

BLANCHARD NEWS

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Alert System

Sign up for the City's NEW Emergency Alert System by going to the City's website below at

<https://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts>

Bid Notice

The City of Blanchard is now seeking sealed bids for the following project:
• Concrete Paving Repairs for various concrete streets. Bids are due Wednesday, June 10th.

The Notice and Bid Packet is located on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Budget Hearing

The Blanchard City Council and the Board of Trustees of the Blanchard Municipal Improvement Authority will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed revenues of approximately \$10,070,814 and expenditures of \$9,030,553 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021.

The Public Hearing will be conducted at a Joint Special Meeting on **Tuesday, June 9th** at 6 p.m.

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Central OK Ozone Alerts

With summer arriving, so does the threat of high ozone days in Central Oklahoma. Ozone Alert Days are called by the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) when air pollution is expected to reach unhealthy ranges. Ozone exposure is a health risk to the entire population but particularly sensitive are children, the elderly, anyone with respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses and anyone who experiences prolonged exposure.

ACOG sends out an Ozone Alert to notify the public that they should make voluntary changes to reduce their contribution to dangerous ground-level ozone. Central Oklahoma residents can receive these alerts through text or email.

Get in the #KNOWZONE is their 2020 Ozone Alert campaign. Please visit www.acogok.org to review their [Ozone Alert web page](#) which also includes helpful information.

Events Calendar

Friday ~ June 5th: JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

Saturday ~ June 6th: FREEDOM FEST

Friday ~ June 12th: MAY DAZE

Saturday ~ June 13th: MAY DAZE

Sunday ~ June 14th: MAY DAZE

Sunday ~ June 14th: FLAG DAY

Saturday ~ June 20th: SUMMER SOLSTICE

Sunday ~ June 21st: FATHER'S DAY

Tuesday ~ June 30th: ELECTION

Flag Day



People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday

include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes - one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled "The Fourteenth of June" in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand's effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day

finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President issues a proclamation each year to call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

Freedom Fest

The City of Blanchard will host the first Freedom Fest tomorrow on **Saturday, June 6th**.

May Daze Festival



The 27th annual May Daze Festival will be **Friday, June 12th, Saturday, June 13th and Sunday, June 14th**. General vendor booths

and non-profit booths are available. Please call the Chamber office at 485.8787 for more information.

Meeting Calendar

June 9th ~ Budget Hearing
June 11th ~ Planning Commission
June 16th ~ BOA
June 18th ~ Code/Juvenile Court
June 23rd ~ Traffic Court
June 23rd ~ City Council
June 23rd ~ BMIA

Oil 'n Gas Permits

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported NO permits were issued for oil and gas drilling within the City limits of Blanchard this week.

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

Police Blotter

Jail activity:

5/30 - RENERT, George arrested on Local Warrant.

5/31 - HERR, Zachary arrested on Local Warrant;

5/31 - PEREZ, Amanda arrested on Outstanding Warrant;

6/2 - PALMOUR, Daniel arrested for Possession of Dangerous Drugs;

6/2 - BARRERA, Misty arrested on Outstanding Warrants.

Senior Nutrition

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center will open their doors for lunch to senior citizens as soon as possible. Future announcement is forthcoming on such date. However, precautions will stay in place and will remain until the Pandemic is declared over and all restrictions for vulnerable populations are lifted. Even after restrictions are lifted, new policies for keeping everyone healthy will be in effect. Curbside pickup and home delivery will still be LUNCH MENU

(June 8th ~ 12th)

Monday ~ Beef Fritters, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert.

Tuesday ~ Stroganoff, Carrots, Peas, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Ham Salad, Fruit, Broccoli Soup, Sliced Bread, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Chili Beans, Salad, Corn, Crackers, Dessert.

Friday ~ 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. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal.

Please call 485-9260, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day. The Center is still delivering lunches daily.

Summer Solstice

The summer solstice heralds the beginning of summer! The timing of the summer solstice depends on when the Sun reaches its farthest point north of the equator. This occurs annually sometime between June 20 and 22, depending on the time zone. This year, the event occurs on Saturday, June 20, at 4:44 p.m. C.D.T.

The word *solstice* is from the Latin *solstitium*, from *sol* (sun) and *stitium* (to stop), reflecting the fact that the Sun appears to stop at this time (and again at the winter solstice). In temperate regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer. In the winter, just the opposite occurs: The Sun is at its southernmost point and is low in the sky. Its rays hit the Northern Hemisphere at an oblique angle, creating the feeble winter sunlight.



Cities and towns do matter! You matter!
Get involved! Support the Census!
Grady County is 54.3%;
McClain County is 57.9%; and
Blanchard is 62.7%.