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MEETINGS

August 6th

6p - BETA

August 9th

6:30p - Planning Commission

August 21th

6p - BOA

August 23th

4p - Juvenile/Code Court

August 28th

2p - Traffic Court

6p - City Council

6p - BMIA

*All City Boards, Commissions, & Authorities meet at Blanchard Municipal Courthouse unless otherwise noted.

Attention Voters!

PLEASE TAKE YOUR VOTER ID CARD TO YOUR NEW POLLING PLACE WHEN YOU VOTE at the upcoming Primary Election in August.

Having your ID Card will help the voting process go smoother and quickly. If you have any questions, please call the McClain County Election Board at 405.527.3121.

AYCE Breakfast



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main Street will be hosting several All You Can Eat (AYCE) breakfasts from 7am - 11am for the remainder of the year on **Saturdays**. The cost is only

\$6 and proceeds will benefit certain youth organizations in Blanchard, Bridge Creek and Dibble. Thank you for supporting our youth! The remaining AYCE Breakfast schedule is:

- Saturday, August 25th** Blanchard Softball
- Saturday, September 22nd** Blanchard Band Booster Club
- Saturday, October 13th** Dibble FCCLA
- Saturday, November 3rd** Blanchard Takedown Club

Bid Award

The City of Blanchard accepted one (1) bid from RCC Traffic LLC in the amount of \$18,271.25 for the installation of new crosswalks; installation of new stop line; restriping of existing

Events Calendar

August 4th

8a – Farmers Market

◆ – SALE TAX HOLIDAY

August 5th

12Midnite – SALES TAX HOLIDAY

August 7th

11a – Food Truck Tuesday

August 11th

8a – Farmers Market

August 14th

11a – Food Truck Tuesday

August 16th

◆ – SCHOOL BEGINS

◆ – NAT’I AIRBORNE DAY

August 18th

8a – Farmers Market

August 21st

◆ – SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

11a – Food Truck Tuesday

August 24th

◆ – Bluegrass Festival

August 25th

7a – AYCE Breakfast

8a – Farmers Market

◆ – Bluegrass Festival

August 28th

7a – Primary Runoff Election

11a – Food Truck Tuesday

For Blanchard Library Events:
Please visit their website at
pioneer.lib.ok.us/home

left turn and thru lane; restriping of existing 5th lane section; and restriping existing intersections all on Main Street.

The contractor plans to have the project complete before August 13th.

Blanchard's Bluegrass Festival

The City's annual 2018 Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for **Friday, August 24th** and **Saturday, August 25th** in Lions Park:

- * Friday Night is Gospel Night
- * Saturday is Traditional Bluegrass
- * Food
- * Vendors
- * FREE Entry

Farmers Market



The Blanchard Farmer's Market is opened every **Saturday** from **8am to Noon**. The Market is located at US-62 and Jackson Avenue just east of Pioneer Telephone.

Produce available may include tomatoes, peppers, herbs, flowers, and ornamental bedding plants, early greens and spring onions, and farm fresh eggs.

Fight the Bite!

These insects kill more people in 1 day than sharks do in a century!

Individuals can reduce their risk of contracting mosquito-borne diseases, such as the West Nile virus, by getting rid of standing water around houses and by using insect repellent. Here is a



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simple way to remember how to "Fight the Bite" using mosquito safety. Just remember 3 D's and a P!

- **DRAIN** stagnant water;
- **DRESS** wear long sleeves and pants;
- **DEET** repel when you're outside;
- **PREVENT** reduce your exposure.

Unfortunately, there is no easy solution for managing mosquitoes. Countless products on the market claim to be effective and easy to use but few have appreciable value in lessening the annoyance and incidence of bites. Unlike most insects found around homes, mosquitoes are pervasive outdoor pests and there are limits to what can be done to minimize their abundance. Nonetheless, there are measures that can afford some relief.

Food Truck Tuesdays

FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS located at US-62 & Jackson from 11am to 2pm:



<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>
August 7 th	Waffled
August 14 th	El Kiosko Cafe
August 21 st	Mulodee's Creo

National Airborne Day

August 16th is a day designated by the [United States Congress](#) to honor the nation's airborne units of the armed forces. It was created in 2001 by President [George W. Bush](#). August 16, 1940 marked the first official Army parachute jump, validating the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind a battle line by parachute.



During World War II, airborne tactics were critical to the success of important missions, including the D-Day invasion at Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge, the invasion of Southern France, and many others. In Korea and

Vietnam, airborne soldiers played a critical combat role, as well as in later conflicts and peacekeeping operations, including Panama, Grenada, Desert Storm, Haiti, Somalia, and the Balkans. Most recently, airborne forces were vital to liberating the people of Afghanistan from the repressive and violent Taliban regime; and these soldiers continue to serve proudly around the world in the global coalition against terrorism.

The elite airborne ranks include prestigious groups such as the 82nd Airborne Division, "America's Guard of Honor," and the "Screaming Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). Paratroopers in the Army's XVIII Airborne Corps, the 75th Infantry (Ranger) Regiment and other Special Forces units conduct swift and effective operations in defense of peace and freedom.

Airborne combat continues to be driven by the bravery and daring spirit of sky soldiers. Often called into action with little notice, these forces have earned an enduring reputation for dedication, excellence, and honor. All citizens are encouraged to recognize the contributions of these courageous soldiers to our Nation and the world.

Police Blotter

JAIL ACTIVITY REPORT for July 23rd - August 2nd:

- Lavon Monlows arrested 7/26/18 on DUI charges;
- Dustin Blalock arrested 7/29/18 on Possession of CDS & Paraphernalia charges;
- Justin Beam arrested 7/29/18 on DUI charges;
- Joseph Childress arrested 8/2/18 on Assault & Battery and Assault on a Police Officer charges;

School Begins

The first day of classes for Blanchard Public Schools start **Thursday, August 16, 2018**, for High School, Middle School, Intermediate and Elementary students. PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY THRU SCHOOL ZONES AND IN AND ROUND SCHOOLS!



Senior Dining Program

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center serves a fully balanced lunch (entrees, sides, desserts, tea and coffee) for all senior citizens five (5) days a week beginning at **11:30am**.

SENIOR CITIZEN'S MENU:

(**August 6 - August 10**)

Monday - Goulash, Corn, Peas, Dessert

Tuesday - Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Rolls, Dessert

Wednesday - BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls,
Dessert

Thursday - Pinto Beans, Potatoes, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert

Friday - Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Green Beans Buns, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested to insure the continuance in meeting the nutritional needs of our elderly citizens. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal.

If you need a ride to the Center located at 101 S. Main Street, the City contracts with Delta Transit to provide bus service. Rides are available by calling 1-866-THAT-BUS.

For more information, please call the Center at (405) 485-9260.

Traffic Enforcement

Due to the heavy increase of truck traffic in and around Blanchard, the Blanchard Police Department, the Grady County Sheriff's Office, the McClain County Sheriff's Office and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol have beefed up traffic enforcement on the U.S. Highways, State Highways and the Section Line Roads in and around Blanchard.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!

2018 Election Dates

August 28th ~ Primary Runoff Election

November 6th ~ General Election

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO
VOTE! POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7am -
7pm.



2018 Sales Tax Holiday



Oklahoma's annual sales tax holiday will begin this morning at **12:01 am** and ends at **Twelve Midnight** on **Sunday, August 5, 2018**. Certain clothing and shoe purchases are exempt from sales tax for this time period only. Qualified items are exempt from state, city, county and local municipality sales taxes.

Retailers are required to participate and may not collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday.

For more information and answers to common questions on the sales tax holiday, as well as a listing of sales tax exempt items, please refer to the Oklahoma Tax Commission website at www.tax.ok.gov.