

WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

WCABA JUNE 2006 NEWSLETTER

DATE: Saturday, June 24, 2006
TIME: 11: A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: San Gabriel Park, Georgetown
PROGRAM: Picnic—Visitation with Fellow Beekeepers
HOSTS: **Jimmie and Kay Oakley, Mary Bost**

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There will NOT be a 4th Tuesday WCABA meeting in June

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We haven't had a picnic in the park in several years, so this year it was decided to have a relaxing, fun picnic in the park instead of a Field Day on Saturday, June 24. Everyone is asked to bring a couple potluck dishes (a meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert) to share, plus any serving spoons, etc. needed; the WCABA "Kitty" will provide paperware, plastic cutlery and drinks. Also, you may want to bring some lawn chairs to be certain of having a chair to sit in—bench space may not be adequate. If you have guests, bring them along, or invite someone who you think might be interested in learning more about beekeeping.

If you haven't been to San Gabriel Park before, we think you will be pleased to enjoy the shady environment near the river (but not too close to the water for parents with small children). We have reserved a space (Picnic Site F) near restroom facilities and parking; there are play spaces in the park if you want to supervise your children there before or after the picnic, as well as a swimming pool nearby. A detailed map is included in this newsletter to help you locate our space. The park is just off Business I-35 (old Highway 81), and is easily accessed from InterState – 35, State Hwy.- 29 or 79.

We want to welcome Jim Guy to our WCABA membership, and thank Wilbur Brinkmeyer for recruiting him. Jim wrote that, due to his evening work hours, he won't be able to attend our regular meetings but expects to attend the picnic. We shall look forward to meeting you, Jim, and hope that the newsletter will be of benefit to you.



Door prizes were donated last month by Mike McPherren, Suzan Gibson, Juanita Duel, Melanie Medrano, and Harold Kind. Winners were Haven Medrano – dozen eggs; Alex Kind – black shawl; Elizabeth Kind – bee ornament; Harold Kind – bee bean bag; Randy Oakley – plantain tree; Barbara Hunt – orange shawl; Frank Hunt – bee envelopes; and Samuel Oakley – bee note pad. (Mike McPherren wrote that he had received a very nice thank you note from Barbara for her shawl.)

The Williamson County Honey Queen, Meghan Cantlon, had a great outing when she attended the Texas Beekeepers Association Summer Clinic in Liberty, Texas accompanied by her mother, Karin Cantlon. The Clinic was hosted by TBA Director, Mark Brady, and included a B-B-Q dinner, a tour of the extracting facility and a “Forklift Rodeo”, which the Honey Queen participated in successfully (see pictures: Meghan driving the forklift and Meghan receiving 1st Place in beginners division). Congratulations Meghan!



The May/June '06 American Beekeeping Federation Newsletter cover shows the upcoming convention site—Austin, Texas. Folks, this will be a wonderful opportunity for those of us living in Central Texas to take part in a gathering together of outstanding and knowledgeable speakers as well as interesting workshops and special interest groups, all without the expense of travel to distant cities and high hotel bills. You don't have to be a member to attend. The convention will be held on **January 10-13, 2007.**

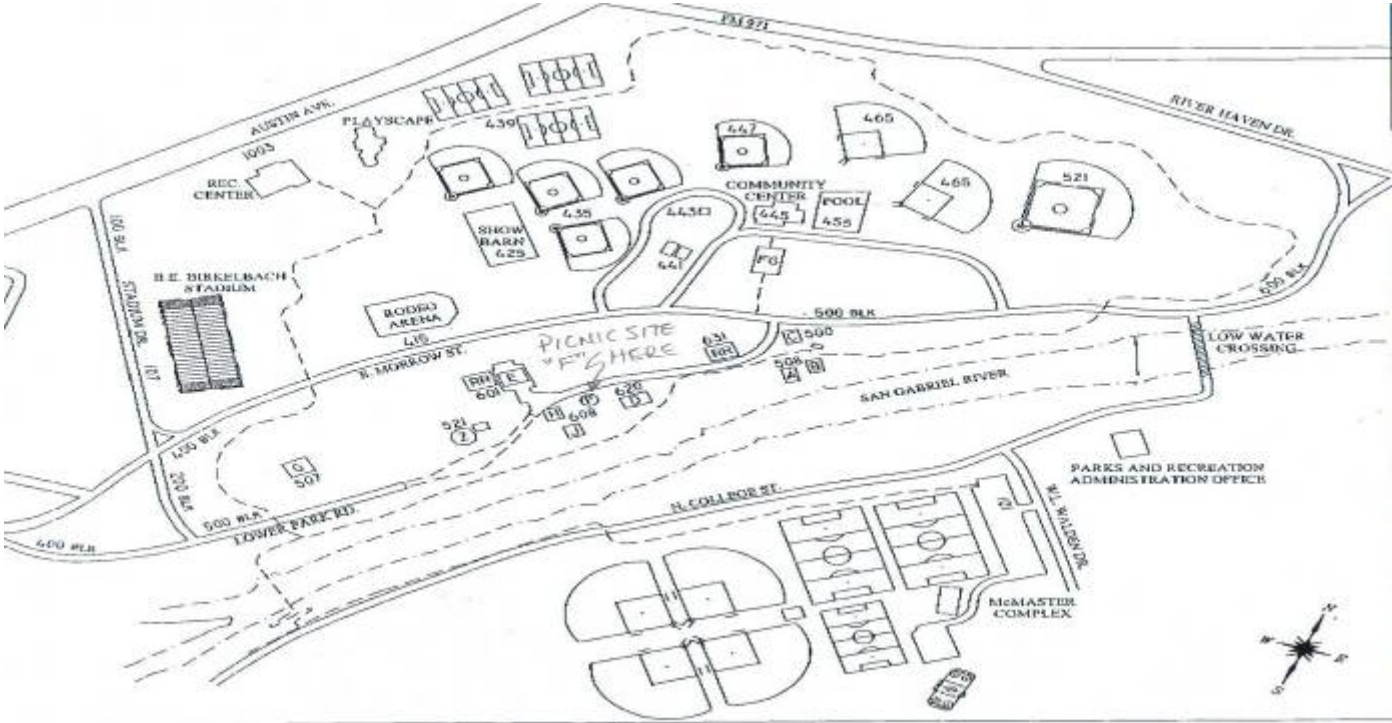
What a surprise to look at Ann Harman's article, "Sauces and Salsas and Peppers—OH MY!" in the June '06 *Bee Culture* and see "Williamson Co. (TX) Area Bkprs. Assn. Cookbook" on the credits line. I looked it up and sure enough, it appears in the 1993 edition of our cookbook. For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to get one of these cookbooks, I'll print it below. Jimmie tells me this recipe had been submitted by Kay Oakley. Thanks, Kay.

Ancho Chili Sauce

1 tsp. olive oil	1 medium onion, diced	2 cloves garlic, peeled, cut in half
1 medium tomato, diced	2 ancho chilis, seeded (if dried, soak in warm water)	1 ½ C. chicken stock
½ C. raw sweet potato, diced	1 Tbsp. Honey	½ tsp. cumin
	cilantro	1 Tbsp. minced fresh

Heat olive oil in medium saucepan. Add onion and garlic and sauté until browned, approx. 6 minutes. Add diced tomato and sauté another minute. Add chilis, chicken stock and sweet potato. Simmer 15 to 20 minutes until potato pieces are tender. Place mixture in a blender and puree until smooth. Return blended mixture to saucepan. Add honey, cumin and cilantro. Heat thoroughly. Add additional chicken stock if sauce is too thick. If a very smooth sauce is desired, strain through a fine sieve. Delicious over fish.

MISSING: Need your help! The tablet with the names of members who signed up to be hosts each month is missing from my box. If you picked it up after I left the last meeting, please let me know; otherwise, I'll need to rely on those of you who signed up for the remaining months to please, please let me know, preferably by e-mail. A few additional hosts are needed, also.



WCABA Club Picnic Site "F" Location in San Gabriel Park in Georgetown, Texas.

Drive Directions: To reach San Gabriel Park from Austin take IH-35 North and exit 261, Williams Drive, go East to McDonnell's, turn right on N. Austin Ave, go two blocks, turn left on E. Morrow Street. Continue for four blocks to the Catfish Restaurant and enter the park on E. Morrow, then refer to the map above to reach the picnic site.

Drive Directions: To reach San Gabriel Park from the north coming from Jarrell, take exit 261, Williams Drive, and cross over the Interstate, proceeding East to the McDonnell's and follow the above directions.

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