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Bland County Economic Development Authority Honored Two Businesses at the Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce 73rd Annual Membership Awards Banquet

2019 BUSINESS & INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD – Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores / Arby’s

Terrance Hurley – Love’s General Manager, Charlie Fore – EDA & Terri Andrews – Arby’s Manager



The 2019 Business of the Year award went to Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores and Arby’s. Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores and Arby’s is the first major development, of which we hope to have many, to occur at the Bland County interstate exits. Since opening, this business has experienced an increasing volume of visitors, which is a testament to their commitment to providing outstanding service while maintaining a clean and professional environment. On a weekly basis, this store competes with other similar stores across the nation in terms of volume and sales, often being the number one store nationally for the week. While they have had tremendous success in their short time in Bland County, their leadership and staff are constantly working to improve services and efficiencies.

2019 BUSINESS & INDUSTRY COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD – Bland Family Clinic

Pat Mitchell –Nurse Practitioner

Charlie Fore, EDA & Kathy Havens



The Community Impact Award went to Bland Family Clinic. The clinic has a long history of commitment to the Bland County community. The company’s proprietor – Pat Mitchell has always been eager to assist in any way to support the citizens and organizations of Bland County as well as improve their overall health. A devoted supporter of the community and people in general, this business leader is quick to come to the need of others without any desire for notoriety or credit for her service.

REVALIDATION FOR LAND USE

With the 2020 general reassessments notices mailed, it is now time to revalidate your land use. Everyone that is in the land use program is required to sign a new application for each parcel and pay the revalidation fee in order to continue in the program for tax year 2020. Taxpayers may come to the Commissioner of Revenue's Office, download forms from our website or call and we will mail you an application. The deadline to renew 2020 applications will be January 2, 2020. If you have any questions, please call the Commissioner of Revenue's Office at 276-688-4291.

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 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.

Bland County Treasurer's office is selling dog tags for 2020. Current tags expire on Dec. 31, 2019.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax taxes are due on December 5, 2019.

Prepayment toward taxes can be made anytime during the year. If you would like additional information, please contact the Treasurer's office @ 688-3741.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applications are accepted online (at <https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/>), by calling the Enterprise Customer Service Center at (855) 635 – 4370, and at the local department of social services as follows:

Crisis Assistance: November 1 through March 15 for equipment related assistance and security deposits.

First workday in January through March 15 for purchase of primary home heating fuel and payment of primary heat utility bills.

Call Bland County Department of Social Services (276) 688 - 4111 for more information



Contact: Sara King at 276-688 - 4111 or by email: sara.king@dss.virginia.gov

December 7, 2019



Christmas Parade on Main Street



10:30 a.m.

Line up at 10:00 a.m. @ BCES



Christmas at the Library

11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Pictures with Santa! Crafts! Refreshments!

Music! Door Prizes!

This event is Free and Open to the public.

For more information call 276-688-3737



Sponsored by: The County of Bland, Beautification Committee, the Friends of the Bland Co. Public Library, ABB, and the Bland Co. Public Library.

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DECEMBER 14TH

10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

\$2 PER PERSON

AGES 1-100



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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 276-688-3438**

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Christmas at the Market

SPONSORED BY BLAND COUNTY FARMERS MARKET

**CRAFTERS, INDEPENDENT SALES REPRESENTATIVES, BAKERS... AND
MANY MORE... ALL WELCOME TO SET UP! FREE SET-UP!
LOTS OF CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!**

**LUTHERAN-PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL
685 MAIN ST, BLAND, VIRGINIA 24315**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019
10 AM - 3 PM**

INTERESTED VENDORS, PLEASE CONTACT (276) 613-4626



Open House

at the New

Bland County Extension Office

144 Seddon Street

December 9,
2019

3:00—6:00 p.m.



Light
Refreshments
will be Served

COUNTY CALENDAR

7

December 2019

December 2—Planning Commission Meeting
@ 6:00 pm

December 10—Economic Development Authority
Meeting @ 5:00 pm

December 17—Service Authority Meeting @
4:00 pm

**December 17—Board of Supervisors Meeting
@ 5:00 pm (The Board will meet on the 3rd Tuesday
because of the Christmas Holiday.)**

December 19—Children's Services Act Meeting @
9:30 am

December 24-26—Christmas Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

December 31—New Years Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

January 2020

January 1—New Years Day Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

January 2—Board of Supervisors Reorganizational
Meeting @ 4:00 pm

January 6—Planning Commission Meeting
@ 6:00 pm

January 9—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

January 14—Economic Development Authority
Meeting @ 5:00 pm

January 16—Children's Services Act Meeting
@ 9:30 am

January 17—Lee Jackson Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

January 19—Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

January 28—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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

February 2020

February 3—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

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

February 17—President's Day Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

February 20—Children's Services Act Mtg @ 9:30 am

February 25—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

February 25—Board of Supervisors Mtg @ 5:00 pm



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

www.blandcountyva.gov