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🐝 **Next Meeting** : Thursday, Feb. 19th, 2026

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** : Casserole Potluck.

Nothing's better on a cold February night! Bring your favorite casserole or a dessert to share. Lasagna does **not** count as a casserole, but is always yummy.

**Scheduled Speaker** : Leigh Ann Brink will lecture on products such as balms, tinctures, ointments, wax and things other than honey which you can produce from your hives.

**Reminders** : ❖ **Membership renewals** were due in January! Checks should be made payable to CVBA and mailed to the Treasurer (her address is 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.

❖ **NUCs**: Almost all of the the original 50 have been reserved, but we have gotten a commitment from Daniel Geleynse ([www.sevierbees.com](http://www.sevierbees.com)).for additional NUCs, and they are going fast. **If you want to get a NUC in late April to early May you need to make a reservation now please**, if you wait much longer we may not be able to get any for you. Please **contact Junior directly or e-mail me** with your request so we will know how many additional NUCs to get from Daniel. NUCs are \$175.00 each. A \$20.00 deposit per NUC is required and will apply to the final purchase price.

❖ **Packages**: David Winters ([www.caucasianbreeder.com](http://www.caucasianbreeder.com)) will provide 3# packages for our members upon request for \$130.00 (a \$20 discount). There is no date currently set for "Shaking Bees" and this may change as the weather warms up, so for now, if you want a package, please contact David directly to place your order and schedule pickup. Make sure you tell him you are a CVBA member to get the discount price.

🐝 **Last Meeting**

Lloyd (Junior) Snelson opened the meeting with a prayer. Our treasurer delivered her report and it was accepted.

Attendance was light, probably due to the cold weather, there were no visitors or new members to introduce.

Please note we no longer cancel meetings when Hancock county schools are closed. Meetings will take place unless CVBA officers determine weather or other circumstances warrant cancellation. Should a cancellation occur, the members will be notified via E-Mail (those without E-Mail will be contacted via phone or text) as soon as possible, generally the day before the meeting.

Spring NUCs and packages were discussed, please see reminders above.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned and the chili cook-off began. 5 members brought their best dishes and after everyone discussed tasting strategies the judging started. After all ballots were turned in, David delivered an informative presentation with his usual good cheer. After all questions were answered, we then counted the ballots. All the chilis were good, but two were definitely the favorites. David Sams won the title of Best Chili Cook this year with his creation and Noelia Smith won second place.

Thank you to all the members who brought dishes and to those who helped serve and clean up afterwards.

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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 or find it on our web site.

Checks should be made payable to CVBA and mailed to the Treasurer (address is above).

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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