

TRIAL

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the exercise, students also learn the practical application of writing.

“To get into a courtroom, you need to draft a paper or a brief,” O'Donnell said. “Writing isn't something you just do to get a grade.”

For students, it was an opportunity to test their legal skills in a full courtroom setting. A bailiff was on hand, along with a five-member jury that included local practicing attorneys, judges and professors.

Anna Dincher, a sophomore pre-law student who served as both a cross examination defense attorney and defense expert witness during the proceedings, had done a prior mock trial with the class at UF's law school.

“It was intimidating,” Dincher said. “And we get here and there's a jury box and all of these seats and (O'Donnell) is up there in the judge's seat. So I think the fact that I had seen it before, at least in a way, in a school courtroom, it was a little less intimidating.”

There were pretrial motions, some of which O'Donnell granted. Of note, O'Donnell granted a defense motion that struck the passage in which Jekyll drank the elixir the second time, turning into Hyde, ruling it hearsay.

Still, the defense had a tough case, based on the evidence within the book. From the bench, O'Donnell would occasionally challenge students from both the prosecution and defense. The defense tried to make the case that

because of a salt imbalance in the elixir, Jekyll was unaware that he was going to act on the impulse of murder the second time he drank it. They played up Jekyll's character as a scientist who wanted to do good for mankind.

The prosecution countered that Jekyll was aware of the evil he was capable of as Hyde based on the fact he assaulted a girl the first time he transformed into the alter ego.

It took the jurors less than 10 minutes to deliberate and come up with a verdict. Jekyll was found not guilty of first-degree murder, but guilty of second-degree charges. Jekyll also was found guilty of gross negligence, but not guilty in the wrongful death suit.

For Dincher, who spent 10 to 15 hours outside class working on the case, the verdict was satisfactory.

“It's spread pretty even and as a class we're all friends,” Dincher said. “So as a class, it's nice for it to end up with two wins and two losses on each side.”

Dincher said she's still not sure yet whether she wants to pursue law school. Her mother, Randi Dincher, is an attorney with the State Attorney's Office in Tallahassee. But she said the experience helped hone her writing skills.

“What I've gotten much better at is the writing part, translating your arguments into words,” Dincher said. “We don't just write a legal brief and turn it in. We write an outline, then we write a rough draft, then we write the brief, we all edit together, it's a lot of work but it made me realize these steps are important if I do become a lawyer.”

SPRINGS

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in part at Silver Springs.

Marc Spencer is this year's re-enactment organizer and will lead a group of divers from 16 states and Canada in choreographed fight scenes pulled from the show scripts.

“Sea Hunt” ran from 1958 to 1961 and starred Lloyd Bridges as a former U.S. Navy frogman who freelances on difficult and often dangerous assignments.

“We re-create themes from the TV show and use show-specific equipment,” Spencer said.

The divers in the

re-enactments are highly trained and do not use any modern equipment.

“The whole idea is to use historically accurate equipment. We don't have pressure gauges, buoyancy compensators or backup regulators,” Spencer said. “We have simple harnesses on our tanks and our wet suits are the slick-skin type.”

The performances include knife fights, an anaconda attack, spear-gun battles and other action, all visible from one of the park's glass-bottom boats.

“It really great. We get to re-enact these scene in the same basin where the original was shot,” Spencer said.

The Sea Hunt Forever performance returns after

a year off and takes about seven months to plan.

“We always have people come up to us and tell us how they grew up watching the show or the reruns. There's a real sense of nostalgia,” he said.

The event also will focus on water quality issues that affect the springs and drinking water in general. Interactive displays will illustrate how people can impact water issues through conserving, using fertilizer wisely and disposing of yard waste properly.

According to information provided by organizers, the festival will feature Florida blues and folk music on three stages, with Ben Prestage, Willie Green and

the Willie Green Band, JW Gilmore and the Blues Authority, Chuck Hardwicke and the Hart Line, and more. There will be games and food trucks at the Mansion stage and event field.

New to the festival will be the Florida SpringsFest Kid Zone inside the Paradise Ballroom, with live music performances, mermaid tail photo opportunities, puppet shows, a student art show, craft making and a hands-on watershed model program.

Glass-bottom boat tours are half-price during the event.

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ROUNDUP

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me to bring the business back and that's how Darby's has got to where it is today,” Darby said.

The restaurant will serve affordable, hearty breakfasts, barbecue chicken, burgers, and wings, all to-go from its walk-up kitchen, said operational manager Meredith Fisher.

Darby added she will always have a dessert for her customers.

Darby said she has a passion for baking and desserts, and depending on the day, will include pound cake (inspired by a recipe she got from Fisher's mother, Leal), sweet potato pie, banana pudding, peach cobbler, red velvet cake, key lime pie, apple pie and brownies.

Fisher and Darby have a long history of baking, they said. They have traded family recipes that inspire the food at Darby's restaurant.

“We started from the bottom,” Fisher said. “It was a dream and we saw the opportunity to accommodate our dream and without too much overhead. We baked privately, saw the building and said ‘go for it.’”

The restaurant will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It's just a short walk from Depot Park.

Naga Tea

A bubble tea shop opened in downtown Gainesville last month.

Naga Tea, which has locations in Tampa and Jacksonville, opened at 21 SW Second St. on Jan. 9, in the former FishHawk Spirits spot, across the street from Volta Coffee,

said part-owner and manager Spencer Yang.

Yang chose to open Naga Tea in Gainesville, he said, because of a lack of bubble tea options in downtown.

“We thought there were restaurants and bars here but no boba tea, so we decided to open one here,” Yang said.

Naga Tea's menu includes several types of herbal-brewed teas, including Jasmine Green and Lavender Dream.

Naga's milk teas, like its coffee, honey and chocolate milk teas are a hit, and it also serves lattes and Thai tea, among other Taiwanese tea-based drinks, and fruit teas.

Bubble tea is known for its toppings, such as boba or jellies. Naga Tea offers those toppings, along with Oreos, red beans, chia seeds, and even ice cream.

“People enjoy it,” Yang said.

Prices range from \$3.50 for its standard teas, and go up to \$5.50 for its specialty Cookies and Cream drink.

Naga Tea's space downtown sits about 25 people and is open from noon to 11 p.m. every day.

Hooters

The old Square One location at 3105 SW 34th St. has been transformed into a Hooters and the restaurant chain will open again in Gainesville soon.

Janet Kearns, Hooters director of franchise compliance, said the 34th location is scheduled to open March 25.

The 34th Street Hooters will be the chain's third attempt at a successful Gainesville location.

Hooters once had locations in downtown and next door to Square 1 in World of Beer's current spot, but both closed.

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DeSantis, however, has assembled an administration with former powerful lawmakers in key posts that could help some of his policy priorities.

Former House Speaker Richard Corcoran, who now serves as education commissioner, will advocate for the governor's education agenda, which includes a \$422 million teacher-bonus package, changes to a state scholarship program for bullied students and creating a new voucher program that would allow low-income students to use taxpayer-funded scholarships to go to private schools.

Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, a former high-ranking lawmaker, also will be a powerful voice in the administration, and DeSantis has appointed former Rep. Halsey Beshears to run the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and former Rep. Jared Moskowitz to head the Division of Emergency Management.

“Certainly, hiring Speaker Corcoran and Rep. Moskowitz will help,” said state Rep. Randy Fine, R-Palm Bay. “They are very strong leaders and know how to lay down the groundwork, and those two know all of us.”

It is also important to note that state lawmakers are enthused to see DeSantis have a good rapport with them, something that some say was not the case with his Republican predecessor, Rick Scott.

“DeSantis seems to value legislators and our input more than his predecessor. ... There's just a general good faith and good will,” Galvano said.

Fine, who is the House's top higher-education budget writer, said DeSantis is “down to earth,” “very open” and

“very communicative.”

“I couldn't be happier,” Fine said. “I have a relationship with him that I did not have with Gov. Scott. It's more of a partnership with him.”

Galvano, however, said the Legislature will not simply partner with DeSantis.

“What the governor does is not going to be rubber-stamped here in the Senate, and vice versa,” Galvano said. “It is a check and balance.”

So far, DeSantis has been able to make unilateral decisions and has encountered few hurdles in getting things done, Stipanovich said.

“He has yet to face a situation where he needs the cooperation of those he does not control,” Stipanovich told the News Service.

Democratic lawmakers, who have long struggled to get things done in the Republican-controlled Legislature, see promise in some of the governor's proposals.

“Seeing Gov. DeSantis set the standard that we are going to stop sweeping trust funds is really promising,” state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, told the News Service, referring to a longstanding practice of lawmakers taking money out of dedicated trust funds to pay for other budget priorities.

State Rep. Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach, said things have improved since DeSantis replaced Scott. But he said he expects “the facade will crumble as session progresses.”

“It's not that hard to raise the bar when your predecessor left it on the ground,” Jenne told the News Service.

Democrats have criticized DeSantis' proposals to expand school vouchers. Also, Jenne said he is concerned about two measures DeSantis has backed: a ban on so-called sanctuary cities and a ban on the oil- and gas-drilling process known as fracking.

“I fully expect Gov.

DeSantis to pursue xenophobic legislation regarding immigration and push for the fake fracking ban that will actually allow it to occur. Those

two issues are the tip of the iceberg,” Jenne said.

DeSantis has also vowed to sign into law issues such as abortion restrictions and a statewide mandate

to use E-Verify, a system for employers to verify whether people are eligible to work in the U.S.

Those issues have been filed for consideration this

session, and a “sanctuary cities” ban, sponsored by Sen. Joe Gruters, the chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, has started moving forward.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA

Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Alachua will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance. The hearing will be held on March 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers in City Hall, located at 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida.

The ordinance title is as follows:

ORDINANCE 19-22

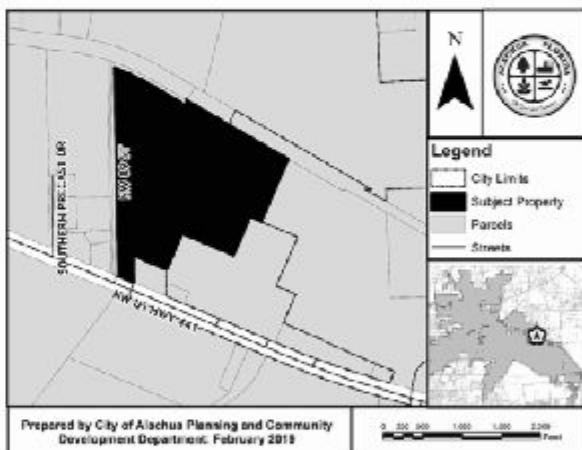
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS (“LDRS”); AMENDING SUBPART B OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA CODE OF ORDINANCES, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 2.1.1(B) AND TABLE 2.1-1, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW STRUCTURE; AMENDING SECTION 2.1.3(C), RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD; AMENDING SECTION 2.1.6(A) (2), RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LDR ADMINISTRATOR; AMENDING SECTION 2.4.6, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS; AMENDING SECTION 3.7.2(A)(5), RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS; AND AMENDING SECTION 10.2, DEFINITION OF “CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS”; CREATING THE CITY OF ALACHUA CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPROVAL MATRIX; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Notice is hereby given that the Planning & Zoning Board of the City of Alachua will hold a public hearing on March 12, 2019 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 Clay Sweger, AICP, LEED AP, of eda engineers-surveyors-planners, inc., applicant and agent, for The Laser Investment Group, LLC, property owner, for consideration of a Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment (LSCPA) to the City of Alachua Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to amend the FLUM from Rural Employment Center (Alachua County designation) (±26.98 acre), Commercial (±10.00 acre), and Industrial (±45.42 acre) to Corporate Park on a ±82.40 acre portion of the subject property. The subject property is located at 13025 NW US Highway 441; consisting of Tax Parcel Numbers 05962-002-000, 05855-005-000 and a portion of 05855-004-000; Existing Zoning: MP (Alachua County designation), ILW, CI.



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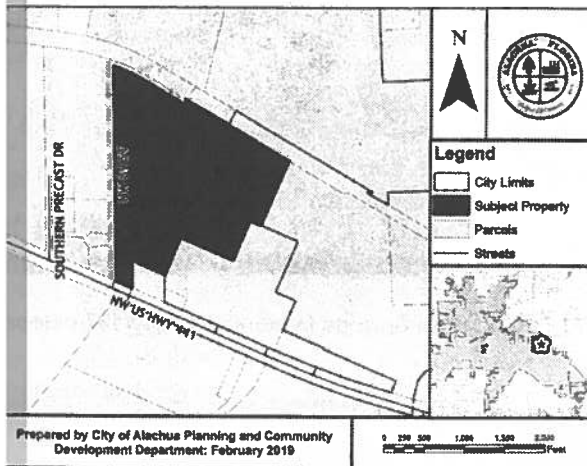
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Notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Alachua will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance. The hearing will be held on April 8, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the James A. Lewis Commission Chambers in City Hall, located at 15100 NW 142nd Terrace, Alachua, Florida.

The ordinance title is as follows:

ORDINANCE 19-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF ALACHUA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP CLASSIFICATION OF A ±82.40 ACRE PROPERTY FROM COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RURAL EMPLOYMENT CENTER (ALACHUA COUNTY) TO CORPORATE PARK; LOCATED IN THE 13000 BLOCK OF NW US HIGHWAY 441; TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 05962-002-000, 05855-005-000 AND A PORTION OF 05855-004-000; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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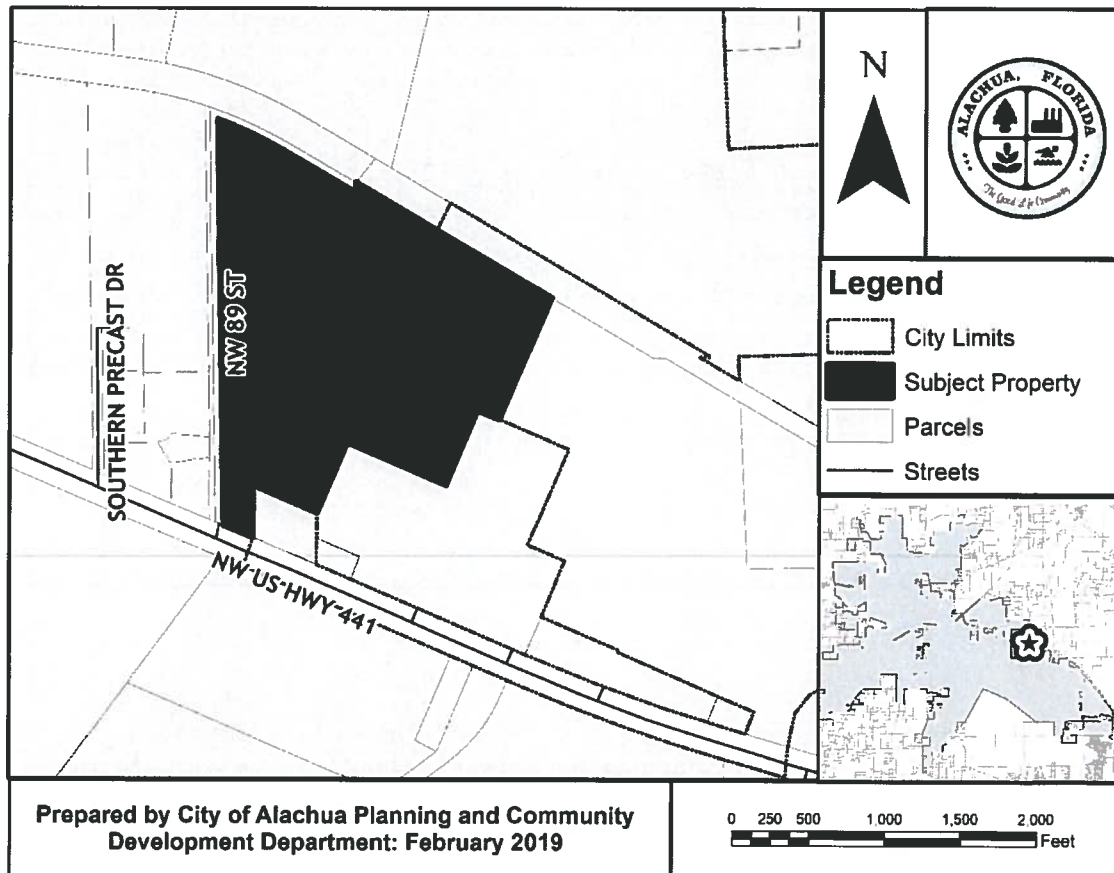
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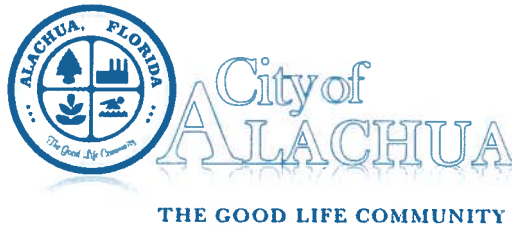
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