



# BLAND COUNTY

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

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 Clarks 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 has started 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.



**Cooling assistance** provides purchase or repair of cooling equipment and/or payment for electricity to operate cooling equipment. To be eligible, a household must contain at least one vulnerable individual who is age 60 or over, is living with a disability, or is under age 6.

Applications are accepted online at [www.commonhelp.virginia.gov](http://www.commonhelp.virginia.gov), through the Enterprise Customer Service Center at 1-855-635-4370, and at local departments of social services from June 15 through August 15. Assistance is based on the availability of funds.

Eligibility criteria for assistance include:

- Must be resident of the locality in which application is made
- Must have a heating or cooling expense

Contact: Darlene Conley

Bland County Dept. of Social Services

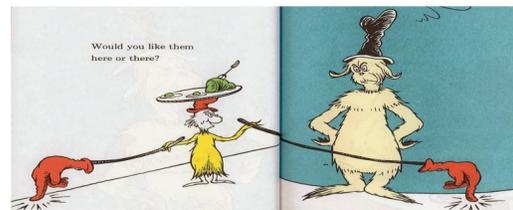
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## Meals Tax Rate Increase Effective July 1, 2021

On April 27, 2021, the Bland County Board of Supervisors voted to modify Bland County Code Sec. 50-257 Meals Tax Levy to increase the rate from 4% to 6% on the amount paid for meals purchased from any food establishment, whether prepared in such food establishment or not, whether consumed on the premises or not. This action is pursuant to revision of Virginia State Code 58.1-3833 that was adopted in 2020.

If you have any questions, contact  
Commissioner of Revenue office:  
276-688-4291

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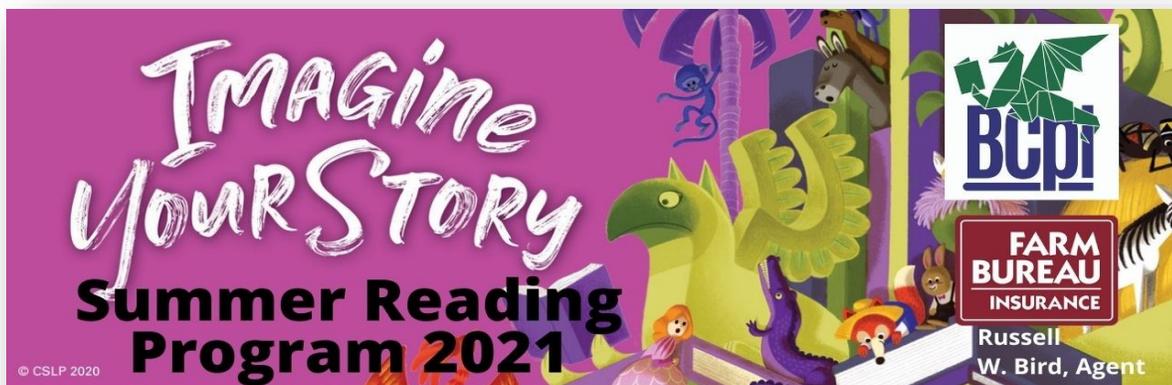


Contact: Sara King at 276-688 - 4111 or by  
email: [sara.king@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:sara.king@dss.virginia.gov)

Seniors interested in the Farmers Market

Fresh Fruit/Vegetables for Seniors Program can call

District III to get an application mailed to them



## June 18 - July 17

Pre-Register June 1  
for In House Storytimes Every Thursday,  
June 24 - July 15!  
Limited Seating Available!

### Featured Community Events

No Registration or Fee Required Unless Otherwise Stated. Current Covid Regulations Observed and Enforced. Please Check [Virginia.gov](http://Virginia.gov) before attending.

**Lil Critters Petting Zoo Friday, June 18th** at the Bland Fairgrounds 10:30 am -12:30pm.

**Mythical Creatures Workshop Tues, June 22nd** at the Bland Co. Public Library 11:00 am or 6:00 pm.  
Registration and Fee Required.

**Whizpop's Bubble Brigade Tues, June 29th** at the Bland Fairgrounds 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Wild Dino Hunt Tues, July 6th** at The Wolf Creek Indian Village 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Registration Required.

**Sand Castle Lake Party Sat, July 17th** at Claytor Lake State Park starts at 10 am.

### The Bland Co. Public Library

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## **JUNE 2021**

June 7—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

June 8—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm

June 17—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

June 18—Holiday—Juneteenth  
County Administration Offices Closed

June 22—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

June 22—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Farmers’ Market open every Saturday 9am—12pm

## **JULY 2021**

July 1—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

July 5—Holiday—Independence Day  
County Administration Offices Closed

July 13—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm

July 14— Library Board of Trustees Meeting @ 5:30 pm

July 15—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

July 27—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

July 27—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Farmers’ Market open every Saturday 9am—12pm

## **AUGUST 2021**

August 2—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

August 10—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm

August 19—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

August 24—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

August 24 —Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

Farmers’ Market open every Saturday 9am—12pm



**Meeting dates and times are subject to change due to COVID 19.**

Please call Bland County Administration for more information: 276-688-4622