Good news is happening as we find our way through unfamiliar territory in the political world. We are beginning to see progress with the Department of Agriculture helping us with some of the issues we asked about (see the last Cappings for the list). After discussion with all involved, we began with an easy one and then we picked a hard one that we thought we all could work on. Dana Ladner and her Department of Marketing and Outreach, has worked with us on a flyer to begin the education about beekeepers and give awareness to farmers, applicators, co-ops, or anyone else that is in contact with honey bees. We hope this flyer/bulletin will be the beginning of more to come to help bring awareness to honey bees and help beekeepers and farmers work together to keep them from being poisoned. The flyer will eventually be on the KHPA website for you to download and print. This could be sent with your rent honey to the landowner for awareness or left at co-ops and public places for people to observe. We should also have some available at the convention this fall.

They are making some headway on one of the more difficult issues. Thanks to Dr. Bonnie Rush, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University. Their board has agreed to assign an educational track to honey bee medicine. This will help our Kansas veterinarians understand the importance of the Veterinarian Feed Directive (VFD), which is needed to purchase Terramycin and Tylosin, antibiotics used for two diseases; American Foul Brood and European Foul brood. We have not seen any American Foul Brood for many, many years. However, there have been a few cases of European Foul Brood that have popped up in the Eastern Kansas area. This will be a great start as we coordinate with the veterinarian department to help alleviate some of the issues with these processes and begin looking into other VFD issues. Our president has begun corresponding with the Ag Department via group emails, as we work together to tackle the goals that were set forth in our meeting.

In other news, Kansas beekeepers selling bulk honey should start seeing a rise in price. Instead of the $1.50-$2.00/lbs. for semi loads and a price of 60 lbs. pails at an average of $2.50/lbs.; semi or small loads are closer to $2.25/lbs. on average with some loads higher but very few are lower. For a 60 lbs. bucket, the price is starting to rise to around $2.85-$3.25, depending on the area. This is mostly due to a petition filed with the International Trade Commission against foreign honey from suspect nations that are dumping honey onto the US market at 90 cents a pound. The larger packers, in order to stay in business, are buying this honey, causing most of the U.S. honey to be sitting in beekeepers’ warehouses. The ITC has...
unanimously determined there is reasonable cause to proceed to investigate this petition. As a result, the bulk market price has begun to move up in anticipation of the outcome of the petition.

I hope to see you at the KHPA convention in Salina this November. Don’t forget, one learns just as much in the halls as they do from the speakers. What beekeeper doesn’t want to talk about bees?!

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I am a caregiver. I am a big sister, wife, mother, teacher, neighbor, friend, and beekeeping farmer. My life has focused on caring about others, for others, and helping others. Fred Rogers said, in troubling times, look for those people who are helping. It’s good advice to calm your troubled soul. I wish I knew what to do. I want to keep each and every one of us safe and protected. Wear a mask? Not a problem for me, if it keeps you safe. Get vaccinated? Not an issue if it helps keep our community healthy. Make do with less? Yes, I can so others can have enough.

Here’s what I know. We are going to have our first in person meeting in almost 20 months! I am so happy! And, I am so scared. It makes me physically ill just thinking that someone could come to our meeting and go home with terrible illness. Across the world, people are facing this same dilemma, how to deal with world-wide pandemic and continue to live. Some restaurants are requiring proof of vaccine to step inside their doors. Businesses have closed their doors forever because Covid took too great a toll on them and their patrons. Families in our small town have lost more than one member and are now begging everyone to please get vaccinated. Although the vaccine is not 100%, it is the best, safest, choice we have to keep us ALL healthy.

So, here’s my request. Please get vaccinated. Please come to our meeting in November. Please get ready to be amazed by what you’ll learn about our marvelous insect, the humble honey bee. There is no other organization in the state of Kansas offering you so much great information as the Kansas Honey Producers. Come. Learn. Share. Look for the helpers—the people caring for honey bees, the people caring for you. In the end, all that really matters is how we cared for each other. Caring for our world, each other, the bees is so simple.

Everyone is welcome. No one will be excluded. Many people who are vaccinated will be wearing a mask because the risks of Covid are just too great. If you choose not to be vaccinated, please honor and protect all of us by wearing a mask. If you are vaccinated, the choice is yours.

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Many thanks for your support!

KHPA is now accepting applications for the 2021 Beekeeper of the Year. Do you know an outstanding beekeeper that you want to recognize? If so contact President, Becky Tipton at bstbees@embarqmail.com. Or go to the KHPA website, click on the About tab, then click Awards tab to download the application.
KHPA Scholarship Grant

2022 KHPA is establishing a pilot program extending eligibility for the KHPA Scholarship Grant. Yes, reader, you read correctly the word youth isn’t part of the title. Applications for the 2022 grant will be accepted from community organizations, clubs or groups wishing to explore the fascinating world of honey bees and beekeeping. This one-time grant is being made available to master gardeners, teacher organizations, master naturalists, historical societies, extension offices, etc. The grant’s purpose is to promote the establishment of new beehives in the state of Kansas. Full details and the application will be made available on the KHPA website after the Fall meeting the first weekend in November.

Julie Cahoj, 3rd Vice President

Silent Auction to benefit the grant program.

We will have an auction each day to benefit our grant program. Beekeeping items do sell the best but we welcome other nice gift items! The state fair blue ribbon gift basket will be on the auction block, if Joli can remember to bring it! Please participate and bid generously and bid often! The money raised will go far in funding our grant program, so please bring some nice items for the auction and bid generously.

News from Northeast Kansas

The cool crisp autumn air brings with it an end to one season and the beginning of another. Beekeepers throughout the state are finishing up on the honey harvest, supplemental feeding colonies if necessary, and considering late season treatments to clean up mite populations. Here in the northeast corner of our great state, the honey harvest has been above average for many of our area beekeepers. A bit of a different look to this year is that we had your standard spring nectar flow, then an early summer slowdown, only to finish strong with a good mid to late summer nectar flow.

With winter just around the corner, begin to think about how you can expand your hobby or business of beekeeping. Research new products that you can make from the raw materials from the hive. Get creative and use that beeswax or propolis in a totally different way that can be great utilized in holiday gifts or a new product line for your business. Use your downtime wisely and repair old equipment, build new equipment for colony expansion, and add a new coat of paint to your extra brood boxes and honey supers. Jump online and take advantage of so many beekeeping conference recordings that have been saved from the last year and a half of these pandemic times. There are a ton of podcasts that make for a great learning experience while you’re working to ready yourself for the upcoming new year.

Most of all, enjoy the upcoming holidays with friends and family. The one positive thing that has come out of COVID would be how important the relationships around us are. Take full advantage of surrounding yourself with those that mean so much and have a great holiday season.

Chad Gilliland-Northeast Region Representative
North Central Region News

Greetings Bee Friends!

The North Central Kansas beekeepers have been fortunate to meet at Rolling Hills Zoo this year. Despite the summer heat, being able to inspect the zoo’s 3 hives together has been invaluable for demonstrating issues we may find in our hives and options for managing them. A big Thank You to Rolling Hills and Gerrett Morris for hosting us. We’ll plan our winter meeting for January.

Just as the spring nectar flow can turn on like a switch; filling honey supers within days, our nectar dearth in parts of North Central Kansas switched on in mid-September. It’s an occurrence that usually happens here in August, but it was nice to have the extra nectar to fill the bee’s honey stores. Once the weather was dry for a week, the robbing behavior began. In addition to the bee-battles, this brings another issue that could contribute to mite count changes. A hive in Manhattan that had a mite count (alcohol wash) below one mite per hundred in July and August, had a mite count of 4 per hundred in September, AFTER its full mite treatment course. A reminder that our bees don’t have fences, and the importance for everyone to keep their mite counts low and repeat mite tests after treatment. We can do all we can for our bees and still have some surprises. Fall may seem like a quiet time for beekeeping, but it’s where our vigilance begins to help get our bees through winter.

Nikki Bowman-North Central Region Representative

Extracting more $$$ from your hives

These new, free, virtual, Value-Added programs will be presented on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm via zoom. It is being sponsored by the Kansas Honey Producers Association as part of our membership drive. If you are not a member, please consider joining by going to www.kansashoneyproducers.org it’s only $15 per year. You will receive an email before the programs with a link to register. If you registered for a previous program, you will automatically receive the link to view each month via email.

To register for the meetings, click on the link below or copy it in your browser https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsdOiqqTwvHNxk7aeR5Hrw7LoC6boCY4dh

Zoom will send you the link. If you have a question, please call Joli at 913-593-3562 or email joli@heartlandhoney.com.

Thursday, October 21 Making Liquid Soap-Robin Kolterman
Thursday, November 18th Beeswax- Cleaning and Candle making
Thursday, December 16th Holiday Gift Quickies
Thursday, January 20th 2022 Making and Selling Nucs- Kristi Sanderson
Thursday, February 17th Queen Rearing- Cheryl Burkhead
Thursday, March 17th Selling at Farmers Markets and Craft shows- Stephanie Brown
Thursday, April 21st Mentoring and Concierge Beekeeping- Nikki Bowman
Thursday, May 19th Making Mead and Honey Beer

These programs will be recorded and will be available on our www.kansashoneyproducers.org website.
Reflections as Program Chair

After almost 30 years as being first Vice President (program chair) for the Kansas Honey Producers, I’ve made the hard decision to step down. I actually did it for several years before I was elected. Brent Barkman had been the acting program chair and he would call me before the meeting and delegate the planning to me! I thought I would share some of my experiences during those years.

Cecil and I have been so lucky to have had a personal experience with so many of the guest speakers! When I was a better housekeeper, and our extra bedroom wasn’t my soap curing room, we had many of them stay with us on Saturday night. On Sunday morning we would have breakfast and take them to the airport. Some notables were Diana Sammataro, Dr. Shiminuki and his wife Susan, Dr. Larry Connor, Kim Flottum, Dr. Dewey Caron, Maryann Frazier, Dr. Clarence Collison, Dr. Keith Delaplane, Marion Ellis, Ross Conrad, Wyatt Mangum (we think), Pat Heitkam and others we can’t remember!

We have been fortunate to be the transportation for many speakers. We have traveled for hours with those listed above plus George Hanson and Wally Diehnelt. During this trip from Kansas City to Hays, KS, Cecil got a virus in his ear and became deaf in that ear! We chauffeured John Miller, Randy Oliver, John Skinner, Nathalie Steinhauer and so many others. My final perk will be riding with Cameron Jack to Salina!

Depending on where in the state the meeting was held, many of our members along with our guest speaker, would stop to eat at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene, or the Hays House in Council Grove. The Brookville Hotel, sadly, is permanently closed.

We had some hotel disasters too! One memorable one was at a Ramada Inn in Wichita which had flooded the week prior! We ‘squished’ all weekend in the meeting room. The floor was sopping wet. One time we met in Hutchinson at what was then the Holiday Inn. The roof leaked so badly that there were buckets everywhere to step around. We once had arranged to meet in Emporia, only to discover that the hotel was remodeling and the meeting room wasn’t ready yet, which led to a last-minute scramble to find another venue.

Many thanks to those in the club who have given programs over the years! I know I’ll forget people, but here are a few: Steve and Becky Tipton, Kristi Sanderson, Bill and Candy Vinduska, Jane Kill, Sharon Rowan, Robert Burns, Nikki Bowman, Cecil Sweeney, Jim Kellie, Greg Swob, Cheryl Burkhead, Jo Patrick, Jerry Brown, and so many more. Thank you all so much! We learn from each other.

I have two people that I really need to thank. One is Cecil for his help over the years with meetings and brainstorming with me. I’m so lucky to have him as my husband. The other person is Robert Burns, our incredible treasurer, who has done so much to keep our meetings organized and our bills paid. He’s helped to figure registration costs and dealt with everyone’s registration issues. He’s helped deal with the hotels, too. Honestly, this club couldn’t survive without Robert. He is truly the propolis that holds this association together. Robert and John have done our two Zoom meetings and our virtual board meetings. He posts our videos online and updates our website with meeting information. Thank you, Robert. You’ve made me look good many times. Robert has had a few perks too- he got to pick up Dr. Jim Tew for a meeting and Pat Heitkam.

Lastly, I’d like to thank the club for letting me serve you for so many years. It has truly been my pleasure to offer educational opportunities to Kansas beekeepers!

Joli Winer, 1st Vice President, Program Chair
I enjoy participating in our local farmer’s market. It’s amazing to realize that this style of marketing, dating back to biblical times, still flourishes. In this day, it seems that the ‘old fashioned’ brick & mortar retailers are often going by the wayside with on-line orders and deliveries taking center stage for transactions. So, exactly what brings the consuming shopper in to these old-fashioned markets? Some of our vendors have colorful canopies as do I. Some have flashy signage, while others have cute names emblazoned on hats/shirts for their cottage business. I’m sure it is a variety of issues, but I do not have supporting statistics on precisely what brings consumers to these markets. Is it the whole shopping experience in which the consumer can see, touch, and smell many of the products? Is it interacting with the producer, grower, or builder of the products? Is it a secure feeling of getting to know the person who not only sells the products but owns the farm or the shop from where they come? Likely, it is a combination of all those things.

Ron Ward is one of our departed members whom I sure do miss. His ‘thing’ was the “You might be a beekeeper if…” taken from a fellow comedian friend of Engvall’s, Jeff Foxworthy. Ron had a version of Foxworthy’s take on beekeeping that was always good for a laugh and often, food for thought. Sometimes I wonder what beekeeping and selling honey at a local market would be like with Bill Engvall’s witty sarcasm. For those of you who feel Engvall’s name just doesn’t quite ring a bell, Bill is the ‘here’s your sign guy’ when asked what was meant as an innocent question that should have an obvious answer. By and large, the best part of the market experience for me, as a vendor, is interacting with the end consumer. But then there are those people… you know- THOSE people. Remember the Art Linkletter TV show starring ordinary children, called “Kids Say the Darndest Things”? Well, the same could be said of THOSE farmers market consumers- sometimes they say the darndest things. That is when one needs to keep his/her inner Bill Engvall well hidden, no matter how tempting. People sometimes innocently ask questions that should have obvious answers. So, I am going to try to accompany Ron Ward’s version of Foxworthy with my own Engvall. Remember, this is a comedic attempt and not advice on responding to consumers – no hate mail please!

Are you a beekeeper? - Nope, I just like to hang out here answering questions instead of sleeping in. Here’s your sign.
You got bees? - Nope, it rains honey at the farm and we get this in the gutters. Here’s your sign.
Ever get bit? - Not really, but I’ve had the living crap stung out of me on a rare occasion. Here’s your sign.
Is this real honey? - Nope, yellow Kool-Aid, looks good though! Here’s your sign.
Do you wear one of those funny suits? - Nope, I bust in there naked and count my lucky stars. Here’s your sign.
What do bees eat? - Cheeseburgers & Fries like everyone else. Here’s your sign.
How do you feed your bees? - With tiny spoons. Here’s your sign .
Do you make honey? - Yup, I go flower to flower with a tiny straw and suck up nectar then dry it down. Here’s your sign.
Do you keep your bees in the basement in winter? - Well, it does upset the occupants down there some, but… Here’s your sign.
You got a smoker thing? - Nope, the bees were getting hooked, now we’re required to Vape® them. Here’s your sign.
You raise Killer Bees? - Nope, they’re kind of a buzz kill. Here’s your sign.
Do you have sugar-free honey? - After I said, ‘our bees do not produce sugar-free honey’, the consumer said she was diabetic and advised me “they most certainly do sell sugar-free honey in stores”. Again, most all of these questions are excellent opportunities for educating the public.
Where are the pineapples? (OK, not honey-related but still a favorite of mine) - Dude, this is Kansas, not some subtropical location like Hawaii or Uruguay— Here’s your sign.
Most always, we get very legitimate questions or comments and we appreciate the concern or interest people have for our creatures. Each one is an opportunity to educate the public and debunk incorrect theories and opinions concerning our hobby/business. I can only imagine what sort of questions THOSE people ask the egg folks…

Greg Swob, Hays, KS
The Kansas Honey Producers Association (KHPA), formerly The Kansas State Beekeepers Association, was started over a 111 years ago for the purpose of promoting good beekeeping practices, to promote honey, to enable beekeepers from various areas to meet and share experiences and ideas, and to publicize the honey bee as an important contributor to the nation’s food supply. The date on the association president’s gavel for the association’s founding is December 30, 1903.

You can support the beekeeping industry in Kansas by joining the Kansas Honey Producers Association. We hold meetings twice annually throughout the state with great speakers and presentations while publishing a quarterly newsletter. In addition, we have established apiaries throughout the state, using our apiary products to demonstrate and sell to the public at the Kansas State Fair, held annually in Hutchinson in September. The fair gives us an opportunity to promote Kansas’ honey and beekeeping. We have supported a scholarship/grant program for nearly 18 years in which we have donated bees, expertise, wooden-ware, and other supplies in the support of teaching beekeeping around the state.

We are a diverse group of people, keeping bees as hobbyists as well as on a commercial level.

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The Kansas Honey Producers Fall 2021 Meeting Information—November 5 & 6 2021—Please Register Early

Yeah! Our in-person meeting will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th 2021. Please plan to attend one or both days! We have scheduled our next few meetings in Salina. We will be meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott at 3020 Riffel Dr. in Salina. To make your reservation and get the special rate, you will need to call the hotel at 785-309-1300. Our room rate is $104 and includes a voucher for a breakfast box. Ask for either the block of rooms for KHP or Kansas Honey Producers. Make a room reservation by November 1st. Registration sign-up and the program will be available at the Kansas Honey Producers website www.kansashoneyproducers.org. Please feel free to contact me, Joli Winer, with questions or suggestions at 913-593-3562 (call or text) or email joli@heartlandhoney.com. To have a safe and healthy gathering of beekeepers, the hotel asks that attendees wear masks in all public areas. Masks and sanitizer will be available in the meeting and at registration.

**Featured Guest Speakers:**

**Cameron Jack** is a Lecturer Distance Education Coordinator. Cameron has been interested in beekeeping since his youth and now teaches several courses related to honey bees and apiculture at the University of Florida. His goal is to create an educational program that prepares students for the many challenges associated with beekeeping and to train those interested in entering the beekeeping workforce. His topics will include his most recent research which has focused on the control of Varroa destructor, Varroa biology, and Integrated Pest Management of Varroa as a whole.

**Randall Cass** is the Extension Entomologist at Iowa State, in Ames Iowa, with an expertise in Honey Bees, Native Bees and Pollinators. Education: M.S. University of California Davis, B.A Willamette University. Randall Cass knew what he wanted to do; he just didn’t know where to go to find his perfect job. “On a whim I Googled the words my dream position would include—beekeeping, research, extension, university -followed by the word job.” Cass said. “I didn’t think a position like this would even exist. I applied and before I knew it, I was moving to Iowa. I feel extremely lucky to have found such a great place at Iowa State.”

Save the date for future meetings at the Hilton Garden Inn in Salina:
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Thursday, November 4th, 2021 8 pm Board meeting- at Courtyard by Marriott, Salina
Friday, November 5th 2021 - At Courtyard by Marriott, Salina, KS

8:15-9 am Registration- please pre-register-Silent Auction Set up
9:00-9:10 Introduction – President Becky Tipton
9:10-10:10 Management of Varroa and the Use of Oxalic Acid, Cameron Jack presents
10:10-10:30 Break
10:30-11:25 Hive Health in an Agricultural Landscape and the Potential Rescue Effect of Prairie, Randall Cass presents
11:25-12:20 Developing a Value-Added Product through K-State Food Lab, Sharon Rowan presents
12:20-1:00 Lunch-Box lunch
1:00-1:50 KDA Weights and Measures, “What Should be on Your Product Labels?” Loren Minnich presents
1:55-2:55 Seasonal Efficacy of Varroa and Small Hive Beetle Treatments, Cameron Jack presents
2:55-3:15 Break- End of Silent auction at 3:15
3:15-4:10 Discussion of the Pesticide Complaint Process with KDA, Kelly Navinsky-Wenzl presents
4:15-5:10 The effect of Prairie Strips on Honey Bee Colony Health in Agricultural Landscapes, Randall Cass presents
6:00 Dinner and Program Lessons from working with beekeepers in rural El Salvador-Randall Cass

Saturday, November 6th

8:30-8:50 Registration and Silent Auction Set up
8:50-9:00 Announcements President Becky Tipton
9:00-10:00 Nosema ceranae: Infection and disease dynamics, Cameron Jack presents
10:05-11:00 Attitudes about Pollinator Conservation best practices: a Survey of Iowa Beekeepers, farmers and landowners, Randall Cass presents
11:00-11:20 Break
11:20-11:40 Presentation by Youth Grant Groups
11:40-12:20 Meeting of area groups to choose area directors, discuss meetings in their area, etc.
12:20-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:55 Making Spring nucs/splits — Get your hive through the winter so that it is strong enough to split in the Spring Nikki Bowman presents
2:00-3:00 Creating Your Brand, Melissa Karsten presents
3:00-3:20 Break-End of Silent Auction at 3:20
3:20-4:20 Honey Bee Biology, Cameron Jack presents
4:20- General Business Meeting and Election

Note: Topics and Times Subject to Change
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Please note: The reduced rate for this meeting is due to a generous grant from the State Fair Fund. Many thanks to those members who participate in the state fair as volunteers!

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