

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- City Commission Meeting, Monday, June 10th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Archer Trail Head Ribbon Cutting, June 15th, Archer Water Tower, 10:00 AM
- Archer Historical Society, Thursday, June 20th, Presbyterian Church, 7:00 PM
- Code Enforcement Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 25th, Archer City Hall

Check listings of other meetings, etc., at Post Office or at City Hall's front door.

# **ARCHER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2013**



## **Become a Savvy Caregiver**

**Savvy Caregiving is a six week training program designed for caregivers who assist persons with dementias and Alzheimer's. Sessions will be: Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 28, and September 5, 10 AM to noon at the Archer Community Center, 16671 DW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Archer, FL 32618.**

**The Savvy Caregiver program is a unique approach to family caregiver education. Throughout the six-week series, caregivers are urged to learn, develop, and modify strategies they can use to accomplish goals for their particular caregiving situations. Those completing this course will increase skills and knowledge for caregiving, gain confidence to set and alter caregiving goals, understand the progression of dementia, improve caregiver's self-care skills, increase opportunities for family involvement, and reduce adverse impacts of caregiving. There is no fee to attend, but class size is limited to 15!**

**REGISTER by contacting Paulie McClain at Elder Options at (352) 378-6649, ext. 157 or [mcclainp@aginginresources.org](mailto:mcclainp@aginginresources.org).**

## **ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER**



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD AN EVENT? Check out the Archer Community Center. It is the place to be when you are planning for a banquet, wedding, plays, family reunions, class reunions meetings birthday parties, workshops, retreats and all other community events.**

**Please contact City Hall for more information**

**(352) 495-2880**

**THE ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING:**

- \* Open space dance floor and stage with curtains**
- \* Concession area with double door stainless steel refrigerator, Counter top and cabinets, Convection microwave (no stove)**
- \* Heat and air conditioning**
- \* Piano**
- \* Tables and chairs**
- \* Stage with lighting and hi-tech sound system**
- \* Approximately two acres of outdoor space for other activities**

# Happy Summertime!



## GLADYS COPELAND'S STORY

*The following article is reprinted from Kilowatt, Clay Electric's newsletter.*

Gladys Copeland remembers when her husband fought for Clay Electric.

She said it was in the 1940's, and one of the investor-owned utilities wanted to come into the Archer area. But her late husband, Henry Copeland, didn't want to be served by them.

Mrs. Copeland said he insisted it would be better to have the co-op as their utility. Problem was, the co-op wasn't prepared to expand that far at the time. She recalls Henry hired an attorney and filed a lawsuit in order to have Clay serve their area. At the time, Clay's price for electricity was less than the for profit utility. She recalls that Henry felt being served by a local co-op was preferable over having electricity provided by a company that wasn't local.

"I was really proud of him," Gladys recalls of the time. "It brings back a lot of memories."

The couple's first home didn't have electricity, but their store did. She remembers that Clay's lines stopped at another family's property line on the Gainesville side of Archer.

After settling the matter legally, Gladys said Clay Electric agreed to provide the poles, wire, and electricity into the rural area, but the co-op would not make the installation. The co-op dropped off the poles one day and Henry and some local men proceeded to set them. Soon after, Clay Electric was providing the electricity to the area.

Gladys has lived in Archer for almost 69 years. Her current home's account was activated almost fifty years ago. To this day, she is glad her late husband fought to have Clay Electric serve their area. She said service has improved and outages have become fewer over the decades. So, what's her favorite part of being a member of the cooperative? Capital credits, she said without hesitation. In addition to this benefit, Gladys said she has always felt that Clay Electric was a good, caring company that takes care of the customer.

## INTERESTED IN RETURNING TO SCHOOL??

Sante Fe College is offering a workshop entitled "Navigating The College Experience."

This workshop is designed for individuals age 50+ who may be thinking about returning to college or attending college for the first time.

Workshop topics include:

- Educational opportunities and resources available to Plus 50 students at Santa Fe College
- Information on Santa Fe's degree and certificate high wage/high demand programs
- Advisement and referral assistance
- Assistance with navigating the 'new' college experience (online vs. traditional courses, applications, testing requirements)

Please call the SF Davis Center at (352) 395-5254 to reserve your seat at the workshop. This event is free and open to the public.