

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Budget Workshop, Thursday, May 3rd, Archer City Hall, 3:00 PM
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Thursday, May 10th, Rail House Grill, 5:30 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, May 14th, Archer City Hall, 6:00 PM
- Archer Historical Society, Thursday, May 17th , SFCC Davis Center, 7:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, May 21st, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Code Enforcement Meeting, Tuesday, May 22nd, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM

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Happy May Everyone,

My newsletter this month is going to be a short one.

We have been busy working on our grant for the sewer system. The next funding cycle is coming and we are letting all our legislators know we are here and ready to begin construction when the money comes in. I'm sure you have seen us walking around town talking with everyone about their septic systems. This is what we needed to tell those in charge the story of Archer and why we need a sewer system. A big thank you to all who have participated so far.

The plans for the Memorial Day celebration are really starting to come together. Our city is the last city in Alachua County to erect a monument to our veterans. Every person in America owes their freedom to those who have served. This will be a great day in the history of Archer. I hope you will attend.

The search for a new city manager is going well. We have received about a dozen resumes so far with some very qualified applicants applying for the job. They will have some big shoes to fill as Mr. Glanzer has done a great job for the city. Mr. Mayberry will fill in as a temporary manager until a selection is made.

If you have any news you would like included in the newsletter, please contact Vice Mayor Zander. Tell us about your family reunions, new baby, or when the kids come home to visit. We are all part of the Archer Family. Until next time.

Mayor Frank Ogborn
City of Archer

ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD AN EVENT? Check out the New 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**

FLORIDA HISTORY THE FLORIDA ADVENTURES OF WALLIS SIMPSON, THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR

Most people have heard of Wallis Simpson, who caused the King of England (great uncle of our current Queen Elizabeth) to give up his throne to marry her. She had divorced two previous husbands, and the Church of England did not approve of a king marrying a divorced woman. If you want to know more of her story, you could watch the movie The King's Speech, about how the king's younger brother, who had a speech impediment, had to become king and learn to make speeches.

One thing few people know is that Wallis Simpson lived for a while in Pensacola, Florida.

She was only 21 years old, and she went to Pensacola to visit a childhood friend. While there, she met a very handsome young man named Earl Spenser.

Airplanes were something new, and not many people were pilots yet. Earl Spenser was the 11th person to be issued a pilot's license. Pilots' licenses were issued by the U.S. Navy in those days because there wasn't a U.S. Air Force yet.

Earl Spenser was handsome and charming. To marry a pilot must have seemed very romantic to Wallis.

Wallis and Earl both came from wealthy families, and they had an elaborate wedding in Wallis's home town of Baltimore, Maryland.

After the wedding, they returned to Pensacola to discover that a terrible hurricane had devastated the city. It was not such a charming place to live any more. Not only that, it turned out that although Spenser was a very handsome, charming man, he was also a heavy drinker.

World War II began in 1917, and Earl Spenser prepared to go to Europe to fly. But because of his alcoholism, he was not allowed to be a pilot, and was given a job training others to be pilots instead.

Wallis was not pleased with her new husband. After being married to him for a little over a year, she divorced him and left Florida.

Her second marriage, to a Mr. Simpson, also ended in divorce.

In England, she met the Prince of Wales, heir to the throne, and they fell in love with each other. When the king died, the Prince of Wales became king. However, he loved Wallis so much, he gave up the throne so he could marry her, and his younger brother became the King of England.

What a surprise to learn that a former Florida girl married a former king!

M. Zander

