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BLAND COUNTY ANNOUNCES NEW RESTURANT ON MAIN STREET

(Bland County, Virginia) On Tuesday, May 13, 2025, the Bland County Economic Development Authority announced the addition of a new restaurant coming to Main Street, Bland, VA this summer. Dough Boys Restaurant will open during the Summer of 2025.

No stranger to the restaurant scene, Collin O'Donnell plans to open a restaurant that will serve Bland County residents and interstate travelers. Mr. O'Donnell states, "As always, community is the foundation of all that we do. We utilize food as a powerful tool to bring us all together and that is exactly what this concept does. Dough Boys will feature our families love for unique deli and hot sandwiches, loaded fry sides made in 100% beef tallow, and specialty drinks including smoothies, loaded shakes and more, along with a community-oriented space designed with convenience and guests in mind. We are excited to extend our roots into the Bland community and offer something special. We want to thank the community for welcoming us in with open arms, and all of those involved with this monumental project to bring this day to fruition. We couldn't be happier to join you, and we are positive this investment will open incredible opportunities not just for our projected 9 new team members, but also for future projects as well!"

Economic Development Chairman Tim Havens stated "this project started about a year ago. There was a joint vision to bring food service to a Main Street location. The EDA, through consistent efforts, diligent research and focused work, renovated the old community building which has been transformed into a space that any restaurateur would appreciate."

The "Community Building", located at 696 Main Street, across from the Bland County Public Library has been vacant for several years. Bland County Administrator Cameron Burton said, "we knew that this was a great space for a restaurant. The EDA and Bland County work hand in hand in our joint

vision of improving the economic well-being and the quality of life in our Bland County communities. We are thrilled to make this announcement today!”

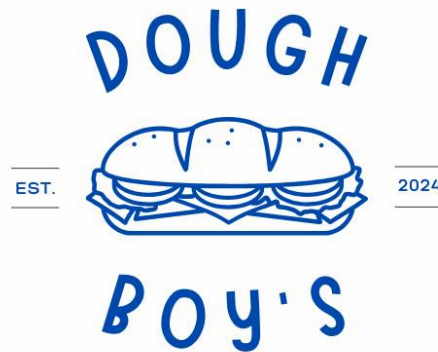
“As a member of the Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to see our community growing and look forward to the future success of Dough Boys” states Steve Kelley. Mr. Kelley continued, “the Bland County EDA deserves the credit for this beautifully renovated space and for fostering a relationship with Mr. O’Donnell that led to this announcement.”

“Economic Development announcements don’t happen every day. It’s important to celebrate each one.” stated Chairman Randy Johnson.

Similar comments come from Keith Costello who is a member of the Board of Supervisors “Mr. O’Donnell saw the potential that we’ve known for years. We are excited to see and support this type of growth in Bland County.”

Board of Supervisors Vice-Chairman Patrick Groseclose states, “It is our goal to create a vibrant community. A community where people want to live and work. Bringing a restaurant to Main Street is the start of that process.”

Community members can keep up the restaurant news and information on Facebook at “Dough Boys”.



Pictured from left to right: Cameron Burton, Tim Havens, Collin O’Donnell, Tayler Jackson

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