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Armed Forces Day

President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

The single day celebration stemmed for the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense. **Saturday, May 18th** will be Armed Forces Day in the United States.

AYCE Breakfast



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge No. 395, A.F. & A.M. 2018 Charity Breakfast will be **SATURDAY, MAY 18th**.

The Lodge is located at 10th (OK-76) and Main Street and serves an AYCE breakfast from **7am-11am** on the above **Saturday**. The cost is \$6.00.

Baccalaureate



The BHS Baccalaureate will be **Sunday, May 12th**. Ceremonies begin at **6 p.m.** at the Blanchard First Baptist Church.



The City of Blanchard observes Building Safety Month each May to raise awareness of the safety and fire codes that protect both the economic value and the structural integrity of the homes and buildings in the City. These modern building codes, developed by the International Code Council and adopted by the City through permitting and inspections, also include safeguards for natural disasters, such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wild fires, floods and earthquakes.

The theme for this year's campaign, "2019 Building Safety Month: No Codes, No Confidence," encourages you to recognize the importance of safe and resilient building construction and to obtain proper permits before you start a home construction project. Building permits are required because your home or business is a major investment. If your construction

project does not comply with City codes, the value of your investment is reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to make costly repairs. Also, by following code guidelines, the completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends or future owners.

Visit www.buildingsafetymonth.org for more information from the International Code Council.

Food Truck Tuesdays

are back for 2019!

May

- 14th ~ Lalos Taco Chop
- 21st ~ Saucee Sicilian
- 28th ~ The Meat Locker

June

- 4th ~ Pop's Pockets
- 11th ~ The Chosen Juan
- 18th ~ The Cheesy Grin
- 25th ~ The Meat Locker

July

- 2nd ~ Fireworks
- 9th ~ Lalos Taco Chop
- 16th ~ El Kiasco
- 23rd ~ Rockin Rotolo
- 30th ~ MOB Grill

All trucks will be located on the vacant lots at Jackson and US-62 beginning at 11:00a.m.

BON APPETITE!



Blanchard's citywide garage sale will be happening on **Friday, May 17th** and **Saturday, May 18th**. The City is putting together a map of all garage sales in the area, if you would like your garage sale listed please send us your address / dates and times to this email. cityplanner@cityofblanchard.us.

Your address will be listed as one of the featured garage sales and you can pick up the map at City Hall the week before May Daze.

Graduation



The BHS graduation will be **Monday, May 13th**. Ceremonies begin at 7 p.m. at the Blanchard H.S. Gym.

Holiday Observance

City offices will be closed **Monday, May 27th** in observance of Memorial Day. If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911.

If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391. Trash service will run as usual.

May Daze



The 25th annual May Daze Festival will be **Friday, May 17th** and **Saturday, May 18th** from 10am to 8pm. General vendor booths and non-profit booths are available. The non-profit/informational booths are available at NO charge to chamber members as part of your membership. The Chamber offers 2 hour shifts in the Chamber booth for any chamber member. Both of these are great opportunities to promote your business during the festival. Please call the Chamber office at 485.8787 for more information.

Meeting Calendar

May:

- 21st ~ Board of Adjustment
- 23rd ~ Juvenile/Code Court
- 28th ~ Traffic Court
- 28th ~ City Council
- 28th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees

Memorial Day

The custom of honoring our ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics.

After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor our military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decorations of soldier's graves were held in cities and towns thru-out the nation.

No less than 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, and for many years, states observed the holiday on different dates. However, by federal law, Memorial Day is now celebrated on the last Monday in May which will be **Monday, May 27th**.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 12th will be Mother's Day. Although the custom of setting aside a day to honor mothers has ancient roots, our observance of Mother's Day originated in 1907 with the efforts of a devoted daughter, Anna M. Jarvis of Philadelphia, who

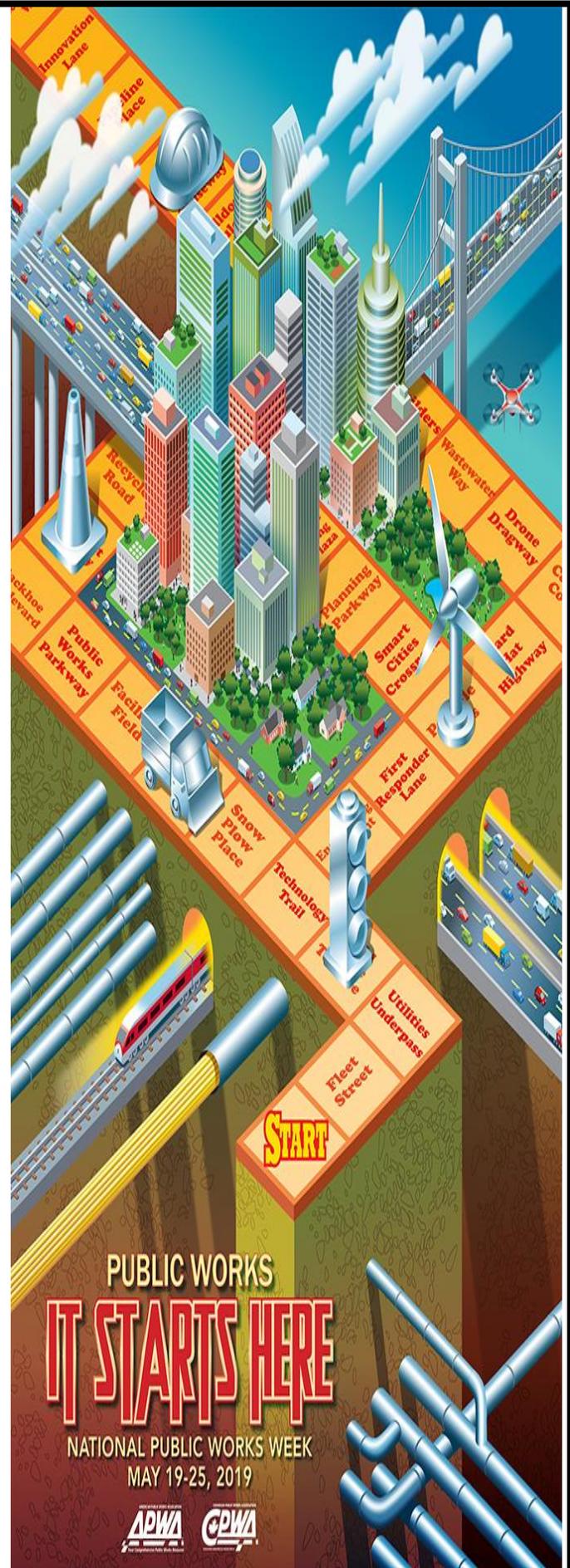
graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of

conceived the idea of an annual nationwide celebration. The public and the press quickly embraced the idea, and villages, towns, cities, and states soon began unofficial Mother's Day observances. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May Mother's Day, and within a few years, the idea gained worldwide prominence. The day is now characterized by gift giving, sending greeting cards and flowers, and giving mother a "day off" by taking the family out to eat. In the United States, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May.

National Peace Officers' Memorial Day & Police Week



National Peace Officers' Memorial Day and Police Week Sunday, May 12th—Saturday, May 18th. Each year, our Nation recognizes May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week for those who, through their courageous deeds, have either lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty. We remember and commemorate all police officers for their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, dedicated service to their communities, and their help to preserve the rights and security of all citizens.



Police Blotter

Arrests for the week of 4/29/19 to 5/6/19:

4/29/19 ~ STREETMAN, Jason arrested for Domestic Abuse in Presence of Minor;

5/3/19 ~ EDGMAN, Jessie arrested for Domestic A&B;

5/4/19 ~ WILLIAMS, Gidget arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

5/4/19 ~ FRANCIS, Brett arrested on DUI, DUI resulting in injury accident, transporting open container;

5/5/19 ~ REYES-MORENO, Juan arrested for DUI; and

5/5/19 ~ HANEY, Bobby arrested on Possession of CDS; and

5/6/19 ~ GILMORE, Robert arrested on Outstanding Warrant.

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:

(May 6 - May 10)

Monday ~ Chicken Tetrizzini, Peas, Carrots, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Cabbage Casserole, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Fruit, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Ham & Potato Casserole, Brussel Sprouts, Rolls, Fruit, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Beans, Vegetables, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ **CLOSED FRIDAY.**

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 (405) 485-9260.

Special Events

May

12th ~ Baccalaureate - 6pm

12th ~ Mother's Day

13th ~ Graduation - 7pm

14th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

15th ~ Police Officer's Memorial Day

16th ~ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

17th ~ City-wide Garage Sale

17th ~ May Daze

18th ~ AYCE Breakfast - 7am

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21st ~ Food Truck Tuesday

27th ~ Memorial Day

28th ~ Food Truck Tuesday

Walking Trail

A contract with SWH Construction has been executed to pave the Crystal Lake Walking Trail south of South Park.

The nearly three-quarters of mile track will receive a 2-inch asphalt overlay.

The City was previously awarded a \$160,000 matching grant from the

Oklahoma Department of Tourism & Recreation for the development of the trail.

The paving has been delayed for months due to weather related issues.



May is National Water Safety Month! Just in time for summer, May serves as National Water Safety Month. Drowning is the 3rd leading cause of unintentional injury deaths worldwide, with an estimated 372,000 annual drowning deaths. Drowning is also the second leading cause of unintentional injury death in children between 1 and 14 years old in the U.S.



The month of **May** 2018 has been declared Work Zone Awareness Months in Oklahoma to encourage residents to exercise attentiveness and patience on public roadways.

Construction and maintenance of our streets, highways and utility infrastructure are critical to maintaining Oklahoma's economic vitality and keeping the state "open for business."

Accidents cause unexpected work zones along Oklahoma streets and highways, which places crews and first responders in direct contact with

traffic. Preliminary 2017 statistics show 5 people were killed and 230 injured in 181 collisions in Oklahoma work zones. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) reports a total of 60 crewmembers have been killed in the line of duty, more than any other state agency; many of these fatalities and injuries were caused by inattentive driving or speeding in construction zones.

By Oklahoma law, the fines for speeding in work zones are doubled and texting while driving is prohibited. In Blanchard, the fine is \$150.

Drivers should set aside distraction, be extra courteous and give work zones their individual attention when traveling.

Please send your comments:

Mail to:

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OR

Email to:
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