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BLAND COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY RECOGNIZES BUSINESSES AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS DINNER

The Bland County Economic Development Authority (EDA) presented their two (2) most prestigious awards to Bland Ministry Center & Dental Clinic and Eupepsia Wellness Resort on Monday, November 2nd, during the Wytheville-Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner meeting.

"The Bland Ministry Center has been providing community assistance to the residents of Bland County and the surrounding region since 1980," stated David Dillow, chair of the Bland County EDA. "Dee Dee Hoosier, the East River Baptist Association, and the many workers and volunteers at the Ministry Center have provided great assistance to families in need and it is an honor to recognize them for their outstanding service." The Bland Ministry Center & Dental Clinic was the recipient of the Bland County Economic Development Authority's 2020 Business & Industry Community Impact Award. Dee Dee Hoosier and Susan Keene received the award on behalf of the Ministry Center. The Ministry Center provides a range of services from the Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Dental Clinic, and many more services, additional information regarding services can be obtained at www.blandministrycenter.org.

The EDA's top honor went to Eupepsia Wellness Resort. Opening in 2017, Eupepsia has a company whose portfolio of services is diversified into several industry sectors. "It is amazing to see the success of Eupepsia Wellness Resort," stated David Dillow. "They have received multiple awards in their industry sector, and it is great for Bland County to be listed with well-known communities as a travel destination." Eupepsia Wellness Resort was named in the USA Today Readers' Choice Awards Best Wellness Retreat/Resort in 2019 and 2020 earning second place honors behind a resort in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Eupepsia Wellness Resort was named the 2020 Best Wellness Resort in Virginia by the World Spa Awards, edging out nominees such as the Homestead and Kingsmill resorts. "Eupepsia has become a beacon of success in their industry and has brought a lot of positive recognition to Bland County. Thus, the EDA selected Eupepsia Wellness Resort and its owners Sushil and Shivani Murad, as the Bland County Economic Development Authority's 2020 Business & Industry of the Year," stated David Dillow. Additional information regarding Eupepsia Wellness Resort can be obtained at www.eupepsia.com.

"2020 has been a trying year for several of our businesses and we want to thank and congratulate this year's winners but, also recognize the exceptional job that all of our businesses and industries are doing to remain open as well as contribute to our world-class business environment", concluded David Dillow.



Eupepsia



Bland Ministry Center

Bland County Treasurer's office is selling dog tags for 2021.

Current tags expire on Dec. 31, 2020.

Real Estate and Personal Property tax tickets for 2020 will be mailed by October. The due date of payment of taxes will be December 7, 2020.

If you have any questions, Please contact

Bland County Treasurer's Office

276-688-3741

Crisis Assistance Program

Crisis Assistance Program runs from November 1, 2020 through March 15, 2021.

This is for equipment related assistance, security deposits, and emergency shelter.

Applications are accepted online (<https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/>) or by calling the Enterprise Customer Service Center at (855) 635 – 4370, and at Bland County Department of Social Services (276) 688 - 4111

Bland County Victim Witness Assistance Program

276.688.3206

According to statistics, domestic abuse increases over the holidays, for a number of possible reasons:

Stress from holiday shopping, finances, and planning can aggravate volatile personalities.

Abusers are more likely to partake of alcohol or drugs when they don't have to work.

Simple opportunity: abuser are more likely to be home alone with their victims than at other times of the year.

Virginians Against Domestic Violence...757-221-0990

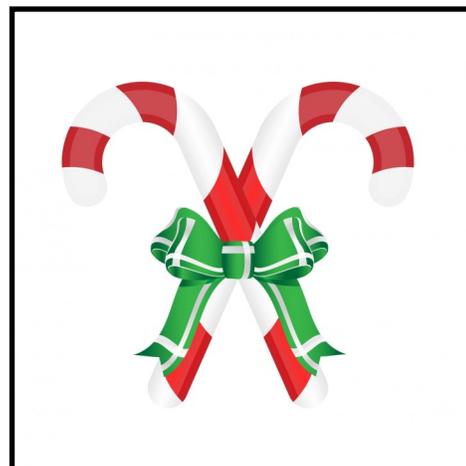
24-hour hotline.....1.800.838.8238

Or call 911 for immediate help!

Wishing You, Safe and Healthy
Holidays



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



Candy Cane Countdown

The Holiday Season Is Upon Us!

In an effort to ensure that our community enjoys the upcoming season, the Bland County Beautification Committee is pleased to present “Candy Cane Countdown”. While COVID-19 continues to be in our midst, several traditions and holiday celebrations have been cancelled or modified. With this in mind, the Beautification Committee has worked to develop a holiday themed program that will allow for participation, prizes, and community spirit while ensuring their safety.

“Candy Cane Countdown” is a program that lasts from December 4th – 20th. Businesses and non-profits choosing to participate will be given one 50” outdoor candy cane to display at their business. Your business will be highlighted in the program guide as part of a Candy Cane scavenger hunt throughout the county, thus driving the community to your business. We only ask for three things in return:

- 1. Display** your candy cane outdoors in a prominent place at your business.
- 2. Return** your candy cane during the week of January 4, 2021.
- 3. Donate** a gift card of \$20 or more to be used for prizes. The gift card can be for your business or it can be a VISA gift card.

If you would like to add a coupon to our program we will gladly accept those as well. We expect to print and distribute over 500 programs to families throughout the county.

Think of the exposure for your local business!!

Also included in “Candy Cane Countdown”: Pop Up Santa Sightings, Ugly Sweater Day, Letters to Santa Drop Off Locations, Scholastic Book Fair at the Public Library, Christmas Family Pictures, Coloring Page Contests, Photo Contests, and more.

Candy Canes are limited, so please contact Cameron Burton or Kristi Blevins with questions or to reserve a candy cane.

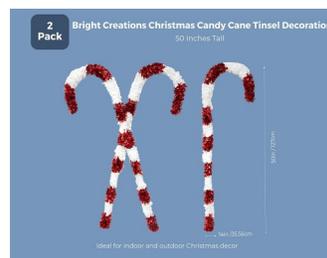
Cameron Burton-276-688-3737 cburton@bland.org Kristi Blevins-276-688-4622 kblevins@bland.org

We hope you will consider joining our efforts to bring holiday cheer to our neighbors.

2020 has been tough, so let's send it out with a BANG!

Thank you for your support,

The Bland County Beautification Committee



EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2020

December 7—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

December 8—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm

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

December 22—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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

December 23-25—Christmas Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

December 31—New Years Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

JANUARY 2021

January 1—New Years Day Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

January 4—Board of Supervisors Reorganizational
Meeting @ 4:00 pm

January 4—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

January 7—Wireless Authority Meeting @ 5:00 pm

January 12—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm

January 18—Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

January 21—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

January 26—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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

FEBRUARY 2021

February 1—Planning Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

February 9—EDA Meeting @ 5:00 pm

February 15—Presidents Day Holiday
County Administration Offices Closed

February 18—Children’s Services Act Meeting @ 9:30 am

February 23—Service Authority Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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



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

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