



BLAND COUNTY

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Congressman Morgan Griffith Announces \$459,764 ARC POWER Grant for Broadband Deployment in Bland County

Congressman Morgan Griffith announced that Bland County has been awarded \$459,764 for broadband deployment by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) through its Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) initiative.

“Access to reliable broadband is critical for participation in the 21st century economy,” said **Griffith**. “Today’s announcement of \$459,764 for broadband deployment is great news. It will provide a significant boost to economic development and open doors to new opportunities for the people of Bland County.”

“Today’s announcement continues an ongoing commitment for innovative economic development in Virginia’s coal-impacted communities,” said **ARC Federal Co-Chair Tim Thomas**. “Investing in key regional needs now will benefit the Region, and the rest of the country, well into the future.”

Griffith has long been a supporter of ARC and its mission. He has testified and submitted letters expressing his support during the appropriations process and voted for ARC funding, including in fiscal year 2019’s Energy and Water House appropriations bill.

Wolf Creek Indian Village New Summer Hours

Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum is happy to announce their new longer hours for the summer season. Beginning May 27, 2019, the village will be extending their hours from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. These new hours will run through September 2nd.

“With the days lasting longer, we have decided to take advantage of that extra daylight to extend our hours. We hope by extending our hours it will give those who are traveling through the area later in the day, and those in and around our area who may not be available during our normal hours, an opportunity to visit us,” states General Manager, Jaime Williams.

At Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum, you can visit a reconstructed village that is based on the Brown-Johnston archeology site and experience life as it was 500 years ago. Tour guides are available to escort you through our village and give you a glimpse into the life of the Eastern Woodland Indians. Learn about their homes and families, pottery and basket making, arrowhead and tool making, food and cooking, hunting and hide tanning, as well as the history of the site! Self-guided tours are available for those preferring to explore the village on their own. There is also an indoor museum to peruse, and a gift shop available to discover the perfect souvenir and unique gifts. During these extended hours, guided tours will be available daily from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Self-guided tours will be available from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The gift shop and museum will close at 7 p.m.

Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum is closed on Sundays.

For more information about our facility, please call (276) 688-3438

General Reassessment of Real Estate

Bland County has retained Pearson's Appraisal Service, Inc., to perform the County's 2020 General Reassessment of real estate, which will become on effective on January 1, 2020. The County is currently on a 6-year reassessment cycle. The Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, mandates that each locality periodically perform a general reassessment of real estate to determine each property's fair market value and to equalize each property's value in relation to similar properties.

When the members of the reassessment team begin visiting properties, they will be carrying photo I.D.'s and will have magnetic County Reassessment signs on their cars. We want to alert the public to this, because our appraisers will be coming out to residents' homes to look at dwellings and their property in general, as well as, to take exterior pictures/measurements in order to determine their fair market value. It is our ultimate goal to get a good, accurate assessment of all real estate in the County. No reassessment staff will be entering any home.

The field assessments are expected to be completed in September, 2019 and the notices of the proposed changes in the assessed values will be mailed out to property owners in November, 2019. These notices will also give the details on the method of appealing the proposed assessed values.

If a property owner has any additional information that they would like the appraisers to know, please call 540-480-6175.

Canneries will open Mid-July 2019

Tuesday/Thursday—Mechanicsburg

Wednesday/Friday—Ceres

For more information

Contact:

Frankie Gray

276-722-0121

Cooling assistance provides purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment for electricity to operate cooling equipment. To be eligible, a household must contain at least one vulnerable individual who is age 60 or over, is living with a disability, or is under age 6. **Applications are accepted online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov, through the Enterprise Customer Service Center at 1-855-635-4370, and at local departments of social services from June 15 through August 15. Assistance is based on the availability of funds.**

Eligibility criteria for assistance include:

- Must be resident of the locality in which application is made
- Must have a heating or cooling expense
- Monthly gross income may not exceed:

Household Size Income

1	\$1,354
2	\$1,832
3	\$2,311
4	\$2,790

Contact: Darlene Conley
Bland Co Dept. of Social Services 276-688-4111



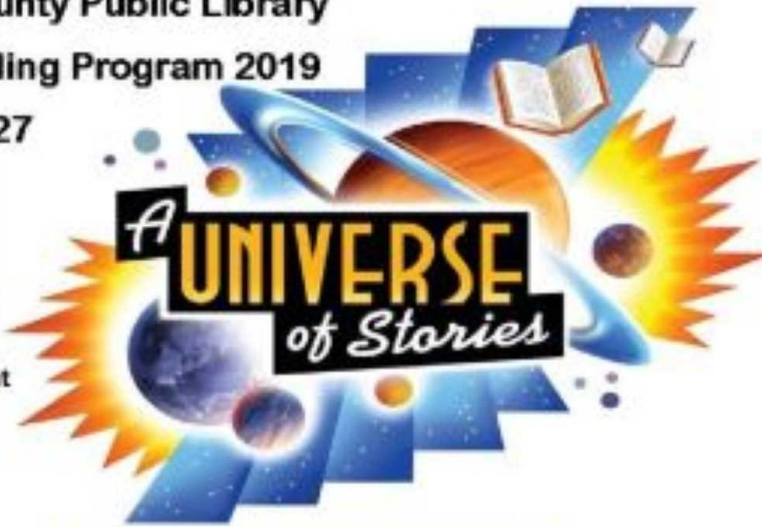
Seniors interested in the Farmers Market Fresh Fruit/Vegetables for Seniors Program can call District III to get an application mailed to them

276-783-8157

The Bland County Public Library
Summer Reading Program 2019
June 14-July 27



Russell W. Bird, Agent



May 28th Registration Begins

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| Snakes Alive! | Blast Off Party |
| Bright Star Theatre | Professor Whizzpop |
| Dippin' Dots | Mythical Creatures |
| Space Races | Story Time |
| NASA Star Lab | Book Club |
| Family Fun Night | Video Games |

July 27th Landing Party @ Claytor Lake State Park
FREE Swimming and Parking!

For a complete schedule please stop by the library or visit us online at www.blandcolibrary.org



For more information please call the library at 276-688-3737 or email us at bcpl@bland.org

EVENTS CALENDAR

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JUNE 2019

June 3—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

June 11—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

June 20—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

June 25—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

June 25—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

JULY 2019

July 1—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

July 4—County Administration Offices Closed for Independence Day

July 9—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

July 11 —Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

July 18—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

July 30—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

July 30—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

AUGUST 2019

August 5—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

August 13—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

August 15—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

August 27—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

August 27—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm



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

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