



# *The Buzz*



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*Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association*



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It's Annual Meeting Time!

It's that time of year once again ... the Annual Meeting and Conference! This will mark the 106<sup>th</sup> year for the Iowa Honey Producers Association. I can't imagine in another 50 years someone filling my shoes penning an article for the members to read. I'll be long gone. But will such an article be needed? Maybe some variation of a podcast will be the norm or something along the lines of a virtual reality experience for a message. How many of you remember the Jetsons and their futuristic ways of life? So many of those zany ideas have now become the norm in 2018. When you think of keeping bees, little has changed in the last 100 years in comparison to most other aspects of our lives.

If you are like me, you are counting the days down until we can once again convene for some great learning and socializing with friends we haven't seen since last year. One other aspect of our event, however, is the silent auction. Last year the items were exceptionally diverse and of such good quality that I cannot wait to see what's in store for this year. And if you don't spend your money on silent auction items, our vendors will surely sell you something you cannot do without. What do you need? More containers, how about a new bee brush or feeders, or how about small hive beetle control options? Books always make good gifts or help you learn a new hobby for this winter such as making candles or lotions. I hope you will shop til you drop because our vendors make a good show every year and we want to enhance our relationship with them.

If you haven't yet read about our speakers, make sure you take time to read this edition of The Buzz. It's ok to skip over my message to the more important news of who will captivate you in a couple of weeks. Last year, our speaker Dennis vanEngelsdorp, featured a clip of Sam Ramsey and his research on varroa mites. I remember thinking, Wow! This guy is engaging and would be perfect for our group. Low and behold, Erin Miller didn't waste any time to get him signed on to be a keynote speaker. I look forward to meeting him in person. I'm quite sure his enthusiasm will envelope us all and get us talking.

Meghan Milbrath spoke at our event a few years ago and received great reviews. Many people wanted to hear more from her. Well, she's coming back! Here's your chance to hear her speak again on topics so relevant to our beloved honey bee. She'll be speaking on a several topics but I know if you are able to get with her one on one, you will have her undivided attention. She has a lot of great experience, pick her brain!

Mead, did I hear mead? We put our mead contest on hold last year but it's back again. You've had nearly two years to brew your own in preparation for our contest. Let our featured speaker Tom Repas taste your brew and provide constructive feedback. But not only does Tom have a passion for a homebrew, he also knows a thing or two about bees. I'm anxious to hear about his mite resistant bees.

We'll also feature breakout sessions on Saturday. Such sessions have been hugely popular over the last couple of years and I think we'd be chastised if we did away with them. It may be tough to choose which one to go to but with only so much time, you just have to choose. We try hard to bring in Iowa speakers for these sessions and often use your ideas for topics. When you fill out your evaluation at the end of our event, as I know you will do, please remember to tell us who you'd like to hear from next year and what topics are of most interest. Yes, the planning has begun.

Before I conclude, I want to thank you for your support of me as president over this past year. I can honestly say I have been challenged, in every sense of the word. My boss would call it "character building." My character cup runneth over! However you bill the job I have done for this organization, I assure you I have done my best. Our team officers and district directors have also put in a lot of hours for the good of this organization, often times behind the scenes and late at night and on weekends. It's a labor of love and dedication. We will hold elections on Friday, November 9 and whether you are interested in running for a position or not, I encourage you to be a part of our business meeting and take an interest in this century old beekeeping organization. It's an opportunity to meet the current executive board and find out what is involved with serving. If you're a member, don't you want to know what we're up to and why we do things the way we do? Your attendance is to your advantage. I hope to see a huge crowd and not a long line at the toilets!

Lastly, I want you all to enjoy your time in Ames. Let's enjoy the show and BEE HIVE STRONG!



## MEET THE ESTEEMED 2018 ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS! (Fourth Speaker Page 7)

### Dr. Samuel Ramsey



Dr. Samuel Ramsey's enduring interest in entomology started over 20 years ago and shows no signs of waning. Having completed his PhD in 2018 with Dr. Dennis VanEngelsdorp's lab at the University of Maryland, College Park; Ramsey tries to maintain a focus on how insect research can benefit the public through development of IPM strategies and STEM outreach initiative. Ramsey studied entomology at Cornell University as an undergraduate focusing on Predatory/Parasitic insect behavior. His current work focuses on the effects of honey bee parasites on individual and colony level survivorship specifically targeting Varroa destructor and Nosema Ceranae.

### Dr. Meghan Milbrath

Dr. Meghan Milbrath began working bees with her father as a child over 20 years ago, and now owns and manages The Sand Hills Apiary, a small livestock and queen rearing operation in Munith, Michigan. She studied biology at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, and received degrees in public health from Tulane University and the University of Michigan, where she focused on environmental health sciences and disease transmission risk. Meghan worked as a postdoctoral research associate under Zachary Huang at Michigan State University, studying nosema disease and currently an academic specialist at MSU, where she does honey bee and pollinator initiative. Meghan is active in multiple beekeeping organizations, writes for multiple beekeeping journals, and speaks about bees all over the country. She currently runs the Northern Bee Network, a directory and resource site dedicated to supporting queen producers, and she is passionate about keeping and promoting healthy bees. Meghan will be speaking this year at the conference on American Foulbrood, Swarms, and Overwintering.



For more information on Dr. Meghan Milbrath please visit [sandhillbees.com](http://sandhillbees.com)



### Tom Repas

Tom Repas has been a beekeeper for 35 years. His passion, even more than producing honey, has been breeding mite-resistant, gentle, northern-adapted bees. He has mastered the art of artificial insemination and is producing bees for local beekeepers. Tom also is a Master Beekeeper and has been published in the American Beekeeping Journal featuring his Queen Rearing Program.

Tom also has been an avid homebrewer for 20 years and is a two-time Best in Show winner at the Mazer Cup International Home Competition in 2015 and 2017. He is also a BJCP Mead Judge.

*(Please see Page 7 for Bio of the 4th Speaker)*

### **Proposed Amendments to the By-laws of the Iowa Honey Producers Association**

Though the last amendment date to the Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA) by-laws shows 2008, that change was simply an address change and considered a miscellaneous filing, hence there were no changes to the actual by-laws. That given, it has been since the 1990's since the by-laws were the subject of review.

A committee was formed to review the current by-laws and recommend updates to the Executive Board. Those changes were reviewed, discussed and approved by the Executive Board on September 29. Further to a review by legal counsel, the proposed amended by-laws are now available for your review and vote at our business meeting on Friday, November 9. In compliance with Article VII – Amendments, the proposed amendments are presented herewith in writing for the members to review at least ten days before the annual meeting. All updates are shown in *italics*, **bolded** and underlined. If you would like to see a copy of the current by-laws to compare with the proposed changes, please access them via the IHPA website:

[www.iowahoneyproducers.org](http://www.iowahoneyproducers.org) where both versions are available. Should you have any questions, they will be entertained during the business meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

**Proposed Amendments to the By-laws of the Iowa Honey Producers Association are found on Page 16 in their entirety.**







## AGENDA FOR 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

### Friday

8:00 a.m. Registration opens  
8:30 -8:45 Opening Ceremonies  
8:45 – 9:35 Dr. Sammy Ramsey: Tropiaealaps Mites: A Fate Worse than Varroa  
9:35-9:50 Vendor Break  
9:50 – 10:40 Dr. Megan Milbrath: Overwintering Biology  
10:40 – 11:00 Joy Westercamp: A Year in Review and an Introduction to the Honey Queen Candidates  
11:00 – 11:45 Dr. Keri Carstens:  
11:45-1:00 Queens' Lunch (Tickets Required)/Lunch on your own  
1:00-1:50 Andy Joseph: The State of the Iowa Honey Bee  
1:50-2:40 Dr. Megan Milbrath: Swarm Biology and Swam Control  
2:40-3:00 Vendor Break  
3:00-4:20 Top Repas: Homebrew-Making Mead Tips form a 2-time Mazer Cup winner!  
4:30 -5:15 Board Meeting--All are welcome  
5:15 Social Gathering  
6:00-8:30 Dinner: Key note speaker Dr. Sammy Ramsey: Varroa Feed on Hemolymph and Two other Alternative Facts

### Saturday

8:00 Registration Desk Opens  
8:30-9:00 Introduction of the 2019 Board  
9:00 -9:50 Dr. Sammy Ramsey: Drivers of Colony Losses--What the Data Actually Say  
9:50-10:40 Dr. Megan Milbrath: Do you Know What to do About American Foulbrood  
10:40-11:10 Vendor Break  
11:10-12:00 Tom Repas: An Overview of Queen Rearing  
12:00-1:30 Youth Scholarship Lunch Sponsored by Mann Lake. Tickets Required/Lunch on your Own  
Breakout Sessions:  
1:30 – 2:20  
Tom Repas: Very Advanced Queen Rearing  
Ellen Bell: Queen Rearing  
Club Meeting  
2:30 – 3:20  
Vince Strum- Finances when your hobby becomes a business  
Jason Foley-Nuances between the various US Managed Bees and some Exotic Bees  
Greg Lind: "Bee Curious!" From Beekeeper to Citizen Scientist  
3:30 -4:20  
Zach Koopman: Bee Check  
Joy Westcamp: Treatment Free Beekeeping  
Shane Bixby: The Tools involved in Clean Outs  
4:30-4:45 Ending remarks and Quilt Raffle

#### Rooming Notes:

Just an update on hotel information for our Annual Meeting: the Microtel has filled our block of rooms, however at this time (Oct 8th) they still have rooms outside our block. AmericInn reserved 65 rooms for our group and over half of the rooms have been spoken for. If you are seeking a room and are having a difficult time due to the Iowa State home football game, consider looking in Ankeny. It is a short drive, but they have a large number of rooms available in the area.  
**DON'T DELAY! RESERVE TODAY!!**

I'm sure I'm not the only one who blushes when I recall that time, a long while back, when I set a plastic honey bear into the microwave to un-crystallize it. I learned in a hurry what happens when you try to soften honey in a microwave. To soften honey, set it in a pan of water, warm the water gradually, leave it set for a long while, warm it more, keep that up until the honey is viable again.

**The American Honey Producers Association** is hosting their 50th Annual Convention and Trade Show January 8 thru 12, 2019 in Phoenix Tempe Arizona. If anyone wishes to attend a great convention, or use it as a good excuse to flee winter weather in Iowa, either call for information at 800-528-6481 or go to [www.ahpanet.com](http://www.ahpanet.com) A huge thank you to these dedicated folks who took time out of their busy schedules to help with this all important review. This audit is part of our legal responsibilities: Duty of Care. We all are the benefit of our volunteers and while you may not have time to join our board, it is tasks such as the audit and volunteering at the fair booth where help is always needed and appreciated. Helping hands are now needed for the upcoming Annual Meeting and Conference. If you can spare a few minutes or an hour, please reach out to Erin Miller at [beehivestrong@gmail.com](mailto:beehivestrong@gmail.com).

## 2018 Annual Conference Contest

Last year we had great participation in our contest and I hope we can keep it up this year. There is a new basket contest this year and I am encouraging participation! Please consider making a basket. Remember that your basket will be auctioned off at the Friday night banquet and the funds generated used to support our Honey Queen Program. I have included a picture of my two entries and am excited to see yours. PS: The People's Choice ribbon will be decided by the basket that brings in the largest price tag at auction. If you always wanted that Blue Ribbon, bring your wallet too. You can buy it! Bee creative and let's have some fun.

### Photo Contest: Prize \$25 Walgreens Gift Card (for photo printing)

Contest will be held Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and remain in place until noon Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Entries need to be in place by 10am Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the rules:

Photo must be matted but not framed.

Any size photo up to 8x10 in size.

Your name needs to be on the back of the photo.

#### **Unlimited entries-WE WANT PARTICIPATION!**

Picture must include a honey bee or beekeeping equipment.

Two awards – People's Choice and Judges' Choice.

Categories- (Youth under 16, and Adults 16 and above)

### Painted Hive Body: Prize \$25 Walmart Gift Card

Contest will be held Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and remain in place until noon Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Entries need to be in place by 10am Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Here are the rules:

Categories- (Youth under 16, and Adults 16 and above)

Your name needs to be placed on a folded piece of paper and taped to the inside of the Hive Body.

The use of stenciling is not allowed.

Hand painting must cover one side.

### Basket (New) Prize \$25 Target Gift Card

Contest will be held Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. **All baskets will be auctioned at the Annual Banquet for the Queen Program on Friday night (you will not get your basket back).** (See ideas on Page 7)

Here are the rules:

Contain one container of honey or more.

Contain one wax product or more.

Contain one additional honey, wax, or value added product.

Basket value total must be under \$75.

Basket must be named and include a list on contents (example name Bee Mine, Tea for Two...)

Your name must be attached to the bottom of your basket.

Two awards – People's Choice and Judges' Choice.

### Mead Prize \$25

The Mead contest is back! Categories will include: Traditional Meads, Melemel (fruit Meads), and Metheglyn (Spices Meads). Here are the rules:

3 bottles 375ml/12 oz. or larger.

Entries need to be in place by 10am Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

No limits on the number of entries.

Attach a paper label to each bottle using a rubber band including your name.

Mead must be produced by submitting individual.

Two bottles will be used for contest and Friday banquet reception. The 3<sup>rd</sup> will be auctioned.



## Where's the Coffee?

The IHPA Annual Conference and Meeting is our opportunity to gather together to advance our knowledge about the wonders of the honey bee along with socializing with other beekeepers. This meeting is open to all people interested in honeybees and the beekeeping industry. This year's meeting will be held at the Iowa State Center - Scheman Building in Ames, Iowa, on November 9-10th 2018. We have made a few changes this year.

One of the changes we have made is to **eliminate** the morning coffee and donuts. Although I know that this will not be a welcome change, we felt that keeping our registration cost one of the lowest in the country would better serve the IHPA's members. For those who know me, I am a huge coffee drinker and I would have loved to offer it at our conference. Unfortunately, coffee is one of the items hotels and conference centers upcharge in order to make their money. The current rate for a single gallon of coffee is around \$40. If our attendees enjoyed one small 8-ounce cup of coffee each day we would billed around \$2,000.00. Last year Shane and I made and served more than 120 gallons of coffee (yes, the number is correct). If we would have been charged, the bill would have reached almost

\$5,000.00. OUCH!

The silver lining to NO COFFEE is lower registration cost and the IHPA being able to support other programs including our Queen and Youth Scholarship commitments. We also made a change this year to ask for sponsors. I am very excited to announce that Dadant will be providing water bottles for our conference. Although we will not have coffee, we will stay hydrated and have a water bottle to use in our apiaries for years to come. A huge thank you also needs to be extended to P&P Honey for providing us a conference bag and to Ennis Corp (a local trucking company) for our lanyards.

We also made a few changes to the registration. We have removed the family registration and have gone to individual registration, but children 17 and under are FREE. We are also not able to offer any [lunch or dinner tickets at the door as in past year. In past years, the IHPA has either run long on lunch/dinner](#) tickets having to cover the cost, or like last year run short, leaving members empty handed. Knowing our numbers prior to the event allows us to prepare and plan this event to serve our members better. Reminder: There is a home football game on Saturday. **Please consider joining our Youth Scholarship lunch.** Traffic may make going out for lunch difficult.

## Ideas for the Basket Competition, Opposite Page <---



Cooking With Honey

Now please see how creative you can bee! Remember the interesting way the basket was made that we used when we invited all the legislators in the capitol last spring--the basket was a shallow box with a floor inserted and painted nicely. And the contents can range from foodstuffs to antiques to kitchen utensils to "found" items. People visit the contest site and set their minds on what they plan to bid on when we have the banquet. It's all great fun, and the IHPA queen program benefits!



Baby Bees and Teas

## Additional Speaker for 2018 Annual Meeting:

Dr. Keri Carstens is Global Regulatory Lead for Seed Applied Technologies and Biologicals for Corteva Agriscience™, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont. She leads global regulatory strategy development and implementation for the Seed Applied Technologies and Biologicals businesses. Keri also leads outreach and communication of stewardship activities for pollinator health and best management practices for seed treatments, and serves as DowDuPont's representative on the Honey Bee Health Coalition. Prior to her current role, she spent five years as Environmental Safety Assessment Lead for DuPont Pioneer, providing global scientific leadership in environmental risk assessment of DuPont Pioneer products. In addition to her work at Corteva,

Keri holds adjunct graduate faculty status at Iowa State University, where she serves on graduate student program committees and lectures in Toxicology Methods and Pesticides in the Environment courses. Prior to her time at Pioneer, she was a U.S. EPA STAR Fellow studying veterinary antibiotics in agroecosystems. In 2015 Keri was awarded DuPont Working Mother of the Year and takes pride in mentoring and encouraging young people in STEM. Keri grew up on a family farm near Grinnell, Iowa, and earned her B.A. in Biology and Education from Wartburg College, and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Toxicology and Entomology from Iowa State University. She and her husband, Jeff, have three daughters and the family enjoys their small farm with pollinator habitat outside of Ames, IA.





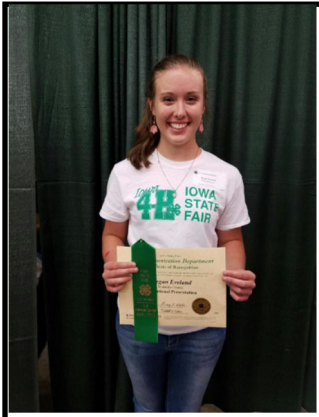
## Meet Nov. Beek of the Month Megan Eveland

I first was introduced to beekeeping by my friend Courtney's dad, Jeremy VanDonselaar. I have always been a fan of bees, and I am not quite sure why, except for their fuzzy bodies and big, adorable eyes. Yeah, I know, I'm a little strange!

When I was in fifth grade I took a class with the Back to Basics Beekeeping Club that was taught by Craig Greene. I really enjoyed learning, but becoming a beekeeper was not really an option at the time. This is because my parents were still unsure about the whole ordeal and they knew I wasn't quite ready for the responsibility of it...and they were right.

A few years later, the summer after my freshman year of high school, I was walking to the varied industries building at my county fair. Why, you might ask? To blow a bunch of money at the honey stand of course...this is one of my favorite, personal traditions to keep. Well that summer day, lo and behold, Carly Rae was working at the stand and she could see I was interested, so she began questioning me. Turns out, I could qualify for a scholarship to begin beekeeping, and I was crazy excited! My parents agreed to let me apply and we started attending Back to Basics club meetings. You don't know how much I appreciate the people in my club and in the IHPA who have taught me so much. My mentor, Jim Marshall, had to have been extremely patient with my ignorance when it came to beekeeping.

Anyway, this has been my second summer being a beekeeper. I started the summer with four packages (my two hives did not survive the winter) and ended the summer with three hives, as I had to requeen two hives and one was combined with the other, as it was unsuccessful. The thing I enjoy most about being a beekeeper is simply getting to see small, intricate pieces of God's creation that not a lot of people get to see! I enjoyed working at Ebert Honey this summer, because I got to do just that! I feel that working at Ebert's has allowed my knowledge to expand through the many things I experience on the job, which helps when working with my own hives. I love watching the bees work, and care for them deep down (even if we are enemies at times). Thank you to everyone who has played a role in my experience with beekeeping, and allowed me to see that I am capable of more than I know.



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Agriculture- Holly  
Hatfield and me!



Carly Raye and I in the  
Susan Knapp Center.



My project on designing  
labels won a blue at state

## Breakout Session for Saturday, November 10--Bee there!

Hello, fellow beekeepers! My name is Ellen Bell of Bell Farm in Runnells, and at this year's annual conference, I will be hosting a breakout session on queen rearing. I started raising bees about 5 years ago. What began as 2 backyard hives quickly blossomed into 100+ colonies. During my 2nd year of beekeeping, my mentor suggested I learn how to raise my own queens. This topic has always fascinated me, from the very moment Andy Joseph first mentioned it in my beginning beekeeping class at DMACC. Over a few short months at the end of the winter, I devoured every book, article, and video I could find on queen rearing and grafting, and in the spring of 2016, I took the plunge and did my first graft. I had surprisingly good results! In the few years since, I have experimented and continued to learn. This summer, I had my first perfect take on a graft of 30 cells! I attribute my queen rearing successes to one important factor: preparation! I hope you will consider joining me in Ames at our annual conference this year and attending my breakout session on queen rearing. We will discuss all the important preparations needed to make your queen rearing adventures a success!



### IHPA Awards

If you know of somebody the IHPA should recognize during the Annual Meeting in November, please contact Curt Bronnenberg at (515) 480-6075. Send nominations to [cbronny823@aol.com](mailto:cbronny823@aol.com) or mail to Curt Bronnenberg, 14405 Hull Ave, Perry IA 50220. A brief written description of the nominee's involvement in beekeeping/IHPA would be appreciated. Please have all your nominations submitted by Oct. 15

#### Life Time Membership Award

**Pioneer Award**--for having been involved in beekeeping for 50 years or more and still active in beekeeping.

**Distinguished Service Award**--for assisting other beekeepers, being willing 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 T.V.

**Promotions Award**--for promoting honey and beekeeping, promotions for the state association or promoting their own product.

**Friendship Award**--for being a friend of the association. This could be someone who has displayed 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 shown commendable involvement in such things as helping at the state or county fair, successfully keeping bees for at least one season including wintering, writing, making a float for a parade, speaking, etc.

### MERCHANDISE--GET YOUR NEW MERCHANDISE!

New merchandise is up on the website. I was amazed at the interest in our new merchandise during the Iowa State Fair. In the midst of 95° plus heat, we sold out of small size hoodies and sweatshirts! A new order will be placed and our stock will be replenished in time for the annual meeting and holiday gifting.

If you are ordering for holding gifts, please allow enough time for us to get the merchandise shipped to you. Remember – we have jobs also, so it might take us a few days to get your order filled.

We have kept the prices as low as we can for members. T-Shirts are \$8 for all sizes. Hats are \$5. Aprons are \$12. Long Sleeve T-Shirts are \$13. Sweatshirts are \$18. Hoodies are \$20. The cooling towel cost is only \$5 each. Cookbooks are \$4 each or a case of 30 is \$90. Shipping will be \$5 for one item, \$7.50 for two items and \$10 for three items. On orders of more than three items, you will be billed for shipping when items are shipped. The shipping on a case of cookbooks runs about \$22. Website prices slightly higher.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Our membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The first person in the family membership is \$20 with each additional person's membership cost is \$5. One Buzz Newsletter will be sent to each address. By sending one Buzz Newsletter to one address, we reduce the cost of the Buzz. Which in turn provides more funds for more scholarships, more programs, etc. If you would rather read the Buzz online, please indicate that when you renew your membership.

I apologize if there were errors in the new 2018 Membership Directory. I tried my best to read everyone's handwriting, but I didn't always read it correctly or the needed information was not provided. Therefore, there was missing information in the Directory.

Rhonda Heston



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I am now about five years into my fascination with beekeeping. As beekeepers go, I am just getting started. For me it started with my son Benjamin receiving an IHPA Youth Scholarship, and tagging along with him to our first annual meeting in Marshalltown. Seeing the number of people that had such an interest in honeybees was intriguing. What could it be that is so interesting about these little creatures? I attended some of the beginner beekeeping classes with Ben, but I could not make all of them. Honestly, for the first year that our family had that IHPA Youth hive, I was a bit lost.

Ben knew what to do with the help of his mentor Jason Foley, but I was still getting lost in the terminology and not so sure I wanted to be involved. The hive's first year was successful, and we did have a small honey harvest.

I decided that if we were going to keep honeybees, that I needed to know more about them myself. I decided to pick up Beekeeping For Dummies in the fall of our first year, and read it cover to cover in about a month. When I attended the beginner beekeeping class again the following January, everything made so much more sense to me. I understood the terminology and could follow the class better and actually learn.

I purchased two packages the following April, and two nucs the following June. I bothered those poor bees way too much. I just had to see what was going on inside of those hives because it now made sense to me, and I could anticipate what the bees would be doing, and what I should be doing for them next. I have since learned to build my own equipment, split

hives, catch swarms, make candles, and may other things, but one thing happened that I did not expect.

I did not expect that I would find myself talking about beekeeping as much as I do. I want to share what I know, what I have done, what I have observed, and what I am learning with both beekeepers and non-beekeepers. I also want to learn as much about beekeeping as I can from more experienced beekeepers. I want to hear beekeeping stories from anyone who is willing to share. I am not really that much of a people person, but I find myself talking to people that I barely know about beekeeping and honeybees. My wife Annette has actually bought me a shirt that says "WARNING – I MAY START TALKING ABOUT BEEKEEPING!" Those conversations are easy for me, and I really enjoy it. It is not like that awkward kind of chit-chat that people do just to fill in the gaps of silence. It is interactive two-way communication. It is learning, sharing, and fun all happening at the same time.

Beekeeping has changed me from the kind of person that keeps to himself and really does not want to be bothered by anyone or anything, to the kind of person that has something that he wants to share. I am meeting people that I have a common interest with. Relationships are being built that would not have existed. My world is expanding, as is (I hope) the world of those that become interested in beekeeping because we talked.

This little bug and its way of life have changed me and my way life for the better.

Ted Reeves, IHPA Youth Scholarship Director

### Thanks to Our Queen!

Joy Westercamp is near the end of her reign as the 2018 Iowa Honey Queen. I want to thank her for all of her hard work this past year. She has been very busy and has attended many events during her time being queen. At an event held in Pella, she did close to 18 presentations to 4th grade students within Marion County. She attended the Iowa Honey Bee day at the Capital and Ag in the Classroom program. She also taught approximately 200 students about bees and beekeeping in Mason City as well as supplementing several 2nd grade units on honeybees in Des Moines. With over 30 attendees, she organized and taught an 8-hour class in Van Buren County. She visited Orange Elementary in Waterloo where she spoke to three classes and a Junior Naturalist. She attended summer school programs in Des Moines and Iowa City, Pollinators Fest at Reiman Gardens and the IHPA Field Day. Among the other events she also attended some county fairs and the Iowa State Fair. Once again, I would like to thank Joy for all of her hard work this past year as Iowa Honey Queen.

Connie Bronnenburg, IHPA Queen Chair

### Thank you to the Loess Hills Beekeeping Association!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Loess Hills Beekeeping Association for their donation to the Youth Scholarship Program of the Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA). It is through donations such as this that we are able to offer our sponsored programs. Whether we have one youth express interest or 25, if qualified, the IHPA is committed to helping them with education, equipment, a dedicated mentor, membership into the IHPA and banquet participation. The Iowa beekeeping clubs are often our biggest advocates and your outreach is indispensable when it comes to sharing information. I appreciate the fact you see value in supporting our Youth Scholarship Program.

With appreciation, Eve M. Vanden Broek



## Let's Do History.

Noting that it's always good to have a sense of where we've come from in order to better plan where we're going, it might be interesting to feature the history of the Dadant company. Knowing that Dadant would be featured in our lineup of vendors, District Director Dave Korver requested a history of the company. I heard from Dianne Behnke of Dadant and Sons Inc, Hamilton IL. She provided me with enough history that I'll only have space to run the first installment in this issue. More installments to come. As you read, you'll also notice how the history informs us of how any company grew and developed with proper vision and integrity, providing us with necessary hope for the future.



Charles Dadant

## The History of Dadant & Sons

*We currently have the sixth & seventh generation involved in the business. From humble beginnings, our company has expanded to 10 branch locations nationwide and 4 manufacturing facilities that are located near Hamilton, IL. We are happy to serve the United States beekeepers, as well as many overseas customers. Since 1863, the Dadant family has made quality products from beeswax, a natural and renewable resource.*

## THE BEGINNING

The Dadant family has been interested in beekeeping for over 180 years. The founder, Charles Dadant, was born in 1817 in Vaux-Sous-Aubigny, a small village in eastern France, the second of seven children born to a small village doctor. He became interested in bees as he helped a neighboring priest remove honey from straw skeps at the early age of 12.

Disillusioned with the business possibilities in France, he decided to accept an invitation of an old friend Mr. Marlot, then of Basco, IL, to come grow Champagne grapes and raise bees. In 1863, at the age of 46, he emigrated from France to America and settled in Hamilton, Illinois. The growing of grapes here did not prove to be lucrative so he abandoned them in favor of honey bees.

By the end of the Civil War, Charles had nine colonies of honeybees, and traveled with his young son, C.P. Dadant across the Mississippi River to sell honey and beeswax in a neighboring town. His interest in making quality candles grew from his love and knowledge of beekeeping. Charles was once the largest producer of extracted honey in America as well as one of the first to import queen bees from Italy on a large scale as he was unhappy with the common black or German bees he found here. He began a series of experiments on the size of hives and wrote a great deal on the large hive that appeared in both American and European journals.

In 1872 he was offered the editorship of The American Bee Journal, but refused because of his unfamiliarity with the English language. He learned to read the New York Tribune by digging at the words one at a time with a pocket dictionary so that he could then translate it back into French for his wife. Charles was a dreamer, a man with ideas and determination. He was the experimenter who became more widely known abroad than in his adopted country.

(to be continued)

## Help Support the Queen Auction

Yes, it's time once again to start thinking about donating to the auctions at the Annual Meeting. Anything you have that would be of interest to the membership is welcome. If you have attended in the past, you know we have seen the gamut of bee-related items from socks to jewelry, from books to prints, from candles to cookery and beekeeping equipment. The excellent variety of items helps fuel the bidders into a frenzy. Proceeds from the auction help support the Iowa Honey Queen program. Your support of this program is very much appreciated.

Submitted by President Eve Vanden Broek



Beekeeping Clubs in Iowa. 21 strong!! If you agree that creating a club in your area strengthens your chances to be a stronger beekeeper, then make sure your club has a representative at the Saturday Breakout Session on Nov. 10. If you would like to see a club get started in your area, then attend as well and learn how the other clubs managed. Behind each club name is a number that tells which district they are in; the District Directors are listed on the back of this issue--see them and get them to help you establish a club. It's so much more fun to keep bees as a group, answer each other's questions, learn from each other, and promote beekeeping together. Go Clubs!!

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## Emma Jakes' Recipes:

November is here and with it comes the start of the holiday season, shopping, and colder weather. This is the perfect time of year to start making all different kinds of pumpkin and apple treats for Thanksgiving. These pumpkin muffins make a great on the go breakfast or addition to the holiday table! The bread is a tasty treat for anytime you just need a pick me up!

### Harvest Pumpkin Muffins (Pg. 11):

1 ½ cups all-purpose flour	1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda	¼ teaspoon salt
1 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon	¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ cup softened margarine or butter	¾ cup honey
1 egg	1 cup solid packed pumpkin
½ cup nuts – pecans or walnuts (optional)	

In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg; set aside. Using an electric mixer, beat butter until light; beat in honey, egg, and pumpkin. Gradually add flour mixture, mixing until just blended. Stir in nuts. Spoon into 12 greased or paper-lined 2 1/2-inch muffin cups. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes, or until toothpick comes out clean. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Emma's notes: The muffins stayed very moist and soft. They were easy to mix up and tasted delicious! They were not overly sweet but still had great flavor and would be very good with honey-butter. They are also very good with or without the nuts.

### Honey Applesauce Bread (Pg. 11):

½ cup butter, softened	1 large egg
1 ½ teaspoon baking soda	¾ teaspoon nutmeg
¾ cup honey	1 ½ cup flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon	½ teaspoon salt
1 cup applesauce	1 teaspoon vanilla

In a large bowl, blend together butter, egg, and honey. Add flour, baking soda, spices, salt, and vanilla. Mix until it forms a crumbly dough. Pour in applesauce and mix. Place in two small loaf pans (4"x8"), greased or sprayed. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Yield: 2 loaves.

Emma's notes: The bread was very easy to mix up and stayed moist. The bread would be great for dessert or as a side in a main meal. The bread was also very tasty!



### Cultural Takeover

Riding through the country this morning, I noticed this stand of trees. There are about 5 pines in a row along a driveway, but the first two have been completely covered in wild cucumber vines. In one season, both trees are lost.

It starts as a small seed. It flourishes underneath the canopy, and reaches up to grab a lower branch. From there, gradually, it proceeds to send its tentacles all over, until the tree that hosts this creature gets no natural light and perishes. Happy vine; sad tree.

As people we need to be watchful that we are not taken over by cultural trends and ideas that choke the real life out of us. Fear and distrust and anger and jealousy can start small, can subtly cover our growth, and eventually can change our way of life. Something as innocent and beneficial as athletics can so absorb a family's life that they can no longer participate in church activities or **volunteer to lead the IHPA board**. The media and the music that we consume can poison our attitudes.

I'm not opposed to athletics or culture! I'm just saying that we need to beware that we are not changed by the forces that would overtake us. Keep your perspective! Nourish your worldview. Bee intentional! (Ron Rynders, editor)



## News From the Beeyard, by Phil Ebert

This is the first year that we have seen small hive beetles running around on frames in the honey house. It was not unusual to see the larva if we let the supers sit too long but we did not see the beetles that laid the eggs. This year proved to be the exception. Usually, it was on a frame that had a little brood left on it. I saw as many as 15 beetles on one frame. We have a freezer in the honey house that we store comb honey in. I popped the beetle frames in there. We also saw beetle larva emerging on frames that had only been in the honey house for a couple of days. We have not had issues with the beetles in our hives. Strong colonies will control the beetles, but it appears they are becoming more of a pest.

So far, we have not fed much. It is time to start (Oct 1). There have been years when we had to feed as soon as we pulled our honey. We did have four single story colonies that starved. They had had a gallon of syrup but there were just too many bees. All of the legal mite treatments that we tried have sort of worked. By that, I mean the results are variable. I do have some doubts about ApiLifeVar. I was hopeful for that because the strips are only a dollar each. You are supposed to apply them three times with a week between treatments. It reminded me of the time we tried Hopguard treatments with that interval. The results were a disaster. Hopguard has a place but it is worthless if there is any brood. I will review the results of the mite treatments in greater detail next month. The trials are not complete yet.

As we feed, we will start to distribute entrance reducers and the insulation boards that go under the lids. We use ½" R board for insulation. Even though we have migratory lids, we still use inner covers. The rim on the inner cover gives us a space to apply meds and pollen supplement. It has a flat side that we place down when we do not need the space. The rim also has a slot we use for an upper entrance in the winter time. It is an extra piece we have to use. That part is inconvenient but, so far, the pluses outweigh the minuses. I considered building a rim on the lid but at times during the year that would get filled up with burr comb. If we become migratory, we will have to lose the inner covers. When the colonies make weight, we will drop a carton over them. The cartons have four full flaps. That makes for another ½ of insulation in addition to the R board. Everything should be completed by Thanksgiving. We won't check them again until late February.

Don't trust to luck. Check your mite load!!!



## Youth Scholarship Program Update:

As we close out another beekeeping year I would like to give an update of the IHPA Youth Scholarship program.

We had over 45 applicants for the IHPA Youth Scholarship for the 2018 season which is now winding down. Nineteen students from across the state were selected and paired with mentors in their general area.

Finding mentors for all of these students was challenging at first, but we had some fine beekeepers step up to help. Some of our mentors are teaching more than one student this year. Without mentors the program does not work. Let me say "Thank you!" to the 2018 mentors for giving the extra time and effort to bring young people into the wonderful world of beekeeping.

From what I have experienced myself and heard from other beekeepers, 2018 was not the easiest year to begin keeping bees. We had a winter that just would not go away, and then a very short spring, and then very warm temperatures. It also seemed to be either feast or famine as far as rain is concerned. None of those conditions are ideal for the first-year beekeeper.

I have also heard from the students and mentors of trouble with queens, hive beetles, swarming, and some colonies that just refused to build up more than a few frames. All of these things are learning experiences, and the lessons learned will help us to be better beekeepers in the coming years.

It is my sincere hope that the 2018 IHPA Youth Scholarship recipients had fun this year and enjoyed the fascinating world of honey bees. I look forward to seeing you all at our annual meeting in November.

Ted Reeves

### NOTIFICATION \*\*IMPORTANT!!\*\*

#### **ANNUAL MEETING PAYMENT**

If you plan on paying for your registration, meals, dues, etc. with a credit / debit card, please complete your registration and return the form to me **as soon as possible**. Please indicate that you will be paying by credit card on November 9<sup>th</sup> at registration. This will help me prepare name tags, lunch tickets, banquet tickets, and donations lists prior to the Event. **Remember all meals HAVE to be ordered by November 1, 2018.** There will not be lunch or banquet tickets available at the Door, as we have to have meal numbers to the caterer by November 5<sup>th</sup> and it will take me a day or so to get this information to Erin Miller and on to the caterer.

Please call me (515) 7245-2124 or email me [IHPATreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:IHPATreasurer@gmail.com), with any questions, because you won't want to miss the meeting with the great speakers in the lineup.



## MEET THE IOWA HONEY

### PRODUCERS HONEY QUEEN CANDIDATES



Kendra Robbins is the daughter of Ronald and Nanette Robbins. She graduated from Pleasantville High School in May. She is currently majoring in Criminology and minoring in Spanish at Northwest Missouri State University.

These are the candidates for the position of Iowa Honey Producers' Honey Queen. These young ladies will be introduced to the board on Thursday night Nov 8 at the board meeting. You will meet them Friday morning, will have a chance to interact with them throughout the day, and the winner will be introduced at the banquet Friday night. Please go out of your way to get to know them.

The usual progress is from being a queen in a club somewhere in Iowa and then eventually stepping up to the state competition. In order for us to have solid candidates for Iowa Honey Producers Queens, we need to have a supply of club -level queens aspiring to the position. Some of our clubs have never "produced" a queen candidate. The challenge for clubs is to learn more about the program, go back home and nominate a local queen. Information about this process is available from Connie Bronnenburg, our Queen Program Chair.



Brooklyn Pardall is the daughter of Eric and Stacy Pardall. She is a senior at Central Lee High School and takes classes through Southeastern Community College. Brooklyn plans to attend the University of Iowa next fall to major in Cell and Developmental Biology.

#### News from District 6

In Northwest Iowa Fall has arrived. The thermometer was in the 30's this morning, and the wind took down tons of leaves already. For me, the bee numbers are up and the boxes are looking really healthy. The flow is done, the honey boxes are stacked in the shed, and I'm feeding them and planning ahead to wrapping them for winter. My honey crop was about 1/3 less than other years. All our honey was made in June. I added some more boxes in July and August, but it didn't pan out for me. Little comb was drawn up and little honey was stored. We had lots and lots of rain, and that probably reduced the nectar supply at the flowers. Maybe next year... The bees look good and the mite counts are in the low range. Lots to be thankful for!

So, on to feeding and treating and weighing hives. Some are light and need more feed to get up to that 140 weight goal that I like to see. I weigh the whole setup—base, two deeps, lids and bees/honey. Several of the people in the area are reporting that they have a nice big box of bees that really look good now, but testing shows that they are a mite bomb. One guy had 5 boxes in a row; the first 4 tested at 1 or 3 or 5 mites, and the last one showed 27 mites in one test! Since all the boxes were treated the same through the season, it likely shows that the mites are all reproducing like crazy in the fall. Bee watching for this kind of activity.

Here's hoping that many of our Iowa beeks turned in testing results to the Mite-A-Thon and that the scientists who watch this sort of thing report good information to us eventually. It seems that all we talk about these days is mites. These horrible little buggers sorta rule our lives, don't they?

May the season come to a close happily for all of you beeks in Iowa. Hope to see many of you at Ames in November.

Thanks from District 6. Dave Korver Director.

#### 2017-2018 Audit Committee Meets

The Audit Committee consisting of Wendy Peffers, Pella, Carmella Heckard, Winterset, Jim Trinkle, Bussey, Butch Wetzels, Altoona and Grace St Clair, Des Moines, met Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Banker's Trust in Des Moines.

The audit committee findings will be disclosed at the annual meeting

A huge thank you to these dedicated folks who took time out of their busy schedules to help with this all important review. This audit is part of our legal responsibilities: Duty of Care. We all are the benefit of our volunteers and while you may not have time to join our board, it is tasks such as the audit and volunteering at the fair booth where help is always needed and appreciated. Helping hands are now needed for the upcoming Annual Meeting and Conference. If you can spare a few minutes or an hour, please reach out to Erin Miller

at [beehivestrong@gmail.com](mailto:beehivestrong@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Rhonda Heston, IHPA Treasurer



BY-LAWS of the  
IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION  
Amended 1966, 1990, 1997, 2008, and 2018

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the organization shall be the Iowa Honey Producers Association (the "Association"). (As amended at the 1966 annual meeting from Iowa Beekeepers Association - Organized December 12, 1912.)

**ARTICLE II - MISSION**

The mission of this Association shall be to coordinate the interest of the beekeepers of Iowa and bring them into closer relationship of mutual helpfulness by association, conference and correspondence; to sponsor legislation for the benefit and protection of the industry; to assist in the dissemination of information on the control of pests and diseases; to inform the members and the public of the valuable use of honey and other products of the hive, as well as the importance of the honey bee in relation to the pollination of agricultural crops, and to support every effort to promote the advancement of the beekeeping industry.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1.** Anyone interested in the beekeeping industry is entitled to a membership in this organization.

**SECTION 2.** The annual membership dues in the Association shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the members of the Association. The membership dues in the Association shall entitle the holder membership from January 1 until December 31. The record date for determining the members entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be sixty days prior to the annual meeting of the members. Each member in good standing as of the record date shall be entitled to one vote at the annual meeting of the members of the Association.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1.** The officers of this Association shall be a president, a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and historian. There will also be seven directors, one of which will be the immediate past president. All officers will hold office for one year and be a resident of the State of Iowa. Each officer or director shall be 21 years of age or older. Six directors shall be elected, three each year for two year terms. The immediate past president shall remain as a director for at least one (1) year or until replaced on the board by the successor president. The six directors, excluding the past president, shall be elected, one from each district of Iowa, with these districts corresponding to the six 1990 U.S. Congressional Districts\*. Each director must be a resident of the district for which the director is elected hereunder. All officers and directors shall be elected by the general membership present at the annual meeting.

**SECTION 2.** The officers and directors shall constitute the Executive Board. The State Apiarist shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Executive Board.

**SECTION 3.** An individual elected to the Executive Board may resign in writing at any time. Resignation letter should be sent to the President and all other officers receive a copy. Unless otherwise specified, a resignation is effective upon receipt.

**SECTION 4.** Any Executive Board member may be removed from the Executive Board upon failure to fulfill the duties set forth in Article VI, or as deemed necessary by the Executive Board, as determined by a two-thirds vote of then-seated Executive Board. Any member of the Executive Board who has missed three (3) board meetings in a given twelve month period will be removed for cause.

**SECTION 5.** Any vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled by the Executive Board for the un-expired term.

**SECTION 6.** Newly elected officers and directors shall assume responsibilities of such officers at the close of the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1.** The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the president or upon written request from a majority of the Executive Board. Such written request shall be sent to the Association secretary. Five or more Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Board.

**SECTION 2.** The annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held at the time and place selected by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 1.** The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committee chairmen of any committee of the Association designated by the Executive Board, and perform such other duties as pertain to the office. The president shall concur with respective committee chairmen on completing committee personnel.

**SECTION 2.** In the absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president.

**SECTION 3.** The secretary shall record the minutes at each meeting of the Executive Board.

**SECTION 4.** The treasurer, under the direction of the Executive Board, shall handle all the funds and carry on all business of the Association. The books will close on September 30. A report will be given at the annual meeting concerning the Association finances. The annual review will be published in the Association newsletter.

**SECTION 5** The historian will assemble historical Iowa beekeeping information in an orderly fashion, store it in a safe place and make it accessible to those requesting it. In addition, new information will be assembled and added each year to ascertain a usable history of Iowa beekeeping.

**SECTION 6.** All proprietary information shall be relinquished to the president at the end of an officer's or director's term.

**ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

The by-laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present and entitled to vote, providing proposed amendments have been presented in writing to the members at least ten days before the annual meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII - EMERGENCY**

It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to cancel any activities of this Association found in the by-laws which they deem advisable during any emergency.

\*A map of the 1990 U. S. Congressional Districts is attached and is a part of these by-laws.  
(Amended 1966, 1990, 1997 and 2008)



## **Board Positions Open – ~~Don't All~~ Come Running At Once!**

Do you remember last year when I mentioned one of my pet peeves was tardiness (Nov 2017 Buzz, p. 9)? Well, I have another pet peeve, more so a disappointment (they are interchangeable for me), and that is when I reach out for help or feedback--to a membership of 1200--and I get absolutely no response. I have spent a lot of time reaching out to people about joining the IHPA board and yet only two people have called or sent an email to me to inquire about any position. Now whether I have done a good job explaining the roles or you are simply waiting until the election portion of our Annual Meeting to throw your name into the hat, I'll never know. But what I do know is that it takes volunteers like everyone who currently serves on the IHPA board and our committee chairs to help this organization function. From the website to the youth scholarship program, from the monthly edition of the Buzz to the nametag you will wear at the Annual Meeting, all these duties were handled by a volunteer. We do this selflessly. I have served as VP and President for the last two years. You cannot begin to understand the hours I have spent to help make this the best organization I can. When I choose to leave, there will be someone else to fill my shoes. It is my goal to find good and willing individuals to help lead this organization in the right direction (as they see it). Just as if when you win the lottery and you choose to share a bit with family members and dear friends, it's also true to share the "wealth" of duties necessary to carry on the important role of a board member. Think I'm loading the guilt trip on you too hard? You're right! Now please, someone send me an email with your interest to serve!!!

Here is a summary of the duties:

**President** – Sets the agenda and leads board meetings, follows up on projects and works with the established committees as needed, answers questions from members and the public, communicates with clubs, attends club meetings, writes a monthly President's Message for the newsletter, works with other board members and committees on projects.

**Vice President** – Organizes the Summer Field Day and Annual

Meeting and Conference. In the absence of the President, fills in for the role.

**Secretary** – Attends all board meetings; takes and prepares board minutes.

**Treasurer** – Keeps the records of the organization and handles the funds. For further details on this role, see my President's Message in the July edition of The Buzz.

**Historian** – Assembles historical Iowa beekeeping information and makes it available to anyone who requests it. New material is added year to ascertain a usable history of beekeeping in Iowa.

**District Directors** – Districts #1, #2, and #3 are up for election this year. These roles serve a term of two years. In 2019, Districts #4, #5, and #6 will be up for election. This role is important to those in the counties they serve: they attend club meetings in their district and may serve as a speaker, they work with members and non-members in their district to help with local matters such as getting the word out about a swarm, organizing beekeeping classes, answering general beekeeping questions via phone or via e-mail, and assist in other areas.

One other position to consider is that of **Newsletter Editor**. Currently Ron Rynders serves in this role and though he thoroughly enjoys the responsibility, he has confided in me that he's getting older. The position does require a monthly time commitment and someone with a bit of computer savviness would find the job less taxing. Ron is not looking to give up the role just yet; he knows it will take someone a couple of months to learn the formatting details and get accustomed to the deadlines. He's looking to recruit someone for this role and then provide training until that individual feels comfortable enough to make the transition.

Can we count on you to serve? Thank you for your consideration. I will look for my e-mail to explode with messages from interested individuals.

President Eve Vanden Broek

## **The Buzz Newsletter Article Submissions**

Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to [rrihpa@gmail.com](mailto:rrihpa@gmail.com)

Or mail to The Buzz, c/o Ron Rynders, 890 13th Ave SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250 Cell 712-449-5010

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