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Autumnal Equinox

Fall begins **Monday, September 23rd** at **2:50 a.m. CST**. The Autumnal Equinox is defined as the point at which the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south. The celestial equator is the circle in the celestial sphere



halfway between the celestial poles. Another definition of fall is nites of below-freezing

temperatures combined with day of temperatures below 70 degrees Fahrenheit. The word equinox means "equal nite"; nite and day are the same length of time. The equinoxes are times when the Sun's apparent motion undergoes the most rapid change. Around the time of the equinoxes, variations in the position on the horizon when the Sun rises and sets can be noticed from one day to the next by alert observers.

Chamber Luncheon

The September Chamber luncheon will be **Thursday, September 19th**, at **12 Noon** and sponsored by Blanchard Drug and Gift. The luncheon will be at the Pioneer Telephone Community Room.

Citizenship Day

Formerly called Constitution Day, Citizenship Day will be observed on **Monday, September 17th**. However,



September 17th marks the anniversary of the date in 1787 when the final draft of the Constitution of the United States was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention after months of wrangling.

The framers had been arguing constantly as they met in secret, but they had leaked reports to the press indicating that all was well. The Federalists [as they were called] argued thru June and most of July and reached an agreement on July 16. After deciding to leave out a bill of rights - because everyone was worn-out and they thought there was no need for such a list - the framers completed the final draft on September 17 and made it ready for submission to the states for ratification.

Cleveland County Free Fair



The Cleveland County Free Fair will end **Sunday,**

September 8th at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds. Please visit www.ClevelandCountyFair.org for more informatio.

Constitution Day



Constitution Day and Citizenship Day is a combined event that is annually observed in the United States on September 17. This event commemorates the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States on September 17, 1787. It also recognizes all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become US citizens.

Constitution Day will be **Tuesday, September 17th**.

Election



The Blanchard Public Schools I-29 will be having a Special School Bond Election on **Tuesday, September 10th** to vote General Obligations Bonds

to finance various improvements to include a performing arts center, safe room, classroom space, and football stadium.

Farmer's Market

Blanchard Farmer's Market is open 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.

McClain County Free Fair



The McClain County Free Fair will end **Saturday, September 7th** at the McClain County Expo Center. Please visit www.McClainCountyFair.com for more information.

Meeting Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 12th ~ Planning Commission
- 17th ~ BOA
- 19th ~ Code/Juvenile Court
- 24th ~ Traffic Court
- 24th ~ City Council
- 24th ~ BMIA Board of Trustees

Mufflers on Main

The City's third annual car and truck show will be held on **Saturday, September 28th** from **10am** to **2pm**, on Main Street.

There will be entertainment for all with food vendors, games and live bands. For more



information, contact Chris Wittenbach at 485-9392 or parks@cityofblanchard.us.

Oil 'n Gas Complaints

With the increase of oil and gas drilling activities in and around Blanchard, comes an increase in complaints of trucks, noise and odor.

All drilling activities complaints are to be reported directly to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission at 580-255-0103 (Duncan Field Ofc) or 405-521-2271 (OKC).

The Oklahoma Department of Health is the official agency to investigate all noise complaints. Their number to call is 405-271-5779.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is the authorized agency to investigate all air and water quality complaints to include odor. Their complaint hot line is 1-800-522-0206.

Trucking complaints (speeding, signs, etc) are to be filed with the Blanchard Police Department at 405-485-9392.

Oil 'n Gas Permits

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported **NO** permits for oil and gas drilling were issued or that any wells were completed in the City limits of Blanchard this week.

The OCC is the only agency that issues permits for oil and gas drilling.

Oklahoma State Fair

The Great State Fair of Oklahoma is a can't-miss family event. Enjoy carnival rides, concerts, handicrafts, shopping, and their famous fair food.

The Fair begins on **Thursday, September 12th** and



runs thru **Sunday, September 22rd**.

Monday, September 16th is Military Monday; and

Wednesday, September 18th is Senior Day.

Visit <https://okstatefair.com> for more details and information.

On the Planning Commission Agenda

The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet to discuss, consider and take appropriate action at their regular meeting on Thursday, September 12th re:

✓ Lot Split application by Gary Gallant for unplatted property on NE 25th St - East of Hwy 76 for 2 proposed tracts;

✓ Proposed Planned Unit Development (PUD) application by Robert Blankenship, 7801 N Council Ave - Southwest Intersection of Hwy 76 and the H.E. Bailey Spur; current A-1, Agricultural Zoning District; proposed I-2, Heavy Industrial District w/ PUD, Planned Unit Development District;

✓ Regulations governing medical marijuana industry in regards to Planning and Zoning; and

✓ Consent Agenda.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 10th.

Ordinance No. 707

The Blanchard City Council adopted Ordinance No. 707 at the August 27th Council meeting to allow residents to operate ATVs, UTVs and Golf Carts on city streets with permits. The ordinance pertains to the use of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and golf carts on city public roads. Citizens wishing to operate ATVs or golf carts on public roads are now required to apply for and purchase an annual \$25.00 permit from the City Clerk. Citizens will

need a valid driver's license and liability insurance in order to qualify. Those under the age of eighteen (18) that possess a valid driver's license will also need a helmet. The vehicles will need to be equipped with headlights, taillights, and brakes. Operation on state highways are prohibited unless the ATV or golf cart is crossing said highway. When on public streets, operation will be allowed on the right-hand most lane unless making a left turn. No ATV or golf cart will be permitted to travel faster than twenty-five (25) mph or outside the hours of 10pm to 7am with a few exceptions. For the purposes of applicable traffic regulations, ATVs and golf carts will be treated as motor vehicles when driven on public roads. Contact Blanchard City Hall at (405) 485-9392 for more information or visit the homepage of our website at www.cityofblanchard.us for the ordinance. An application packet will be added soon to our website. The effective date will be **November 1st** when the new state law takes effects.

Police Blotter

Jail Activity Report for:

8/31 ~ NERO, Norman arrested on Outstanding Warrants;

9/01 ~ JEARY, Randall arrested on Outstanding Warrants;

9/04 ~ WEEKS, Steven arrested for DUID, Carrying Weapon while Under the Influence, Possession of Paraphernalia, DUS, Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon;

9/05 ~ McGill, Bryon arrested on Outstanding Warrants;

9/05 ~ BROWDER, Mark arrested on Possession of CDS and Paraphernalia;

9/05 ~ ESCAMILLA, Kevin arrested on Outstanding Warrants.

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:

(**September 9 - September 13**)

Monday ~ BBQ Sausage, Cabbage, Mac-N-Cheese, Cornbread, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Sausage, Gravy, Potato, Tomato, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Enchiladas, Beans, Rice, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Butter Beans, Tomato Spoon Relish, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Fish, Coleslaw, Tater Tots, Cornbread, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested. 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 call 485-9260.

Special Events

SEPTEMBER

10th ~ BLANCHARD PUBLIC SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

12th ~ GREAT STATE FAIR of OK **Begins**

17th ~ CITIZENSHIP DAY

17th ~ CONSTITUTION DAY

22nd ~ GREAT STATE FAIR of OK **Ends**

28th ~ MUFFLERS on MAIN

