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After Hours

For Public Works after-hour incidents (ie: water leaks, waterline breaks, sewer backups, sewer line breaks, lift station alarms, manhole overflowing, low-water pressure, no water, potholes, road repairs, signs missing or down, roadway flooding, debris in road, street lite out, etc.) please call 405.485.9391. The City's Central Dispatch is manned 24-7 and will contact the on-call personnel regarding the incident.

AYCE Breakfast

The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main Street will be hosting an All You Can Eat (AYCE) breakfasts from 7am - 11am tomorrow (Saturday, November 6th). 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:

Saturday, November 6th Girl Scouts

Code Enforcement

Help beautify Blanchard! It is a violation of the Municipal Code of any of the following:

- * Allow the accumulation of trash and/or debris and our junk on your property.
- * Allow tall weeds or grass (including edging along the street and sidewalk) to exceed 12-inches or higher.
- * Accumulation of inoperable and/or junk vehicles and parts on your property.
- * Parking of trailers, boats, and RVs in alleyways or in front of the building line.
- * Allowing tree limbs over hang the street with less than 8-foot clearance.
- * Failure to trim trees, grass and weeds in alleys or between sidewalk and pavement.
- * Leaving grass in the street after mowing.

Any questions, please contact Carol Mueller at City Hall.

Daylite Saving Time



FALL BACK SUNDAY, **November 7th**, when Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m.** Clocks will "fall back" one-hour.

REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO² detectors.

Employment

The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for employment for the following positions:

- Police Officer (**1-vacancies**) full-time
- Dispatcher (**2-vacancies**) full-time
- Park Laborer (**3-vacancies**) - Seasonal

An application can be downloaded or filled out on line at the City's website at <https://www.cityofblanchard.us/human-resources/files/employment-application>.

Please email to the HR Director at payroll@cityofblanchard.us or deliver to City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Holiday Closing

City offices will be closed on **Thursday, November 11th**, for the observance of

Veteran's 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 be as usual.

City Offices will reopen on Friday, November 12th.

Moment of Silence

In 2016, the President of the United States, signed the Veterans Day Moment of Silence Act. The Proclamation calls for the American people everywhere to observe a two-minute national moment of silence on Veterans Day, **November 11th** at **1:11** p.m. Central Standard Time.

A century ago, America was fighting a war to liberate Europe. However, the U.S. involvement was relatively short in time compared to other countries ... but the sacrifices were enormous. A total of 116,516 Americans paid the ultimate price. Another 200,000 were wounded.

The Armistice signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 was signed during the First World War between the Allies and Germany - also known as the Armistice of Compiegne after the location in which it was signed - and the agreement ended the fighting on the Western Front.

November Meeting Calendar

9th: City Council [6pm]

9th: BMIA Board of Trustees

16th: Traffic Court [2pm]

16th: Board of Adjustment [6pm]

November Special Events

6th ~ AYCE Breakfast (7am)

11th ~ Veterans Day (City Hall Closed)

13th ~ Veterans Day Parade (10:30am)

25th ~ Thanksgiving Day (City Hall Closed)

26th ~ Thanksgiving Day After (City Hall Closed)

26th ~ Black Friday

OCC Hearing

The hearing regarding the Wildcat Saltwater Disposal Well 1 LLC is set for **Friday, November 19th**.

The hearing begins at **8:30 am**, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Jim Thorpe Office Building, First Floor, 2101 North Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

ODOT Meeting

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is proposing improvements to the I-35 and SH-9W interchange in McClain

County. The existing interchange is a partial cloverleaf interchange with diamond ramps on the west side of I-35, a loop ramp and a diamond ramp in the southeast quadrant, and a free-flow ramp in the northeast quadrant. The purpose of the proposed improvements is to address increases in traffic volumes and localized congestion by improving the operation of the interchange. ODOT recently studied several alternatives to improve the I-35/SH-9W interchange while taking into consideration operation improvements, safety, construction cost, right-of-way requirements, and environmental constraints.

ODOT will host a public meeting at **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** on Thursday, **November 18th, 2021**, in the Goldsby Community Center at 164 East Center Road, Goldsby, OK. The purpose of the public meeting is to present four (4) interchange improvement alternatives, obtain the public's input regarding the alternatives, and also obtain information from the public to further assist ODOT in the identification of critical social, economic, and environmental effects that may result from the project. Due to ongoing concerns about COVID-19, ODOT will, in addition to hosting a public meeting, post project information and a recording of the presentation at www.odot.org/publicmeetings.

Oil 'n Gas

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission reported since **October 29th** that NO oil wells were completed or permitted within the municipal limits of the City.

Oklahoma Heritage Week



The signing of the Statehood Proclamation on November 16, 1907,

was the most significant action in the history of the State of Oklahoma. The week of November 10th through the 16th has been declared 'OKLAHOMA HERITAGE WEEK' in the State of Oklahoma.

All Oklahomans should pause during this time and reflect on our Oklahoma heritage, as well as our national heritage. Blanchard has the obligation and privilege to play an important role in the observance of this great week! So the Blanchard City Council issued a proclamation declaring the week of November 10th thru the 16th to be 'Oklahoma Heritage Week' in Blanchard and encourages all citizens, families, clubs, churches, business organizations and schools in Blanchard to give personal

attention to all special Statehood Day observances, to fly the State Flag and the National Colors, to participate in and help sponsor programs, projects, and activities emphasizing the heritage of our great State.

On the BMIA Agenda

The BMIA Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, November 9th**, to discuss, consider and take possible action including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- Resolution approving the 2022 Calendar Year Schedule of Meetings.
- Resolution approving the 2022 Calendar Year Schedule of Holidays.
- Consent Agenda.

The complete Agenda Packet can be accessed on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us/minutes-and-agendas.

The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, December 14th**.

On the Council Agenda

The City Council will meet in regular session on **Tuesday, November 9th**, to discuss, consider and take action

including, but not limited to, the approval, denial, amendment, revision or conditional approval, in whole or in part of:

- Public Hearing on Zoning Application recommended for approval by the Planning Commission to reclassify property from the S-1, Suburban District to the A-1, Agricultural District.
- Ordinance approving Zoning Reclassification from S-1 District to the A-1 District.
- Emergency Clause for Zoning Ordinance.
- Resolution accepting OMAG's recommendation to deny Tort Claim.
- Resolution approving the 2022 Calendar Year Schedule of Meetings.
- Resolution approving the 2022 Calendar Year Schedule of Holidays.
- Consent Agenda.
- Executive Session.

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Parade Marshal



Ulon Killmer was born October 21, 1924, in Brady OK. He grew up in the Blanchard area and attended Blanchard School until he left for California to be a welder

in the shipyards at age 18. He then enlisted in the Naval Seabees (127th Naval Construction Battalion) August 2, 1943, in Williamsburg, Virginia, and served 2 years, 8 mos, and 8 days, whereupon he was honorably discharged April 3, 1946.

Ulon held the ratings of AS, SF3c (CB)(W), SF2c (CB)(W). He served at Pearl Harbor after it was bombed, and later served in the Philippines, building roads, runways, ammunition dumps, etc. After the bombing in Japan, Ulon was shipped to Japan where he served in support of the occupation forces.

On February 28, 1948, Ulon married Vivian Lee Killmer in Blanchard OK. They were married 59 years before she passed in 2007. To this union were born 2 children, Janean Killmer Lamb and Steve Killmer. Ulon has 4 grandchildren: Kenna Brooks (Greg), Derek Lamb (Chandra), Christopher Killmer (Jenn), Michael Killmer (Amy); and 9 great-grandchildren: Kaylee Brooks Williams (Sam), Chloe Brooks, Cooper Brooks,

Deklyn Lamb, Emma Lamb, Vivian Killmer, Karsten Killmer, Raylee Killmer, and Madalyn Killmer.

Ulon worked as a heavy equipment operator and farmed prior to becoming a union carpenter for many years. He built houses in the Blanchard area, dormitories at OU, and numerous commercial buildings in the Oklahoma City area. He returned to farming in 1972 when he and Vivian moved to Weleetka OK. Ulon moved back to Blanchard in 2010.

Ulon volunteered with the Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief for many years, where he traveled all over the United States and to foreign countries to assist in restoring areas where disasters had occurred. He also volunteered building churches with Baptist Builders.

Ulon just celebrated his 97th birthday, October 21st.

Police Blotter

Inmate/hold roster:

- 10-29 ~ Mr. Rodriguez-Lozano, Mateo was arrested on our local 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. **MENU**

- 11/8 ~ Stroganoff, Broccoli, Fruit, Dessert.
- 11/9 ~ Loaded Potato, Salad, Rolls, Dessert.
- 11/10 ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Bread, Cake.
- 11/11 ~ **CLOSED**.
- 11/12 ~ Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, 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 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 or this week's lunch menu, please call (405) 485-9260.

Thank You!

A big 'THANK YOU' to all Blanchard service organizations, businesses and individuals and citizens that participated in the PumpkinFest on Friday nite. It was a picture perfect evening, we had approximately 5,000 people attending the annual Event.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, 12-11 ~ Christmas Parade

Tuesday, 12-21 ~ Winter Begins

Friday, 12-24 ~ Christmas Eve

Saturday, 12-25 ~ Christmas Day

Friday, 12-31 ~ New Year's Eve

Veterans Day



Originally Armistice Day, commemorating the signing of the agreement that ended World War I at 11:00am, on November 11, 1918, this federal holiday was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by Congress. At that time, it became a day to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Each year, special ceremonies are held around the nation honoring our veterans. Please consider spending some time on-line learning more about our nation's true HEROES [the American Veteran] who have served our country in time of peace and war.

Veterans Ceremony

10:00am Thursday, November 11, 2021
Blanchard Cemetery

Welcome.....Mayor Eddie Odle

Opening Prayer.....VFW Chaplain Gary Brown

Flag Honors.....Blanchard Veterans Honor Guard

National Anthem.....RaeAnn Hulse

Commander Comments.....VFW Commander

Larry Mullins

God Bless America.....Veteran Jake Brown

Rifle Salute.....Blanchard Veterans Honor Guard

Taps.....Blanchard Veterans Honor Guard

Closing Prayer.....Veteran/Pastor Greg Ray

*A special thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Blanchard VFW and American Legion

*Thank you to the Blanchard Veterans Honor Guard for Rendering Honors.

*Thank you to all the citizens that attend, God Bless You, God Bless Blanchard.

Veterans Day Parade



Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade to be held on **Saturday,**

November 13th.

The Parade Marshal will be Ulon Killmer of Blanchard.

Parade Entry Forms will be available on the City's website at <https://www.cityofblanchard.us/events/files/parade-form>.