



BLAND COUNTY

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Bland County Celebrates the Official Opening of Down Shift Diner

A new dining establishment was celebrated Tuesday, April 19th as various officials, supporters, and patrons gathered for the celebration of a new business in Bland County. DownShift Diner, located at 46 Indian Village Trail in Bastian, officially marked its grand opening with a ribbon cutting event. Members of the Board of Supervisors, Economic Development Authority, the Wytheville, Wythe, Bland Chamber of Commerce, the Mt. Rogers Regional Partnership, representatives from Sen. Hackworth's office, and a host of family, friends, and supporters were on hand to join in the celebration.

"We want to thank everyone for coming out today and for supporting us," stated TJ Hicks, owner. Hicks continued, "We are excited to open a business here at I-77/Exit 58 in Bland County. There is a lot of economic momentum happening here and we are excited to be part of it." Supervisors Stephen Kelley and Keith Costello were on hand to welcome the new business and joined in the official opening of the business by stating jointly, "On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, we are excited to see a new business open in Bland County. The determination and perseverance of the business owners to start and operate their establishments is gratifying to observe." They continued, "Ribbon cuttings are great events, and we are excited to welcome a new business and celebrate business expansions. We encourage everyone to support all our local businesses in Bland County, as it is vital to not only their success, but to the success of the local economy."

"Bland County has a resilient business community, and we welcome DownShift Diner and wish them much success," stated David Dillow, chair of the Bland County Economic Development Authority. Additional information about DownShift Diner can be obtained from their Facebook page or by phone at 276-688-2366.



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, 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 includes:

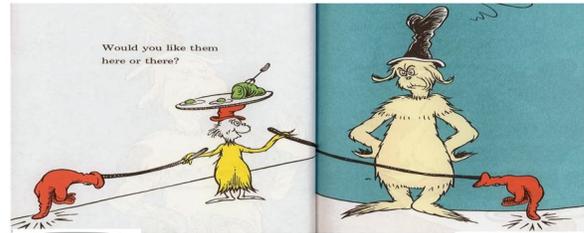
Must be resident of the locality in which application is made

Must have a heating or cooling Expense

Contact: Darlene Conley
Bland County Dept. of Social Services

612 Main St #208,
Bland, VA 24315
276-688-4111

**NEED INTERNET AT YOUR HOUSE?
Or with a mouse? Do you need
internet here or there?
Do you need internet anywhere?**



**Verizon Wi-Fi Hotspots
are now available for
checkout at the
Library!**

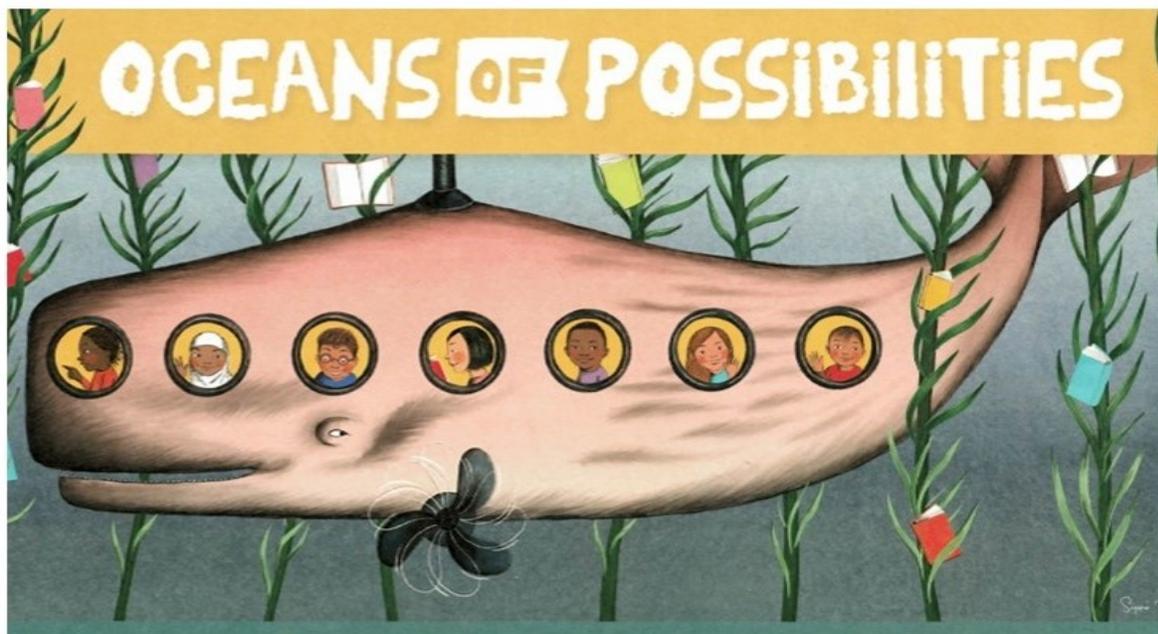
For details call 276-688-3737 or visit www.blandcolibrary.org



Seniors interested in the Farmers Market
Fresh Fruit/Vegetables for Seniors Program can
call District III
to get an application mailed to them
276-783-8157



**Contact: Sara King at 276-688 - 4111 or by
email: sara.king@dss.virginia.gov**



The Bland County Public Library

Presents

Summer Reading Program 2022 June 24 – July 23



**The Bland Co.
Public Library**

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697 Main Street
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Russell W. Bird Agent

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2022

- * June 6—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- * June 14—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- * June 20—Holiday—Juneteenth
County Administration Offices Closed
- * June 21—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- * June 28—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- * June 28—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

JULY 2022

- July 4—Holiday—Independence Day
County Administration Offices Closed
- July 7—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- July 12—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- July 19—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- July 26—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- July 26—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

AUGUST 2022

- * Aug 1—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- * Aug 9—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm
- * August 10— Library Board of Trustees Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- * Aug 16—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am
- * Aug 23—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm
- * Aug 23—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

BLAND COUNTY FARMERS MARKET WILL BE OPEN EVERY SATURDAY

9:00 AM—12:00 PM