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## BLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENTS

The summer months have been busy at the campuses of Bland County Elementary School and Bland County High School.

Some of the improvements at Bland County Elementary include revitalized front entrance stairs, improvements to the bathroom next to Wagner Auditorium, sewer line repairs, and various other maintenance improvements. The steps in front of the school were in great need of repair. The new steps are not only safer for the pedestrian traffic, they are also more visually appealing as visitors approach the school.

The major enhancement to Bland County High School is parking improvements and improved access to the school. The parking lot has been paved and the sidewalk in front of the school replaced. These improvements were drastically needed compared to previous parking conditions.

Improvements to the school facilities are the result of various groups working together. Effective July 1, the County and the School Board combined maintenance services in an effort to more effectively perform projects across the county.

The Bland Correctional Facility and the New River Valley Regional Jail, both sent work crews to help with various projects at the schools. The Bland Correctional Center helped construct a storage facility to house the cafeteria freezer and the Regional Jail work crew helped with clearing brush and fence line at the sports complex in Bastian.

These projects were made possible due to donations received in materials and in other funding to offset the costs. In total, over \$200,000 in improvements were made at the schools this summer.





## BLAND COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM NOTICE

*The County of Bland is currently in the process of revising its Recycling Program*

The county recently adopted modifications to the recycling program due to current issues with disposal. It is becoming more difficult to dispose of recyclables because there is downturn in their market value. The county has secured a location that will accept the recycling, but the recycling must be sorted properly. If it is not sorted properly, then the recycling load may be rejected as trash. The issue with the current containers is that often non-recyclables are placed in the bins or the incorrect recyclables are placed in the wrong bins.

In order to address the issues with sorting, effective August 10<sup>th</sup>, all recycling containers will be located at the Bland County Wastewater Treatment Plant at 411 Hicksville Road in the Bastian area of the County. There will be separate containers for each of the recycling items.

### The following is a list of materials that will be collected:

- Cardboard (all cardboard must be broken down and flattened)
- #1 Plastics must be placed in clear Trash Bags (all caps removed and containers cleaned)
- #2 Plastics must be placed in white Trash Bags (all caps removed and containers cleaned)
- Aluminum cans must be placed in clear Trash Bags (all cans must be cleaned)

### The following is a list of items that will not be collected:

- Newspapers or any other paper product
- Shrink Wrap
- Bubble Wrap
- Bread Bags
- Frozen Food Bags
- Styrofoam
- Glass
- Plastics other than #1 or #2
- Wax Juice Cartons
- Wax Milk Cartons
- Feed Bags with Plastic Liners



### Recycling Reminders:

- All recycling material must be cleaned and separated
- All Cardboard must be flattened
- #1 and #2 Plastics must be separated in different bags and cleaned with the caps removed

Curbside recycling will continue the first full week of each month  
Make sure your recycling is set away from your regular trash

**Contact Bland County Public Works for more information at 276-688-4622**

Bland County is an equal opportunity provider and employer

## FUEL & CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Fuel assistance helps with home heating costs; but can also be used for furnace re-starts, late charges, delivery charges, installation charges, and connection or re-connection fees.

Applications are accepted online and at local departments of social services from the second Tuesday in October through the second Friday in November. Benefits are determined and authorizations for deliveries or service are sent to vendors in December.

Crisis assistance is intended to meet a household's emergency heating need, when no other resource is available.

Applications are accepted online and at local departments of social services from November 1 through March 15 for the following: one time only heat security deposit; portable space heater for temporary use, payment for emergency shelter, and/or heating equipment repair/purchase. Assistance is based on the availability of funds.

Applications are accepted online and at local departments of social services from the first workday in January through March 15 for the purchase of home heating fuel and the payment of heat utility bill.

Assistance is based on the availability of funds.

Online: [www.commonhelp.virginia.gov](http://www.commonhelp.virginia.gov)

## DMV STOP PROGRAM

Per Bland County Ordinance established in May 2014 by the Bland County Board of Supervisors, the Bland County Treasurer's office utilizes the DMV Stop program as a means of collecting Delinquent Personal Property taxes.

John Goins, Bland County Treasurer, would like to remind taxpayers of this procedure and offer some updated information. Once a Stop has been placed with DMV, the registered title owner (s) will not be able to renew their vehicle registration. If there are multiple names on the title, the Stop will affect all names listed.

To release the Stop the taxpayer must pay all their Personal Property taxes, including penalty and interest, as well as administrative fees. The administrative fee in Bland County is \$35.00. Once the taxes and fees have been paid, the Treasurer's office will notify DMV to release the Stop. Should anyone have any questions concerning delinquent taxes, payments, or procedures in place for collection, they should contact the Bland County Treasurer's office at 276-688-3741.

## Christmas Cheer

Bland DSS will partner with Bland Mission for Christmas Cheer.

There will be an Angel Tree set up at the Courthouse, ABB, and BB&T.

Distribution day is December 13.

Contact Bland County Mission for more information: 276-688-4701.



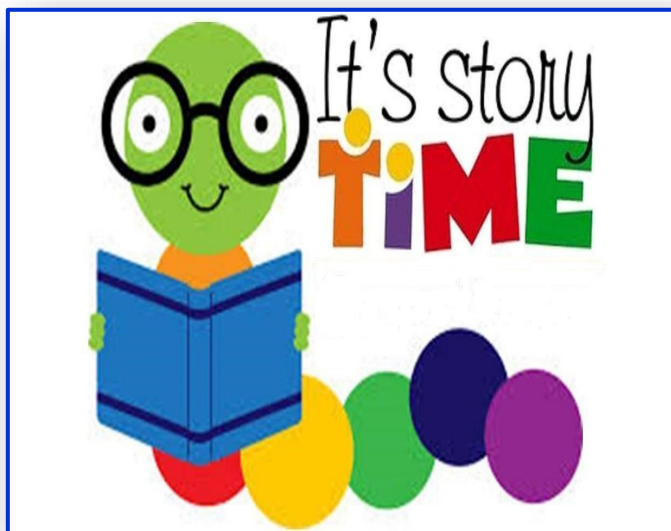
Bland County Farmers Market  
opens every Saturday

June—October

For more information contact:  
Eisle Havens, Market Manager  
276-613-4626



Contact: Sara King at 276-688-4111 or by email:  
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## Library Hours

Monday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

## FALL Story Time 2017

September 7th- December 14th

11:00 a.m.

A story, craft, and activity will be shared with preschool aged children at 11:00 a.m. every Thursday beginning in September. Parents are welcome to attend however, it is not required. The program lasts approximately 45 minutes. Please sign up at the circulation desk upon arrival if you have not done so previously.

We love your children and look forward to helping them foster a life-long love of reading.

For more information please call the library at 276-688-3737 or email us at [bcpl@bland.org](mailto:bcpl@bland.org)

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## **SEPTEMBER 2017**

September 4—County Administration Offices  
Closed for Labor Day

September 5— Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

September 8, 9—Horse Show at Bland County Fairgrounds

September 12—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 6:30 pm

September 21—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

September 26—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

September 26—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm



## **OCTOBER 2017**

October 2—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

October 5—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

October 7—Lord’s Acre Sale at Bland County Fairgrounds

October 7—Tour De Bland Charity Bike Ride and 5K

October 9—County Administration Offices  
Closed for Columbus Day

October 10—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 6:30 pm

October 14, 15—Festival of Leaves

October 19—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

October 20, 21, 22—Trappers Convention @ Bland County Fairgrounds

October 24—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

October 24 —Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

October 24—Relay for Life, Fall Kick Off @ 5:00 pm @ Lutheran Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

## **NOVEMBER 2017**

November 6—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

November 10—County Administration Offices  
Closed for Veterans’ Day

November 14—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 6:30 pm

November 16—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

November 22, 23, 24—County Administration Offices  
Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

November 28—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

November 28 —Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm



Meeting dates and times are subject to change . Calendar will be updated on our website:

[www.blandcountyva.gov](http://www.blandcountyva.gov)