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## **In Memoriam**

## John Willis Knight



November 27, 1907 February 24, 2011

**JOHN W. KNIGHT** of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away quietly at his home on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the age of 103. John was born in Kaufman County Texas to John T. and Mary E. (Worley) Knight on November 27, 1907. He married Mary Mozelle Riggings on March 29, 1929. To this union was born one daughter, Wanda June. John would later marry Shirley Walker Bratcher on April 14, 1999.

John owned McDonald Brothers Cast Stone Company of Fort Worth, Texas. He was a member of the Providence Baptist Church of Tool, Texas; as well as, a member of the R.C. Buckner Masonic Lodge #1176 since 1944; the Royal Select Masters, Lodge #397; the Royal Arch Lodge #419 and the Order of the Eastern Star, Roy Stanley Lodge #1086.

John was an active and avid beekeeper. He was an active member of the American Beekeeping Association, the Texas Beekeepers Association and the East Texas Beekeepers Association since 1977.

John is preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Knight and his first wife, Mozelle Knight. Those left to celebrate his life include his wife, Shirley Knight, his daughter Wanda Knight Stephens; three grandchildren, Brenda Gail Wooddell and her husband, David; Shelley Kaye Loyd and her husband Dale; Paul Edward Stephens and his wife, Tracy; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; as well as, numerous nieces and nephews. An evening of remembrance was held on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Anderson Clayton Brothers Funeral Home in Kemp, Texas. A funeral service was held the following day, Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment immediately followed at Kemp Cemetery, Kemp Texas. Reverend John Reynolds of Odyssey Hospice officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in John's name to the Knight-Johnson Scholarship Fund; 16239 Audrey Lane, Arp, Texas 75750 or at *www.easttexasbeekeepers.com*.

## **President's Report**

Dear Friends,

As I mentioned in my last article, I have been serving on a couple of interview panels over the past few months. The first opportunity was in Weslaco for the USDA Honey Bee Research Lab. We interviewed four good candidates over a two day period. We selected a researcher from College Station that has accepted the offer and will be starting his work there later this spring. The other interviews were at TAMU where we interviewed four candidates to fill the vacant research position at our Honey Bee Facility. This process took a couple of weeks to complete, but we are now finished and have made our recommendation to Dr. Ragsdale and he will be making the final decision on the position. I will say this - I was very pleased with the quality of candidates we had to select from. I feel confident that any of the researchers are well qualified to help this industry with the many problems we continue to face. I was assisted on the TAMU interviews with Mr. Morris Weaver, Mr. Chris Moore and Mr. Clint Walker and would like to extend my sincere thanks to them for their time and contribution to this effort. Hopefully, we will have a candidate in position by the time I write to you in the next Journal.

As I mentioned, we continue to be faced with many challenges in this industry, especially in the way of mite treatments. John Talbert (by my request) is in the process of applying for a section 18 approval for a new product that Mann Lake has developed and is ready to bring to the market. Maybe by sometime this summer we will have another treatment option.

Dick Counts and John Talbert have also been working on the Honey Standard of Identity but have not had much luck advancing our proposal through the state bureaucratizes. We have identified some products on store shelves that are clearly mislabeled and brought them to their attention, but have not made much progress past that. We will continue to push for the standard until we achieve our goal. We will keep you informed.

Thanks for your support, Todd Youngblood, TBA President

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Once again the Houston Live Stock Show & Rodeo 2011 kicked in gear at the giant Ag-Venture 67,072 square foot facility at the Reliant Center complex. The Harris County Beekeepers joined forces with the Houston Area Beekeepers and the Fort Bend County Beekeepers Association in another exciting yearly event, and with the aide of the Ag-Venture volunteers and the FFA students from the Greater Houston Area, gave all the students and teachers from the area something they will never forget.

According to the stats report, there where approximately 24,000 volunteers that manned the working of the Live Stock Show this year, and of that 200 were with the Ag-Venture tours group.

Here is the 2011 stats report: School Tours - approximately 16,000 Poaching - 71,000 \* VIP Tours - 1,618

FFA Students - 1,102

The Ag-Venture group of 200 volunteers, was under the supervision and direction of Chairperson; Pat Mann-Phillips, and her staff of 200. This is her last year as Chairman of the Tours Committee and her army of volunteers that coordinate the off/ on unloading of 100s of school buses for our visiting students. The Tours Committee was formally established in 2009 and has grown to almost 275 volunteers in its 3 years existence. Tours also host a program called AG4U, initiated in 2010. This year we had 1600 students. We will all miss her as she passes the baton over to one of her workers.

FFA students also played a very important role at the Honey Bee

Booth Display with their knowledge of the importance that bees play in the development of our food chain source.

Under the direction and supervision of our President Don Angle, the Executive Committee, the Harris County Beekeepers, the Houston Area Beekeepers and the Fort Bend County Beekeepers of approximately 36 volunteers put on a super job again educating students, teachers and the public of the great importance that bees do for us in our daily lives such as, pollination, honey supply and a lot of medical knowledge they provide for us. Our many thanks go to the HBCA, HBA and the Fort Bend County Beekeepers Association for furnishing the bees in the observation hive.

On Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> we were visited by our Texas Honey Queen, Miss Kaylynn Mansker. She is the 19year-old daughter of Gary and Wanda Mansker. She began beekeeping in 2008 and enjoys learning about how to use the wonderful products. The family keeps five hives on their small farm in Nevada, Texas. Kaylynn enjoys teaching piano, sewing, taking care of the family's various farm animals and spending time with her family.

On Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> we were blessed with the visit of three queens, the former 2007/2008 Texas Honey and the 2009 American Honey Queen, Rachael Seida; Queen Allison Adams who is the former 2010 Texas Honey Queen and is now the 2011 American Honey Princess, as well as, our 2011 Texas Honey Queen, Kaylynn Mansker. Rachael is now one of the Co-Chairs for the Texas Honey Queen Committee. On Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, I had the honor and privilege to escort Queen Kaylynn and Queen Rachael on a tour at the Space Center Houston. We went on a tour of the Johnson Space Center to building # 9 where they train the astronauts, building # 30, which is Mission Control Center, and then on to the huge Rocket Park that houses the Saturn Five Rocket.

Our many thanks to the volunteers from all three beekeeping organizations, The Ag-Venture folks and the FFA students for all their hard work putting together another great year of fellowship for all at the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo, 2011.

It was another great year and a lot of fun and hard work for all. We will be looking forward to coming back again next year.

You can reach us on our website at: www.harrisbeekeepers.org

Respectfully submitted,

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\*Poaching is when we position our volunteers at various exhibits in Ag-Venture and provide educational facts and answer questions from visitors about the exhibits and show.

## **Honey Queen Committee Chair Report**

Dear Texas Beekeepers,

We can be so proud of our 2011 Texas Honey Queen and Honey Princess! They posed and helped create a gorgeous trifold with delicious recipes! We hope you all have a few brochures in hand, or will have soon. Thank you to *Dreyfus Printing* in Alvin, TX, for their outstanding work on this project. You can see the brochures on pages 10 & 11.

As Princess Kellie Lenamond pursues her studies in Kentucky, her family (parents Mike and Tammy, siblings Bekah, Carrie, Emily, Michael and Ben) make time to host the 2011 Texas Beekeepers Association Summer Clinic at their home in Wills Point, Texas, on Saturday, June 11! We look forward to enjoying Kellie's company back in Texas at that time!

Queen Kaylynn Mansker has busily pursued her goal of visiting the beekeeping clubs in Texas! She has been to:

- Pineywoods Beekeepers Association
- Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Association
- Central Texas Beekeepers Association
- Montgomery County Beekeepers Association
- Williamson County Beekeepers Association.

## 2011 Texas Honey Princess Report

by Kellie Lenamond

Hello Texas Beekeepers!

This spring is already flying by, even though it only started a few weeks ago! I am greatly looking forward to coming home, getting back into my hives and seeing all of my wonderful beekeeping friends this May! My finals are only four weeks away and I cannot wait to be back in "real" Texas spring weather, rather than Kentucky's 50 degree business! I am sure that our Texas bees are getting a big head start. My siblings tell me that one hive has re-queened itself and has perfect textbook brood right now. I cannot wait to come and investigate!

This summer I hope to see all of you at the TBA Summer Clinic, which is going to be held at my home this year! I am delighted to be your host! It will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Please see directions on page 5. If you need further help in getting to the house, our phone number is below the address. I hope to see all of you there; we will have a wonderful time together!

See you soon! Blessings, Kellie Lenamond

#### by Shirley Acevedo

That's about 35 hours of travel time out from and return to her home in Nevada, Texas!

If our Honey Queen or Honey Princess has not been to your club meeting yet this year, please give us a call or send an email. We can set up a visit!

Thank you, each and every one of you, for your continued and generous support of the Texas Honey Queen Program. We appreciate you!

See you on Saturday, June 11!

#### Shirley Acevedo

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#### **Rachael Seida**

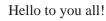
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## **2011 Texas Honey Queen Report**

#### by Kaylynn Mansker





In February, my family went to the San Antonio Livestock Show (pictured right). My brother was showing goats, so I was able to help at the Alamo Area Beekeepers Association booth while there. I enjoyed getting to meet and work with the beekeepers who volunteered the two days I was there. The months are just flying by! The weather is really starting to turn warm and our bees are gathering on all the new buds. They have especially enjoyed the two huge Bradford pear trees we have in our front yard. They may not have a very pleasing fragrance, but the bees sure do enjoy them!

As Honey Queen, I have really been moving around the state. Let me update you on what I've been up to. At the end of January, I attended the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo. I was accompanied by the two Collin County Honey Princesses, Shannon and Shelby. We had a great time handing out brochures and honey stix to everyone who came by. This was the Princesses' first event and I must say they did an excellent job!





It was good to see many of you at the TBA Delegates meeting in Dripping Springs (pictured left). We had an awesome turn out! Many bee clubs were represented there, along with a new club called Dino-Bee Club in Glen Rose, TX (dinobee.com). Jimmie Oakley, thank you for getting some of the 2011 Texas Honey Queen & Princess trifolds to this event. At the meeting, we also set the date for the TBA Summer Clinic. Mark your calendars for June 11. We'll be looking for you!

Also in February, I attended the Central Texas Beekeepers Association meeting in Brenham, TX. This club has seen a lot of growth in the past months and are looking to start their own scholarship program. I was able to help with some resources and encouragement.

As I'm writing this, I have just returned from my visit to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (pictured right). Rachael Sieda and I drove down Wednesday, March 16 and stayed until March 19. Thanks to Joan Coplin and Harry Reichart for getting the additional boxes of Honey Queen & Princess trifolds to me while I was in Houston. I worked the stock show a couple of hours on Wednesday, as well as, Thursday and Saturday. On Saturday, Allison Adams (2011 American Honey Princess) was in attendance - together we manned the observation hive, answered questions and explained the beehive to the interested children and adults.





Thursday evening, March 17, Rachael and I visited Montgomery County Beekeepers Association meeting in Conroe, TX (pictured above). Their club has also seen significant growth. They were thrilled to have us, and I gave a short talk on how I became a beekeeper and on the Honey Queen and Scholarship Program.

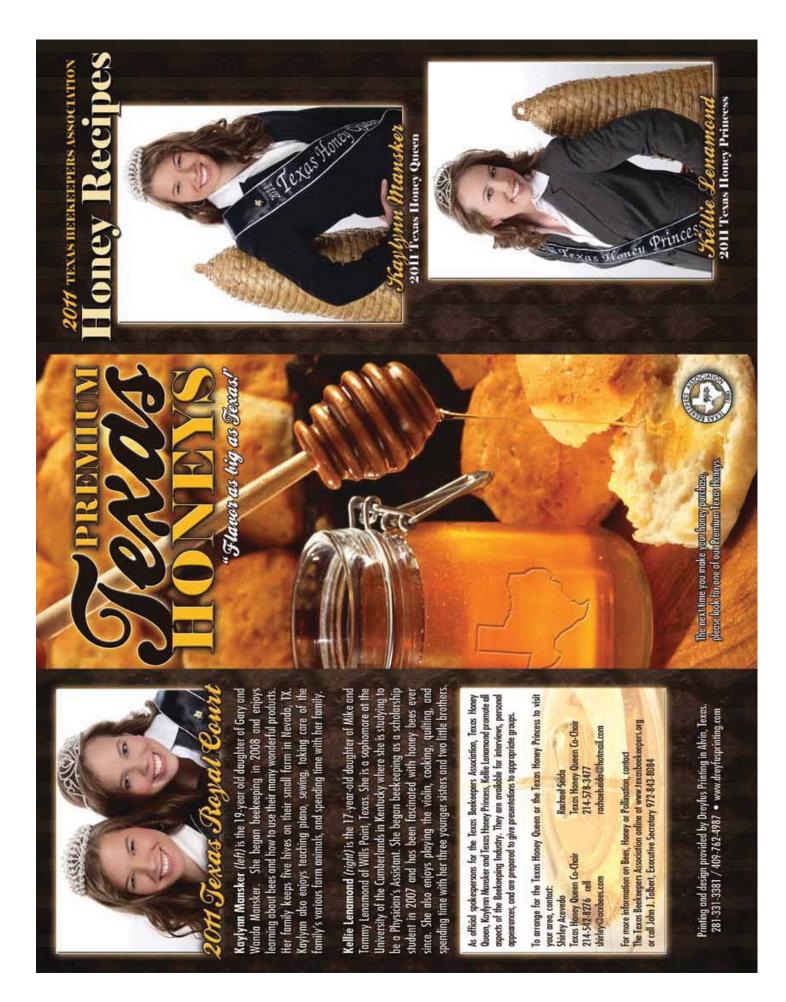
On Friday I was able to take a trip to the NASA Space Center! Harry Reichart, a beekeeper and retired employee of NASA, treated Rachael and I to a day of learning and fun at the Space Center (pictured right). It was so amazing to see the technology and rockets that have been designed by NASA to get man into space. I really appreciate Mr.



Reichart for giving the Texas Honey Queen a chance to visit such an amazing place once a year while she is in Houston. THANK YOU, Mr. Reichart, and a BIG thank you to the Dillon family for hosting Rachael and I while we were in Houston!

Well, that's it so far, but there is still much of the year left! Until next time,

Kaylynn – 2011 Texas Honey Queen



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The Texas Beckeeping Industry Every third lite of food consumed by the average Texan is made available as a result of honey bee pollination. The Texas beekeeping industry is one of the smallest agricultural industries in this state, but it is the thread that holds together the clock of this impressive and important Texas food and fiber production system. Most people think of honey production as the principal contribution of Texas beekeepers. As important as it is, honey production is a distant second compared to the value of the food (vegetables, truit, auts, etc.) produced due to the pollination by these same honey bee colonies.	Texos has about 125 commercial beekeepers who depend on their beekeeping enterprise to support their family. In addition there are an estimated 1,500 stelline or part-time beekeepers who expect their beekeeping operation to break even and who have a vocation to depend on to "pay the bills". There has been a significant increace in the number of hobby beekeepers in the past 10 years from 15,000 to 20,000. These beekeepers realize the value of honey bees in their home gardens, find this animal fractancting, and want to play an important role in protecting the species in the future. Texas ranked 6th in the U.S. during the past decades with an average of just under 100,000 colonies. The average value of the honey produced annually was just over S7.0 million. Soles of other hive produced	queens, package bess, nuclear colonies, pallen, propolis, rayal jelly, bee venom, etc.) amounted to about 55.4 million annually. Pollimation Texas preduces some 90 commercial crops which require or benefit (increased yields and/or quality) from pollination by honey bees. The estimated annual value of the honey produced by these same colonies (57.0 million).	the 350K million does not include the value of honey bee pollination of native plants which provide food and sheller for our wildlife. Reproduction of many plant species important in preventing arosion depends upon honey bess. The value of these benefits is simply not available. <b>Summar</b> The Texas beekeeping industry is a very small component of the large and important food and fiber industry in Texas. Although small in terms of number of individuals involved, the benefits to all Texans who eat is enormoust the Amateriane and other physicae recommend how to a safe and taken and taken are see of a subtaction and the recommendation of the advection of the defense of the advection of the benefits to all Texans who eat is defense one one year of age, large advecting of how y industries that are year of.
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## WCABA Honey Bee Scholarship Recipients Recognized and Scholarships Awarded for 2011

The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association awarded the Ed Wolfe-Robert Bost Memorial Scholarships for 2011 at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening March 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year's recipients were eleven year old Abishai Mark Gundy, from rural Manor, Texas, eleven year old Joseph Nemac, from Taylor, Texas; thirteen year Isaiah Perusek of Copperas Cove, Texas; fourteen year old Lesli Tucker of Belton, Texas; fourteen year old Natalie Cruz of Creedmoor, Texas and sixteen year old Laura Lee Blackburn of Lakeway, Texas The youngsters received their wood ware and protective gear as part of the scholarship and they assembled their bee box and frames at the meeting with assistance from club members and the Honey Queens. They will receive their package of bees the third weekend in April.

At the same meeting, the prior year's recipients were recognized for their year long commitment to the program, and each received a framed Certificate of Achievement for their accomplishment. Recognized were eleven year old Solomon Schroder, from rural Coupland, Texas; twelve year old Angels Cox, from Round Rock, Texas; twelve year Bailey Franklin of Georgetown, Texas; fourteen year old Josiah Youngblood of rural Liberty Hill, Texas and seventeen year old WCABA Honey Queen Rebekah Jones of Spicewood, Texas The certificates were presented by Kaylynn Mansker, Texas Honey Queen, from Nevada, Texas. WCABA Scholarship Chair, Jimmie Oakley officiated the recognition ceremony.

We are very proud of the success of this program and the young people who have gone through it and we acknowledge the dedication and leadership to youth development of the individuals for whom the program is named. For more information on the program visit our website at *www.wcaba.org*. Jimmie L. Oakley



2011 Scholarship recipients Abishai Mark Gundy (11yr), Joseph Nemac (11yr), Isaiah Perusek (13yr), Lesli Tucker (14yr), Natalie Cruz (14yr) and Laura Lee Blackburn (16yr) all pose for their first group picture after being introduced at the WCABA. meeting March, 24th.



2010 Scholarship Program graduates receiving Certificates of Achievement are: WBABA Honey Queen, Rebekah Jones (17yr), Angela Cox (12yr), Bailey Franklin (12yr), Solomon Schroder (11yr) and Josiah Youngblood (14yr). Certificates were presented by Texas Honey Queen, Kaylynn Mansker (19yr).

(Right) Texas Honey Queen, Kaylynn Mansker helps scholarship recipient, Abishai Mark Gundy, assemble his bee box at the WCABA meeting. Also pictured is Ana Lerma.



Laura Lee Blackburn gets assistance in frame building from her younger sister Lilly Blackburn.



(more photos on pages 15)

## **Texas Honey Queen Conducts Mini Kids LAB for WCABA**

Hosted by the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association and sanctioned by the Texas Honey Queen Program, a mini Kids LAB was conducted on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 2pm at the First United Methodist Church in Georgetown, Texas. It was an opportunity for interested youngsters to learn more about the amazing and remarkable honey bee. The event was free and open to home-schooled children in the area, accompanied by their teacher (or parent). Educational stations were tended by experienced beekeepers and provided information on pollination, demonstration of, or explanation of beekeeping protective gear and equipment, the beehive (using the standard Langstroth hive and an observation hive), and a demo honey extracting operation.

The Texas Honey Queen, Kaylynn Mansker, and the WCABA Honey Queen, Rebekah Jones escorted groups of home-schoolers through the sessions as Josiah Youngblood



2011 Texas Honey Queen, Kaylynn Mansker, is pictured with a very enthusiastic home-schooler dressed for the occasion as a Queen Bee (notice the tiara?).

WCABA Honey Queen, Rebekah Jones (right), explains about honey bee pollination to a group attending the Kids LAB held in Georgetown, Texas on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

and Caleb Oakley demonstrated beekeeping equipment, Chris Doggett explaining with great interest how the beehive works and Samuel & Caleb Oakley showing how honey is extracted. Kaylynn Mansker, Rebekah Jones and Jimmie Oakley all took turns at the pollination exhibit. Sherry Youngblood, Shirley Doggett and Kay Oakley worked in the scheduling of the groups for the presentation, while Mary Bost headed up a huge group of volunteers in the candle rolling activity that marked the end of the event. Thanks to the efforts of Wanda Mansker, Cindy Jones, Christy Chartier, Sarah Oakley, and Jenni Youngblood, all the visitors to the Kids LAB went home with a honey stick and a candle they had hand rolled. Over 200 youngsters & teachers came to the event to learn more about bees. Thanks to the Honey Queens and the members of WCABA for making this, our first Kids LAB a great success. Jimmie L. Oakley



(more photos on pages 16)



WCABA members helping with registration and group scheduling were Kay Oakley, Round Rock, TX; Shirley Doggett, Thrall, TX and Sherry Youngblood of Liberty Hill, TX.



WCABA member Mary Bost (rolling candle, bottom left) is flanked by her helpers, Sarah Oakley and Jennifer Youngblood, as they assist the crafty home-schoolers in rolling their bees wax candle; the final stop on the Kids LAB tour. Also pictured is the group escort, Texas Honey Queen, Kaylynn Mansker.

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## Membership Report '11-2 by Jimmie L. Oakley

Date	Last	First	City/Town/State A	mount
'11 N	ew Members			
2/7	Rufer	Durrel	Waverly, MN	20
2/12	Florence	Victoria	Kilgore, TX	20
2/12	Williams	Walter	Malakoff, TX	20
2/19	Busch	Bill	Houston, TX	20
2/22	Lawson	Martha	Killeen, TX	20
2/22	Neimann	John E.	Florence, TX	20
2/22	Zezulla	Zachary	Georgetown, TX	20
2/28	Rogers	Harrison	Brookside Village, TX	20
3/3	Edwards	Ken	Austin, TX	45
3/8	Hogg	Jim	Dripping Springs, TX	20
3/9	Wolf	Gus	Big Sandy, TX	20
3/10	Alexander	Mariann	The Woodlands, TX	20
3/12	Robertson	Katie	Hempstead, TX	20
3/12	Kaluza	Emil	La Grange, TX	20
3/15	Houston	James W.	Austin, TX	20
3/15	Heinrich	Gary	Mathis, TX	20
3/17	Pollard	Susan	Dallas, TX	20
3/18	Crowl	Kert L.	Houston, TX	20

#### **'11 Renewing Members**

2/2	Henson	Barry	Eddy, TX	20
2/2	Henson	Margaret	Eddy, TX	20
2/2	Henson	Colleen	Eddy, TX	20
2/12	Camp	Mike	Malakoff, TX	20
2/12	Bellefeuille	Andrew	Whitehouse, TX	20
2/12	Dean	Larry	Tyler, TX	20
2/12	Moench	Joe	Mount Enterprise, TX	20
2/14	Pelham	Royce	Whitehouse, TX	20
2/19	Angle	Don	Houston, TX	20
2/28	Stewart	Thomas W.	Corpus Christi, TX	20
3/10	Abercrombie	Ray	Ben Wheeler, TX	20
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WCABA Honey Queen, Rebekah Jones, pounds some nails into a bee box for scholarship recipient, Lesli Tucker, as mom, Jan Tucker, lends a helping hand during the assembling of equipment at the WCABA meeting.



Scholarship recipient, Natalie Cruz, hammering vigorously is assisted in bee box construction by her uncle, WCABA member Lance Wilson, as her little brother, Nathan supervises.

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WCABA member, Caleb Oakley, demonstrates the protection offered by each of the various pieces of beekeeper gear he is wearing to the interested homeschoolers attending the Kids LAB.



Beekeeper Classification (circle one)

Caleb Oakley pulls double duty as he is caught demonstrating how honey is extracted using the WCABA honey equipment setup at the Kids LAB event.

## 20111 East Thexas Rovenhry

These young ladies were crowned during the Annual East Texas Beekeepers Banquet in December.



ETBA Honey Queen Bekah Lenamond Bekah. 16. is the second of six children born to Mike and Tammy Lenamond of Wills Point, Texas. She is a home-schooled sophomore. She is active in volleyball, basketball and the Phileos 4-H Club where she holds the office County of Council Secretary and a Delegate. She serves

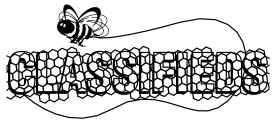
her community by visiting nursing homes and fund raising events for charities. She participates in church, singing in the choir, working with various children's ministries and the youth choir. Bekah loves playing the piano, gardening, caring for their farm animals and her siblings. She has been a beekeeper for three years and is an experienced speaker about the value of protecting the honey bee, pollination and cooking with honey.



ETBA Honey Princess Hayden Wolf

Hayden, fifteen years old, is theyoungest of four children of Gus and Joanne Wolf of Big Sandy, Texas. She a homeschooled is freshman and is active in her local church, her family quartet and the 4-H Club. Hayden volunteers at the International Alert Academy and assists

with a weekly devotional at a local retirement home. She enjoys playing the piano, singing, gardening, cooking, painting and family activities. Hayden has always been fascinated with bees. She became a beekeeper in 2009 after receiving a beekeeping scholarship from *East Texas Beekeepers Association*. As the ETBA Honey Princess, her desire is to educate the public about the importance of the honey bee in our everyday lives and how to live a healthier lifestyle by cooking with local honey.



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