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General Meeting

Monday, January 17, 2022 (7 p.m.)

Join Us for a ZOOM Meeting

“In the comfort of your own home”

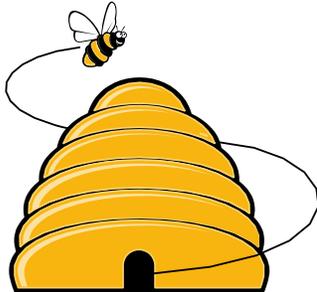
Download the Zoom App and watch from your computer, smartphone, or tablet
Log in instructions will be posted on the www.NEKBA.org website.

Main Program: “Microscopy in Beekeeping”

- Stewart Spinks. Stewart runs a small commercial beekeeping operation in the United Kingdom and has a popular YouTube channel. He will discuss and demonstrate the use of a microscope in beekeeping. How to look at pollen, check for nosema, and tracheal mites. We will have Youth Scholarship presentations after the main program.

Beelines

By President Ed Darlington



My hope is that everyone is preparing to get a head start on this year’s beekeeping activities. It takes preparation and organization to stay ahead of our bees (they don’t seem to read the same books we do).

Start by learning more about bees and how we should take care of them by taking two great classes; Beginning Beekeeping on January 29, 2022, and Year Two and Beyond on February 26, 2022.

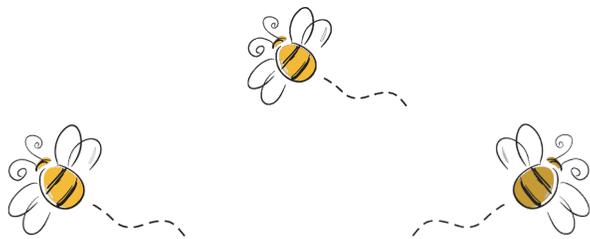
Hopefully earlier this past fall, you recovered some drawn comb; you will find it is a very valuable commodity. If not, this coming season you will want prepare to save, store, and protect drawn comb. The best way to preserve extracted comb is to:

- First give the extracted frames back to a hive for a couple of days for them to clean out any residual honey.
- Remove the frames/supers and remove any bees from the boxes.
- Then freeze the frames with drawn comb for 3 days.
- Place the frame of drawn comb back in supers and stack the supers such that no bugs can enter the top or bottom of the stacks you have created.
- Store in clean dry place till next season, then add these supers back to hive, as they need to expand.

This is the time of year to survey your equipment and make any repairs. Also, it is time to get rid of any old foundation. Mark your frame of foundation as to the date you placed it in service. Some folks believe to make sure your comb is less than five years old. A more conservative approach (one to which I subscribe, is to replace the comb and foundation every 3 years or less).

I recommended reading either or both of Thomas D. Seeley’s book’s; “The Lives of Bees” or “Honeybee Democracy”. In the books he reveals the results of many experiments that show what

bees prefer in the way of home selection and many other of their natural behaviors.



2021 Meeting Dates: (Starting Time is 7pm. Log in a few minutes ahead on Zoom.)

- January 17, 2022 (Zoom only) **
- January 29, 2022 Beginning Beekeeping Class
- February 7, 2022 (Let's Talk Bees Q & A)
- February 21, 2022
- February 26, 2022 Year 2 & Bee-Yond Beekeeping Class

**** A friendly reminder that January's General meeting will be held virtually only. Join us via Zoom at 7 PM!**

In accordance with the requirements of the City of Lawrence, masks will be required at our on-site meetings and classes held in their facilities. Thank you for respecting this mandate. Please stay at home if you aren't feeling well or exhibiting symptoms.



Ol' Bee Gal

What are you waiting for? We often use the New Year as a point in time to take stock.... what do we want to change in ourselves, our habits, our health? Today is New Year's Day and to say that the last couple of years have challenged us is certainly an understatement. I hear people say they would like to be a beekeeper, or grow a garden, or get outside more. You get the picture; do something that they value, more. With this, I usually hear people talk about, "when they retire...." If there is something you value, why not take the step and

improve the satisfaction you feel about your life NOW? Why wait?

I began beekeeping in my 30's and the only thing I have ever regretted is not starting sooner. I have never experienced more satisfaction from any sport, hobby, or job than I have from beekeeping and learning about honey bees. It is the ever-expanding bubble and the more you know, the more you realize there is to know. Read all you can, come to classes, seek information on the web, but nothing will ever surpass what the bees will teach you each and every time you open the hive. How and why bees do what they do is astounding!

A person I love and respect told me to consider carefully how I would spend my time. If you are going to do more of something you are going to do less of something else; our time is finite. So, plan to fill your days with endeavors that will nourish your soul. For me, that is being with the bees, in the garden, outside. If you don't begin with a plan, things can go terribly wrong. A garden that refuses to flourish because you chose incorrect plants is disheartening. Likewise, gaining the basic knowledge to begin beekeeping is a prerequisite to success.

The NEKBA will offer 2 classes this winter. The Beginning Beekeeping class is for anyone in their first or second year of beekeeping or someone who is contemplating the adventure of beekeeping. The Year 2 class is for those who have had bees 5 years or fewer. It is the class that will help you understand why bees do what they do. Understanding why is the first step in becoming a real beekeeper. Register on our website today. www.nekba.org Bring a friend who needs to prioritize and stop putting off the good stuff. I dedicate this column to my friend Cheryl and congratulate her on her next great adventure. I don't think Cheryl ever procrastinates.

Becky Tipton, Special Events Coordinator



The Honey Pot

Honey-Peanut Granola with Coconut and Dried Cherries

- 3 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup dried unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1 cup unsalted roasted peanuts
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

¼ cup packed light-brown sugar

¾ tsp kosher salt

1 large egg white, beaten

½ cup dried cherries or cranberries

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. On a rimmed baking sheet, stir together oats, peanuts, coconut, honey, oil, sugar, salt, and egg white until thoroughly combined. Spread in an even layer to edges of sheet. Bake, stirring every 15 minutes, until golden brown, 40-45 minutes. Stir in cherries, and bake 5 minutes more. Let cool completely before serving or storing. Granola can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature up to 2 weeks or in the freezer for up to 3 months.

ASK QUINBY & REMI



Dear Quinby and Remi: I can't find Cecil's recipe for the candy board; can you repeat it please?

Quinby and Remi answer: Yes, Cecil has made over 100 of them so far this year. He's been making them in deep paper plates that weigh about 2 ½ pounds. He's been getting about 7 per batch. His recipe is from the Encyclopedia of Beekeeping. It does not use corn syrup or cream of tartar. Boil 20 lbs. of sugar in 5 pints of water until the temperature reaches 243°F. Remove it from the heat and after it cools a bit & starts to skim on the top, beat it until the it turns white and candies-goes thick and white. Then pour it into whatever you are going to use to feed it to the bees.

Dear Quinby and Remi: My hive died. How do I take care of the equipment? Can I reuse the honey and frames in my next hive?

Quinby and Remi answer: It is best to brush the bees out so that they do not mold in the cells. Save your honey for your next hive in the spring. You can do this in several ways; if you have a second

hive, you could just set the box of honey on your other hive. The bees will take care of it and if that hive needs more food, they'll have it. If that food is still there in the spring, you can still add it to your new hive. If that isn't an option, you could freeze your frames of honey. If that isn't an option, just take the frames inside and store in a bee-tight area, like a garage. I would **not** suggest putting it in a plastic bag but protect the hive with cardboard or keep the lid on it. As a last resort, keep the honey in the bee yard and close the entrance. The only problem with this option is that the hive can be robbed out of honey if the bees can find a way to get in. If you can save the honey, it is a good boost to a new hive! You can reuse your brood frames too. Brood frames naturally turn brown with each successive brood emergence, so the fact that your wax has turned brown is a good thing. Clean off your bottom board, and if your hive needs to be repaired or painted, now is a great time to do it.

Dear Quinby and Remi: I am a new beekeeper and I have seen several ads for used equipment on Facebook. It looks like a good deal but I'm not sure if I should get it, what are your thoughts?

Quinby and Remi answer: I would suggest that a new beekeeper buy his or her first equipment as new and all from the same place. Each manufacturer is just a little bit different. Also make sure that when you put your equipment together correctly, use a good wood glue and attend the beginner's beekeeping class for the best way to put equipment together. We have several local beekeeping suppliers, and we would suggest that you purchase from them. They'll help you with all of your questions.

Dear Quinby and Remi: I want to move my hives now that it is cold, that way they won't be out flying, great idea, right?

Quinby and Remi answer: GRRRRRRR while it sounds like a great idea to move your hives when it is cold, it can mean certain death to your hives! If your bees get jostled and fall to the bottom board of the hive, it can be too cold for them to regroup. If it is so cold that they cannot regroup up on the frame near the honey, then the hive will actually starve to death.

2022 Youth Scholarship Program

This year we have interviewed seven young people for our youth scholarship program. We will announce the recipients as soon as we have assigned mentors. The 2021 Youth Scholarship students have been giving their presentations at the regular meetings and via Zoom. This is a fantastic way for you to learn about the program. We furnish all equipment for one hive: bees, clothing, smoker, etc.; plus, a mentor for 1-2 years! The second year, we provide a mentor which can help the family make a split, if the colony is strong enough, or replace the bees, if they don't survive the winter. They also get to attend the classes and Funday for free! The second year, the family pays for any bee expenses but they get the mentor for free! We've had families decide not to continue beekeeping after a few years, but we've also had some great successes too! We have a student from 4 years ago that now has about 10 hives, and several families from 2 years ago who now have 4-5 hives.

Joli Winer, Youth Scholarship Chair



Tips for January

- Begin your recordkeeping for 2022; Calendars are already ½ price so get one that you can write on. Vow to keep track of when different plants bloom in your area, if you fed, how your bees did, if you replaced any equipment etc.
- Check out a beekeeping book out at the library.
- Build or repair any equipment.
- Order your queens and package bees or nucs as soon as possible.
- Check the lids on your hives; make sure they have a heavy rock or a cement block on top. We have had some fierce winds this winter.
- Heavy snows and dead bees can block entrances preventing bees from necessary cleansing flights. Brush snow or remove dead bees from entrance of the bee hive.

- Plan next year's garden to include some nectar producing plants that have not been treated with neonicotinoids
- Remove dead-outs and clean or store any equipment.
- Review your successes and challenges from last year.
- Check food stores in your hives.
- Renew your membership, send in your dues-you can do it online now by going to nekba.org
- Attend our meetings and beekeeping classes-share with a friend and get them started this year!

It's that time again. Please consider renewing your membership today at www.nekba.org via PayPal or by mail or at the meeting. Many thanks for your support!



The Kansas Honey Producers Association is an underutilized beekeeping resource in our state. At first the club was geared to large, commercial beekeepers. The club's focus later shifted from commercial beekeepers to hobbyists and sideliners reflecting changes in beekeeping. The organization provides valuable information and best beekeeping practices to its members across the state. KHPA has recently concentrated on state wide issues. KHPA is currently working with several state legislative committees to improve conditions for honey bees and beekeepers. A scholarship program is available for youth and adult organizations. The club also promotes beekeeping and products from the hive at its booth at the Kansas State Fair. At the booth, KHPA beekeepers chat with the public about honey bees, sell honey, soaps, lip balms, and other related items. Each volunteer who works a 4-hour shift at the booth, receives free admittance to the fairgrounds for the day. NEKBA and KHPA members are encouraged to volunteer.

If you are an experienced or novice beekeeper, the organization has something to offer. Membership is \$15 annually. KHPA provides two meetings each year featuring top local and national speakers. Currently meetings are being held in Salina. Nothing beats meeting fellow beekeepers and comparing notes. *Cappings*, a quarterly newsletter is distributed to members. This year the Kansas Honey Producers began providing *Extracting More \$\$\$ From Your Hive*, a free, virtual program that focuses on value-added products. It is presented on the 3rd Thursday of month and members of KHPA are invited to join via Zoom.

Anyone who would like to improve their beekeeping skills should consider joining our state organization. Visit www.kansashoneyproducers.org to learn more. Please see our flyer in this month's Buzzer and share with others.

Jo Patrick, NE Regional Director, KHPA



Meet the Beeks

My name is Scott Goering, and with my wife, Mandy, we have been keeping bees in DeSoto, Kansas, for 2 years. Our journey started with taking classes at JCCC, taught by Robert Hughes, in the fall of 2019. Based on a recommendation from Steve Messbarger, I also attended a few NEKBA meetings at the same time – even though we hadn't even ordered bees yet!

Immediately following the classes at JCCC, we purchased woodenware and ordered our bees for delivery. We had planned a dual-purpose party at our house at the end of March 2020; our friends and family would come over to meet our newborn and then watch, as Mandy and I fumbled our way through our first package installs. However, as we

all know, March 2020 was when the world changed, and our in-person party was canceled. So, we decided to do what everyone else was doing and livestreamed our beekeeping adventure! This became a somewhat regular occurrence—livestreaming our hive inspections. Mandy would film and relay questions to me and I would try to answer and find interesting things happening in the hives; finding the queen, capped brood, hatching baby bees, etc.

After our first year, we were hooked! Mandy and I were glad that we found a hobby that we both enjoyed and could do together. We gave away nearly all of the honey we harvested that first year for Christmas presents and started to make plans for expansion in 2021. Both of our hives survived winter and started thriving in the spring. Along with two additional packages of bees that we purchased, and a swarm that we caught in a trap, our expansion was well underway.

2021 also provided me with the opportunity to mentor a young beekeeper. Benecio, the son of our friends, had been interested in beekeeping for a couple of years. He received woodenware for Christmas and purchased a package of bees which I helped him install. Benecio's questions and attitude have helped me become a better beekeeper and allowed me to pass on the knowledge that I had gained in the previous 18 months. To me, this has been one of the best parts about our beekeeping journey.

I'd like to finish up by expressing my gratitude for the NEKBA members that have helped us on our way: Robert Hughes for teaching classes at JCCC and always answering calls & emails; Steve Messbarger for pushing me to join NEKBA; Chad Gilliland for hosting small-time beekeepers at Next to Nature Farm and allowing us to use his extracting equipment; and all of the officers/volunteers who made the virtual meetings a success.

Scott & Mandy Goering

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Happy New Year!

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As part of your beekeeping experience, it's important to be up to date with the trends in bee biology, honey processing, the industry, and much more!



A Bee Friendly Lawn

Americans have a love affair with maintaining a lush, green, weed-free lawn. It seems to be a competition, of sorts, for one homeowner to outdo the next in a neighborhood. A 'keep up with the Jones' complex, of sorts. Trying to outshine the house across the street to win the 'Best Yard of the Month' Contest. This concept has led to manicured lawns being the single largest irrigated crop we grow in the United States. Roughly 40 million acres are mowed, fertilized, and watered weekly.

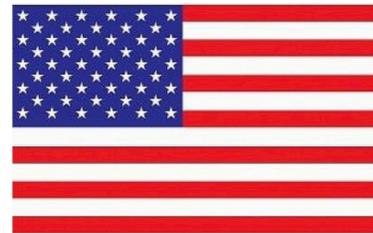
How can we as advocates of bees and butterflies, change this course and have pollinator paradises in the middle of our residential neighborhoods. Additionally, these communities may have city regulations or a home's association guideline regarding lawns. Most guidelines and regulations normally focus on mowing heights to ensure that a lawn doesn't have that 'unkept look' along with controlling noxious weeds. Keeping within these parameters can maintain a pollinator lawn that will decrease inputs like synthetic fertilizers and irrigation while reducing emissions from weekly mowing and string trimming practices.

You may ask the question; "How can I do this and still follow city regulations and home association guidelines?" First, identify how one can reduce the inputs of fertilizer and irrigation in the lawn. This can be achieved by choosing plants that are drought tolerant and capture nitrogen. Introducing low-growing flowering plants like: Dutch Clover, Creeping Thyme, Bugleweed, and Self Heal (Prunella Bulgaria), can establish a base for your pollinator lawn. Encourage other

plants, such as, native violets, dead nettle (Lamium) and dandelions.

Over time, as you continue to increase the diversity of pollinator-friendly, low-growing plants in the lawn, keep in mind that you should maintain some amount of care. Remove by mechanical means, non-flowering weeds of any height, that outgrow your bee-friendly lawn. Managing a mowed edge of a shorter height along property boundaries helps to identify a level of maintenance and limits the chances of complaints from neighbors. Keeping a maintained look and an limiting an overall height below 12 inches, will keep you in tune with most city regulations. I have also found that adding a "Pollinator Habitat" sign helps to educate others on your environmentally-friendly project and identifies your overall plan and goal for your pollinator friendly lawn.

Chad Gilliland, Honey Plants Chairman



Military/Veterans Apprentices Program

Greetings! I hope you are all in good health and that you had a wonderful holiday. I also want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope that 2022 will be the beginning of a more normal lifestyle.

I'm sorry to say, we did not have anyone for our 2021 Military/Veteran Scholarship. I am hopeful this year we will be able to promote our program a bit more. Promoting our scholarship program has been difficult these past few years with restrictions and places not accepting group gatherings. I will say our previous Military Scholarship recipients were some of the nicest people you would ever want to meet. We continue to look for individuals who would benefit from our program. Beekeeping may not be something everyone wants to do, but we do think many may find this very rewarding. If you know of a military veteran who is soon to leave service or has already left, have them give one of our committee members a call.

Andy Nowachek, Military/Veteran Appr. Liaison

Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Assoc.
Beginning Beekeeping Class
 January 29, 2022
 Douglas County Fair Grounds, Building 21



Why keep honey bees? Because you can and we can help you.

-Silence your phone.

-Questions are welcome. If the speakers don't know the answers, they will try to find the answers for you. We have over 300 years of beekeeping experience represented today.

-We will make every effort to stay on schedule. Our speakers have valuable information. Information is more important than a rigid time clock. We will be patient and respectful.

-Visit our vendors and thank them for their contributions.

-We are a not-for-profit association. Everyone here is a volunteer. We appreciate your support and patience.

9:00-9:10 **Introductions**—President, Ed Darlington

9:10-10:10 **Beginning with Bees** Becky Tipton “You'll never know everything about anything, especially something you love.” Vocabulary, biology, and some food for thought.

10:10- 10:45 **Equipment** Matthew Brandes Why Langstroth equipment? Assembly, Smokers, Safety equipment choices. Feeders.

10:45-11:00 **Break**

11:00-11:30 **Starting Right with the Right Bees** Kristi Sanderson Installing your bees in your hives. Starting right to grow healthy bees.

11:30- 12:00 **Bee a Good Beek Neighbor** Robert Burns Safety, and what to expect those first 8 weeks...GO!

12:00-12:45 **Lunch** (Enjoy these bee-utiful pictures from our members and arranged by Cheryl Burkhead.)

12:45 – 1:30 **Summer beekeeping and supering** Jo Patrick What does healthy look like? Monitoring build-up and controlling swarming impulse. Inspecting your hive.

1:30-1:40 **Break**

1:40- 2:25 **Diseases and Pests** Cheryl Burkhead The diseases you should know.

2:25-3:15 **Varroa management & treatment** Joli Winer Maybe the most important information for keeping your hive alive. Monitoring and treatment options.

3:25-3:35 **Break**

3:35-4:20 **Fall and Winter management** Steve Tipton Fall evaluations, protecting your hives, emergency feeding.

4:20 **What's Next?** Jay Francis What does NEKBA have to offer you? Upcoming programs & Funday.

Q & A

***Program and speakers are subject to change.

February 26, 2022 Year 2 and Bee-yond --Enroll today @ NEKBA.org or contact Becky at 785-484-3710. bstbees@embarqmail.com with questions.

Please help us tidy up by placing your chairs on the rack. Thanks for joining us! Becky Tipton Special Events Coordinator.



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- 9:00 – 9:10 Introductions—Ed Darlington, President
- 9:10-10:05 **Why Hives Die?** Becky Tipton Winter losses average over 30%, but you can beat those odds.
- 10:05-10:15 Break
- 10:15-11:15 **Spring Management for Year 2** Cheryl Burkhead To feed or not to feed? Splits, equalize, and comb management. How to introduce a new queen.
- 11:15-11:25 Break
- 11:25- 12:30 **Swarm Biology** Noah Summers Why hives swarm and how to make the most of hive growth
- 12:30 – 1:00 Lunch (Enjoy these bee-utiful pictures from our members and arranged by Cheryl Burkhead.)
- 1:00-2:00 **Hive stressors and IPM** Rogan Tokach The key to keeping hives healthy.
- 2:00-2:30 **Planting for Pollinators** Jo Patrick Jo will introduce you to the main nectar sources for NE Kansas and suggest the most beneficial plants for your property.
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45- 3:15 **Extracting your harvest** Matt Brandes Equipment choices and strategies for harvesting your honey crop.
- 3:15- 3:45 **Wax rendering** Steve Tipton & Jay Francis One of the most valuable products from your hive.
- 3:45-4:00 Break
- 4:00- 4:30 **The Business of Beekeeping** Chad Gilliland Want to sell your harvest? What do you need to do to keep it all legal? Value added products can add \$\$\$ to your bottom line. Here are some suggestions.
- 4:30-5:00 **Ask the speakers.** Highlights for 2022 programs with NEKBA
Matt Brandes, NEKBA Program Chair
Jay Francis, NEKBA Funday Chair person

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Kansas Honey Producers Extracting More Money from your Hives-Third Thursdays via Zoom

**Thursday, January 20th 7 pm-Making and Selling Nucs
By Kristi Sanderson**

These new, free, virtual, Value-Added programs will be presented on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm CST via zoom. It is being sponsored by the Kansas Honey Producers Association as part of our membership drive. These programs are recorded and are on the website if you would like to see the ones you have missed! If you registered for a previous program, you will automatically receive the link to view each month via email. To register for the meetings, go to the link on the www.kansashoneyproducers.org website.

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

Thursday, February 17th Queen Rearing, Cheryl Burkhead presents
 Thursday, March 17th Selling at Farmers Markets and Craft shows, Stephanie Brown presents
 Thursday, April 21st Mentoring and Concierge Beekeeping, Nikki Bowman presents
 Thursday, May 19th Making Mead and Honey Beer

These programs will be recorded and will be available on our www.kansashoneyproducers.org website.

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Honey Producers Association



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.

We look forward to meeting you!



PROTECT YOUR HIVES



The new BeeCheck app is an upgrade in functionality and ease-of-use for the beekeepers who participate in the FieldWatch stewardship platform. Not only can beekeepers register and map their hives, they can now move them with ease from their mobile device or tablet! Staying connected in agriculture has never been easier!



Contact your neighbors, local Cooperatives, K-State Research & Extension, your county weed department, county road department, local custom applicators and aerial sprayers to let them know you have bees.



The FieldWatch mission is to develop and provide easy-to-use, reliable, accurate and secure on-line mapping tools intended to enhance communications that promote awareness and stewardship activities between crop producers, beekeepers and pesticide applicators.



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MENTORING-SWEET PRAIRIE HONEY

Have a Master Beekeeper help you at your beehive? I have an EAS and a Mid-West Master Beekeeper certificate. Evaluating your hives after winter, installing package bees, re-queening, making splits, or a one-on-one lesson at your beehive are just some of the things we can do. After each visit, I will leave you with a written evaluation sheet from each hive we go through. Call or text Kristi Sanderson at 913-768-4961 or email sandersonk09@gmail.com for pricing and appointment times.

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Meeting

Monday, January 17, 2022 (Zoom only)

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association

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The Association meets each month, generally on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. except during the months of January and July. Beekeeping classes will tentatively be held in January and February for 2022. This is a non-profit organization; elected officers serve without pay. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings. Check *The Bee Buzzer* or website at www.nekba.org each month for the actual date, time and location. If the weather is bad, call an officer or check the website to find out if the meeting will be held or cancelled.

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