



City News

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MEETINGS

February 19th

6p – BOA

February 21st

4p – Juvenile/Code
Court

February 26th

2p – Traffic Court

6p – City Council

6p – BMIA

AYCE Breakfast



The Blanchard Masonic Lodge located at 10th (OK-76) and Main Street will be serving an AYCE breakfast from 7am - 11am on **Saturday, February 23rd**. The cost is only \$5 and proceeds will benefit the Dibble Band. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Census

The current census for the City of Blanchard is 8,673 residents.

The estimated population for 2020 at the Federal Census is projected to be 9,674 people.

Chamber Luncheon

The Chamber's monthly luncheon will be **Thursday, February 21th** at 12Noon to be held at the Pioneer Telephone Community Room. This month's sponsor is Legacy Bank and lunch will be catered by Mazzios. Lunch is \$5.00.

Council Filing

The filing period for Wards 1 and 2 Council seats closed as of 5:00p.m. on Wednesday, February 6th.

David Miller filed unopposed for Ward 1 seat to replace Barbara Harris on the City Council. David's term will begin 12Noon, on Monday, April 15th.

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



February 11th

* Professional Day – NO SCHOOL

February 14th

* – Valentine's Day

February 18th

* President's Day

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

Two (2) people filed for the Ward 2 seat, Michael Scalf and Lonnie Bewley.

The municipal election to select a councilman for Ward 2 will be Tuesday, April 2, 2019. The Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm.

Daylite Saving Time

When we change our clocks ... Change Smoke Detector Batteries on **March 10th** - Most of the United States begins Daylight Saving Time at **2:00** a.m. on the second Sunday in **March (10th)** and reverts to standard time on the first **Sunday** in **November**. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.



Tick Tock: Daylight Saving time isn't observed in Arizona or Hawaii. Oklahoma State Representative Kevin West (R) filed House Bill 1117, if approved, this measure would exempt Oklahoma from Daylight Saving Time.

Everbridge System

Please go to www.mcclain-co-ok.us to sign up for the McClain County Mass Notification System.

This free service is only available to residents of McClain County and allows citizens to receive general and emergency information that may affect you and your family as well as automated weather alerts specific to addresses you enter to include notices of water shut-off due to leaks, road closures, and other emergency notices from the City of Blanchard.

Since alert emails are sent as mass-mailings, your email filter may send it to your SPAM Folder. Be sure to allow emails from @everbridge.net into your email in-box.

See more at: <http://mcclain-co-ok.us/everbridge-the-new-notification-system/#sthash.FDJKUVoF.dpuf>.

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Heart Health Month



FEBRUARY is Heart Health Month! Are you at risk for diabetes? If so, you may also be at risk for heart disease. The American Heart Association says 65 percent of people with diabetes die from some form of heart disease or stroke. Do you have diabetes? Some symptoms of diabetes to look for include frequent urination, frequent hunger and thirst, blurry vision, feeling very tired, bruises and cuts that heal very slowly, unexplained weight loss, and numbness/tingling in the hands and feet. You may take the diabetes risk test at www.diabetes.org/are-you-at-risk/ by answering some basic health questions and your risk for diabetes will be calculated. For more information about diabetes prevention and education, you may contact the American Diabetes Association.

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. To lower your risk:

- Watch your weight.
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.
- Get active and eat healthy.

McClain County Election

McClain County voters will be voting on March 5, 2019, on the proposed extension of the current $\frac{1}{2}$ cent County sales tax. The $\frac{1}{2}$ cent County Tax was originally voted on and approved to begin in 2007. Again in 2011, citizens voted to extend the tax for 8 years, beginning in 2012. Below is a breakdown of how the tax extension will be divided among county entities. Citizens will have the opportunity to vote YES/NO on each of the two (2) areas: Public Safety and Essential Services:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Departments	30%
Law Enforcements	33%
County Facilities	10%
Emergency Mgmt	2%

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

4-H and Extension	7%
Senior Citizens	7%
Free Fair	4%
Economic Development	7%

Total ~ 75% of $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent

Total ~ 25% of $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent

To keep the whole $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent Active, both measures must pass!

Notice

In accordance with the requirements of Title 11 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), The City of Blanchard will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

Police Blotter

Jail Activity for Week of **January 1th** to **February 2nd**:

1/31/19 - COX, Susan arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

1/31/19 - FLOYD, Debra arrested for Possession of Paraphernalia;

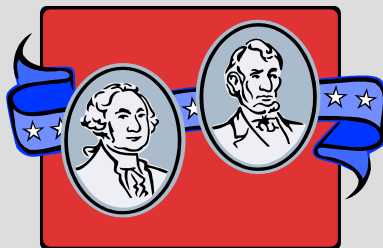
2/1/19 - ALCORN, Dalton arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

2/2/19 - BURNS, Dennis arrested for Possession of CDS & Outstanding Warrants;

2/2/19 - RODRIGUES, Bernardo arrested for DUI;

2/2/19 - CATER, Jeffery arrested for DUI.

President's Day



business.

Monday, 18th of February, will be observed as President's Day. In the United States, President's Day is always celebrated on the third Monday of February. Trash service is unaffected. City Offices are open for

Sales Tax Collections

The City's February Sales Tax collections are more than fifteen (15.92) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the December retail sales of \$6,512,960 and it is more than four (4.45%) percent less than last month's collections in January:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Prior Year Δ</i>
<i>July 2018</i>	<i>\$216,325.54</i>	<i>8.91%</i>
<i>August 2018</i>	<i>\$322,241.98</i>	<i>42.89%</i>
<i>September 2018</i>	<i>\$245,032.34</i>	<i>19.07%</i>
<i>October 2018</i>	<i>\$271,304.16</i>	<i>29.80%</i>
<i>November 2018</i>	<i>\$292,570.00</i>	<i>34.09%</i>
<i>December 2018</i>	<i>\$371,006.21</i>	<i>75.91%</i>
<i>January 2019</i>	<i>\$272,107.18</i>	<i>8.81%</i>
<i>FEBRUARY 2019</i>	<i>\$260,518.40</i>	<i>-18.23%</i>
<i>March 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>April 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>May 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>June 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>TOTALS</i>	<i>\$2,251,105.81</i>	<i>48.27%</i>

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:

(February 8 - February 15)

Monday ~ Goulash, Salad, Corn, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Pork in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Sliced Bread, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Stew, Okra, Cornbread, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Butter Beans, Potato, Beets, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Ribbette's, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, 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.

State-wide Road Conditions



For information regarding Oklahoma road conditions call 844.465.4997. For road conditions in neighboring states call:
Arkansas 800.245.1672; Colorado 303-639-1111; Kansas 866.511.5368; Missouri 888.275.6636; New Mexico 800.432.4269; and Texas 800.452.9292.

Use Tax Collections

The City's February Use Tax collections are more than one-hundred eighty-one (181.1%) percent higher than the budgeted amount based on the December sales of \$1,950,268 but it is more than thirty three (33.73%) percent higher than last month's collections in January:

<i>Month</i>	<i>Collections</i>	<i>Prior Year Δ</i>
<i>July 2018</i>	<i>\$87,645.00</i>	<i>274.95%</i>
<i>August 2018</i>	<i>\$90,971.87</i>	<i>321.29%</i>
<i>September 2018</i>	<i>\$64,442.20</i>	<i>190.08%</i>
<i>October 2018</i>	<i>\$105,751.93</i>	<i>142.90%</i>
<i>November 2018</i>	<i>\$82,534.86</i>	<i>233.18%</i>
<i>December 2018</i>	<i>\$219,878.25</i>	<i>658.56%</i>
<i>January 2019</i>	<i>\$58,332.97</i>	<i>42.02%</i>
<i>FEBRUARY 2019</i>	<i>\$78,010.70</i>	<i>-4.45%</i>
<i>March 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>April 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>May 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>June 2019</i>	<i>\$-0-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>TOTALS</i>	<i>\$787,567.78</i>	<i>283.15%</i>

Warrant Amnesty Program

The Blanchard City Council approved a one-month extension of the warrant amnesty program during the month of February. The Police Department will immediately begin enforcement of outstanding warrants for individuals who have previously received notice of the program but have not acted.