

**CHAMBER:***Continued from page A1***Chamber celebrates Citizen of the Year**

the Year, Pastor Adam Joy, delivered the invocation and blessing before dinner, which was prepared by the Great Outdoors Restaurant.

The smell of garlic bread wafted through air along with the wonderful smells of chicken parmesan, bow tie pasta with a delectable pesto sauce and pasta alfredo. Accompanying dinner was a lovely medley of lettuces and greens in a supper salad.

A variety of desserts were created, primarily by the Woman's Club members, and consisted of cheese cakes, a multi-layer cake with chocolate drizzled over the top, Tiramisu, Cannoli and more.

Event Manager and Mayor Gloria James acted as Master of Ceremonies and kept things moving along throughout the evening.

The new Chamber Board of Directors was announced. Eyvonne Andrews will continue as Chamber President for another year. Vice President is Carol Doherty, while Gloria James will serve as Secretary, Office Manager,

Treasurer and Event Manager. Communication Manager is Dot Harvey; Membership Manager is Connie Casey; Economic Development Manager is Raymond Lee; and Past President is Tom Weller.

Three people were nominated as Citizen of the Year for 2017. They were Michael Loveday, Bob Watson and Eyvonne Andrews.

Loveday created and has expanded the monthly Music in the Park series. The person who nominated him simply said, "Michael has worked tirelessly, often at his own expense, to ensure quality music is alive and well in High Springs."

Watson's nomination letter was much longer, highlighting his work to help people learn about eco-green living on a shoe string by reusing items they already have on hand. He has taught classes on the topic and currently is a Santa Fe College instructor in High Springs teaching another eco-green-related class.

"He is an Air Force veteran who has organized

various veteran, memorial and 9/11 events..." said the person who nominated Watson. The letter goes on to say, "When Bob was president of the High Springs Historical Museum, he worked with the Florida Humanities Council to bring the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit to our town." That got a round of applause from the dinner guests.

Andrews received two nominations. One highlighted the countless ways in which she has served the author of the letter, as well as others in the community. The nominator stressed Andrews' ability to organize and that she finds time to help people with funeral arrangements while also conducting a food drive for Christmas distribution.

The second nomination letter pointed to Andrews as a great role model and mentor for the young women in the community. The letter goes on to say that Andrews "helps the sick and shut in, bringing them food, taking them to the doctor and picking up their medications." She is a

very active church member, "where she loves singing in her choir, heading up programs and most of all, being the president of her women's missionary, making sure they are helping in the community."

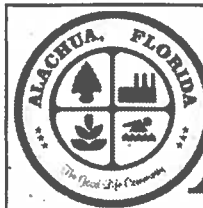
"Eyvonne does so many things behind the scenes that people don't see...and she is constantly smiling and laughing, and that means a lot," the nomination letter said. "...She doesn't look for recognition for the things she does, she just does it from her heart. This is the kind of person all of us should strive to be."

After reading the nomination letters to the audience, James announced the winner of Citizen of the Year was Eyvonne Andrews. She presented Andrews with a bouquet of flowers for the occasion.

Although the room was available for dancing and chatting until 10 p.m., the crowd cleared out after all of the door prizes, raffles and speeches were done.

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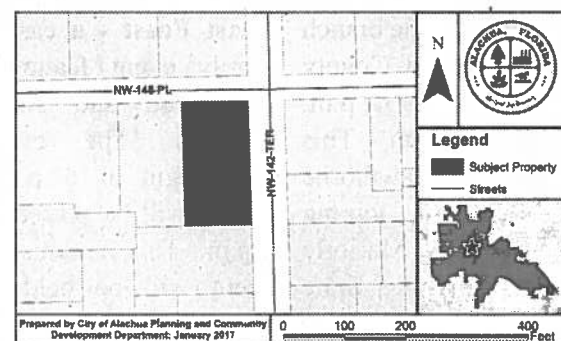
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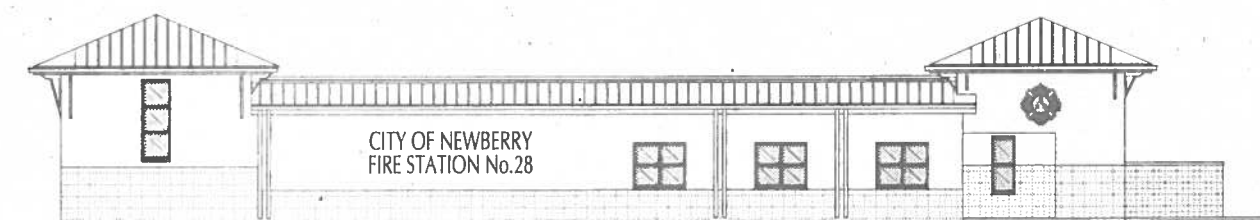
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Board of the City of Alachua will hold a public hearing on February 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers in City Hall, located at 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida, to consider the following: a request by Derek Hickman of Hickman Metal Roofing, applicant and agent for Patricia Utter, property owner, for the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the following alterations to an existing structure: replace existing shingle roof with metal roof. The subject property is located at 14806 NW 142nd Terrace; Tax Parcel Number 03640-001-000; FLUM: Medium Density Residential; Zoning: RSF-3 (Residential Single Family - 3).



At the public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the application. Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Planning and Community Development Department, 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida, on any regular business day between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Written comments on the application may be sent to the following address: City of Alachua, Planning and Community Development, P.O. Box 9, Alachua, FL 32616. Notice is given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, that, in order to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, you may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk at (386) 418-6100 x 101 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

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**NEWBERRY:***Continued from page A1***Firefighters pitching in to help**

Rendering special to Alachua County Today

The rendering above depicts the City of Newberry Fire Station after renovations are made to expand the living quarters and add an ambulance bay. The total cost of the upgrades is expected to top out around \$562K.

labor, supervision, management and overhead.

"We're looking at a total length of time

and also said that the city has planned to rent a trailer if firefighters are unable to clean in the living quarters

themselves and moving equipment around for the construction. Parker recommended

It was unanimously approved.

A groundbreaking ceremony has not yet been