



BLAND COUNTY

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Bland County Office of the General Registrar and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office Plan to Relocate in the Spring of 2019

Efforts are currently underway to relocate the General Registrar’s Office and the Cooperative Extension Offices which are currently located on Main Street across from the courthouse. It is proposed to move the General Registrar to county offices at 20 Fairground Street in Bland and Cooperative Extension will move to a new location at 144 Seddon Street in Bland.

“The current building in which these offices are located has various maintenance issues along with parking and handicap accessibility concerns”, stated Eric Workman, County Administrator. “The Board of Supervisors and county staff have been working on a resolution to this issue for several months. The challenge was to find a solution for better office space as well as create additional parking around the Courthouse square. Various options have been explored, such as possible renovation of the existing building, tearing down and building new, and renovating other existing county structures.”

Recently, Bland County acquired additional office space at 144 Seddon Street, a former doctor’s office, in which to relocate the Cooperative Extension offices. The acquisition is a five year lease to own at \$30,000 per year, totaling \$150,000. “Financially, acquiring the additional office space was the lowest cost option for the Board of Supervisors. All other options analyzed were considerably more expensive,” continued Eric Workman.

County staff, along with assistance from inmate labor from the New River Valley Regional Jail, worked on the new offices with painting and getting everything ready for the Cooperative Extension Offices. “I cannot give enough praise and gratitude to Officer Dobbins and the people at the New River Valley Regional Jail. They provide a lot of assistance to the county on projects, and on this project have helped by painting the interior and with the move,” stated Eric Workman.

The Office of the General Registrar is proposed to relocate to existing county offices located at 20 Fairground Street. This space is directly across from the southern side of the courthouse. Since the Office of the General Registrar is also an absentee voting precinct, its location is established by county ordinance. The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on January 2, 2019, for the amending of the county ordinance in association with the location of that office.

It is proposed that the structure that currently houses the Cooperative Extension Office and General Registrar be demolished to make way for additional parking. County officials hope to have everything moved into the new space and operational on or before March 1st.

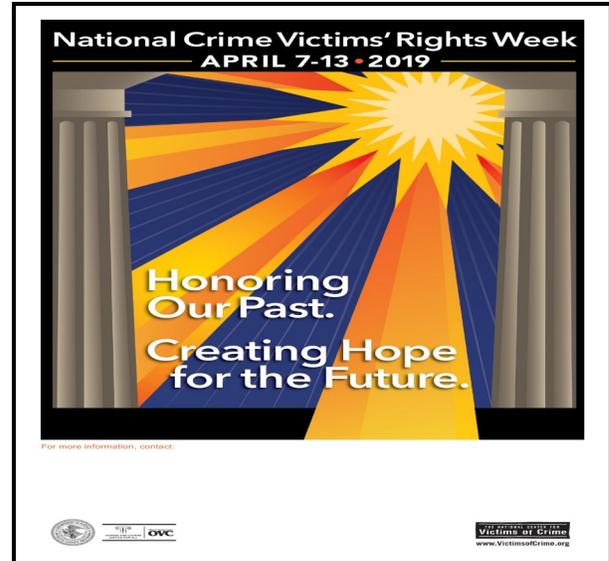
General Reassessment of Real Estate

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.



COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE OFFICE

Age & Disabled Credit Filing deadline April 30th

Business Personal Property Filing deadline
May 1st

Virginia Income Tax Filing deadline May 1st

General Reassessment starting in March

Cindy Wright, Master Commissioner
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Hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm M-F

Bland County Farmers' Market

May through October!

Open 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Every Saturday

Anyone interested in selling their goods can register as a vendor at the market.

For more information: Eilse Havens (Market Manager)
276-613-4626

Over 5,000 eggs to be found at the...

Wolf Creek 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20

Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m.

Admission:

\$3.00 per child

Adults FREE

For Children Ages 12 & Under

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

****Prizes Awarded with a Special Golden Egg Prize****



***Bring your
own Basket***

***Surprise
Special Guest***



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



For more information, please call 276-688-3438 or visit our website www.indianvillage.org

Winter/Spring Storytime 2019

January

10th- The Letter K

The Koala Who Could



17th- The Letter L

Llama Llama and the Bully Goat



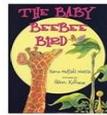
24th- The Letter M

The Cow in Patrick O'Shanahan's Kitchen



31st- The Letter N

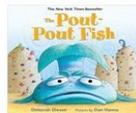
The Baby BeeBee Bird



February

7th- The Letter O

The Pout Pout Fish and the Can't Sleep Blues



14th- Valentine's Party

Refreshments and Decorations



21st- The Letter P

Mr. Wolf's Pancakes



28th- The Letter Q

Marlene, Marlene Queen of the Mean



March

7th- The Letter R

Llama Llama Red Pajama



14th- The Letter S

Mr. Carey's Garden



21st- The Letter T

Farmer Joe and the Music Show



28th- The Letter U

A Unicorn Named Sparkle



April

4th- The Letter V

My Mouth is a Volcano



11th- The Letter W

It's Raining, It's Pouring



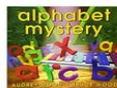
18th- Easter Party Egg Hunt and

Refreshments



25th- The Letter X

Alphabet Mystery



May

2nd- The Letter Y and Z

YUM YUM What Fun!



9th- End of Storytime

Summer Beach Party



A story, craft, and activity will be shared with preschool-aged children.
Thursday's @ 11:00 a.m. beginning January 10th.

Parents are welcome to attend however, it is not required.

The program lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Please sign up at the circulation desk upon arrival if you have not done so previously.
We love your children and look forward to helping them foster a life-long love of reading.

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

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MARCH 2019

March 4—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

March 12—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

March 21—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

March 26 —Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

March 26—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

APRIL 2019

April 1—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

April 4 —Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

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

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

April 19—County Administration Offices Closed Good Friday

April 20—Wolf Creek Indian Village Easter Egg Hunt @ 10 am

April 23—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

April 23—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

April 30—Bland Beautification Meeting @ 3:30 pm

MAY 2019

May 4—Farmers' Market opens

May 6—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

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

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

May 27—County Administration Offices Closed Memorial Day

May 28—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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



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

www.blandcountyva.gov