



BLAND COUNTY

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

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BLAND COUNTY WELCOMES GOVERNOR MCAULIFFE AS HE TURNS ON INTERNET IN THE HOLLYBROOK COMMUNITY

Governor Terry McAuliffe visited Bland County on Thursday, December 14th to celebrate the deployment of high speed internet. As part of the ceremony, Governor McAuliffe turned on the internet equipment at the Hollybrook tower along with Michael Clemons, president of GigaBeam Networks.

GigaBeam Networks is the internet service provider on this project. Over the next few weeks and into the new year, GigaBeam Networks will be working in the Hollybrook Community completing additional infrastructural development that is needed prior to customers joining the system. Interested customers are asked to obtain information about GigaBeam Networks and sign up for service at their website www.GigaBeam.net or 540-726-2317 (866-988-2638).

Bland County officials received notification in the spring of 2017 that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) had awarded \$192,141 in grant funding for broadband deployment in the Hollybrook community as part of a public/private partnership with GigaBeam Networks.

The Bland County Wireless Authority applied for grant funding through the DHCD in the winter of 2016, through the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) program. This grant application was in partnership with GigaBeam Networks, with the goal of constructing the necessary infrastructure to provide high speed wireless internet to the Hollybrook Community. This project is expected to provide high speed internet access to over 350 homes and businesses in that community as well as improve the county's main broadband backhaul infrastructure.

"This is a wonderful project for the Hollybrook Community," stated Randy Johnson, the supervisor for the Hollybrook district. "Many of the residents of the Hollybrook Community either have limited or no access to high speed internet. Hopefully, this project will be a catalyst for broadband providers to expand service throughout the rest of the county." The grant covered the equipment that is needed for the project and GigaBeam Network, the County of Bland, and community volunteers all worked together to provide necessary construction labor.

As part of the announcement, the County of Bland recognizes the efforts of many organizations and individuals in the development of this project as well their support for improved broadband in rural Virginia: Senators Warner and Kaine, Congressman Griffith, Del. Morefield, Sen. Chaffin, the office of the Secretary of Technology, Secretary of Commerce and Trade; Rural Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, GigaBeam Networks, Mt. Rogers Planning District Commission, Bland County Wireless Authority, CHA Consulting, Sam, Julie, & Charlie Sloop, Scottie

Horne, Allen King, and David Gore.

During the Governor's visit, he also visited with the members of the Bland County Volunteer Rescue Squad, employees of Venco, and had a lunch meeting with the leadership team of ABB, Inc. and plant manager, Joey Chandler.



The Bland County Public Library

Thursday's @ 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Story Time Schedule

SPRING 2018 STORY TIME



January

11th-Winter
18th-Hooray for Books!
25th-Snow



February

1st-Love is in the Air
8th-The Hat
15th-Valentine's Party
22nd-President's Day



March

1st-Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
8th-Life On Mars
15th-St. Patrick's Day
22nd-Welcome, Spring!
29th-Easter Party



April

5th-We Can Help
12th-National Library Week
19th-Shake a Leg
26th-Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

May
3rd-To the Rescue
10th-Mother's Day
17th-Story Time Party



For more information call
the library @ **276-688-3737**
or visit us online.



DSS is always looking for

Resource Families

(Foster Families)

Contact Sara King

Bland County DSS

276-688-4111



Reports of suspected

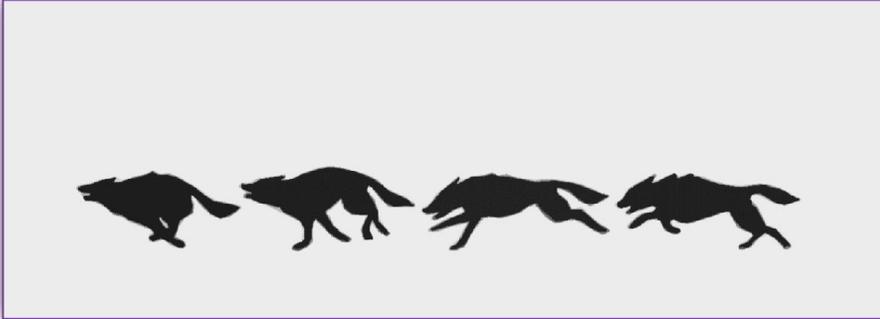
Fraud activity, contact:

Denise Thomas

Bland County Department

of Social Services at

276-688-4111



8TH ANNUAL WOLF 5K WALK/RUN

APRIL 14 | REGISTRATION: 9-9:45 A.M. RACE: 10 A.M.

6394 NORTH SCENIC HIGHWAY, BASTIAN, VA 24314

Fees:

\$20 (Pre-registered before April 1)

\$25 (Day of the Race)

Kid's Fun Run: FREE

Participants who register before April 1 are guaranteed an event t-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum or Bland County Administration (upstairs in the Courthouse). Forms may also be printed from our website. All forms and money must be turned in or mailed to the address above. For more information, visit our website at

www.indianvillage.org or call (276) 688-3438.



Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum is owned and operated by the County of Bland, an equal opportunity provider and employer.



SATURDAY, MARCH 31 WOLF CREEK EASTER EGG HUNT

Admission:

Children: \$3

Adults: FREE (when accompanied by a child)

For children ages 12 & Under

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult



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**Egg Hunt Begins
at 10 a.m.**

Prizes Awarded!

**3,000 Eggs to Find
Throughout the
Village!**

**Special Golden
Egg Prize!**

**Bring your Own
Basket!**

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Water Line Project

The Bland Community Water Line Replacement and Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project is still under construction with Boring Construction and Waco Contractors.

Boring Construction has installed approximately 80% of new water lines, new pressure reducing valves, inline meters for different areas in the system and 7 new fire hydrants including new locations across from the Virginia Department of Transportation on Seddon Street, one at the intersection of Seddon Street and Jackson, and one at the Bland County Volunteer Fire Department. Line installation will be 100%, once the Stream Crossing at Crab Orchard Creek on Jackson Street is completed and once the Road Crossing at the intersection of Main Street and East Blue Grass Trail is completed. Approximately 50 meters will be replaced once the new line is in service.

Waco Contractors are in the startup phase of the new Microfiltration Membrane Treatment Plant located at Water Plant Lane off of Jackson Street.

The new Membrane Plant will replace the old filtration plant which was installed in 1991. The new plant will have the capability of producing up to 200,000 GPD which exceeds the old plant by over 90,000 GPD. The new plant is approximately 95% completed and is scheduled to go online the week of March 26th.

Hollybrook Internet Project

WVVA has reported about a dozen customers and they are working on additional connections and microsite installations.

MARCH 2018

March 5—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
March 13 —Bland Beautification Meeting @ 3:30 pm
March 13—Economic Development Authority Meeting @5:00 pm
March 15 —Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
March 27 —Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
March 27—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm
March 30—County Administration Offices Closed
Good Friday



APRIL 2018

April 2—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
April 12 —Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm
April 19—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
April 24—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
April 24—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

MAY 2018

May 7—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
May 15—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm
May 17—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
May 22—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
May 22—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm
May 28—County Administration Offices Closed
Memorial Day

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

www.blandcountyva.gov