



**Strike Out Hunger**

# FOOD DRIVE

**Date:** Monday, November 8, 2010, from 7 AM to 7 PM

**Collection Site:** Citizen Field parking area at Waldo Road and 8th Avenue.

Hosting this event is

**Commissioner Rodney Long,**

who is inviting the public to join him in filling the shelves of local food pantries and *Striking Out Hunger* in Alachua County. Citizens and agency partners are urged to drop off non-perishable food donations. All donations will be collected and distributed to local non-profit food pantries.



**Please Help Make A Difference!**

# ARCHER NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2010

### THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We are moving in the right direction in this small community. I commend the current City of Archer commissioners for the work they are doing. We have accomplished so much with the help of our City Manager, John Glanzer. None of our accomplishments came easy. We established a Sewer Committee, Recreation Committee, and a Personnel Committee, utilizing our citizens for their input and recommendations to update and insure that policies and procedures are carried out.

A few weeks ago we approved a contractor to finish the Archer Community Center (old gymnasium) and should be able to open the doors in the near future. These projects required time and energy and will continue to require time and energy if we want to meet our goal. We thank each and every one who is trying to make a difference in Archer.

*Mayor Roberta Lopez*

**The Sewer Project:** The City of Archer decided to do it again. The city employed another engineer to come up with a plan for the sewer system in Archer. I have been through this cycle many times, and the commission did not vote for it. If we continue on this path, we may be forced by state/federal government to install the system. We have a very serious health and environmental issue going on in Archer with 100% of the residents on septic tanks. We do not have a good drain system in place for lack of funds to eliminate some of the problems. Highway 24 divides us, but it does not divide the problems we are facing. Please watch out for notification in the mail about the next sewer workshop coming up in Archer. Get involved! Attend our monthly meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

*Mayor Roberta Lopez*

**MEETINGS and EVENTS:**

**General Election**, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Recreation Committee Meeting**, City Hall, 7 PM,  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sewer Committee Meeting**, City Hall, 7PM, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**City Commission Meetings**, City Hall, 7 PM, November  
8th and November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Special Commission Meeting:** Baskerville-Donovan Sewer  
presentation, City Hall, 7 PM, November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Planning and Zoning Board Meeting**, City Hall, 7 PM,  
November 9th

**Veterans Day**, City Hall closed, November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Recreation Committee Meeting**, City Hall, 7 PM, November  
16<sup>th</sup>

**Archer Historical Society**, every third Thursday, Old Depot,  
6:30 PM

**Downtown Christmas Tree Lighting**, Old Depot, 6:30 PM,  
December 9<sup>th</sup> (Guest appearance by Santa Claus!)

## **VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION!**

**Join us as we honor our veterans on  
Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>,  
at Oak View Middle School**

**Breakfast 8:00 AM, Program 8:45 Am**

### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:**

\*Colonel Phil Newman, WW II Veteran, Army Air Corps

\*Mrs. Aurelia Wallace-Newman, retired Journalism and poetry teacher and sole survivor of the US Army Horse Calvary

**MUSIC PERFORMED BY THE Oak View Middle School Band.**

The colors will be presented by the Gainesville High School JROTC Color Guard

**Please RSVP with Gigi Gray by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 472-1102  
or [doughegl@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:doughegl@gm.sbac.edu)**

## **Commissioner Ogborn To Light Up The Holidays**

Commissioner Frank Ogborn has shared with us his Holiday plans, He intends to travel up to North Carolina and bring back Christmas trees to sell at his Bed and Breakfast property located at 13570 SW 173<sup>rd</sup>. Court. It is his hope to have the trees back a few days after Thanksgiving and he will operate the lot until all the trees are gone. The Osborn's are also planning on lighting up their Bed and Breakfast for the Christmas Season and he hopes that the community will come by in the evening to enjoy the lights. We hope that his holiday spirit will catch the eye of Santa Claus and prompt a visit from the Jolly Elf and bring a joyful Christmas spirit to Archer this Holiday Season.

## **NEWS FROM ARCHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**PAINTINGS DONATED:** Thanks so much to Mrs. Kaye's art class! They have donated some lovely paintings to City Hall. You can see them on the walls of the meeting chamber. The following students, all in the third grade, have donated paintings to us: Christopher Carr, Fiona McLeod, Victor Mancuso, Khary Khalfani, Regan Nattiel, Brent Schneider, Ke'niya Williams, and Karla Mejias. Next time you come to a City Commission meeting, be sure to look at these lovely pictures. We are very grateful to Mrs. Kaye and to the talented young artists.

**THE JUNIOR CITY COMMISSION:** Archer is the only city in the United States that has a Junior City Commission. The following students ran and were elected at Archer Elementary School: Mayor Ashley Oelrich, Vice Mayor D.J. Burton, and Commissioners Seay Jae Crews, Jabaria Gaffney, and Anthony Allen. They held their first meeting at City Hall at 6:00 PM, October 25<sup>th</sup>. They discussed: new

faculty members, PTA news, setting up a Suggestion Box at school, collecting Campbell Soup can labels, and sending the Safety Patrol to Washington, DC.

The Archer Newsletter would like to print articles written by Archer Elementary students. So, students, if you have any news to share, bring your articles to City Hall.



### **LOCAL EAGLE SCOUT**

Andrew Gallo has attained the highest rank in Boy Scouts! He achieved his Eagle rank on July 7<sup>th</sup>, and his Eagle Ceremony will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Andrew! We are proud of you!

## FLORIDA HISTORY CORNER

### Seminole Chief Betty Mae Tiger Jumper

After the third Seminole War, the few remaining Seminoles in Florida fled to the Everglades. Because of the way they had been mistreated, many of them had a strong hatred of white people. As recently as the 1920's, any Seminole woman who was caught having a love affair with a white man was severely beaten, and the white man was killed, along with any children resulting from the relationship.

In 1923, a Seminole member of the Snake Clan, Ada Tiger, fell in love with a white trading post owner, Abe Parton. Seminoles and whites were not allowed to marry, and they had a daughter born out of wedlock. Her name was Betty Mae. A group of angry Seminole men came to Ada's house, intending to beat Ada and kill the baby and her father. Betty's grandfather, Tom Tiger, and her great uncle, Jimmie Gopher, aimed their rifles at the angry crowd and refused to let them near the house. Jimmie Gopher fired a warning shot into the crowd, and one man was hit by the bullet. The police arrested Jimmie, but the marshal waited before taking Jimmie to jail, allowing him time to inform the men in the crowd that if the child was harmed in his absence, he would seek revenge when he got out of jail.

## "ARCHER DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING"



WITH A GUEST APPEARANCE BY SANTA  
CLAUSE!!!

DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>  
BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM  
AT THE OLD TRAIN DEPOT  
(IN FRONT OF MADDUX FOUNDRY)



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
FRANK BRABHAM  
MEMORIAL RIDE  
& CHILI COOK-OFF**



Proceeds benefit Jonesville Baptist Missions

**Saturday, November 6, 2010**

Ride will begin and end at:  
Jonesville Baptist Church  
17722 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue

**Tickets: \$12.00**

*Includes Lunch!*

**Event T-Shirts available for purchase!**

**50/50 raffle**



**Registration begins at 8:30am**

**Kickstands up at 9:30am**

Come Join Us for a Great Ride,  
an Excellent Cause & Fun Times!!!

For more information contact DJ Duke at 352.665.1205 or [chopper\\_ford66@yahoo.com](mailto:chopper_ford66@yahoo.com)

Betty Mae's mother was a midwife, and it worried Betty Mae that so many Seminole babies did not survive. She wanted to learn modern medicine to improve their survival rate, but there were no schools for Seminoles in Florida. Her Uncle Jimmie found a Seminole boarding school in Oklahoma and raised the money to send Betty Mae there. She was the first Seminole to graduate from high school. Later she was the first Seminole to graduate from medical school and the first Seminole woman to become chief of the entire Seminole Nation.

She married Moses Jumper, a World War II hero who made money wrestling alligators for the tourists. When Moses became ill, Betty Mae learned to wrestle alligators and took his place. She was a very attractive young woman, and the tourists were thrilled to see her wrestling alligators!

Betty Mae founded three tribal newspapers and was editor of the Seminole Tribune. She lectured young people about drugs and about school attendance. She was named among the top fifty Indian women in the U.S. in 1971. President Richard Nixon appointed her to the National Indian Opportunity Council. She was named "Woman of the Year" by the Jewish Women's Defense League and "Pioneer Woman" by the city of Dania. She is now a very active 87-year-old. *M. Zander*