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🐝 **Next Meeting** : Thursday, Mar. 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** : Feeling Lucky Potluck.

Tuesday is St. Patrick's day, let's honor the Emerald Isle by feasting on beef stew, soda bread, potato soup, corned beef and cabbage, bread pudding and anything else from local Scotch-Irish traditions.

**Scheduled Speaker** : David Sams will speak about the latest swarm trapping tips and techniques.

🐝 **Reminders** : Membership renewals were due in January! If you do not renew before the end of this month you will be dropped!

**NUCs**: 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. 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.

**Going forward**, NUCs and packages will only be available at reduced prices for members who have attended at least 2 meetings over the prior 12 months. This new policy is meant to ensure we have enough bees for our members and prevent last minute emergencies caused by unexpected requests.

**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.

**T-Shirts** in odd sizes/colors are available at bargain prices, please see Noelia if interested.

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

Visitors and new members were introduced. We had a large gathering despite the rainy weather.

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

We will again be participating in the upcoming fall festivals this year.

Harlen Gladson (who is a 2024 Collinsworth Grant recipient) was recognized for his achievements at LMU (I apologize for failing to note the specific award you received Harlen). So were Lindy Gladson who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2025 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest and Lemuel Gladson for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The membership was justly proud of these young people for their academic and agricultural achievements. Their dedication and skills are an inspiration for all youngsters in north east Tennessee.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned and we tucked into some wonderful casseroles. I don't know who brought them, but there were 2 chicken pot pies that were absolutely delicious.

After everyone was full, Leigh Ann gave a presentation on all the products we can derive from our bees (other than honey). She has very good ideas on how to get started, what to focus on and how to control costs and the value of what can be produced. Leigh Ann shared a list of resources which helped her get started and some useful tips which you can see below.

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

### **Leigh Ann's Resource List**

**Beehive Alchemy** by Petra Ahert

**The Beeswax Workshop** by Chris Dalziel

**The Complete Laymans Guide to Beeswax** by Selina McBride

**The Benevolent Bee** by Stephanie Bruneau

**The Natural Soap Making Book For Beginners** by Kelly Cable

Soap Making instructions, recipies and tips - [soapcalc.net](http://soapcalc.net/) (http://soapcalc.net/)

**Herbal Recipes for Vibrant Health** by Rosemary Gladstar

### **Leigh Ann's Tips**

You can get old pots, pans, and crock pots from thrift stores.

Aluminum can cause your wax to darken.

Wax is hot and hard to clean up if spilled, protect counter tops with paper.

Silicone molds make for easier soap and wax removal than stiff plastic molds.

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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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