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Tara Forest sues City of Alachua over delays, public records

STAFF REPORT
Alachua County Today

ALACHUA – A developer that says it has waited more than four years for a hearing before the Alachua City Commission has filed two lawsuits against the City of Alachua in less than three weeks.

The first, filed Sept. 12 in Alachua County Circuit Court, claims the City has illegally withheld public records. The second, filed Sept. 30, asks a judge to order the City to hold a hearing on the developer's long-pending application and seeks money damages.

Tara Forest, LLC (Tara Forest) and its principal, Sayed Moukhtara, brought the records case. Tara Forest filed the second case on its own and also named the City's planning director as a defendant.

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Winn-Dixie opens renovated Alachua store as High Springs location closes



Photo special to *Alachua County Today*

Store employees and Winn-Dixie representatives gather in the produce department to celebrate the opening of the new Alachua Winn-Dixie Saturday at 15560 NW U.S. Highway 441.

STAFF REPORT
Alachua County Today

ALACHUA – Winn-Dixie opened its new Alachua store early Saturday morning, Oct. 3, at 15560 NW U.S. Highway 441, Suite 200.

The full-service grocery store occupies an entirely renovated space and opened with all-new stock on its shelves.

The opening comes as the Winn-Dixie location in High Springs sells off old stock before shuttering completely. That store is slated to become an Aldi grocery store after it

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Coach Corey Dawson remembered for devotion to area youth

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ALACHUA – For Corey Dawson, supporting young athletes often meant far more than coaching a game.

It meant arriving early and staying late. It meant working behind the concession stand to help raise money for scholarships and equipment, talking with children and parents when they needed someone to listen, helping at practices and offering his time at nonprofit board meetings.

Dawson, a familiar figure in youth sports in the Alachua and High Springs communities, died last week, leaving behind a legacy built through years of volunteering, coaching and supporting young people.

The City of Alachua Recreation & Culture Department remembered Dawson as a husband, father, son, involved parent, volunteer and coach

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Photo special to *Alachua County Today*

Corey Dawson stands among young athletes during one of the many youth sports activities in which he was involved. Dawson, who died last week, was a longtime volunteer, coach and supporter of youth recreation.

Country music stars rally behind Gentle Carousel fundraiser



Photo courtesy of Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses

Wynonna Judd, shown with a Gentle Carousel therapy horse, signed a guitar for the High Springs nonprofit's Oct. 10 charity auction.

STAFF REPORT
Alachua County Today

HIGH SPRINGS – Some of country music's biggest names are lending their support to a High Springs-based nonprofit known for bringing miniature therapy horses to children, veterans and others facing difficult circumstances.

Garth Brooks, Wynonna Judd, Lainey Wilson, Vince Gill and Emmylou Harris are among the artists

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Three convicted in 2017 Hawthorne murder

By C.M. WALKER
Today Reporter

GAINESVILLE — Nearly nine years after 23-year-old Hawthorne resident Christin Cassels was shot and killed, a jury has found three men guilty in connection with her death, concluding a weeklong trial and a yearslong investigation that eventually turned to cell phone and geofencing data.

Nikenson Perin, 38, was found guilty of first-

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Lake City man charged in Alachua storage unit burglary

By C.M. WALKER
Today Reporter

ALACHUA – A 27-year-old Lake City man has been arrested after investigators say surveillance cameras and license plate readers tracked a pickup truck carrying more than $1,800 in property stolen from an Alachua storage unit.

Corey Parlow has been charged with burglary of an

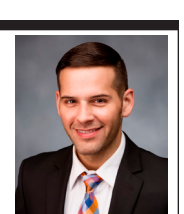
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Jesse says, "Just spent 45 minutes on the treadmill. Tomorrow my goal is to turn it on."

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Music legends lend support to Gentle Carousel

supporting a fundraising gala and Legendary Nashville Songwriters concert benefiting Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses.

The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 395 S.W. 80th St., Ocala. Doors open at 6 p.m. for drinks and appetizers.

The evening will feature Nashville singer-songwriters Billy Montana, Brent Maher and Leslie Satcher, whose songs have been recorded by some of country music's best-known performers.

The fundraiser will help Gentle Carousel continue its work with miniature therapy horses. For 30 years, the nonprofit has provided visits at children's and veterans hospitals, hospice and rehabilitation programs, disaster areas and other locations where people are in need. The organization says it has never charged for a therapy horse visit.

Adding star power to the fundraiser is Brooks, who is donating a Takamine GD20 NS acoustic guitar for the charity auction. According to Gentle Carousel, Brooks will autograph and personalize the guitar for the winning bidder after the auction, and it will then be sent directly to the recipient.

Brooks has played Takamine guitars since the beginning of his professional career. He is the only seven-time winner of the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year award and one of the best-selling recording artists in U.S. history.

His connection to Saturday's concert extends to the stage through Montana, who wrote Brooks' No. 1 hit "More Than a Memory." Released in 2007, the song became the first in the history of Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart to debut at No. 1.

Montana's songwriting credits also include "Bring on the Rain," recorded by Jo Dee Messina with Tim McGraw; "Suds in the Bucket," recorded by Sara Evans; and "Hard to Love," recorded by Lee Brice. His songs have been recorded by artists including Blake Shelton, Kenny Chesney, Martina McBride, Jason Aldean, Vince Gill and Emmylou Harris.

Joining Montana will be seven-time Grammy Award winner Brent Maher, whose career has included work as a producer, engineer and songwriter.

Maher produced all 10 of The Judds' records and wrote or co-wrote a number of the duo's hits. His work includes "Why Not Me," which received Song of the Year honors from the Academy of Country Music, as well as "Girls Night Out," "Rockin' with the Rhythm of the Rain," "I Know Where I'm Going" and "Let Me Tell You About Love."

His career has also included work with artists ranging from Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson to Elvis Presley, Tina Turner, Ray Charles, Kenny Rogers and Olivia Newton-John.

Satcher brings another extensive Nashville songwriting catalog to the concert. Her songs have been recorded by George Strait, Reba McEntire, Willie Nelson, Vince Gill, Martina McBride, Blake Shelton, Trisha Yearwood and other artists.

Among her best-known compositions is "Troubadour," recorded by Strait. Her credits also include "When God-Fearin' Women Get the Blues," recorded by McBride, and "Politically Uncorrect," recorded by Gretchen Wilson and Merle Haggard.

The stars supporting the fundraiser extend beyond those performing on stage.

Wynonna Judd has signed another guitar for the Gentle Carousel auction. Judd, who first rose to fame as one-half of The Judds, has sold millions of albums and earned five Grammy Awards during her career. She is a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

A third guitar carries the signatures of Wilson, Gill and Harris.

Gill is a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole Opry and has won 22 Grammy Awards. He also has been a member of the Eagles and hosted the CMA Awards for 12 consecutive years.

Wilson, a Grammy-winning artist and Grand Ole Opry member, has received both CMA and Academy of Country Music Entertainer of the Year honors. She also appeared in the television series "Yellowstone."

Harris has won 14 Grammy Awards and received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. She is also a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

For Gentle Carousel, the celebrity support is ultimately intended to help sustain a mission carried out far from concert stages.

The organization's miniature horses have worked with people during some of their most vulnerable moments. The horses have visited hospitals, hospice patients and veterans and have been deployed following disasters and traumatic events.

Gentle Carousel has also attracted celebrity supporters over the years. One of the photographs provided by the organization shows Judd with one of Gentle Carousel's miniature therapy horses during an earlier encounter.

Proceeds from the Oct. 10 gala, concert and auction will help the nonprofit continue providing its therapy horse services into the coming year.

Tickets and additional information are available by calling 352-226-9009 or emailing minihorsetherapy@att.net.

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Alachua man charged with aggravated animal cruelty

By C.M. WALKER
Today Reporter

ALACHUA – An Alachua man has been charged with aggravated animal cruelty after authorities found his dog tethered outside with a severe neck wound that later required surgery, according to an Alachua County Sheriff's Office arrest report.

Freddie Kelly, 57, was released on $5,000 bail following his arrest. Judge Mitchell Bishop ordered Kelly to have no contact with animals while the case is pending.

The investigation began June 25, when an Alachua County sheriff's deputy responded to the 14100 block of Northwest 167th Place at the request of Animal Control officers who had found a dog in distress.

The Labrador retriever mix, named Big Boy, was tethered to a wire line by a heavy metal chain and collar. Authorities later determined the chain weighed more than 10 pounds.

As the deputy approached the dog, he reported noticing an "odor of decay." Big Boy was thin, with prominent bones, and had what the deputy described as a "large, gaping wound" on his neck.

Because officers could not confidently determine the dog's owner at the scene, Animal Control seized Big Boy and transported him to Alachua County Animal Resources for treatment.

A shelter veterinarian subsequently described the neck injury as "a large ruptured mass with foul odor, maggots present in the tissue on the right side of the neck." The mass, which was reported to be about the size of a softball, was surgically removed. Big Boy also had a severe flea infestation, according to the report.

Investigators later identified Kelly as the dog's owner. According to the arrest report, Kelly said he had owned Big Boy since the dog was a puppy and had continued feeding him. Kelly surrendered the dog to the county.

After being advised of his Miranda rights, Kelly reportedly acknowledged that Big Boy had been tethered with a heavy chain. He told investigators he had attempted to treat the dog's neck himself by opening the affected area and applying hydrogen peroxide.

The deputy also reported that Kelly had received a written warning in 2021 for tethering a dog with a heavy chain. The description of the dog involved in that incident matched Big Boy, according to the report.

Big Boy's health continued to decline despite treatment, and he was humanely euthanized July 1.

Kelly was subsequently charged with aggravated animal cruelty.

The charge is an accusation, and Kelly is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

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Community Corner

Meetings & Events in the Heartlands

Community Calendar event submissions

Want to place your upcoming event(s) in our weekly Community Calendar?
Email your events to: editor@alachuatoday.com
Include basic details such as who, what, where and when.
Deadline for submission is Monday at 2 p.m.

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■ **Oct. 9: Gun Talk & Coffee** with Michelle Pickett from 8:30 – 10 a.m. at Two Sisters Coffee Co., 25250 W. Newberry Road. This is a casual event to talk about and answer questions regarding firearms, training and gear. Whether you're completely new to firearms, interested in personal protection and safety training, or just curious and looking to learn, this event is all about open conversation in a relaxed environment. No pressure, no classroom setup - just great coffee, good company and honest answers to any questions you've been wanting to ask. Just show up if you're interested.

■ **Oct. 9-10: Newberry Lions Club Roaring Retro Market –** This event will take place at the Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center on Newberry Road. Oct. 9 hours are 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Oct. 10 hours are 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Get ready for an unforgettable weekend of shopping, food, and fun—all for an incredible cause! This year's Retro Market proudly benefits the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind in St. Augustine. Representatives from the school will be on site to answer questions, share information about their incredible mission, provide video tours and accept additional donations for those who wish to give. If you come you will find amazing vendors featuring handmade crafts, antiques, collectibles, boutique items and great food.

■ **Oct. 10: Leashes & Lattes at Central Bark –** This event is by the City of Newberry Government and Two Sisters Coffee Co. 347 N.W. 258th Terrace. Join in every 2nd Saturday of the month for Leashes & Lattes! Pick up a nice cup of joe at the Two Sisters Coffee Co. table, bring your best four-legged friend and enjoy community time in the nice fall breeze!

■ **Oct. 10: Fall Plant Swap and Community Market –** This event will take place at Two Sisters Coffee Co., 25250 W. Newberry Road. Come spend a beautiful fall morning at Two Sisters Coffee Co. for a day all about plants, community, creativity, and of course… coffee! Bring the whole family and browse the lineup of local vendors, shop handmade goods and goodies, swap or discover new plants and let the kids get creative with fun, hands-on crafts!

■ **Oct. 10: Greenfield Annual Fall Festival –** This event is by Greenfield Preschool at Easton-Newberry Sports Complex. This event will run from 5 – 9 p.m. All are invited to join in for some free family fall fun. Mark your calendars for an amazing day of games, food, vendors, live music a haunted house and more!

■ **Oct. 17: GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club's** 5th Annual Bags & Bingo Fundraiser will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Join in for a fun-filled afternoon featuring a delicious brunch and exciting games of Bingo for your chance to win beautiful designer handbags and purses! Limited Seating – Reserve Your Ticket Today! Proceeds will benefit Peaceful Paths. Tickets: $35. The club is located at 23674 West U.S. Hwy. 27, High Springs, FL 32643. For tickets and information, call 410-952-0360

■ **Oct. 17: Downtown High Springs Artwalk –** Come browse offerings from local artists and makers, as well as specials from downtown businesses. This event is free. Artists may email downtownhighsprings@gmail.com to submit a few images of their work.

■ **Oct. 20: Meet the Candidates –** Candidates Forum for the City of High Springs Commission Seats 1 & 2 hosted by the GFWC High Springs New Century Woman's Club, Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026. Meet & Greet at 5:30 p.m. and Candidates Forum at 6 p.m., 23674 West U.S. Hwy 27, High Springs, FL 32643.

■ **Oct. 22: Child Advocacy Center Fundraiser** — The Child Advocacy Center will hold its 18th Annual Signature Fundraiser from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Santa Fe River Ranch in Alachua. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. This year's event introduces a new theme, "Gainesville Gone Home," following three years of a Wild West theme.

■ **Oct. 29-31: Halloween Fundraiser at the Brewery** — A Halloween fundraiser will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. each night at High Springs Brewing Company, 18562 N.W. 237th St., High Springs. The Halloween tour is $10 per person, with no admission charge for those visiting the brewery for drinks. The event will feature vendors, food, an outdoor graveyard and a Halloween-themed brewery. A costume contest will be held Oct. 31. Proceeds benefit the Heart of High Springs and Fort White High School Drama Club. For information, call 352-262-5068.

■ **Oct. 31: 7th Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest** – Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe, the High Springs Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Parks & Recreation the event will be held at the Railroad Greenspace East of Main Street. Bring your painted, carved, or decorated pumpkins between 2 and 4 p.m. for judging. Registration is free! Age categories are as follows: Children: 6 or Younger; Youth: 7 – 12; Family: 13 or Older; City Departments and Businesses. Viewing and Voting will be from 4 – 6 p.m. Winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to top pumpkins in each category based on ticketed voting. Special prize for pumpkin most representing High Springs. Businesses are encouraged to submit a pumpkin. All are welcome to attend and vote on your favorite pumpkins!

■ **Oct. 31: High Springs Trick or Treating** – Sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe and Supporting Businesses. Participating businesses of downtown High Springs will be handing out candy to little munchkins between 4 and 6 p.m. Maps of participating businesses will be available at the event site – Railroad Greenspace East of Main Street. Come and join the fun!

■ **Nov. 6: The GFWC High Springs New Century** is hosting a Fall Wellness Workshop on Friday, Nov. 6. Presentations will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Topics include Medicare, Self-Care, Seniors vs. Crime, Psychology, Hearing Aids, Organ Donation, Chair Yoga, Elder Abuse, Nutrition, fitness balance, and fun activities and games. A complimentary light lunch will be served. SHINE Medicare representatives will be available for in-person counseling from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The location is 23674 U.S. Hwy 27, High Springs, FL 32643. Please text 352-222-9716 for information and the number of guests. The event is free.

■ **Nov. 21: Invitation to Craft Vendors.** The High Springs New Century Woman's Club will host a Craft Sale on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Table rental is $35; tables are available both inside and outside. Handmade items only. For vendor information, call 386-518-3276 or email hsncwclub@gmail.com. The Clubhouse address is 23674 West U.S. Hwy 27, High Springs, FL 32643.

■ **Fridays: The High Springs New Century Woman's Club** invites the community to join "Lady Gamers" every Friday at 1 p.m. Bring your favorite games to share or join in with those provided. Location: Woman's Club Clubhouse, 23674 West U.S. Highway 27, High Springs, FL 32643. For more information: Call 386-518-3276, Ext. 3

■ **Fridays: High Springs Farmers Market** from 3 -7 p.m. at the Farmers Market Pavilion, 23517 N.W. 185th Road, High Springs. Local growers, producers and crafters. Veggies, plants, duck and chicken eggs, meats, poultry, canned goods, honey, hot food, soap, art, woodcrafts, and tie dye. For information on how to become a vendor contact Carol at 352-275-6346.

■ **Saturdays: Alachua County Farmers Market** is held every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The market is also pet-friendly, welcoming shoppers to bring well-behaved animals as part of the community atmosphere. The market is located at San Felasco Tech City, 13900 Tech City Circle, Alachua. Admission and parking are free.

■ **Saturdays: Alachua Farmers Market on Main** is held Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. downtown in the city of Alachua. Beginning in April, it will transition to "Summer Nights," taking place Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. through September. The market is located at Skinner Field on Main Street, Alachua.

■ **Saturdays: The Newberry Farmers Market**, sponsored by the Main Street Organization. This market runs every Saturday from 8 – 12 p.m. and is located in downtown Newberry on the corner of Newberry Road and 254th Street. For further information, contact the Main Street Organization at newberry mainstreet.com.

■ **Tuesdays: Archer Farmers Market** from 3 – 7 p.m. on the grounds of the Archer Railway Depot Museum, 16994 S.W. 134th Avenue, Archer. Local farmers offer fresh vegetables, herbs, fruit, honey and plants. Artisan breads and jellies will also be available. Vendors are invited to submit applications and backyard gardeners with excess produce are welcome as well. The Museum will also be open. Vendor applications are available by email request at archerhistorical@gmail.com or by contacting Linda at 352-374-8240.

■ **Third Monday of the Month: BINGO - The GFWC High Springs** New Century Woman's Club will host BINGO every third Monday of the Month. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. The $20 entry fee includes 15 games, with extra cards and specials available. Proceeds will benefit organizations the Club supports. Enjoy food, cash prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Must be 18 years old to enter and play. The address is 23674 West U.S. Hwy 27, High Springs, FL 32643. For additional information, call 386-518-3276, Ext. 2



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Case No.: 2025-CA-3549

SHERMAN A. COOPER,

Plaintiff,

v.

PRINCESS LASHAN COOPER HICKMAN; ALISON MARIE COOPER; ALL PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED,

Defendants.
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NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ALL PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Alachua County, Florida, pending as Case No.: 2025-CA-3549 to quiet title and partition the certain real property described as follows:

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a. Begin at the intersection of the East right-of-way of U.S. Highway 41 and 17, and the North line of government Lot Six (6) in Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 18 East, thence Eastwardly along the North line of said Lot Six (6) a distance of 250 feet, thence South 180 feet, thence West 245 feet more or less to the East line of right-of-way of U.S. Highway 41 and 27, thence in a Northwest direction 180 feet more or less along the East right-of-way of U.S. Highway 41 and 27 to the place of beginning; and

b. A tract of land situated in fractional Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 18 East, outside the Arredondo Grant, Alachua County, Florida, said tract of land being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a 4"X4" concrete monument (ID. illegible) marking the Northeast corner of the aforementioned Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 18 East for the point of reference and run S.01°05'01"E., along the East line of said Section 27, a distance of 2652.53 feet to a 4"X4" concrete monument (PRM 2001) marking the Southeast corner of a parcel of land described in official records Book 2188, Page 1027 of the public records of Alachua County, Florida and the point of beginning; thence runs S.01°01'22"E., along said East line, a distance of 66.67 feet to a 1/2" iron rod and cap (LB 2903) lying on the North line of government lot 6 in said Section 27; thence run S.89°28'08"W., along said North line, a distance of 358.15 feet to a 1/2" iron rod and cap (LB 021) at the intersection of the East right-of-way of U.S. Highway 41 and 17 with said North line; thence run N.21°02'22"W., along said East right-of-way line, a distance of 65.45 feet to a 1/2" iron rod and cap (LB 021) marking the Southwest corner of said parcel of land recorded in official records Book 2188, Page 1027 of said public records; thence run N.88°39'39"E., along the South line of said parcel of land, a distance of 380.54 feet to the point of beginning.

c. A tract of land situated in Fractional Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 18 East, outside the Arredondo Grant, Alachua County, Florida, said tract of land being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the aforementioned Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 18 East for the point of reference and run S.01°04'43"E., along the East lien of said Section 27, a distance of 2646.42 feet to the true point of beginning; thence continue S.01°04'43"E., along said East line a distance of 6.00 feet; thence run S.88°39'07"W., a distance of 380.54 feet to the Easterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 41 (a.k.a State Road No. 45); thence run N.21°00'56"W., along said right of way line, a distance of 6.37 feet; thence run N88°39'07"E., a distance of 382.71 feet to the true point of beginning, containing 0.053 acres more or less.

You are required to file written defenses, if any, with the clerk of the court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Adam S. Towers, Esq., whose address is 4411 NW 8th Avenue, Suite B, Gainesville, Florida 32605, WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED this the 11 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
J.K. "JESS" IRBY, ESQ.
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Fratavia Thomas
Deputy Clerk

(Published: Alachua County Today - Sept. 17, 24, & Oct. 1, 8, 2026)

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Lynsey Dickerson**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **CWK Little Lovies**, located in Alachua County, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

(Published: Alachua County Today - October 8, 2026)

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Xlink LLC**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **The Xlink Group**, located in Alachua County, Gainesville, Florida, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.

(Published: Alachua County Today - October 8, 2026)

Notice Is Hereby Given that **Kincell Bio, LLC**, 1618 NW 55th Place, Gainesville, FL 32653, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Kincellis Advanced Therapies**, with its principal place of business in the State of Florida in the County of Alachua, intends to file an Application for Registration of Fictitious Name with the Florida Department of State.

(Published: Alachua County Today - October 8, 2026)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 012025CA000673XXXXXX

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-RS1,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEFFERY E. CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFERY CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFERY EDWIN CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFREY CLAYTON, et al.

Defendant(s).
_____/

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 02, 2026, and entered in 012025CA000673XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE PRODUCTS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-RS1 is the Plaintiff and JEFFERY E. CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFERY CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFERY EDWIN CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFREY CLAYTON: CARISSA CLAYTON A/K/A CARISSA MARIE CLAYTON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JEFFERY E. CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFERY CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFERY EDWIN CLAYTON A/K/A JEFFREY CLAYTON; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY LLC; REDBALL RECOVERY INC.; HARDEE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PERMITTING, INC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; FLETCHER'S MILL ASSOCIATION, INC.. are the Defendant(s). J.K. JESS IRBY as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.alachua.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on October 29, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 11, MAGNOLIA COURT AT FLETCHER'S MILL, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK R, PAGE(S) 16 AND 17, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address:
11616 NW 8TH LN,
GAINESVILLE, FL 32606

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 28 day of September, 2026.

By: /s/ Danielle Salem
Danielle Salem, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 0058248
Communication Email:
dsalem@raslg.com
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
6409 Congress Ave.,
Suite 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Telephone: 561-241-6901
Facsimile: 561-997-6909
Service Email:
flmail@raslg.com

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

24-262732
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 8th JUDICAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA, FLORIDA.

CASE No. 012026CA000540XXXXXX

VILLAGE CAPITAL & INVESTMENT LLC,

Plaintiff

vs.

CRAIG W. JOHNSON AKA CRAIG WYATT JOHNSON, et al.,

Defendants
_____/

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO:
CRAIG W. JOHNSON AKA CRAIG WYATT JOHNSON
6493 SOUTHWEST 74TH DRIVE, GAINESVILLE, FL 32608
1600 SE 39TH TER APT 3, GAINESVILLE, FL 32641
189 EXPEDITION DR, ELLENWOOD, GA 30294
3700 WINDMEADOWS BLVD, GAINESVILLE, FL 32608

LAURA ROCIO BARAJAS AKA LAURA JOHNSON
6493 SOUTHWEST 74TH DRIVE, GAINESVILLE, FL 32608
189 EXPEDITION DR, ELLENWOOD, GA 30294
3700 WINDMEADOWS BLVD, GAINESVILLE, FL 32608

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Alachua County, Florida:

LOT 42 OF BRYTAN PLANNED DEVELOPMENT - PHASE 1, AS PER REPLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 33, PAGES 30 THROUGH 31, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on Greenspoon Marder, LLP, Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 29 day of SEPTEMBER, 2026.
J.K. "JESS" IRBY, ESQ.
As Clerk of said Court
By: /s/ Fratavia Thomas
As Deputy Clerk

Prepared by:
Greenspoon Marder, LLP
(954) 491-1120;
gmforeclosure@gmlaw.com

IMPORTANT

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352-337-6237) at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice-impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

(25-002995-01)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 012026CA002305XXXXXX
Division: Civil
Judge William Davis

PNC Bank, National Association

Plaintiff,

vs.

Michael B. Mansingh, AKA Michael Mansingh, et al.

Defendants.
_____/

NOTICE OF ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT PATRICIA J. HODES

To:
PATRICIA J. HODES
202 NW HIGHWAY 441
MICANOPY, FL 32667
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

and all parties claiming interest by, through, under or against Defendant(s) PATRICIA J. HODES, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described;

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Alachua County, Florida:
Situated in Alachua County, Florida:

Lot 15, Block F, of The Lakes, a Cluster Development according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "I", pages 7, 8, and 9 of the Public Records of Alachua County, Florida.

has been filed against you; and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on MAXINE MELTZER, Plaintiff's attorney, P. O. Box 165028, Columbus, OH 43216-5028, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 18 day of September, 2026.
J. K. "JESS" IRBY
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: /s/ Farita Thomas
Deputy Clerk

(Published: Alachua County Today - October 1, 8, 2026)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2026-CA-2437
DIVISION: CA3

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF VEHICLE 2017 Mazda CX-5
VIN JM3KFACL8H0195836

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

TO: Joseph El Mouchy Dit El Englizzi
2941 Townsend Blvd
Jacksonville, FL 32277

and all persons or entities who have standing to claim an interest in the above-listed property: the Alachua County Sheriff's Office seized the described property on or about July 31, 2026, at or near 2621 SE Hawthorne Rd. Gainesville, Florida, in Alachua County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.
A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.

Bruce-Alan Barnard
Fla. Bar #969760
Legal Counsel for Alachua County Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 5489
Gainesville, FL 32627-5489
(352) 721-2319
bbarnard@alachuasheriff.org
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2026-CA-2481
DIVISION: CA1

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF VEHICLE 2017 Toyota Tacoma
VIN 5TFSZ5AN2HX081706

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

TO: Ibrahim Cem Kayali
1430 King Arthur Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32211

and all persons or entities who have standing to claim an interest in the above-listed property: the Alachua County Sheriff's Office seized the described property on or about July 30, 2026, at or near 2621 SE Hawthorne Rd. Gainesville, Florida, in Alachua County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.
A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.

Bruce-Alan Barnard
Fla. Bar #969760
Legal Counsel for Alachua County Sheriff's Office
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2026-CA-2433
DIVISION: CA4

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF VEHICLE 2017 Jeep Renegade
VIN ZACCJABB1HPF16792

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

TO: Craig Michael McCostlin II
140 NW 146th Dr 102
Newberry, FL 32669

and all persons or entities who have standing to claim an interest in the above-listed property:

the Alachua County Sheriff's Office seized the described property on or about July 31, 2026, at or near 2621 SE Hawthorne Rd. Gainesville, Florida, in Alachua County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.
A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.

Bruce-Alan Barnard
Fla. Bar #969760
Legal Counsel for Alachua County Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 5489
Gainesville, FL 32627-5489
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2026-CA-2438
DIVISION: CA4

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF VEHICLE 2012 Honda Accord
VIN 1HGCP2F43CA070381

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

TO: Rafael James Morand
117 SE 16th Ave M103
Gainesville, FL 32601

and all persons or entities who have standing to claim an interest in the above-listed property: the Alachua County Sheriff's Office seized the described property on or about July 31, 2026, at or near 2621 SE Hawthorne Rd. Gainesville, Florida, in Alachua County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office.
A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.

Bruce-Alan Barnard
Fla. Bar #969760
Legal Counsel for Alachua County Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 5489
Gainesville, FL 32627-5489
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bbarnard@alachuasheriff.org
(Published: Alachua County Today - October 1, 8, 2026)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 012026CA000085XXXXXX

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SLST 2024-1 PARTICIPATION INTEREST TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT L. WILLIAMS, et al.

Defendant(s).
_____/

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 01, 2026 and entered in 012026CA000085XXXXXX of the Circuit Court of the EIGHTH Judicial Circuit in and for Alachua County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SLST 2024-1 PARTICIPATION INTEREST TRUST is the Plaintiff and ROBERT L. WILLIAMS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERT L. WILLIAMS; CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA; SPRING FOREST HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC. are the Defendant(s). J.K. JESS IRBY as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.alachua.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on October 29, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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CLASSIFIEDS:

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CLASSIFIEDS:

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UNIT NO. 40 OF SPRING FOREST CONDOMINIUM, AND A 1/104TH FRACTIONAL UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE CONDOMINIUM COMMON ELEMENTS, EXCEPT TRACTS 3 AND 5 THEREOF, AS DEFINED IN THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM DATED JULY 18, 1975, AND RECORDED IN O.R. BOOK 953, PAGE 400 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND DESCRIBED IN THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "I", PAGES 44, 45 AND 46 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address:
6806 NW 54TH DRIVE,
GAINESVILLE, FL 32606

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 45.031.

Dated this 28 day of September, 2026.

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Telephone: 561-241-6901
Facsimile: 561-997-6909
Service Email: flmail@raslg.com
By: /s/ Danielle Salem
Danielle Salem, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 0058248
Communication Email: dsalem@raslg.com

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled to be provided with certain assistance at no cost to you. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Alachua County Family and Civil Justice Center, 201 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 337-6237 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

25-324386
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice Is Hereby Given That I, Chad D. Scott, Sheriff of Alachua County, Florida, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court, Alachua County, Florida, on the 16th day of July 2026 in the case of CACV OF COLORADO, LLC vs. LADONNA C BROWNING AND BARBARA BROWNING (Case # 01 2005 CC 001038), have levied upon the right, title and interest in the following described real property of the above-named defendants to wit:

Address:
513 SW 5th St,
Gainesville, FL 32601

Description: Lot Eleven (11), Block "A", FLEMING SUBDIVISION, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book "C", Page 52 of the Public Records of Alachua County, Florida.

Parcel Identification No.:
12914-000-000

I shall offer said property, to be sold separately, on Wednesday, the 28th day of October 2026, at 9:00 a.m. (nine o'clock), or as soon thereafter as possible, at the main entrance outside of the Alachua County Family/ Civil Justice Center, 201 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601, subject to all prior liens, encumbrances and judgments on said property, and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the above-described property, as the property of said defendant to satisfy said Execution. To verify that sale will be conducted as scheduled, call (352) 384-3062 the day prior to sale date.

CHAD D. SCOTT,
SHERIFF Alachua County, Florida
By: /s/ Sgt. Charles Drake, #1107
Civil Bureau

"If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator (352)337-6237 or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), (voice) upon receipt of this document."
(Published: Alachua County Today - September 24 & October 1 & 8, 15, 2026)

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC AUCTION to be held online at storagetreasures.com, to satisfy the Owners Lien according to the FL Self Storage Facility Act, 83.801 seq. The contents of the auction to be held at People's Choice Storage are located at 17856 High Springs Main Street, High Springs FL 32643 with telephone number 386-588-7759.

SALE DATE is **10/23/2026 at 10:00 AM**. Bidders to bid online at storagetreasures.com

Name: Lisa Trudeau
Unit # A123
Contents: Mattress, Bed Frame, Desk

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by card only; $100 cleaning deposit refundable once unit is cleared. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sales are subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

(Published: Alachua County Today - October 8, 15, 2026)

IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

CASE NO.:
01-2026-CP-2564

In Re: The Estate of
REGINA B. TONER,
Deceased.
_____/

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of REGINA B. TONER, deceased, whose date of death was July 7, 2026, File Number 2026-CP-2564 is pending in the Circuit Court for ALACHUA County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorneys are set forth below.
A personal representative or curator has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE TIME OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is October 8, 2026.

Personal Representative:
SEAN TONER
3225 NW 38TH Street
Gainesville, Florida 32605

Attorney for Personal Representative:
FOLDS WALKER, LLC
S. SCOTT WALKER, ESQ., FBN: 394939
DANIELLE C. ADAMS, ESQ., FBN: 1039320
527 E. University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601
T: (352) 372-1282;
F: (352) 375-9960
(Published: Alachua County Today - October 8, 15, 2026)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **KEYS FUNDING LLC - 2024**, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **2024-1892**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-042
Description of Property:
BRANDYWINE CONDO OR 1577/2469 UNIT V-178 & .00331627 INT IN COMMON ELEMENTS OR 1996/2492 Section: 13 Township: 10 Range: 19

Tax Certificate Assessment Name: **YAN LIHUA**

Said property being in Alachua County, Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at http://alachua.realtaxdeed.com/ at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. All bidders must show they are prepared to comply with Florida law requiring the highest bidder to post with the Clerk a nonrefundable deposit of $200 or 5% of the bid, whichever is greater, in cash or cashier's check, which must be posted and cleared by 3 pm the day before the sale. The bid balance, taxes and fees are then due within 24 hours of sale. The highest bidder or the certificate holder to whom the property is struck off must take title by law. For more information and to register as a bidder please visit www.AlachuaClerk.org.
Dated September 30, 2026

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Alachua County, FL
By: Abby Oppermann
Deputy Clerk
(Published: Alachua County Today - October 8 & 15 & 22, 29, 2026)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **KEYS FUNDING LLC - 2024**, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **2024-2501**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-043
Description of Property:
DB L-633 N 420 FT OF E 110 FT OF W 190 FT LOT 21 LESS R/W) OR 4772/0573 SEE ALSO OR 5273/3079 Section: 12 Township: 09 Range: 20

Tax Certificate Assessment Name:
SOUTHEAST PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS LLC

Said property being in Alachua County, Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at http://alachua.realtaxdeed.com/ at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. All bidders must show they are prepared to comply with Florida law requiring the highest bidder to post with the Clerk a nonrefundable deposit of $200 or 5% of the bid, whichever is greater, in cash or cashier's check, which must be posted and cleared by 3 pm the day before the sale. The bid balance, taxes and fees are then due within 24 hours of sale. The highest bidder or the certificate holder to whom the property is struck off must take title by law. For more information and to register as a bidder please visit www.AlachuaClerk.org.
Dated September 30, 2026

J.K. "Jess" Irby, Esq.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Alachua County, FL
By: Meri Gardner
Deputy Clerk
(Published: Alachua County Today - October 8 & 15 & 22, 29, 2026)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **KEYS FUNDING LLC - 7024**, holder of the following certificate, has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued. The certificate number, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate #: **2024-1524**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-039
Description of Property:
THORNEBROOK VILLAGE PHASE 2 OR 1570/1558 UNIT 6A & UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN COMMON ELEMENTS OR 5121/1949 Section: 26 Township: 09 Range: 19

Tax Certificate Assessment Name:
THOMAS & THOMAS

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Dated September 29, 2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate #: **2024-3141**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-040
Description of Property:
DOIG/ROBERTSON ADD DB N-486 N 10 FT OF E 110 FT OF LOT 4 BK 5 RG 1 & W 90 FT OF LOT 4 BK 5 RG 1 DB W-437 OR 1074/51 & OR 1568/1889 Section: 04 Township: 10 Range: 20

Tax Certificate Assessment Name:
TUONG PHAM THI HEIRS

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Certificate #: **2024-2286**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-037
Description of Property:
WINDSOR PARK AT GAINESVILLE PH II CONDO BK 7 PG 1 UNIT 1125 AN UNDIV INT IN COMMON ELEMENTS OR 4758/764 Section: 00 Township: 10 Range: 19

Tax Certificate Assessment Name:
PERRY & VIZEMOR

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Certificate #: **2024-3040**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-038
Description of Property:
NEW GAINESVILLE PB A-66 S 100 FT OF W 100 FT OF E 130 FT OF N 380 FT OF LOT 72 OR 1894/1634 SEE ALSO OR 5144/2907 Section: 03 Township: 10 Range: 20

Tax Certificate Assessment Name:
AMERIONE PROPERTIES LLC TRUSTEE

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Certificate #: **2024-1862**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-041
Description of Property:
UNIVERSITY TERRACE WEST CONDOMINIUM BK 3 PG 21 UNIT 304 OR 4187/2014 Section: 11 Township: 10 Range: 19

Tax Certificate Assessment Name: **CORNERHOUSE PROPERTY SERVICES**

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Certificate #: **2024-1282**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-036
Description of Property:
COM SE COR SEC W 1313.40 FT N 218.99 FT N 72 DEG 51 MIN 47 SEC W 171.11 FT NWLY ALG CURVE 143.66 FT POB NWLY ALG CURVE 1225.78 FT N 65 DEG 59 MIN 43 SEC W 58.07 FT N 23 DEG 58 MIN 58 SEC E 267.73 FT S 66 DEG 02 MIN 07 SEC E 549.33 FT S 24 DEG 03 MIN 59 SEC W 13.30 FT S 65 DEG 40 MIN 40 SEC E 731.31 FT S 23 DEG 41 MIN 21 SEC W 185.61 FT POB (LESS COM SE COR SEC W 1313.40 FT N 218.99 FT N 72 DEG W 171.11 FT NWLY ALG CURVE 143.66 FT POB NWLY ALG CURVE 558.42 FT N 23 SEC E 234.67 FT S 65 DEG E 556.80 FT S 23 DEG W 185.61 FT POB PER OR 4737/1850) OR 3529/0385 Section: 20 Township: 08 Range: 19

Tax Certificate Assessment Name: **TOM R & ASSOCIATES LLC**

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Certificate #: **2024-1175**
Tax Deed File #:
TD 2026-044
Description of Property:
S 210 FT OF E 420 FT OF SE1/4 OF NW1/4 LESS E 210 FT LESS R/W) DEED APPEARS IN ERROR OR 4698/0255 Section: 32 Township: 11 Range: 18

Tax Certificate Assessment Name:
PARKER MARJORIE E

Said property being in Alachua County, Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at http://alachua.realtaxdeed.com/ at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2026, or any subsequently scheduled sale date. All bidders must show they are prepared to comply with Florida law requiring the highest bidder to post with the Clerk a nonrefundable deposit of $200 or 5% of the bid, whichever is greater, in cash or cashier's check, which must be posted and cleared by 3 pm the day before the sale. The bid balance, taxes and fees are then due within 24 hours of sale. The highest bidder or the certificate holder to whom the property is struck off must take title by law. For more information and to register as a bidder please visit www.AlachuaClerk.org.
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BURGLARY:
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Flock cameras aid investigation of Alachua storage burglary

unoccupied structure, grand theft and dealing in stolen property. Judge Meshon Rawls set bail at $150,000.

The investigation began Aug. 4 when a woman reported that someone had broken into her storage unit at People's Choice Storage, 14709 N.W. 129th Terrace.

According to the Alachua Police Department, the lock on the woman's unit had been removed and replaced with a different lock. The responding officer noted in the report that storage facility employees periodically inspect the units and indicated the replacement lock may have been intended to prevent employees from noticing that the unit had been burglarized.

Investigators reviewed surveillance video from the facility and reportedly found footage of a red Ford F-150 entering the property at about 4:08 p.m. Aug. 1. No large items could be seen in the truck bed when it entered.

About 39 minutes later, the truck was recorded leaving the facility with a dishwasher, a workbench-style toolbox and other property in its bed, according to the report. Investigators said the items were consistent with property the woman reported stolen from her unit. The stolen property was valued at more than $1,800.

Investigators then used Flock license plate reader data to follow the truck's route after it left the storage facility.

The vehicle reportedly traveled north on U.S. 441 toward Fort White. A Flock camera near the Santa Fe Bar also captured the truck, with the allegedly stolen property still visible in the bed, according to the report.

Investigators also interviewed a witness who said Parlow arrived at her home at about 6:05 p.m. that day. The residence is near Parlow's home.

The witness told police Parlow offered to sell her a new dishwasher for $100 along with a toolbox. She did not buy the items, according to the report.

The witness later provided investigators with photographs and surveillance video reportedly showing the red pickup truck with the victim's property in the bed.

Parlow was subsequently charged with burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

According to information provided with the arrest report, Parlow has six prior felony convictions and three misdemeanor convictions. He has served two state prison sentences and was most recently released from prison in July 2026.

The charges are accusations, and Parlow is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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DAWSON:
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'Thank you for always showing up'

whose influence extended across several sports.

"The best way to describe Corey is simple: he always showed up," the department said in a tribute.

Dawson could be found in the dugout during baseball games, on the sidelines for football and basketball and helping during softball practices. Away from competition, he participated in nonprofit board meetings and worked to help shape youth recreation programs in the area.

His involvement also included the less visible work necessary to keep youth programs operating. He spent hours working concessions and helping raise money for scholarships and equipment.

The department remembered Dawson for taking time to talk with young athletes and their parents, making them feel heard and supported. He was often among the first people to arrive at the field and one of the last to leave.

"Corey had a commanding physical presence, but it was his personality that truly made an impression," the department said. "He carried a natural charisma that drew people in. He loved the Recreation & Culture Department, and we loved him right back."

Dawson also developed a reputation for his loyalty to Adidas, frequently wearing the brand and joking that competitors were not at the same caliber.

His connection to area youth athletics was evident again Saturday when Raider Nation paused to remember him with a moment of silence.

"It was a heartfelt moment — one that will remain in the memory of this community for years to come," the department said.

The tribute described Dawson as someone whose influence would remain visible in the programs to which he devoted so much of his time.

"Although his physical presence will no longer be with us, his spirit will continue to live on through the countless lives he touched," the department said. "Corey was one of the great ones — someone who made a lasting and meaningful impact on this entire community."

For the children he coached, Dawson's influence went beyond teaching the fundamentals of a sport. His work placed him alongside young athletes through practices, games and the everyday challenges that accompany growing up.

"Coach Corey was a true gentleman, a dedicated servant to our youth, and someone who left a massive mark on our local community," the department said. "His legacy will live on in the fields, courts, programs, and, most importantly, in the young people he helped shape."

The department closed its remembrance with the quality it said best defined Dawson's service to the community.

"Rest easy, Coach Corey," the tribute said. "Thank you for always showing up."

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A festive Halloween celebration for the whole community



The Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Paint it, carve it, decorate it—then bring it downtown for a night of pumpkins, candy, prizes, and community fun!

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Downtown Business Candy Giveaway from 4:00–6:00 PM

Free Registration — Join the Pumpkin Fun!

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Pumpkin Contest Categories

Children	Youth	Family
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City Departments and Businesses		

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Come vote, grab candy, and celebrate Halloween with your neighbors!

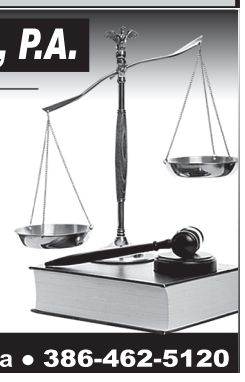
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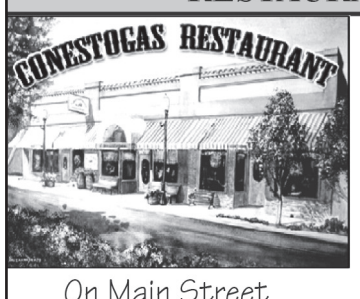
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Item(s) will be heard at meetings held by the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Commission of the City of Hawthorne, Florida, at public hearings on **October 14, 2026**, at 5:30 p.m. (Planning and Zoning Board) and **November 3, 2026**, at 6:30 p.m. (City Commission), or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. You may also deliver any written comments to Hawthorne City Hall, located at 6875 SE 221st Street, Hawthorne, FL 32640 or by email to lmcgruder@cityofhawthorne.net or by mail to LaKesha McGruder, City Clerk, P.O. Box 1270, Hawthorne, Florida 32640.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA, VACATING AN UNIMPROVED PORTION OF SE 213th DRIVE, SOUTH OF SE 66TH AVE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to Section 286.015, Florida Statues, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, a person with disabilities needing any special accommodations to participate in City Commission Meetings should contact the office at City Hall at 352-481-2432.

On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed actions. This/ These Ordinance(s) may be inspected by the public prior to the hearing at City Hall located at 6875 SE 221ST Street Hawthorne, FL 32640.

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WINN-DIXIE:
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Open daily from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m.

is renovated.

Winn-Dixie store employees, company representatives and community members lined up beneath a "Welcome Alachua" balloon arch at the store's entrance for a 7:30 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony. Many of the employees wore the chain's signature red shirts and aprons, while early shoppers gathered nearby to watch.

Red and silver streamers filled the air as the long red ribbon, printed with the Winn-Dixie name, was cut.

During the ceremony, Winn-Dixie presented $500 checks, including one to Santa Fe High School as a community partner of the new store.

Shoppers began filing in once the doors opened, pushing carts past staff members who handed out raffle tickets near the entrance.

The first 100 customers in line received a Winn-Dixie mystery gift card valued between $10 and $100. The grand opening also brought DJ entertainment, product sampling, giveaways and children's activities throughout the day.

Prizes were e raffled off each hour. The company announced prizes including three $500 Winn-Dixie gift cards, a YETI cooler, a Masterbuilt 710 Wi-Fi Digital Electric Smoker and a Blackstone grill.

Near the front of the store, buy-one-get-one-free displays stacked with snacks, salad dressings and other grocery items greeted customers on opening day.

The company said the store features a modern design, with a new exterior facade and interior signage inspired by the chain's century-long heritage. Inside, each department is marked by a large red sign bearing the "WD" logo.

The produce department carries a wide selection of fruits and vegetables, including organic and Hispanic varieties. Opening-day displays featured yuca, boniato, malanga and green plantains alongside bananas, melons and citrus.

A butcher counter sits next to a dedicated seafood department offering fresh seafood on ice and the chain's Seafood Made Easy program, which pairs ready-to-cook seafood with vegetables and seasonings.

The meat department offers USDA Choice selections and Hispanic staples such as flap meat, skirt steak and picanha. A long refrigerated case runs along the department wall, next to a separate lunch meat section.

The full-service deli offers freshly sliced meats and cheeses, prepared sandwiches and salads, sushi made daily and Hispanic dishes such as ropa vieja and sweet plantains. A nearby case offers packaged cheeses and sliced meats.

A separate kitchen counter serves self-serve hot foods and Winn-Dixie's Lip Lickin' Chicken line, including rotisserie chicken, popcorn chicken and wings.

The bakery offers fresh breads, pastries, cakes and desserts, including Cuban and Puerto Rican breads and tres leches cakes. On opening day, its tables were lined with decorated cakes and cupcakes.

The company said Hispanic products are found across every department, including grocery staples, fresh foods and prepared favorites intended to reflect the tastes of local customers.

The floral department offers grab-and-go bouquets and arrangements. On opening day, the section was filled with orchids, mums and potted plants, along with University of Florida Gators balloons.



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The store also includes self-checkout lanes and a customer service desk.

Winn-Dixie also promoted its store-brand products, including Essentials, SE Grocers, Prestige and Know & Love. The company said those products save customers an average of 20 percent compared to national brands.

Winn-Dixie described the opening as part of its continued investment in Florida, its home state, and said the store will bring convenient meal options and everyday value to Alachua and surrounding communities.

The Alachua Winn-Dixie is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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From October 14-18, 2026, Camp Kulaqua will welcome thousands of Pathfinders from across the southeastern United States for a 4-day Camporee.

While here, the Pathfinders, a co-ed youth organization similar to the scouts, will be participating in spiritual programming, marching band competitions, and a variety of experiences focused on faith, friendship, leadership, and personal growth.

For the safety of the youth, this event is closed to the public.

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A patriotic fireworks display will close the final program on Saturday, October 17, around 9:00pm.

CAMP KULAQUA