

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Zumba classes every Thursday, 6-7 PM, Archer United Methodist Church
- Special Election, Seat 3, SFCC, Davis Campus, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- Chamber of Commerce meeting, Rail House Grill, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM
- City Hall closed, Veteran's Day, Nov. 11th
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, November 14th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 15th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Archer Historical Society, Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, SFCC, Davis Campus, 6:30 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, November 28th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Codes Enforcement Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 29th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM

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## **BROADCAST OF CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS**

We have great news! We will begin the live streaming broadcast of the City Commission meetings on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The process has cleared several technological hurdles to finally realize the Commission's goal of making the governmental process available to all our citizens. In addition to the live streaming aspect you will also be able to view archived recordings if unable to view the actual broadcast. We are excited about this development and look forward to your feedback.

Keep checking back on the city website, [www.cityofarcher.com](http://www.cityofarcher.com), where we will post information on how to view the meeting. This will occur a few days prior to the meeting.

## **BOY SCOUTS IN ARCHER**



The Boy Scouts were first founded in Archer in 1941. The Boy Scouts originated in 1910, so this would make our Archer Boy Scout troop in the class of one of the oldest units in America.

To honor this milestone, they are having their annual Holiday dinner at 2:00 PM on December 11, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church in Archer. During this dinner, they will be honoring their scouts for their progress this year as well as honoring the first Female (as well as the first Venture) Award in Archer. In addition, they will be converting two units back to the Masonic Lodge so that they might regain the Unit number of 124 that was and is Archer. *John Willis*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



**We had a great Halloween Party at the Archer Community Center! There were games, face painting, refreshments, and lots of creative costumes!**

**FLORIDA HISTORY CORNER-**

## **GIVE KIDS THE WORLD**

When Henri Landwirth was twelve years old, Nazi soldiers burst into his home in Belgium and arrested his father and took him to a concentration camp. Henri was separated from his mother and his twin sister. His mother was herded with 1,000 other Jewish women onto a ship rigged to explode in the ocean. A Nazi soldier hit Henri over the head with a rifle butt and left him for dead.

He suffered in several different concentration camps, including Auschwitz. He survived a typhus epidemic and gangrene in wounds in his head and leg. Weak and injured, he nevertheless walked hundreds of miles into Czechoslovakia searching for his twin sister, Margot. A Czechoslovakian couple took him into their home and nursed him back to health. Then he walked hundreds of miles to the home of his last living relative, where he gave out a secret whistle—a way he and his twin had called each other when they were little. He heard his sister's answering whistle. They had found each other!

Of the more than 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust, Henri and Margot were two who survived against all odds.

After the war, as a young adult, Henri went to the United States. He joined the U.S. Army, then got an education with the

G.I. Bill. He worked at any job he could find. In 1954, he moved to Florida and became the manager of the Starlight Motel in Cocoa Beach. He worked hard and eventually owned several hotels in the Orlando area. In 1956, he heard about a critically ill 6-year-old girl who desperately wanted to visit Disney World, but she died before her parents were able to afford to take her there.

Henri had learned in Auschwitz that life is precious, so he contacted Disney World and Sea World. He worked with Walter Cronkite, Art Buchwald, and 87 Orlando hotels to create the organization Give Kids the World. This organization provided terminally ill children and their families with a weeklong vacation in Florida, including free air flights, free luxurious villas, free tickets to theme parks and restaurants, and visits from Disney and Sea World characters (Shamu, Micky Mouse, Cinderella, etc.). The promise Henri made was: "No child will ever be turned away." Medical help is always on hand, since the children are very ill. A street in one of the theme parks is named after any child who dies while in Florida.

Henri's childhood experience taught him that childhood is precious and no child should have to suffer any more than absolutely necessary, so he devoted his life to helping sick children and bringing some joy into their lives.

*M. Zander*