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🐝 **Next Meeting** : Thursday, October 15th, 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 : Fall Comfort Potluck! As temperatures fall it's nice to share a hearty, hot, stick to your ribs meal. Fried chicken, mac and cheese, a thick stew or soup are great to share as winter approaches. Maybe some apple pie for dessert?

Scheduled Speakers : Wade GeFellers of [Heritage & Habitat](#). Wade is passionate about helping people enjoy the full potential of their land and maximizing the benefits of that land for healthy ecosystems and the production of abundant wildlife populations.

He will speak about best practices you can adopt on your property to encourage and maximize pollinator habitats.

Reminders : Take a look at our booth at the Sneedville Harvest Festival on page 2 of the full newsletter.

Continue winter preparation. Remove any excess frames or supers - reduce hives down to the size that you want them to be for winter. Killing frost usually happens in late October. Install mouse guards now before they try to nest in your hives.

Last Meeting : President Snelson opened the meeting with a prayer. Our treasurer delivered her report and it was accepted. Visitors and new members were introduced. Participation in the fall festivals was discussed and volunteers were encouraged to help out at our booths. The meeting was then adjourned and everyone enjoyed our Harvest potluck. There was a yummy, fresh bruschetta and also a pumpkin cake dessert.

Stephen Winkler of [Stone Mountain Apiaries](#) spoke about wax processing and gave a great, interactive presentation on how to do it. He shared his methods for melting, clarifying and molding harvested beeswax.

We thank all the members who brought dishes and especially those who helped serve and clean up afterwards.

See you next Thursday!

Saturday at the Sneedville Harvest Festival started out rainy, but the showers stopped before noon. Even though there was no sunshine everyone had a good time.



Trisha and Junior in our booth on Saturday.



The Gladson Faimily performing with some of the J.A.M. children. They always sound great.

Folks braved the mud to have a good time.



Blacksmith demonstrating his craft.



A good crowd listening to the music.

Sunday turned out to be a nice day without rain. It was dryer and overall we had good turnout for the festival.



Junior and Lenora doing a great job on Sunday.

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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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