

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Special City Commission Meeting, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 5:00 PM
- Gym Restoration Center Meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 4:30 PM
- Personnel Center Meeting, March 9<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 3:00 PM
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Railhouse Grill, 5:30 PM.
- Recreation Committee Meeting, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Archer Historical Society, Old Depot, Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- Budget Workshop, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 3:00 PM
- Code Enforcement Meeting, Archer City Hall, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Archer City Hall, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

# ARCHER NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011



## HELLO FROM MAYOR FRANK OGBORN

In the last newsletter I told you how your Commissioners had been working for you. I want to tell you about the other people who make up your city.

Each month I want to tell you a little something about the individuals who work for you. These are the people behind the ever pleasant voice, "Hello, City of Archer." Look forward to that starting next month.

Contractors have been picked, and work has started to complete the Community Center. It looks like it will maybe be done by the end of July. Good job, Commissioner Lopez!

The Archer Recreation Department hopes to have the Archer Recreation Center (formally known as the old fire station) ready for after-school activities by next month. Contact Carolyn Khalfani (352-281-0588) for more information. Dust off that baseball gear, and come out to the park!

Spring is around the corner, and the city is alive with color. The camellias, redbuds, and azaleas are all in bloom. I suspect the Dogwoods aren't far behind. I have already started seeing the pine pollen on my car, so get ready for allergy season!

That's all for now. I hope to see you out enjoying our beautiful city!

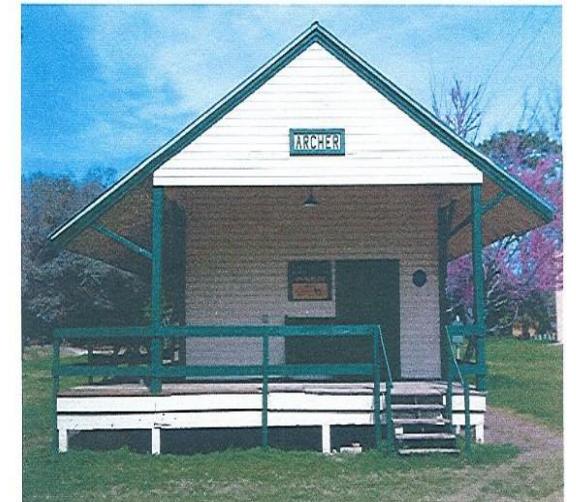
This Certificate Is Awarded To

**Brenna Braley**

In Appreciation of Her Dedicated Efforts  
at the Archer Depot Museum and to the  
Archer Historical Society

  
Frank Ogborn, Mayor of Archer

2-11-11



## BILLY BOWLEGS

Billy Bowlegs and several hundred other Seminoles lived peacefully in the Everglades for about ten years after the Second Seminole War, hunting and fishing, raising cattle, and farming, far from the nearest white settler. But the white people of Florida continued to complain that they wanted the rest of the Seminoles removed. They said they wanted to “rid Florida of this ... dangerous population.”

Florida governor Thomas Brown said that the Seminoles would be easy to conquer, since they were “only a few roving savages.” Billy Bowlegs, also known as Chief Bolechs, said that if Governor Brown tried to attack the Seminoles, “Me whip governor of Florida with long knives damn quick.”

Indian agents used small cash payments to bribe some of the Seminoles to relocate. One Indian agent, Luther Blake, took Billy Bolechs and three other Seminoles to Washington, D.C. to meet with the “great white fathers” in the U.S. government. Blake gave them expensive foods, fine wines, and a \$600 shopping spree for fancy clothes, hoping to persuade them to agree that they would relocate. The Seminoles said, “Maybe.” Then they went back to the Everglades. Luther Blake was fired.

In December 1855, a group of white men surveying part of the Everglades came across a Seminole village where Billy

Bowlegs had a garden. The men vandalized the garden, destroying banana trees, smashing the pumpkins, and uprooting the potatoes. Billy Bowlegs confronted them, demanding an apology and compensation, but they just laughed at him. Bowlegs attacked the surveyors just before dawn the next morning. Two of the eleven men were killed, and four others were wounded. The third Seminole War had begun.

William Harney, a negotiator admired by the Seminoles, was called in to settle things, but he first demanded a guarantee that “Washington won’t make a liar out of me again,” because when he had previously negotiated with the Seminoles, the government had backed down and not given the Seminoles what they were promised. Harney persuaded Bolech and his people to agree to be relocated in exchange for a large settlement for each of them. But Seminole chief Sam Jones and about 300 other Seminoles remained in the Everglades, retreating deeper into the wilderness. There were no more Seminole Wars.

*Marjorie Zander*

**ARCHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
HONORS BRENNA BRALEY**

The members of the Archer Historical Society are very grateful to Brenna Braley for all she has done and continues to do for them and for her wonderful work at the Depot Museum.

A celebration was given in her honor at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> (the day before Brenna's birthday). It was a surprise party!

Wonderful pizza was supplied by the Railhouse Grill. (If you haven't tried their pizza yet, you're missing something great!)

Thank you, Brenna!

**\*\*If you are interested in joining a Relay for Life Team (American Cancer Society), please contact City Hall.**

**GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP**

**When: Saturday, April 16, 2011**

**Where: Public Works Facilities**

**Maddox Park**

**(next to ACFR Station 27)**

**17156 SW Archer Road**

**Please have items at curbside by 8:00 AM, Saturday morning.**

**No paint, batteries, petroleum products or solvents.**

**Drop off available at Public Works, 8:00 AM-12:00 noon**

**4 tire maximum**