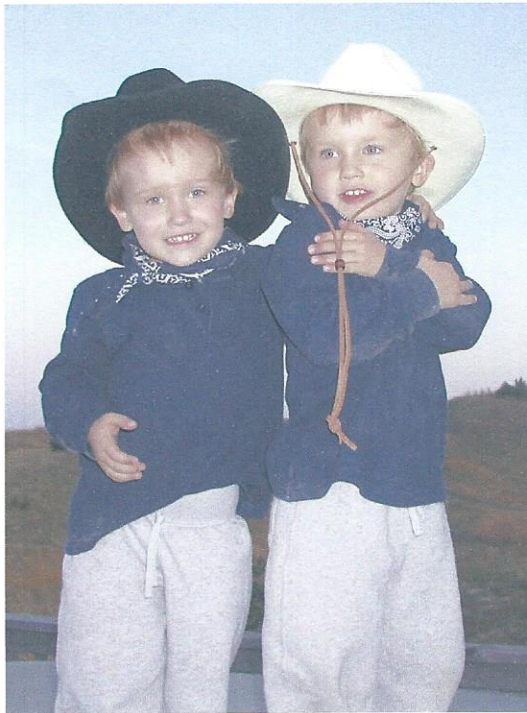


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Alas, we have no news of our bees as we have not had the time to begin again. We can tell you that the state of beekeeping is in disarray due to the horrible mites which infest bees across our country, and due to the loss of funding for state apiarists who had been helping us in the war against the mite.



But in Chicago (North Lawndale) an employment office has started a bee business run by 17 ex-cons who are otherwise difficult to employ. Their honey company is called Beeline

and it has been a great success. Now exec's from Boeing, McDonald's and Pepsi are working with the company to develop honey based personal products which has an 80% return on investment compared with just 12% for honey alone.

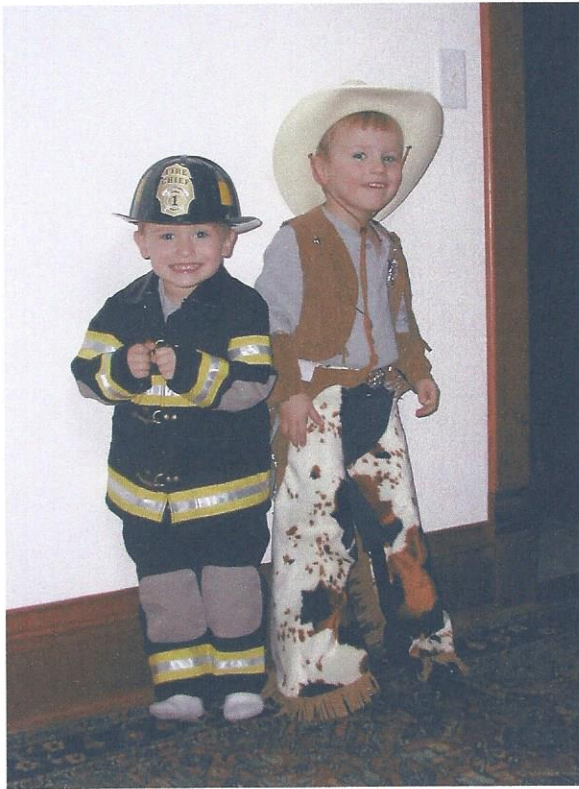
In the words of a former convict (Gerald Whitehead): "At one time I'd see a bee and kill it. Now I've got a love for the bees. They got a language of their own, they know when to mate, they know when to feed each other, they know when to be aggressive. They know when someone's invading their territory, so they know how to defend themselves. They are sort of like people in the streets."



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While we have no bees, we do have some honies who have had a wonderful year that included their first time up on skis, their first year of preschool, and starting Suzuki violin lessons. Their swimming lessons are beginning to look like they may be a success after years of splashing in the water under professional supervision. And our year included our second trip to Boone, Iowa to visit Thomas the Tank Engine.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! And if you are in Chicago and you see a bee —better treat it nice!!



Love,

Aubrey, Beau,
Tom and Lyse