



City News

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MEETINGS

August 21th

6p – BOA

August 23th

4p – Juvenile/Code Court

August 28th

2p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

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:

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

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

Blanchard's Best

The City of Blanchard has been ranked high in several categories in 2018 which are:

Events Calendar

August 14th

11a – Food Truck Tuesday

August 16th

◆ – SCHOOL BEGINS

◆ – NAT'L AIRBORNE DAY

August 21st

◆ – SENIOR CITIZENS DAY

11a – Food Truck Tuesday

August 24th

◆ – Bluegrass Festival

August 25th

7a – AYCE Breakfast

◆ – Bluegrass Festival

August 28th

7a – Primary Runoff Election

11a – Food Truck Tuesday

August 31st

7a – Back to School Bash

September 3rd

◆ – LABOR DAY

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


- 2nd Safest City out of 74 Oklahoma cities and towns;
- 6th richest (per residents) City out of 76 Oklahoma cities and towns;
- 9th Best Suburb around Oklahoma City to live;
- 12th Best Place to Live out of 70 Oklahoma cities and towns; and
- 19th Cheapest Place to Live out of 73 Oklahoma cities and towns;

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

Cigarette-Tobacco Tax

 collections by the Oklahoma Tax Commission on behalf of the City of Blanchard during fiscal year 2018 - 2019 are as follows:

Month	Collections	Prior Year
July 2018	\$3,134.23	9.43%
August 2018	\$1,168.19	-51.5%
September 2018	\$-0-	0.00%
October 2018	\$-0-	0.00%
November 2018	\$-0-	0.00%
December 2018	\$-0-	0.00%
January 2019	\$-0-	0.00%
February 2019	\$-0-	0.00%
March 2019	\$-0-	0.00%
April 2019	\$-0-	0.00%
May 2019	\$-0-	0.00%
June 2019	\$-0-	0.00%
TOTALS	\$4,302.42	-42.07%

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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 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:



DATE

August 14th

August 21st

VENDOR

El Kiosko Cafe

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.

Observed Holiday

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.

If you have a Police or Fire emergency, please call 911. If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485-9391 or 306.9532 for public works personnel on-call.

City offices will reopen Tuesday, **September 4th** at **8am**.
Trash service as scheduled.

Police Blotter

JAIL ACTIVITY REPORT for August 3rd - August 9th:

- Brandon Potts arrested 8/5/18 on DUI charges;
- Eric Williams arrested 8/5/18 on DUI charges.

Sales Tax Collections

The City's August Sales Tax collections are more than forty-three (43.39%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the June retail sales of \$8,089,304, but it is more than thirty-two (32.87%) percent higher than last month's collections in July:

Month	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2018	\$216,325.54	8.91%
AUGUST 2018	\$322,241.98	42.89%
September 2018	\$ -0-	0%
October 2018	\$ -0-	0%
November 2018	\$ -0-	0%
December 2018	\$ -0-	0%
January 2019	\$ -0-	0%
February 2019	\$ -0-	0%
March 2019	\$ -0-	0%
April 2019	\$ -0-	0%
May 2019	\$ -0-	0%
June 2019	\$ -0-	0%
TOTALS	\$538,567.52	26.98%

School Begins

The first day of classes for Blanchard Public Schools starts this week on **Thursday, August 16, 2018**, for all High School, Middle School, Intermediate and Elementary students.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY THRU SCHOOL ZONES!

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 13 - August 17)

Monday - Chicken Noodles, Sweet Potatoes, Peas and Carrots,
Dessert

Tuesday - Beef Enchiladas, Beans, Salad, Chips, Dessert

Wednesday - Chicken Fritters, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert

Thursday - Chili Beans, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Dessert

Friday - Chicken Salad, Copper Penny Salad, 3 Bean Salad, Crackers, 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 (405) 485-9260.

2018 Election Dates

August 28th ~ Primary Runoff Election

November 6th ~ General Election

PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7am - 7pm.



Use Tax

The August Use Tax collections are greater than the budgeted amount based on the June collections of \$2,283,615. In addition, it is more than three (3.66%) percent more than last month's collections in July:

	Collections	Prior Year Δ
July 2018	\$87,645.00	274.95%
AUGUST 2018	\$90,971.87	321.29%
September 2018	\$-0-	0%
October 2018	\$-0-	0%
November 2018	\$-0-	0%
December 2018	\$-0-	0%
January 2019	\$-0-	0%
February 2019	\$-0-	0%
March 2019	\$-0-	0%
April 2019	\$-0-	0%
May 2019	\$-0-	0%
JUNE 2019	\$-0-	0%
TOTALS	\$178,616.87	297.21%