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 **Next Meeting** : Thursday, Jan. 16th, 2025

Location : Treadway Fire Hall  
189 Hwy 131  
Treadway, TN 37881

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Potluck dinner 7:30 pm

Lesson/presentation 7:45 pm

**Meeting Food Theme** : Chili Cookoff Potluck.

Cold weather invites hot chili! This is a night for members to show off their best chili and cornbread recipes and vote on their favorites. Those who don't want to get into the competition can bring toppings: cheese, onions, sour cream, crackers, chips or a dessert. Please bring something to share. We will have ballots and the winners may boast until next year.

**Scheduled Speaker** : None this month. We will have "bee talk" focusing on overwintering, feeding and preparing for the spring season. Now is the time to repair/replace your equipment and to think about getting bees. If you will purchase, start looking for a supplier. If you want to catch a swarm or two, you want to get your traps ready.

**Reminder** : Membership renewals are due in January! Send your checks to Junior at the club mailing address on the last page of this newsletter or pay in person at our meeting. If you are not sure when your membership expires please ask George ([cvbanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cvbanewsletter@gmail.com)) to check for you.

 **Last Meeting**

Club president Lloyd (Junior) Snelson opened the meeting with a prayer.

The current financial report was given by club Treasurer Lynda Eskola and approved.

Visitors and new members were introduced.

Junior discussed acquiring bees (NUCs) for next spring.

We have worked to keep the member price the same as last year, \$155.00 each and our suppliers are doing their best to comply. If there is any increase in price we expect it will be limited to no more than \$165.

A \$20.00 deposit per NUC is required and will apply to the final purchase price. Anyone wanting NUCs should speak with Junior so he can make your reservation. *Do not wait till the last minute.*

David informed us that Kirk Brink suffered a stroke just before Thanksgiving and gave us an

update on his condition. He is home from hospital now and is recovering well with the skilled aid of his wife, Leigh Ann.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned and everyone had a wonderful Christmas meal. Thank you to all the members who brought sides and desserts and those who helped serve and clean up afterwards.

We then had our traditional "Dirty Santa" game. There was much fun as presents were unveiled, and then stolen back and forth. That cutting board got a lot of attention.

Everyone had a good laugh and no one went home empty handed thanks to our generous membership.

See you all on the 16<sup>th</sup>!



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### MEMBERSHIP

Dues are payable upon membership application and renewable January 1st of each year you want to continue being a member.

Regular membership \$10 Family (one vote/family) \$15 Youth Single (No vote) \$5

See a CVBA officer to complete a new membership form.

Checks should be made payable to CVBA.

Please let us know if any of your information has changed.

We want to make sure you can stay connected with the club and help you get the most out of your membership!

*Dues are not prorated. New member dues paid in or after October in any calendar year shall count for the following year. Renewal dues are payable January 1 of each fiscal year. Members who fail to renew before April 1 will be dropped. Only members in good standing prior to August 1 may vote in the October election.*



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