

## Media Release

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### **BLAND COUNTY ANNOUNCES TRUE BLUE PHARMACY IS COMING TO BASTIAN**

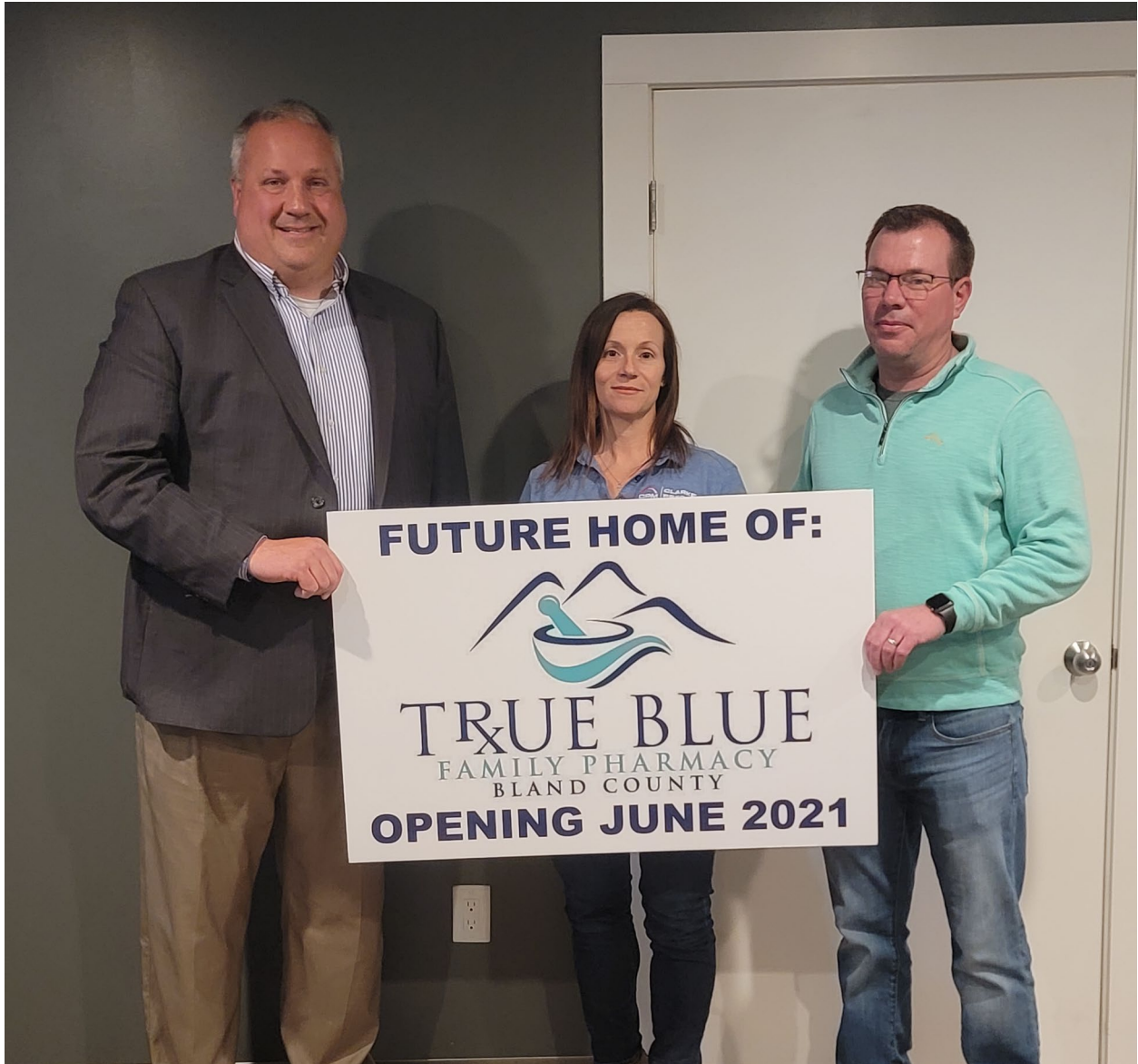
(Bastian, Virginia) Bland County and Commonwealth of Virginia officials are excited to announce True Blue Pharmacy will be opening in the shopping center located in Bastian. Future pharmacy owners, Sandra and Matthew Clarke, have secured the remaining vacant spaces in the shopping center and work is to commence immediately on the new pharmacy. “We are excited to join the great businesses of Bland County and plan to provide prescription and retail services to the patrons in the community,” stated Dr. Sandra Phillippi Clarke, PharmD. “Opening a pharmacy here will be an honor. My mother was a pharmacist in Bland County for many years and I worked with her as a technician before pharmacy school. It will be a privilege to follow in her footsteps and provide healthcare service to those she once served.”

“We want to thank everyone for their assistance in getting this project up and running as fast as we did,” stated Matt Clarke, co-owner. Matt continued, “We have a lot of work to do over the next few weeks, but we are excited to open a business in the Bland County Community and in Bland County. We will be providing a variety of services and look forward to meeting a definite need.” Karen Hodock, Supervisor for the Rocky Gap District, welcomed the new business by stating, “Not only are we excited to see a new business open in Bland County, but we are also delighted that pharmacy services will remain available in our community. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, we thank the Clarkes for investing in our community and we encourage everyone to support all the local businesses in Bland County as it is vital to not only their success, but to the success of the local economy.”

“The announcement of True Blue Pharmacy coming to Bland County is great news for our community and we welcome the owners Sandra and Matt Clarke to our county. We also want to thank all those involved to make this project announcement possible,” stated David Dillow, chair of the Bland County Economic Development Authority. “Several worked on this project and we look forward to the official opening in the coming weeks.”

“This is great news for Bland County and we wish the Clarke’s and True Blue Pharmacy much success in the future. Access to quality pharmaceutical services is key to a healthy community and we were delighted that we were able to assist Bland County on this project,” stated Del. Will Morefield and recently elected Sen. Travis Hackworth. Both offices provided Bland County staff with valuable assistance regarding this project. “True Blue Pharmacy’s arrival in Bland County shows that the County is a great place for businesses and workers. This is an important development for the area’s economy and for the health care of its people,” stated Congressman Morgan Griffith.

True Blue Pharmacy officials are busy working on developing the new pharmacy space located in the Bastian Shopping Center at 12235 Grapefield Rd., Bastian, Virginia. Construction is anticipated to start soon along with the approval processing that is required for a new pharmacy in accordance with state and federal guidelines. It is anticipated that True Blue Pharmacy will be ready to serve the Bland County community in the summer of 2021.



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