Queen

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The 2021 Iowa State Fair kicked off amazingly with the Iowa State Fair Parade. I was able to ride in it along with Emma Jakes, the Friendly Beekeepers of Iowa Honey Queen, Veronica Vonderohe, the North Iowa Honey Queen, Ellie Nasbaum, the Central Iowa Honey Queen, Jason Vernon, the Central Iowa Honey Ambassador, Buzz the Bee, Little Bee, and a few beekeepers. It was a great opportunity to represent IHPA. As I write, day one of the Iowa State Fair is complete. I have already spent hours at the Iowa Honey Producers Association's booth, given a presentation, and visited around the fair. In the next Buzz, I will share more about the Iowa State Fair.

It is hard to believe that my reign as Honey Queen will be done in under three months. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming the 2022 Iowa Honey Queen, be sure to fill out and submit an application by September 30th. The application can be found on the Iowa Honey Producers Association's website. If you or someone you know is not ready to be the Iowa Honey Queen, many local area bee clubs sponsor Honey Queens as well.

Be sure to reach out if you would like me to present for you. Please reach out to Connie Bronnenburg, the IHPA Queen Program's Chair, at her cell phone number, (515)-480-6076, or her email, cbronny823@aol.com.

Abigail Kelly, 2021 Iowa Honey Queen



IHPA FIELD DAY REPORT

Photos and article submitted by Adam Ebert

The July date for the IHPA field day in Mount Vernon dawned rather wet and gray. Originally there were a couple of inches of rain forecast to fall on the day of the event as well, but luckily we avoided dealing with anything more than moderate drizzle.

Almost everyone stayed reasonably dry under the tents. Most of the schedule was already planned to take place under a tent or roof rather than out with bees, and that turned out to be fortuitous because it wasn't the best weather to work through many hives.

One of the best things about IHPA events is the high quality of contributors at the field days and annual meetings. This time we had our state apiarist Andy Joseph of Meadow Blazing Star Honey, Jason Foley of Foley's Russian Bees, and Pat Ennis of P & P Honey and Bee Supply. Iowa State University Entomology presenters were Professor Matt O'Neal and Extension Entomologist Randall Cass. The Iowa Honey Queen and her supportive sister sold concessions throughout the day as a fundraiser for queen program.

The Ebert Honey contribution to the program was simply touring the inside of our pole building divided between storage on one end and an extracting setup on the other end. Giving this tour is one of those components that doesn't feel extremely exciting to us since we live with it every day, but it seemed to be pretty interesting to most of the people who came through in three different groups. I do love telling about the past lives of our old equipment and how we figured out certain concepts. The 50-frame Woodman extractors that came out of Texas and Wisconsin are two of my favorite extracting room tales.

We've learned most of what we know by walking and talking with other beekeepers, so we have definitely benefited from these types of opportunities in the past. It's incredible to think back to when we had just a few hives and gradually evolved toward what we now do every day in our corner of the bee world. I always encourage folks to carry on the side conversations outside of the formal presentations. A lot of the additional knowledge and news of current events circulates on the edges of the official schedule. It's a great way to make new friends too.

This was the first field day we've hosted on the Mount Vernon side of the Ebert Honey operation. There has been such a series of ongoing projects in recent years that we were in no rush to add more events to our summer schedule, but this seemed like the right time to invite everyone over for the day. Event coordinator Cheri VanSickle and the many IHPA officers and volunteers helped everything run as smoothly as possible. That allowed us to truly "host" rather than bear responsibility for all of the logistical details, and that was greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all attendees, volunteers, and speakers that made for a pleasant day on the bee farm!

Dr. Matt O'Neal gives a presentation



Randall Cass and Pat Ennis demonstration on oxalic acid varroa treatment



Iowa Honey Queen, Abigail Kelly, and her sister, Bethany Kelly



Andy Joseph, Jason Foley and Phil Ebert



2021 CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, November 12–Saturday, November 13

West Des Moines Marriott Hotel

1250 Jordan Creek Parkway

West Des Moines, IA

(515) 267-1500

Mention IHPA for a discount (Expires 10/21/21)

To reserve your room, and save **\$70/night** off of normal rates go to www.iowahoneyproducers.org --> "Find out more!" --> "Marriott Hotel" information and click "Here" or call (515) 267-1500

Keynote Speakers

Bob Binnie

Kamon Reynolds

and

Adam Ingrao,

PH.D, Founder of Heroes to Hive

The Conference will offer a banquet on Friday night with Bob Binnie speaking. Throughout the conference he will be speaking about the following topics :

Friday morning-Queen Management. A discussion on queen performance and management including introduction, acceptance, supersedure, and more.

Friday evening-Four Decades of Commercial Beekeeping. Fun stories, personal experiences and lessons learned while working and traveling as a commercial migratory beekeeper.

Saturday morning-How Processing Affects Honey. There's more to honey than meets the eye. A close up look at how honey is affected by moisture, filtration, temperature and much more.

FAQ for the Conference & Annual Meeting.

1. What is the queen luncheon?

Our current IHPA Queen, Abigail Kelly, travels all over the state of Iowa promoting Iowa honey and IHPA programs that are available to our current members and future IHPA members. During this luncheon she will talk about her travels and accomplishments. Attendees can learn more about her 2021 adventures. Also, during the queen luncheon the new 2022 queen candidates will be introduced.

2. What is the scholarship luncheon?

During this luncheon Stephanie Meyers will talk about the Scholarship Program. Attendees will learn how a student is to apply to be considered for acceptance into the program, and what materials they will receive from the IHPA to become a beekeeper.

Keep checking our website for the most up to date information

Topics

Waxing Frames

Queen Raising

Problem with your Frames

Concerns with Transporting Bees to California

Nosema Concerns

A Quick way to Turn your Wax into Cash

& Many More!!!

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Contests

2021 CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEETING

Contests will be Friday, November 12th, 2021.
Entries need to be in place by 10:00 am.



Cooking Contest

Youth: 15 years and under Adult: 16 years and older

- Honey must be the only sweetener used
- Can only enter ONE item in each category
- You must supply the recipe (with your name on the back) with your entry
- Contest coordinator will keep the recipes to be included in the "Buzz" newsletter
- Bring enough samples for judging as well as tasting during the Friday Evening Social Sampling before the banquet
- The categories to enter will be:
 - Breads
 - Cookies and Bars
 - Muffins, Cupcakes and Brownies
 - Snacks and Appetizers
 - Sauces, Jams, Jellies and Butters (Items entered in this category must be accompanied by a bite size food item to sample with)
- The Marriott has been gracious enough to allow us to have our cooking contest and bring outside food into the venue. We must follow some simple rules for our social sampling time:
 - a. Food must be broken down into bite size pieces. (After the judging!)
 - b. Drink samples must be in extra small cups. This would be why the above categories were selected.
- Entries will be judged on:
 - 1) Presentation and overall appearance of entry;
 - 2) Best use of honey; and
 - 3) Flavor and texture of entry

Judges reserve the right to determine how to best judge the entries.
There will be First, Second and Third place awards given

Mead Making Contest

- Supply at least TWO bottles of mead per category entering
- Bottles must be 12 oz. or larger with all labels removed
- Your name and category entering must be written on a 3x5 notecard
- Judges reserve the right to combine categories when the number of entries is insufficient & Judges' decisions are final

Categories to be submitted will include:

- Traditional Meads
- Molemel (Fruit Meads)
- Metheglyn (Spiced Meads)

There will be a First, Second and Third place award in each category

Entries will be judged on:

1. Alcohol Strength;
2. Sweetness;
3. Carbonation;
4. Temperature;
5. Taste
6. Presentation

"People's Choice" Photo Contest

Youth: 15 years and younger Adult: 16 years+

- Any size photo will be accepted
- Photo must be matted, but not framed
- Your name must be on the backside of photo
- Photo MUST be of a Honey Bee!
- Photo can not have identifiable persons, animals or labels
- The categories to enter will be:
 - a. Bee on flower
 - b. General Beekeeping
 - c. Extracting Honey
 - d. Specific photos pertaining to honey

ONE entry per category

Photos will be judged by the Annual Conference attendees.

There will be a First, Second and Third place awards to the top three in each category of each division

"People's Choice" Painted Hive Body

Youth: 11 years and younger

Youth: 12 years to 16 years Adult: 17 years+

- Hand painted design to cover a minimum of one side of the hive body
- Theme of your choice
- Name and category entered must be written on a 3x5 notecard
- The use of Stenciling is not allowed

Entries will be judged by Annual Conference attendees

There will be a First, Second and Third place awards in each division.

Bring extra bottles of Mead to share at Social Time Sampling (Friday Evening before the banquet)

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Black Label Honey Contest

- 1 pound plastic bottle with a flip top lid of this year's (2021) honey
 - Jars and bottles without a flip top lid will not be accepted for entry
 - Bottle must be completely covered with aluminum foil so that you can not see the honey but lid is still accessible
 - Due to the space available in the contest room, this contest will be limited to the first 25 entries
 - When entered, your bottle will be assigned a number for identification purposes
 - Honey will be judged on taste alone by Annual Conference attendees
- There will be a first, Second and Third place awards to the top three honeys.



- Bottle(s) need to be 12oz. or 1 pound size filled with this year's honey
- Bottle(s) can be unlabeled or you may have your personal label on them
- You can bring more than one bottle
- You will be given one ticket for each bottle you bring to the swap (limit of 5)
- At anytime, you then can exchange your tickets for another participant's honey

What do you want to see in The Buzz?

You spend hours looking at The Buzz, right? Let me guess...you spend even more time waiting for it to arrive, right?! So.....What do you want to see in The Buzz?

Do you want to have a search for a specific picture in The Buzz, like a tiny bee 🐝 within lines of text or in a picture, and whoever finds it first, and emails me gets a prize?

Do you want a bee photo contest? Or maybe a "Bee Kind" section where people are recognized for doing something helpful for another beekeeper? Or maybe a coloring contest for adults, and kids?

This is your newsletter, I just put it together. Tell me what YOU would like to see by emailing me, Kelsey Wigans, Editor, at ihpaeditor@gmail.com



IHPA Awards

Do you know someone the IHPA should recognize for an award during the Conference and Annual Meeting in November? If so, please contact **Curt Bronnenberg at (515) 480-6075**. Send nominations to **cbronny823@aol.com** or **Curt Bronnenberg, 14405 Hull Avenue, Perry, IA 50220**. Please send a brief written description of the nominee's involvement in beekeeping/IHPA.

Categories for awards:

Lifetime Membership Award

Pioneer Award

for having been involved in beekeeping for 50+ years and still active in beekeeping

Distinguished Service Award

for assisting other beekeepers, being will to share information and/or serving the state association

Education Award

for teaching beekeeping classes, speaking at service clubs, giving presentations to school children or speaking about beekeeping on radio or TV

Promotion Award

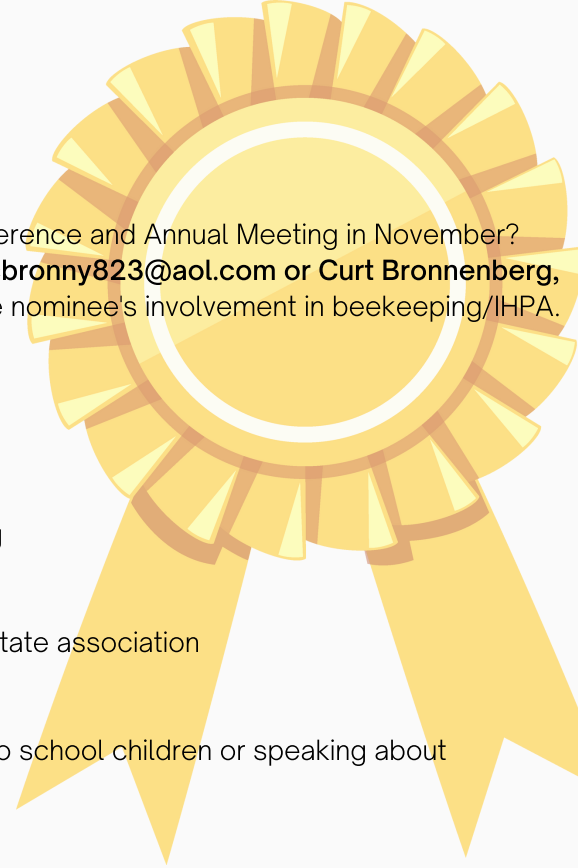
for promoting honey and keeping, promotions for state association or promoting their own product

Friendship Award

for being a friend of the association. This could be someone who has presented at the annual IHPA trade show, or a state official who has assisted or encouraged beekeeping. They do not need to be a member of our beekeeping community

Youth Award

for a young person who has show commendable involvement in such things as helping at the state or county fair, successfully keeping bees for at least one season, including wintering, writing, or making a float for a parade, public speak, etc.



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Heidi Love, Connie Bronnenberg, Doyle Kincy and Carole Vannoy

**2021 Iowa Honey Producers Association
Conference and Annual Meeting
November 12th & 13th, 2021
Marriott Hotel, Jordan Creek
1250 Jordan Creek Parkway
West Des Moines IA
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Friday and Saturday ~~ Registration: 8:00 AM ~~ Conference/Annual Meeting: 8:30 AM

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Additional Attendees:

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(please include age of children)

Address: _____

City / State / Zip _____

Phone: _____

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DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS November 1st ** NO EXCEPTIONS **

If you can only attend one day, no discounts are offered. No refunds given after November 1st.

Conference and Annual Meeting Fees:

Members Registration BEFORE November 1st	_____	\$80.00	_____
* AFTER November 1st	_____	\$90.00	_____
Non-Members Registration BEFORE November 1st	_____	\$100.00	_____
* AFTER November 1st	_____	\$110.00	_____
YOUTH 17 and younger FREE to attend with a parent or guardian	_____	FREE	FREE

QUEEN LUNCHEON - Friday: (pre-registration required)

* Lasagna Beef & Sausage, served with Garlic Breadsticks	_____	\$24.00	_____
* Hot Beef Sandwich served with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	_____	\$24.00	_____

BANQUET - Friday Award Banquet (pre-registration required)

* Beef Tenderloin Tips with Mashed Potatoes & Herb Green Beans	_____	\$38.00	_____
* Boursin Breaded Chicken Breast with Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	_____	\$34.00	_____
* Pork Tenderloin Slices with Honey Mustard Glaze served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Roasted Vegetables	_____	\$34.00	_____
* Vegetable Pasta Primavera served over a bed of Panna pasta with Fresh Marinara and Alfredo	_____	\$34.00	_____

(ALL BANQUET MEALS COME WITH FOCACCIA BREAD SERVICE, CHEF SALAD and DESSERT)

**Please state if you need your dinner to be Gluten Free*

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON - Saturday: (pre-registration required)

* Roasted Turkey Club Sandwich - Served with Chips and Pasta Salad	_____	\$24.00	_____
* Pulled Pork Sandwich - Served with Chips and Coleslaw	_____	\$24.00	_____

2022 Membership Dues - Includes Subscription to the Buzz Newsletter	_____	\$20.00	_____
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Event questions can be directed to: Cheri Van Sickle, Event Coordinator, 712-242-7807 or vansicklemm@hotmail.com

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for the Annual Meeting and Conference November 12-13, 2021

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Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Signature: _____

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- Two complimentary Conference registrations
- Two complimentary Queen's Lunch tickets and VIP eating at the Queen's Table
- One Full Page Company ad in the event program

☐ **Annual Conference Sponsor** **\$4,000**

- Company's name and logo displayed on registration table and throughout the venue
- Recognition on website (with link) and in event program
- Four complimentary Conference registrations
- Four complimentary Banquet tickets and VIP seating at the IHPA President's Table
- One Full Page Company ad in the event program
- 15 minute speaking slot during conference opening and at the banquet

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- Company name listed on website and in the event program
- Electricity upon request

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☐ **Premium Exhibit Booth** **\$100**

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Cheri VanSickle

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Neola, IA 51559

Ph: (712) 242-7807. Email: vansicklemm@hotmail.com

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Ads in the Conference Program Guide

☐ **Full page ad** **\$150**

☐ **1/2 page ad** **\$100**

☐ **1/4 page ad** **\$60**

☐ **1/8 page ad** **\$40**

2021 IHPA Grant Proposal Form

The Iowa Honey Producers Association supports honeybee and beekeeping research through grants to research projects during the IHPA Annual Meeting. The IHPA Grant Proposal Form will need to be postmarked by the submission deadline (September 14, 2021) .

The IHPA Board will review the stated use of the Grant to confirm the use is in line with the goal of promoting continued research in honeybees and beekeeping. This review will allow the board time to request additional information if needed, and ensure total proposed Grants do not exceed the association's budget for research Grants.

With acceptance by the IHPA Board, the Grant Proposal will be brought to the floor during the Business Meeting of the Annual Meeting for a vote by the members. Grant Proposals can be made by anyone with a current IHPA membership. Members are encouraged to help the Association to identify research projects that will continue to work for the benefit of honeybees, beekeepers and the honey industry.

Submission Deadline: Postmarked by September 14, 2021

IHPA Member submitting the Grant Proposal

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Grant Proposal

Proposed dollar amount of the IHPA Grant: \$_____

Contact Information for head researcher / project organization.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Please provide a description of how the proposed Grant would be used in regard to your research relating to honeybees, beekeeping or the honey industry. (Please add additional page(s) as needed)

Please send all grant proposals, and direct all questions to: **Cheri VanSickle, Event Coordinator. Ph: (712) 242-7807. Email: vansicklemm@hotmail.com**

A final written report (500 words minimum) and presentation will be given at the 2022 Conference and Annual Meeting. Four photos must be submitted to Cheri Van Sickle at vansicklemm@hotmail.com by the 2022 Conference and Annual Meeting.

Bee Club Bulletin

What is happening around Iowa?

Dubuque Swiss Valley Bee Club

By: Diane Thoma

The Dubuque Swiss Valley Bee Club kicked off the summer with a busy schedule of activities within the community.

To celebrate Pollinator Week, club member Phylicia shared her knowledge and passion for bees with the fifth-grade children from St Mark's Youth Enrichment Program. The instruction Phylicia developed included bee biology, beekeeping, products of the hive including honey tasting, and candle rolling. As a grand finale the children caught and observed bees, showcasing what is right in their own community. Television station KCRG was there highlighting Dubuque's Pollinator Week activities. They interviewed Phylicia on the importance of pollinators and protecting bees. You can see the full interview on the Dubuque Swiss Valley Facebook page as well as see photos of the children participating. The smiles on their faces show what a great success the program was!

Our Bee Club also partnered with Dubuque County Conservation to put on a "Buzz Like A Bee" children's camp. Thirty children participated. Dubuque County Conservation generously purchased bee suits and gloves for the children to wear. Getting the suits on the kids was a little like herding bees, but once done we climbed in a huge hay wagon drawn by a tractor and headed through the pasture to the apiary. We opened the hives, explored and explained what we saw, and answered lots of questions. Some of the kids were brave enough to hold the frames, too! After the apiary lessons, we had a show and tell of a piece-by-piece hive setup, extracting equipment, and various beekeeping tools. One of the highlights was taste-testing various kinds of honey, from Basswood to Wild Flower to Goldenrod, creamed honey and partially crystallized honey. As a parting gift the Bee Club presented each child with their own plastic teddy bear filled with honey donated by our members. We definitely plan to do this again next year and, hopefully, for years to come!

The Bee Club was thrilled to host Iowa's Honey Queen, Abigail Kelley. Abigail did an afternoon presentation and one in the evening. Both presentations were open to the public. Abigail shared her techniques for rendering beeswax and demonstrated how to make lip balm. We all received a complimentary lip balm from Abigail. She discussed various salves and lotions that she makes and provided a brochure that included recipes for all the items. We got great tips for candle making too. Each participant rolled a candle to take home and was free to enjoy a honey stick, compliments of our Honey Queen. Abigail did a wonderful job, shared lots of good advice, and we enjoyed having her!

Moving forward, we are in the planning stages of a Queen Marking Workshop in September. What a great skill to perfect! Watch us on Facebook as we post information and photos of our events!

Happy Hiving from the Dubuque Swiss Valley Bee Club!



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From the Beeyard

A collection of information from those with direct, personal knowledge about beekeeping

Written by Phil Ebert

What a strange year. Though I have to say that they all seem strange any more. There is no doubt that weather patterns are changing. A late frost zapped the wild cherries and plums that usually bloom in the road ditch. Wild mustard bloomed early beginning at the start of May. Black locust did not bloom at all. Yield from dandelions was poor. I can't remember a nastier April/May. We had a few days in the 80's but it was mostly wet and/or cold. We went from frost warnings to 90 degree temps within the span of a week at the end of May. Our bees did not get anything from yellow sweet clover even though it was hot while it was in bloom. Overall we were skunked in June. It was dry out there (June). It brought back thoughts of '88—a super dry year that yielded a super big crop. That flow was mostly over by the 4th of July. We are not going to see anything like that this year. There were several nice days when the bees just didn't fly much. While there are similarities to '88, things are not the same. In addition to the weather working against us, we have had 30 years of decreasing forage and an exponential increase in the use of chemicals. We are using the dirt to hold the plants up. The rest is chemicals.

The rains came at the end of June. Trefoil really came on and there was more white sweet clover than I have ever seen in the road ditches. Near one of our yards, the ditch is full of white sweet clover for over a half mile. I have been fearful that some fool would come along and mow it. It seems like the farmers are mowing with a vengeance this year. Rain has put soybeans in play. After the rain, the bees flew really well. That lasted for a week. Then the rain and cooler temps came again. We lost several days of flying time. By July 13, the bees were flying again. Hot weather persisted until the end of July. There was some honey made but we are not going to have a good year. Comb honey production is particularly bad. We have cut comb boxes that never made it out of the shed. Well, they did make it out of the shed but they just rode around on the truck. They were never put on a colony.

We have colonies in all stages of development. There is always the question of "Should I let them go or knock them back." We like to have colonies strong in case there is an early flow but if you wind up with a hive full of bees having nothing to do, the odds are that they will wind up hanging in a tree somewhere. This year we elected to knock the big ones back again after splitting. There is always the temptation to build numbers for California but my business philosophy is still unchanged. Make money on the bees at the first opportunity. They may be dead before they get to almonds. They may even be dead by fall.

Our numbers have held steady thru June and July. Then it becomes a horse race to get the honey pulled and the mite treatments in. Beekeepers have evolved into mite killers. It is, by far, the most important job we do. Here is our mite treatment scenario—right or wrong. They had Tactic grease balls in California. We had to increase the amount of Tactic in the mix to make them work. We did an oxalic dribble when the bees got back to Iowa. In the first week of June, our counts were mostly running 0-4. There was one that was 8. Adam put extended release oxalic pads in his colonies when he supered. That appears to have worked for the most part. He had a lot of zero counts in July. A few were in the 5-10 range. The ones that are ten need a treatment right away. On the Lynnvile end, we gave a Formic Pro pad to the big doubles that we split first. This was done in mid-June. The pad is between the brood boxes. Supers are on those colonies. The rest of the colonies will get another oxalic dribble. Waiting until supers are off to treat is a thing of the past. The later splits are all testing around 1% (3 mites/300 bees). We are only testing 2 or 3 colonies per yard. There are probably some that have higher counts that we didn't find. The worker bees turn over but the queen is in there for all of the treatments. That can be hard on her. We are going to dribble again when we pull. Then we will probably come back with Formic Pro. The main thing is to not use the same thing all the time.

As I finish this up, it is the 8th of August. Our yield, so far, is better than anticipated but still not good. We have 15 barrels extracted. Honey prices appear to be on the rise. It remains to be seen as to how much honey is really out there. The Dakotas are very dry though South Dakota did get some rain. I have heard decent reports from Nebraska.

On another note, Lee Heine has passed. He has been battling cancer the last few years. This is a huge loss. Lee did a lot for the IHPA and the industry in general. He literally knew everybody. Lee was your friend whether you were important or not. Sitting at a table with Lee was always fun! I am going to miss him.

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You must be an IHPA member to run an ad in The Buzz.

We'll publish monthly prices once
we go back to 12 issues

Ad Sizes and Pricing

Size	Actual Space	Qtr. yr. Price (\$)	Year Price (\$)
Classified	3 lines, 4" long	15	50
1/8 Page	1" x 1.25"	75	250
1/4 Page	2" x 2.5"	150	500
1/2 Page	4" x 5"	220	775
Full Page	8" x 10"	275	1,000

Please send articles, photos and classified ads to
Kelsey Wigans at ihpaeditor@gmail.com

Firm Deadline for submissions is included below:

Newsletter	Due Date for Submissions
Aug. 2021	July 10, 2021
Sept. 2021	Aug. 10, 2021
Oct. 2021	Sept. 10, 2021
Nov. 2021	Oct. 10, 2021
Dec. 2021	Nov. 10, 2021

If you miss the deadline, submissions will be in the
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From the Editors



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Bees are just the most fascinating thing I have worked with. They are also challenging, and I am constantly learning things from the beekeeping groups I am part of on Facebook. I quite enjoy the "Women in Beekeeping" Group. Ladies, if you aren't part of this one, you should check it out. Gilmore City-Bradgate (GC-B) Beekeepers are sweating out the summer with me. We started the spring with five hives, and now have thirteen!! Our experimental split is doing well, and we are excited to have caught four swarms this year. The students and I presented at a "Pollinator Party," and had a blast. We talked about how homeowners and farmers can help bees, sold honey, and shared a lot of laughs. We will be volunteering at the Iowa State Fair for the first time this year, and also trying our hand at exhibiting a few projects in the apiary area. Wish us luck!

-Kelsey



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Contact Phil Ebert ehoney37@nertins.net or 641-521-6361



Leland R. "Lee" Heine

November 19, 1947 - August 1, 2021



He was born November 19, 1947 in Waverly, Iowa and was raised in Parkersburg, Iowa. He was the son of Raymond and Marie Heine, both of whom predeceased him, as did grandson, Cody Schmidt.

He worked in the finance business prior to joining Dadant & Sons in 1978 in Hamilton, Illinois. He transferred to Watertown, Wisconsin in 1984 and managed the branch until retirement in 2012. During this period, he also started the largest honeybee package distribution outlet in the USA. He operated this until 2016. Lee gave back to his industry and was well known by many in the industry. He served as President of the Wisconsin Honey Producers and held many other positions. He was appointed by two Secretaries of Agriculture to serve on the National Honey Board. He served as Chairman of this for three consecutive terms. He was a member of several organizations and was honored with many awards over the years. He was very proud of his achievements.



No funeral services will be held per his request. All Memorials can be made to Agrace Hospice Foundation - 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison, WI 53711 www.agrace.org/donate or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network - 1500 Rosecrans Ave., Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 www.pancan.org

The beekeeping world will never be the same! On August 1st Lee Heine passed away from a courageous fight with pancreatic cancer. Lee was born in Waverly, IA and raised in Parkersburg. As an adult he would coincide his trips from Wisconsin home to visit family and attend the Iowa Honey Producers Association Annual Meeting. That is where I first met Lee at an IHPA meeting. He and Dick Blake were trading jokes and giving great advice to all beekeepers who were willing to listen! Lee was the chairman of the National Honey Board for many years and appointed me to the nominations committee and we attended several regional meetings together. He was an excellent mentor and introduced me to lots of contacts in the beekeeping world. Lee always attended the American Beekeeping Federation meetings and supported the American Honey Queen program making the acquaintance of several of the Iowa Honey Queens. He even attended some of their weddings here in Iowa and other states! He was a firm believer in the Honey Queen Programs, locally and nationally and was very generous with his time, money and friendship.

He was instrumental in helping develop the Iowa Youth program. He helped Teresa (Jurchen) Brandenburg, an American Honey Princess at the time, develop the youth program and sat in on the very first interviews of the youth. It was after that interview session that he announced to Mike, Phil Ebert and me that we could not turn any of the youth away and funded the entire list of applicants with packages of bees. He funded packages for many years to make the IHPA Youth Scholarship program what it is today! I could write all day and never touch all the things that Lee did for the beekeeping world and for the IHPA.

Lee's wife, Nadene, is a very generous person to share her husband with so many in the beekeeping world. We owe her a debt of gratitude because Lee's giving nature took him to many beekeeping meetings around the world and left her to run the Dadant branch office in Watertown, WI and take care of their family. Thank you Nadene and family. As per Lee's wishes, please lift a glass, offer a toast and remember all the greatness that was Lee Heine, a true friend of the beekeeping industry!

-Donna Brahms, Past IHPA President

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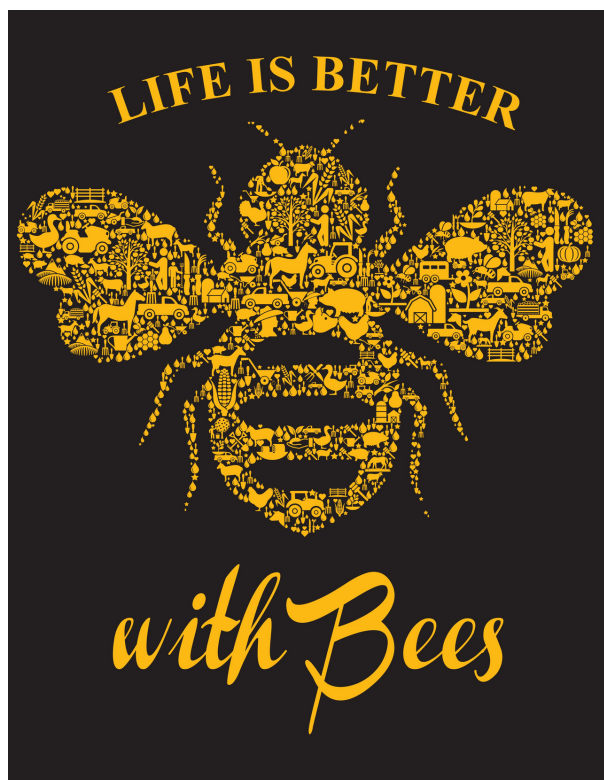
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