



The Newsletter for The Capital City Beekeepers

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**“Feeding Strategies”- CCBK First Program for 2017**

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Seats were full and more were needed at the first meeting of the Capital City Beekeepers’ for 2017. The business meeting preceded our program on “Feeding Strategies” conducted by vice-president John Antenucci, opening with the question, “How many have been in their hives?” Almost a third of us raised our hands. John reported that he is observing with the agreement of others, that the



**John and a DIY food container top hive feeder.**

bees are feeding as it were March with the warm winter thus far, and what we feed changes as the seasons change. He stressed that now is about time to begin a change from the high carb (sugar) patties to the high protein (brood) feed/patties as the temperatures begin to rise and days lengthen going into spring— end of January into February. High protein feed he instructed, can be fed dry, mixed with syrup and formed into patties, or with purchased patties. He reminded too, the patties should be placed where the cluster is, atop the frames. Sometimes that means between the hive bodys.

As the season progresses to March/ April, when pollen and some nectar are available, John recommends beginning then to feed 1/1 syrup for spring buildup, and/or if stores are low, if there is a rainy period

when the bees can not forage, and especially on splits/ nucs.

John gave description, use, advantages and disadvantages of feeders used for syrup including top feeders with float trays, entrance feeders such as Boardman feeders, division board/ Frame feeders that fit in place of a removed frame, and simple “do it yourself” feeders i.e. a mason jar with a few small holes punched in it with a nail and placed atop the frames. Another was a tuperware-like container with the lid secure and few holes punch in it atop the frames (See pic to the left).

Questions followed to wit, “What’s the lowest temperature to put patties on, what to do with leftover patties, and of patties not consumed completely, as well as, do you use smoke when you work the bees this time of year?”

In response, is that there is no restriction on temperature just be quick, and freeze the leftover patties, added was the tip



**A good Q and A followed the program. CCBK Member Michael Wiley asks his.**

to get unconsumed patties off before the temperature gets too high or they could melt and be a mess. As far as smoke, “a little is good”, replied John. I add, especially if a warm day whets your need and desire to linger among the frames.

Thanks John for sharing your experience and know-how.

## Bee-Lines

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 from all  
 other.” -Butler,  
 “The Lore of the  
 Honey-Bee”  
 by Tuckner  
 Edwardes*

## Understanding and Complying with the FDA’s New Rules on Using Antimicrobial Treatments in the Hive

Nosema was among the questions a certain gentleman asked about while deciding what his total order would be that morning at Dadant’s. I was there and talking as many times I do to those who come in. I directed him to a tried and true product but under the new FDA Veterinary Feed Directive (FDA/VFD) he would have to contact a veterinarian to purchase it. He was unaware and many still are. CCBK



Chris Cripps, DVM, co-owner of Betterbee, the Northeast Center for Beekeeping. (Photo by Chris Cripps)

member and last year’s vice-president, and direction on compliance. The full George Fowler put me on a great article article can be found by clicking here.

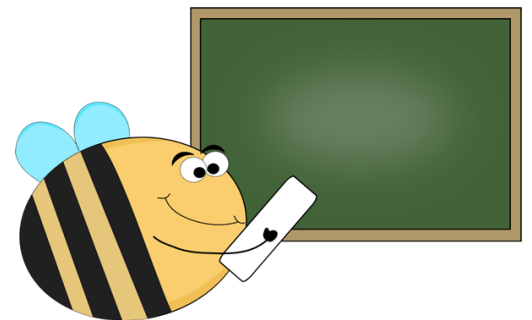
that sheds light on the FDA’s VFD that was enforce at the beginning of the year from the January issue of the DVM360 Magazine by Katie James. The title simply asks, “Have you heard the buzz? Honeybees fall under the VFD regulations too”. It explains, that honeybees fall under the same regulations for the use of antibiotics as any food producing animal such as chickens, cows, and others. It gives some explanation

### Need A Vet?

One of the main questions is how do I find a veterinarian to comply with the FDA’s Veterinarian Feed Directive if I need a treatment for Nosema or to try treat or prevent AFB? There is a resource available online “where veterinarians that are interested in bees can list their contact information and beekeepers can find veterinarians in their area” at [Beevets.com](http://Beevets.com).



### Learn more at Bee School



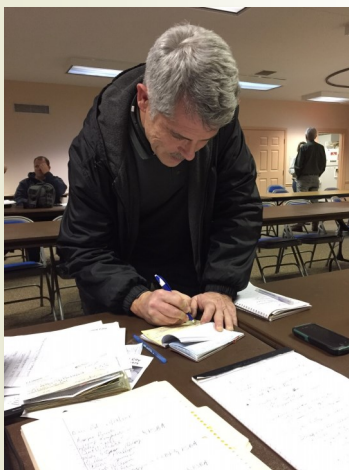
The 2017 Bluegrass Bee School is March 11th at Ky. State University in Frankfort again this year. One of the premier Bee Schools in the state, this year’s is not lacking in the variety of classes and interests related to beekeeping, with experienced speakers at the helm. One of which is on the FDA Vet Feed Directive. Ky. State Apiarist, Dr. Tammy Horn will be leading the session to help beekeepers understand and comply. Learn and get your questions answered first hand. Click above to preregister.



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### Reminder, 2017 Dues are Being Collected

CCBK 2017 dues are now being collected, you remit yours at the next meeting, or by mail with your information to: Wes Henry, 404 Goebel Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601. We can also collect your application and dues for The Kentucky State Beekeepers Assoc. and help CCBK and save on the postage! When CCBK collects the dues and sends in the [application for KSBA](#), the club gets 2.00 of the annual dues. Just click the link above and print the application and bring to the next meeting. We'll also have applications available at the meeting.



Membership has its benefits. Many joined or renewed for 2017 at the January meeting like CCBK member Cole Gilbert.

# 2017 AMERICAN HONEY PRINCESS TO VISIT KENTUCKY



Hope Pettibon, the 2017 American Honey Princess, will visit Kentucky March 6-11. She will participate in the **Capitol City Beekeepers Association's Bee Friendly Frankfort** event and will be a guest speaker at the **Bluegrass Beekeepers Bee School** on March 11. During her visit, she will speak about the importance of honey bees to Kentucky agriculture and how honey bee is key to our next meal. She will also share information about the many uses for honey in the home.

Hope is the 20-year-old daughter of Patrick and Christie Pettibon of McKinney, TX. She is currently attending a bible college in south Texas and has future aspirations to be a wilderness emergency medical technician. Hope has been keeping bees with her family since 2004 and has earned awards for her honey. Prior to being selected as the American Honey Princess, Hope served as the

2016 Texas Honey Queen. In this role, she promoted the honey industry at fairs, festivals, and farmers' markets, via media interviews, and in schools.

As the 2017 American Honey Princess, Hope serves as a national spokesperson on behalf of the American Beekeeping Federation, a trade organization representing beekeepers and honey producers throughout the United States.

The beekeeping industry touches the lives of every individual in our country. In fact, honeybees are responsible for nearly one-third of our entire diet, in regards to the pollination services that they provide for a large majority of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes. This amounts to nearly \$19 billion per year of direct value from honeybee pollination to United States agriculture.

For more information on Princess Hope's visit and to schedule an interview, contact **Capitol City Beekeeper Association Marsha Bezold** at the following number: 859.753.4450 and email at [dlozeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:dlozeb@bellsouth.net).

### From the Inbox

This comes straight from the queen bee, Ms. Penny herself. A fun interactive quiz from WebMD. Click on the worker to see how you do.

WebMD Healthy Eating

QUIZ  
**The Truth About Honey**

What is it mostly made of? How do bees whip up the natural kind? And which health conditions can it help? We answer these and other questions.

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RAYMOND LAYNE  
123 ADAIR STREET  
BEREA, KY, 40408  
3-12-75

Dear Don,

I will check with you about the meeting on the 21st of March at Frankfort.

Tell me the time, the place, and how to get there.

What I have in mind to do is bring a 16 mm. film - "Bees for Hire" - a 27 minute movie with sound and color. Also I plan to bring a kit to demonstrate the making of COLD CREAM using beeswax.

Should the group wish I could demonstrate my dulcimer and tell a story or two.

I can have a door prize also.

Should you want the film, you will furnish the projector and operator.

We could have a question and answer period too.

Let me hear from you.

Layne

A handwritten letter to President Don Stosberg of The Frankfort Area Beekeepers from then KSBA Secretary Raymond Lane exhibits the cooperative effort to assist "grassroots" organizations.

## The Frankfort Area Beekeepers- In Step with Kentucky's Organizational History

Last month I introduced The Frankfort Area Beekeepers, an association of beekeepers that formed in Frankfort June 6, 1974. From the "brown and dated file folder" I continue to find a rich history of the association's membership and activities as well as surrounding associations and the ties with the State Association— The Kentucky State Beekeepers Association. Included among the documents I have found some interesting information from the "January, February, March, 1975" issue of the "The Kentucky Beekeeper's Quarterly" on beekeeping organizational history in Kentucky. The quarterly was produced by the KY Department of Agriculture with Wendell P. Butler commissioner at the time. Near the end on the back of the yellow, single and legal-sized page, is the fact that "organized beekeeping was begun in Kentucky as early as 1874 at the regional level with the organization of

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the Southern Society”. That’s one hundred years before the Frankfort area association.

Dr. N.P. Allen, a dentist from Smith Grove in Warren County, was the first president of The Society and already involved with organized efforts in the state. Two years prior (1872) Dr. Allen headed a committee to “provide a better race of bees for beekeepers of the state” and helped introduce Italian bees at that time. Members of that committee included beekeepers from Lexington, Anchorage, Shelby, Adair, Gallatin, and Hancock counties. Queens at the time

were sold for 15.00...In 1872! According to [www.in2013dollars.com](http://www.in2013dollars.com), that equates to 286.00 today! As was written, “How about those prices bee-lovers!?”

The quarterly continued that in 1880 I discovered, The Kentucky State Beekeepers Association “as we know it



A committee of Kentucky beekeepers introduced Italian bees into Kentucky in 1872.

today” was afterwards organized in Louisville and again Dr. Allen was its first President while serving in the same position of two other national organizations.

Ninety-five years later The Frankfort Area Beekeepers would enjoy and benefit from a cooperation and working alongside the KSBA in many ways. In a hand written letter (see sidebar) dated March, 12, 1975 to President Don Stosberg, Raymond Layne (KSBA Secretary, 1975) writes of the plans and details of a program at the March meeting of The FAB at The Framers Bank in Frankfort. “What I have in mind”,

wrote Layne, “to is bring a 16 mm film “Bees For Hire”- a 27 minute movie with sound and color...[and] a kit to demonstrate the making of COLD CREAM using beeswax”.

He also offered to play his dulcimer and “tell a story or two”. This beekeeper from Berea, was also a story tellin’ dulcimer player we find in the letter and also affectionately referred to by many as “Ole Colonel Layne” in the March 1975 issue of KSBA newsletter.



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### Dates To Remember:

Next CCBK Meeting-  
February 28th,  
2017, 6 p.m.,  
Franklin County  
Extension, 101  
Lakeview Dr.,  
Frankfort, KY

Bluegrass Bee School, March 11th at KSU Frankfort, KY  
(Click to Register)

Guthries Natural Beekeeping Classes March 18th (Click to register)

## CCBK Minutes January 24, 2017

President Ken Daniels gaveled the January Meeting open at 6:00p.m. Ken reminded that dues were being collected for both CCBK and KSBA.

He reminded CCBK to receives \$2.00 when collecting dues and applications for KSBA

George Fowler made motion for the minutes for December, 2016 meeting to be approved.

Wayne Parrish made the second motion and the motion carried with no discussion.

The Treasure's Report was read by President Ken Daniels and Michael Wiley made a motion to accept, a second motion made by Dan Ramey, and report accepted.

Ken announced that CCBK was taking a more involved roll in the Bluegrass Bee School

Officers of CCBK and Bluegrass Bee Keepers have been meeting for past month going over details and plans for school, next meeting 1/26/2017.

Michael Wiley Spoke and requested volunteers for coffee/tea/donut table at the school.

John Antenucci spoke on the programs, and progress of the planning and needs of the school and circulated a volunteer sheet.

Marsha Bezold spoke on Bee Friendly Frankfort

Honey Princess/ Queen has been contacted and plans for her agenda discussed.

Bee Hive Hair Do contest and Bee Jam and other Bee Friendly activities discussed.

Ken Daniels asked what the club's wishes were about selling at The Franklin County Farmer's Market for 2017.

Ken gave details from this past years activities and George Fowler saying it was "a good outlet" and "worth it".

Marsha Bezold asked about pricing. Club sets price for 1/2 and 1 pound and quart jars. All others at seller's discretion.

Michael Wiley asked if club pays \$100.00 fee for booth. Ken answered with yes, and reported the club made its fee money back with seller's fees.

Wes Henry explained that more than honey can be sold, i.e. "Hive Products"-candles, wax, soaps, balms, etc.

Club approved to sell at the Market for 2017. Start date is 5/11/17.

John Antenucci provided the program for the night- "Feeding Strategies" followed by Q and A.

Ken closed the meeting with the reminder that now is time to order bees, winter patties for sale, and the next meeting is 2/28/17.