



# BLAND COUNTY

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### VETERANS' MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Travelers along U.S. Route 52 in Virginia will soon see signs recognizing it as Veterans' Memorial Highway. The route was officially dedicated in the Counties of Bland, Carroll, and Wythe on October 24, 2018.

The dedication ceremony had events occurring in all three counties. Starting early in the morning in Rocky Gap, at the Bland County Veterans Memorial, attendees were honored with the playing of Amazing Grace by Senior Trooper Gavin Scott of the Virginia State Police on bagpipes and a 21 gun salute by the American Legion Post #20 / VFW Post #7969. "It was an honor to take part in such a wonderful event," stated Karen Hodock, member of the Bland County Board of Supervisors. "Anytime we can gather at events such as this, it helps us remember the sacrifices Veterans have made for our great nation." Prior to the unveiling of the new Veterans' Memorial Highway road sign, comments were made about the history of the project by World War II Veteran Clyde Easter, a resident of Carroll County.

The act of naming U.S. Route 52 in honor of Veterans has been a long quest for Clyde Easter. It is due to the outstanding efforts and coordination of Mr. Easter and officials over the years that we see this project take place. "We appreciate the efforts of Mr. Easter and all those who have worked on this project," stated Randy Johnson, member of the Board of Supervisors.

Following the dedication event in Rocky Gap, attendees formed a chain of vehicles that traversed along the scenic mountainous route of U.S. Route 52 to the Shot Tower State Park in Wythe County, and then to the town of Hillsville, in Carroll County for the culminating event. "It was a wonderful day," stated Stephen Kelley, member of the Bland County Board of Supervisors. "It was a beautiful fall day and the drive between the three counties was not only scenic, but also a great honor to share with other veterans."

The Boards of Supervisors of the three counties submitted resolutions requesting the naming of the road this summer to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and ultimately the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). "We are very thankful for all of the support and efforts that VDOT, the CTB, the Virginia State Police, local Sheriff and Police Departments, and all county staff have done to help make this day come to fruition," stated Adam Kidd, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "As people travel along route 52 and see the signs, hopefully it will remind them of the sacrifices that have been made by veterans."



## **Crisis Assistance Repairs:**

November 1, 2018—March 15, 2019

## **Crisis Assistance Fuel:**

January 2, 2019 – March 15, 2019

Contact:

Darlene Conley

276-688-4111

or by email:

[darlene.conley@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:darlene.conley@dss.virginia.gov)

## **Christmas Cheer Day**

**Wednesday, December 12**

Bland Mission Special Projects  
Building (old clothes closet),

distribution starts

at 9:00 am – 11:00 am

& 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Contact Bland Ministry: 276-688-4701  
if you would like to make someone a  
great Christmas with sponsoring an  
angel or purchasing a food box to  
help families in need!

## **Bland County Treasurer's Office**

2018 Personal Property and  
Real Estate tax due date of  
December 5, 2018

Treasurer's office accepts prepayments  
for taxes all thru the year.

2018 dog tags expire Dec. 31, 2018

Dog tags for 2019 are available

Contact: Bland County Treasurer's  
Office: 276-688-3741

## **Reports of suspected**

**Fraud activity, contact:**

**Denise Thomas**

**Bland County Department**

**of Social Services at**

**276-688-4111**



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

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**SATURDAY**<sup>®</sup>

*Christmas at the Market*

**CRAFTERS, INDEPENDENT SALES REPRESENTATIVES, BAKERS... AND  
MANY MORE... ALL WELCOME TO SET UP! FREE SET-UP!  
LOTS OF CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS!**

**LUTHERAN-PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
685 MAIN ST, BLAND, VIRGINIA 24315**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2018  
9 AM - 3 PM**

**INTERESTED VENDORS, PLEASE CONTACT (276) 613-4626**



# The Love Project 2018



December 1, 2018



From 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## At Bland County Fairgrounds



## 31 Fairground Street



## Bland, VA 24315

Clothes~Coats~Shoes~Toys~Food  
to give to all those in need in Bland, Giles, Mercer,  
Pulaski, Smyth, Tazewell, & Wythe Counties

**\*Please bring a form of ID that has a valid address to  
receive your supplies.**



Contact Dr. Jeremy and Niki Mays @ Healing Waters Ministries @ 731-335-0894 for more information



## *Bland County Christmas Parade*

**December 8, 2018 - 5:00 pm  
Main Street, Downtown Bland**

**Bland County Library - Photos with Santa**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**4:00 pm - Parade Line Up - Bland County Elementary  
School**

**5:00 pm - Parade Starts**

**5:30 pm – Santa & Refreshments will be at EDA  
Office across from Courthouse**



- **NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**
- **FLOAT RIDERS** - Anyone under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Each unit is responsible for the safety of the riders and must make safety provisions.
- **CANDY** – Candy, prizes and/or other material must be thrown far enough away from the vehicles to ensure spectators and children do not reach near or under vehicles.
- **DRIVERS** – All parade entry drivers must have a valid driver's license and remain with vehicles or units at all times.
- **HORSES/ANIMALS** – All units having animals must make arrangements to have droppings "scooped" immediately. No motorized vehicle can be used for picking up the droppings. Droppings cannot be dumped at the parade disband area.
- **ALL UNITS** – Please keep the parade moving at all times.

**Participants agree to enter a unit in the parade at their own risk. Please watch out for each other, for a safe and fun event.**



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or Kristi Blevins: 276-688-4622**

## *Community Christmas Party*

Pictures with Santa \* Refreshments \* Door Prizes \* Crafts



**Saturday December 8th**

**11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Bland County Friends of the Library. For more information please call



For more information please call the library at  
276-688-3737 or email us at [bcpl@bland.org](mailto:bcpl@bland.org)

# EVENTS CALENDAR

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## **DECEMBER 2018**

December 3—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

December 8—Christmas Parade @ 5:00 pm

December 11—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

December 18—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

December 18—Board of Supervisors Meeting @ 5:00 pm

December 20—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

December 24, 25—County Administration Offices Closed for Christmas

December 31—County Administration Offices Closed for New Years

## **JANUARY 2019**

January 1—County Administration Offices Closed for New Years

January 2—Board of Supervisors Re-organizational Meeting @ 4:00 pm

January 3—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

January 7—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

January 8—Economic Development Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

January 17—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

January 18, 21—County Administration Offices Closed

January 22—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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

## **FEBRUARY 2019**

February 4—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

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

February 15—Children's Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

February 18—County Administration Offices Closed

February 26—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

February 26—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](http://www.blandcountyva.gov)