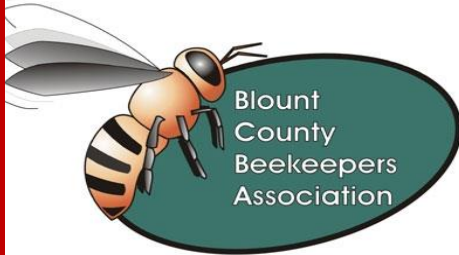


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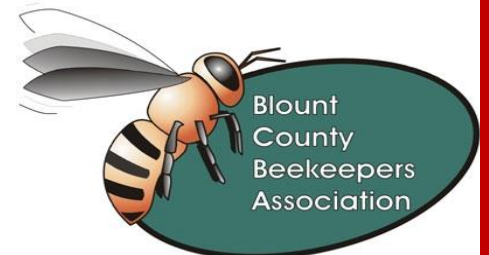
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**BLOUNT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION    OCTOBER-2018**

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## BCBA OCTOBER



## NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER THE 8<sup>TH</sup> AT THE MARYVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 611 SHERWOOD DR. AT 6:30pm. OUR MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THIS WILL BE OUR ANNUAL AUCTION AND THE FUNDS RAISED FROM THIS AUCTION WILL BE USED TO HELP FUND OUR GRANTS THAT WE GIVE AWAY TO NEW BEEKEEPERS THIS NEXT YEAR. THE AUCTIONEERS THAT DONE OUR AUCTION LAST YEAR WILL BE DOING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR. THIS IS ALWAYS A FUN TIME EVENT. PLEASE BE THINKING OF ITEMS THAT YOU CAN BRING TO THE AUCTION. ITEMS DO NOT HAVE TO BE BEE RELATED.

WE JUST COMPETED IN THE TV&A FAIR AND OUR DISPLAY WON 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE. THANK YOU, JOE SHUSTER, KATHY AND GREG FLAHTERY, FOR THE HOURS YOU SPENT PLANNING AND PUTTING THIS ALL TOGETHER. THANKS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS THAT VOLENTEERD TO HELP IN THE BOOTH.

WE ALSO SET UP AND MANNED A BOOTH AT THE BLUE-RIBBON COUNTRY FAIR AT THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS HERTIAGE CENTER. THANK YOU, DOUG HARDWICK AND DENNIS BARRY, FOR HEADING UP THIS EVENT. THANK YOU TO SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS THAT CAME BY AND HELPED WITH THIS ALSO. I DIDN'T WRITE DOWN EVERYONE'S NAME, SO I WANT NAME NAMES FOR FEAR OF LEAVING SOMEONE OUT.

CHARLIE PARTON, CHUCK DAVIS, RICK CHEVERTON AND MYSELF MANED A BOOTH AT THE ANNUAL BLOUNT COUNTY FARM DAY AT THE UT FARM OFF SINGLETON STATION ROAD. WE SPOKE 300 TO 350 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS FROM BLOUNT COUNTY ABOUT HONEY BEES AND THEIR IMPORTANCE TO FARMING AND FOOD PRODUCTION. THE KIDS ARE BEING TAUGHT WELL FOR MANY OF THEM KNEW THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES AND AGRICULTURE AND ASK MANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU CHARLIE FOR HEADING THIS EVENT.

THIS MEETING WE WILL BE PRESENTING A SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019. THE FLOOR WILL BE OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS ALSO. WE WILL VOTE ON THEM IN THE NOVEMBER MEETING.

### **Chuck's Corner**

**Fall is here, and Summer has now past and the days will become cooler and shorter. As your hive recognizes the shorter days, the Queen will begin to start laying fewer eggs and there will be less and less brood in your hive. Hopefully in the next few weeks, your Queen will lay a strong group of young bees to make it through the Winter. A Fall treatment for mites would be a good thing to consider in the next few weeks. As the year wraps up, we still have some exciting activities planned. Our Auction will be this Monday night! I hope everyone will try to be there and even consider donating some items to be auctioned in this fun evening event. At our November meeting we will have Dr. Clarence Collison as our main speaker. You don't want to miss his presentation. And in December we will have our annual Christmas Dinner at St. Paul Lutheran Church. I hope many of you can plan to attend**

**our Dinner this year and be entertained again this year by Josh Livingston and his band.**

**According to the BCBA By-Laws, the President and Vice-President can only serve 2 terms and December will end my and Mark Evans 2 years as President and Vice-President. Next month (November) we will vote on our new officers for 2019 and those nominated thus far will be presented at the October meeting. If you would like to nominate someone, please let me or another current Officer know. At this time, we plan to nominate the following for the year 2019:**

**President - Dale Hinkle**

**Vice Pres - Josh Chambers**

**Treasure - Bernie McGraw**

**Secretary - Kathy Flaherty**

**3 rd Yr Board - Laura Atwood**

**2 nd Yr Board - Bob Coles**

**1 st Yr Board - Ben Pinnel**

**To nominate another person to any of these offices, simply let me know via email or text and**

**We will add them to the list of nominees.**

**See you at the October meeting!**

## **SEASONAL MANAGEMENT:**

The Fall honey flow is on and going strong with plenty of Goldenrod and White Asters blooming. There is no need to feed at this time. Our bees should be raising brood so that we will have plenty of young bees to go through the winter. After the first few frosts, check your colonies for food supplies. A strong colony should have approximately sixty pounds of honey in order to have enough food to make it through the winter. Light colonies should be fed 2 to 1 sugar water at this time. It is also a good time to treat for varroa mites. Several beekeepers are treating three times a year. Check your drawn comb and make sure to add moth crystals to protect your comb. Keep the crystals on until we have a few good freezes. Make sure that your colonies have good ventilation from bottom through the top. Warmth in the hive and cold outside will cause condensation. Honeybees are masters at heat and air but we need to help them with ventilation. Just remember WET BEES-DEAD BEES, DRY BEES-LIVE BEES.

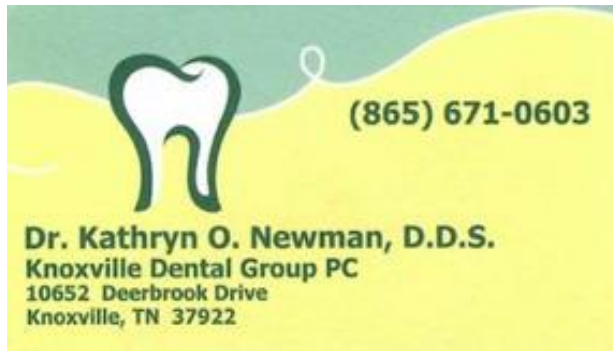
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## **TBA CONFERENCE:**

THE TENNESSEE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE WILL BE OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> AND 13<sup>th</sup> THIS YEAR. THE TBA IS OUR ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS BEEKEEPERS ALL ACROSS THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. DUES ARE \$10.00 A YEAR OR \$18.00 FOR TWO YEARS. I HOPE THAT MORE OF OUR MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE TBA. THE TBA IN RETURN SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS THRU REMBURSMENTS FOR HIVE GRANTS, EDUCATIONAL FUNDS AND FOR SHORT COURSES THAT WE HAVE EVERY YEAR. THE MORE MEMBERS OF THE TBA FROM OUR CLUB DETERMINES HOW MANY DELIGATES WE CAN SEND TO THE SPRING AND FALL BUSISNESS MEETINGS. THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CONVENTION IS PACKED WITH PROMINENT SPEAKERS, MANY VENDERS, DOOR PRIZES, FOOD, HONEY AND POTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND JUST SOME GOOD FELLOWSHIP WITH BEEKEEPERS ACROSS THE STATE.

## PLACE AN AD

If you would like to place an ad in the BCBA newsletter, please call one of our officers listed in this publication. Business card ads are \$32 for a paid member or \$40 for a non-member.



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Knoxville Dental Group PC  
10652 Deerbrook Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37922

### Smokey Ridge Apiaries

Judy O'Dell

Owner, Manager

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noellecleverly@gmail.com

## Bee Inspectors

It's the state law to have your beehives registered, so don't neglect this important duty. If you want them inspected, below is a list of association bee inspectors. There is no cost for this service. If you are planning to move hives, they must be inspected.

Stacey Adair, 983-6223

Ricky Baily, 250-8123

Dennis Barry, 414-2116

Harlen Breeden, 719-1828

Charlie Parton, 776-1875

Stephanie Tarwater, 293-6229

### BCBA OFFICERS

Chuck Davis, President  
865-566-3690

Mark Evans, Vice President  
865-556-6191

Bernie McGraw, Treasurer  
865-984-1865

Mark Ford, Secretary  
865-603-2016

Harlen Breeden, Alt. Officer  
865-719-1828

## PICTURES FROM THE TVA&I FAIR



SETTING UP  
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c/o Mark Ford  
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