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🐝 **Next Meeting** : Thursday, Apr. 16th, 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** : Spring Chicken Potluck.

Bring your favorite egg and chicken inspired dishes. Quiche, fricasseed, fried, it's chicken season and I know some of you make awesome pot pies.

**Scheduled Speaker** : Stephen Winkler of [Stone Mountain Apiaries](http://www.stonemountainapiaries.com).

Some of you may remember Stephen visited our club last year and gave a very informative tutorial on how to split hives. Next Thursday he will be speaking about the pros and cons of single vs. double and deep vs. medium hive box management.

🐝 **Reminders** : This is your last chance to order a NUC. There are only a few left! See Junior to place an order

**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.

**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.

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


Juliet Gladson spoke about JAM ( [Junior Appalachian Musicians](http://www.juniorappalachianmusicians.com) ), a program where youngsters are taught to play musical instruments and traditional Appalachian music. She asked our members to support them by buying a jar of home made sorghum molasses.

Applications for Collinsworth Grants were collected. The beekeepers short course and members workday were discussed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned and our potluck began. The entrees and desserts inspired by St. Patrick's day were delicious.

David Sams then gave his swarm trapping presentation which kept everyone buzzing. Next year he will give us a swarm prevention lecture.

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

 **Current Events** : On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> we held our annual Beekeepers Short Course. David Sams presented and other experienced members offered advice to new and aspiring beekeepers. We were lucky to have a number of worthy applicants for the Collinsworth Grant attending this year. Based on their age and essays, the chosen applicants are 12 year old Asher Mitchell and 17 year old Payton Emma Grace Lawson.



*From left: Renetta Lawson and her daughter Payton, Junior in the middle then Jenna Mitchell and her son Asher.*

**Our deepest gratitude is extended to Mr. Collinsworth for his support over the years. Without his generosity it wouldn't be possible to give these young people their start as beekeepers.**

We were also blessed with enough equipment donations from our members to outfit one additional, new beekeeper. A raffle was held for the donated equipment and the lucky novice beekeeper was Lenora Scheff.

**We sincerely thank the members who donated equipment, your generosity is truly appreciated!**

Our yearly Members Workday was held on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a cool but sunny day and several members came out to help the grant recipients, learn about bee equipment and how to put it together.



David Sams was here too, but apparently he was hiding when we were taking pictures.



Center: Asher Mitchell assembles frames with the help of his Dad, Jeff.



*Center: Renetta Lawson and her daughter Payton assembling frames and foundation.*

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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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