



# City News

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## MEETINGS

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**

6p – BPS BD of ED

**November 8<sup>th</sup>**

6:30p – PLANNING COMM

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**

6p – BOA

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**

2p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

## AYCE Breakfast

The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10<sup>th</sup> (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:  
**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**                      Blanchard Takedown Club

## Ballot Questions



Voters will consider the following five (5) amendments to the Oklahoma Constitution in the upcoming General Election. These State Questions will appear on the **November 6<sup>th</sup>** Ballot. Pass them on to your friends to read. They are

as follows:

**SQ No. 793**: This measure adds a new Section 3 to Article 20 of the Oklahoma Constitution. Under the new Section, no law shall infringe on optometrists' or opticians' ability to practice within a retail mercantile establishment, discriminate against optometrists or opticians based on the location of their practice, or require external entrances for optometric offices within retail mercantile establishments. No law shall infringe on retail mercantile establishments' ability to sell prescription optical goods and services. The Section allows the Legislature to restrict optometrists from performing surgeries within retail mercantile establishments, limit the number of locations at which an

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## November 3<sup>rd</sup>

10a – TREASURERS 'n  
TUNES

## November 4<sup>th</sup>

2a – DAYLITE SAVING TIME  
ENDS

## November 6<sup>th</sup>

7a – GENERAL ELECTION  
▼ NO SCHOOL

## November 10<sup>th</sup>

10a – VETERANS DAY  
PARADE

## November 11<sup>th</sup>

▼ VETERANS DAY

## November 12<sup>th</sup>

▼ CITY HALL CLOSED

## November 19<sup>th</sup>

▼ NO SCHOOL

## November 20<sup>th</sup>

▼ NO SCHOOL

## November 21<sup>st</sup>

▼ NO SCHOOL

## November 22<sup>nd</sup>

10a – THANKSGIVING

▼ CITY HALL CLOSED

▼ NO SCHOOL

## November 23<sup>rd</sup>

▼ CITY HALL CLOSED

▼ NO SCHOOL

▼ BLACK FRIDAY

## November 26<sup>th</sup>

▼ CYBER MONDAY

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optometrist may practice, maintain optometric licensing requirements, require optometric offices to be in a separate room of a retail mercantile establishment, and impose health and safety standards. It does not prohibit optometrists and opticians from agreeing with retail mercantile establishments to limit their practice. Laws conflicting with this Section are void. The Section defines "laws," "optometrists," "optician," "optical goods and services," and "retail mercantile establishment."

**SQ No. 794:** This amendment will guarantee certain rights for crime victims. These rights would not be protected in a manner equal to the defendant's rights. The measure would also make changes to victim's rights, including:

1. Expanding the court proceedings at which a victim has the right to be heard;
2. Adding a right to reasonable protection;
3. Adding a right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay;
4. Adding a right to talk with the prosecutor; and
5. Allowing victims to refuse interview requests from the defendant's attorney without a subpoena.

This measure would instead grant these rights to crime victims and those directly harmed by the crime. Victims would no longer have a constitutional right to know the defendant's location following arrest, during prosecution, and while sentenced to confinement or probation, but would have the right to be notified of the defendant's release or escape from custody.

Under this measure, victims would have these rights in both adult and juvenile proceedings. Victims would be able to assert these rights in court, and the court would be required to act promptly.

**SQ No. 798:** This measure will add a provision to the OK Constitution to change the manner in which the Governor and Lt Governor are elected. Currently, voters cast one vote for their preferred candidate for Governor and a separate vote for this preferred candidate for Lt Governor. Under this measure, if approved, candidates for Governor and Lt Governor from the same party will run together on a single ticket and voters will cast one vote for their preferred ticket.

This measure requires the Legislature to establish procedures for the joint nomination and election of candidate for Governor

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and Lt Governor. If passed, this new election format will be used beginning in the 2026 general election cycle.

**SQ No. 800**: This measure creates a new fund called "The Oklahoma Vision Fund" in the OK Constitution. Money could be appropriated to the Fund. Beginning July 1, 2020, five (5%) percent of gross production taxes on both oil and gas would be deposited into the Fund. After that fiscal year the percentage would increase by two-tenths percentage points each year! Other monies could be deposited into the Fund if provided by law. The State Treasurer would deposit four (4%) percent of the principal amount of the Fund into the State General Revenue Fund each year. The Fund would be subject to an investment standard known as the prudent investor rule. The Fund could be invested in stocks and similar securities. Not more than five (5%) percent of the monies in the Fund could be used for payment of debt obligations issued by the State of Oklahoma, state government agencies or local government entities.

**SQ No. 801**: This measure amends Section 10 of Article 10 of the OK Constitution. It expands the uses permitted for certain ad valorem taxes levied by a school district. Currently, tax revenue is placed in a building fund. The fund is changed to allow use for operations. The operations would be those deemed necessary by a school district.

Please exercise your constitutional right to vote! **Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. More information on all State Questions can be found on the Secretary of State's website.

## *Daylite Saving Time*



**FALL BACK SUNDAY, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, when Daylight Saving Time ends at **2 a.m. CST**. Clocks will "fall back" one-hour. The credit for Daylite Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revised in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet 'The Waste of Daylight'. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War 1.

The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers [cows don't pay attention to clocks]. During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again [this time year around] to save fuel.

REMEMBER! When you change the clocks, change your batteries in your smoke and CO<sup>2</sup> detectors.

## *Election Day*



McClain County is holding a proposed G.O. Bond election on, **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**. If approved by voters, proceeds from the G.O. Bond will allow the McClain-Grady County EMS to construct a new full service building north of Blanchard on US-62 near Newcastle. It will also allocate funds to purchase a new full service ambulance for the facility. The Bond is a maximum 5-year general obligation bond for \$900,000 of which up to \$140,000 will be allocated for the purchase of the new ambulance.

ALL polling precincts will be open from **7am to 7pm**. PLEASE EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

## *Holiday Closing*

City offices are closed on **Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

Offices will reopen on **Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, at **8am**.

## *Job Opportunities*

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

- Dispatcher ~ Full-time with Benefits;

Applications are available at City Hall or on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

The City of Blanchard is an 'Equal Opportunity Employer.'

## *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 11 through 17 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! The Blanchard City Council issued a proclamation declaring the week of November 12<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Planning Commission Agenda*

The Blanchard Planning Commission will meet in regular session on Thursday, 8 November beginning at 6:30p.m. The following items will be discussed, considered and take possible action:

- ▼ PUBLIC HEARING to receive public comments on proposed Changes to the Commercial Zoning Regulations by removing "short term parking for recreational vehicles."
- ▼ RESOLUTION recommending changes to the Commercial Zoning Regulations to the City Council.
- ▼ PUBLIC HEARING to receive public comments on a Zoning Application submitted by Laurence & Sharon Mullins to rezone property from S-1, Suburban District to R-E, Residential Estates.
- ▼ RESOLUTION recommending approval or denial to the City Council regarding the Zoning Application as submitted by Laurence & Sharon Mullins.
- ▼ LOT SPLIT APPLICATION submitted by Lawrence & Sharon Mullins seeking approval or denial subject to any conditions



- outlined in Staff Report.
- ▼ **LOT SPLIT APPLICATION** submitted by Patricia Gladys Clark seeking approval or denial subject to any conditions outlined in Staff Report.
  - ▼ **PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW** regarding a proposed Planned Unit Development application submitted by Blanchard Professional Properties LLC for the SW corner of NE 10<sup>th</sup> & OK-76.
  - ▼ **DISCUSSION** regarding BMC Chapter 10 pertaining to Trailer Parks.
  - ▼ **RESOLUTION** amending the Official Zoning Map incorporating zoning changes and annexations.
  - ▼ **RESOLUTON** recommending to the City Council changing West Main Street in Oasis Ranch to North Main Street.
  - ▼ **Consent Agenda.**

## *Parade Marshal*

Dean Gallaher has been selected as the 2018 Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal. Dean is a World War II veteran. He enlisted with Merchant Marines at the age of 16 after the attack on Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941). At 17 he joined the U.S. Army Air Force and worked 2 years in communications with the Strategic Air Command at Andrews AFB. He was discharged after the war in 1946.

He and his wife (Tresa) moved to Blanchard in 2008. He has been a member of the American Legion for 26 years.

Blanchard is proud to HONOR a local resident and a WWII Veteran.

Mr. Dean Gallaher, as the 2018 Blanchard Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal.

## *Police Blotter*

Jail activity for Week of October 26<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>:

10.26.18 ~ KENDRICK, Morgan arrested for DUI;

10.26.18 ~ MORALES, Abiner arrested for DUI;

10.27.18 ~ LAMSON, Denna arrested for DUI;

10.31.18 ~ McCOMAS, MATHEW arrested on Outstanding Warrant; and

10.31.18 ~ FILES, Sarah arrested on Possession of Paraphernalia.

# *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:

(November 5 - November 9)

**Monday** - Goulash, Salad, Corn, Dessert

**Tuesday** - Ribbette, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Buns, Dessert

**Wednesday** - Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Rolls, Dessert

**Thursday** - Navy Beans, Potatoes, Spinach, Cornbread,  
Dessert

**Friday** - Loaded Potato, Ham & Cheese, Salad, Beets, Bread,  
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.

## *Thank You!*

A big 'Thank You' to all Blanchard service organizations, businesses and individuals that participated in the PumpkinFest on Main Street. Despite the rain, we had approximately 3,000 people nice turn-out.

## *Treasures 'n Tunes*

The Made in the Heartland Festival. This Event will be held tomorrow, **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**, behind Sonic Drive-in off of US-62 and 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

You will find one of a kind items just in time for the Holidays while enjoying free live music from some great Oklahoma bands!

Inflatable Carnival for the kids while you shop! \$10 Wristbands.

# 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 Day Parade



Plans are under way for the annual Blanchard Veterans Day Parade to be held on **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

The Parade Marshal will be Dean Gallaher. Parade Entry Forms will be available on the City's website at [www.cityofblanchard.us](http://www.cityofblanchard.us).

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TO

VOTE!

**Tuesday [November 6<sup>th</sup>]**  
Polls are open from **7am to 7pm.**