

2022 Fourth Quarter FCC Report

October

10/4 hybridolli1004ss 2:54 The Osher (OH-shur) Lifelong Learning Institute at Florida State University has greatly expanded its offerings and options for its new season of programs. Tom Flanigan reports much of this is due to the impact of the pandemic.

10/4 TigerBay_10.3.22d Trt: 3:58 State Senator Loranne Ausley, a Democrat, is defending her seat from challenger Corey Simon, a Republican. As Margie Menzel reports, they squared off Monday at the Capital Tiger Bay Club.

10/4 NSBW_Education TRT: 7:23 Earlier this year, a study from a progressive policy group found Leon County Schools are the most segregated they've been since 1994. The findings of that study mirrored those from another done a few years ago by Florida State University's LeRoy Collins Institute. That report found Leon County has one of the most highly segregated school districts in the state. In the latest episode of Not So Black and White, Lynn Hatter explores how Florida's majority white capital county ended up with a majority-minority school district.

10/5 researchmatch1005ss 2:58 Modern medical research would be impossible without volunteers for clinical trials. Now, as Tom Flanigan reports, there's a quick and easy way to connect volunteers with whatever research projects they might want to take part in.

10/6 gadsdenarts1006d 3:10 Fans of comic book art and paintings as real as photographs have lots to love at the Gadsden Arts Center and Museum on Quincy's Courthouse Square. Tom Flanigan talked with the gallery folks about the latest exhibits.

10/7 onehundredmen1007ss 1:57 Tallahassee has had a charitable group called "One-Hundred-Plus Women" for a few years. But now, as Tom Flanigan reports, several men have decided to start a similar group of their own.

10/8 MissingBaby1008d Trt: 6:10 There is so much about the world that's uncontrollable—the weather is one of those things. Recently Hurricane Ian tore through Southwest Florida, flooding homes, upending lives and destroying much of what people hold dear. A family in Port Charlotte evacuated south to escape the storm; but another disaster was waiting for them. Their beloved dog, confused by the storm's chaos, ran off when its owner took it outside for a bathroom break as the storm was dying down. And soon, the family would rely on the kindness of strangers to help a poor dog find her way home.

10/10 Carerxpharmacy1010d 4:14 Tom Flanigan has been talking with the people who own and operate Tallahassee's small, independent drug stores. In the fourth of his series of reports, he spoke with the proprietor of the Care-R-X-Pharmacy at the corner of East Tennessee and Magnolia Drive.

10/10 County Commission At-Large Group 2_10.10.22d TRT: 4:23 The run-off between Leon County Commissioner Nick Maddox and his challenger, Josh Johnson, is picking up speed with Election Day less than a month away. As Margie Menzel reports, the two often disagreed in a candidate forum Monday, hosted by WFSU, The League of Women Voters and the Tallahassee Democrat.

10/11 MigrantRecordsLawsuit1011ss 1:13 A government watchdog group is suing Gov. Ron DeSantis to get public records that could shed light on how his office orchestrated the flights of nearly 50 Venezuelan migrants from Texas to Martha's Vineyard. As Valerie Crowder reports, a lawsuit was filed yesterday [Monday] in a Leon County state court

10/11 CrowCaban1011d TRT: 3:10 When County Commissioner Jimbo Jackson died earlier this year due to complications from COVID-19, his Southwest district seat became an open race. In the general election, local political and public relations consultant Hannah Crow and businessman Christian Caban are vying for the seat. Lynn Hatter reports they're both on offense and trying to prove to voters why they're fit to serve a district that encompasses one of the lowest-income zip codes in the state.

10/11 Gun violence composite 10.12.22d 4:08 This morning the Tallahassee City Commission is holding a workshop on how to curb gun violence. As Margie Menzel reports, it's not the first time the city has tried to take action.

10/13 ImpactTallahasseeFundraiserD TRT 3:54 A popular 80s band is returning to Tallahassee next week for a fundraiser. The Producers will be at The Moon Thursday night, Oct. 20, for a concert and live auction. Proceeds will benefit IMPACT Tallahassee, a preschool, academy, and therapy clinic for students with varying cognitive and physical disabilities.

10/14 IanWithMichael_D 4:00 A legislative budget panel this week gave Gov. Ron DeSantis millions more dollars to pump into storm recovery projects, two weeks after category 4 Hurricane Ian landed in Southwest Florida and crossed the state. Gina Jordan reports emergency managers say the state is still in a storm-response phase.

10/14 Leon County Dist 5_10.14.22d Trt: 3:10 Three-term Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier is leaving her District 5 seat to run for mayor. Now the race comes down to a run-off between Paula DeBoles Johnson, a county employee, and David O'Keefe, formerly the chief financial officer at WFSU, who gave up his job to run for office. Margie Menzel reports.

10/17 energyball1017ss 2:16 An evening of energetic fun and frolic is set for (this) Friday evening at one of Tallahassee's most historic locations. Tom Flanigan reports it's the return of the eagerly awaited Energy Ball.

10/17 candidatesforum1014cr 6:22 Two candidates running to represent the Florida Big Bend region in the state senate have dropped out of a candidates' forum [scheduled for this week Oct. 18] with W-F-S-U, the Tallahassee Democrat and the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee. Valerie Crowder has more on the events leading up to both candidates' decision to withdraw.

10/17 WomensForumSS_10.18.22 Trt: 1:36 Ten women's organizations hosted a mayoral candidate forum Monday night on issues of importance to women and girls. As Margie Menzel reports, Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey and Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier took questions on issues such as domestic violence, human trafficking and child care.

10/18 Cleaver&cork1018ss 2:39 Once again, a world-famous chef will be coming to Tallahassee in early 2023, courtesy of the Tallahassee Community College Foundation. Tom Flanigan reports his appearance is the highlight of the annual Cork and Cleaver fundraiser for the college.

10/18 DunnLawsonTigerBay1019s 1:02 Congressmen Neal Dunn and Al Lawson are divided on their views of the Biden administration's decision to forgive some student loan debt. Valerie Crowder reports the issue arose in a debate as the two incumbents vie for the same congressional seat.

10/19 LawsonDunn1019TW 5:51 Two incumbents are vying to represent more than a dozen Panhandle counties in Congress. Florida's U-S House District 2 covers 14 entire counties – including solid Red Bay County and Democratic-leaning Leon. Democratic Congressman Al Lawson and Republican Congressman Neal Dunn are competing to represent the newly-drawn district. Valerie Crowder recently spoke with both candidates in studio. Here's an excerpt from those interviews, starting with Dunn.

10/20 DVAAwarenessSS_10.20.22 Trt: 1:20 October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, marked in Tallahassee by a candlelight vigil at Lake Ella. Margie Menzel reports.

10/25 Mayoral race1_1 10.25.22d Trt: 3:40 The race for mayor is an exceptionally bitter one. It's down to a run-off between Mayor John Dailey, who is up for re-election, and three-term Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier, his former colleague. Margie Menzel reports.

10/28 Mayoral bullying_10.28.22d Trt: 3:30 The pro-choice group Ruth's List endorsed Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier for mayor, calling her opponent's behavior toward women "misogynistic and demeaning." Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey, running for re-election in a tight race with Dozier, denied it emphatically. But now, as Margie Menzel reports, others - including elected officials - are speaking up.

November

11/2 NSBW_theBlackChurch1103_Excerpt 4:28 African American churches have long been social, political, and educational centers for many Black communities, and Black congregations in Tallahassee helped influence the early Civil Rights Movement. But that role of community center is evolving amid what some historians and sociologists are calling the "Third Reconstruction," and the rise of new racial and social justice movements.

11/2 CristDeSantisRace1102d Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is leading Democrat Charlie Crist in the race for governor with days left before the election. WFSU's Valerie Crowder spoke with Leon County voters who say their vote for governor is based on issues they care about, including abortion, education and the economy.

11/2 CityEthics_11.2.22d Trt: 5:22 During the past few years, Tallahassee's governance has come under federal scrutiny. Two former mayors, a local administrator and a local developer have faced corruption charges. Some have gone to prison. So the question of ethics is very much part of the current mayoral race. And it's yet another issue on which Mayor John Dailey and Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier disagree. Margie Menzel reports.

11/4 Intothewoods1104ss 2:59 One of Tallahassee's least-known, yet most magical spaces will soon become an open air theatre. Tom Flanigan takes a look at the latest production of the Wanderlust on Location Theater troupe.

11/4 Souls to the PollsSS Trt: 1:26 This Sunday is Souls to the Polls, the traditional voting initiative by the Black church community. It's a way to encourage congregants to vote after attending worship

service. As Margie Menzel reports, Congressman Al Lawson hopes it will also give his campaign a boost in its final days.

11/6 MurrayCelebrationLife1107ss 2:13 A man who was recently shot and killed outside a liquor store on West Pensacola Street in Tallahassee was remembered by hundreds of locals Sunday, during a celebration of life service at Springsax Park. Last weekend, 40-year-old Demario Murray was among eight other bystanders struck by bullets fired into the parking lot of Half-Time Liquors from across the street. Murray was the only one who lost his life. Valerie Crowder spoke to friends and family and has this report.

11/7 County At Large Close_11.7.22d Trt: 4:18 The run-off between Leon County Commissioner Nick Maddox and his challenger, Josh Johnson, is expected to be a tight race. Maddox is seeking his fourth term, challenged by schoolteacher Johnson. As Margie Menzel reports, the incumbent says voters want leaders with experience, while the challenger says they want new leadership.

11/8 SimonAusleyVoters1107ss 1:13 One of the most closely-watched races on the ballot in North Florida is the one between Democratic state Senator Loranne Ausley and Republican Corey Simon. At an early voting site on Sunday, supporters for both campaigns explained to W-F-S-U News' Valerie Crowder why they believe their candidate should win.

11/8 PollsVoterTwoWay 1:17 Leon County voters are heading to the polls on Election Day. Valerie Crowder is speaking with voters at a polling site on Magnolia Drive...

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11/9 DaileyWin_11.9.22d Trt: 2:21 Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey has been re-elected to a second term, edging Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier by 53.16 percent of the vote to her 46.84 percent. Margie Menzel reports.

11/10 groundopsII20ss 2:26 On this eve of Veterans' Day, a Tallahassee Navy vet and his family are embarking on a new enterprise. Tom Flanigan reports the new "Ground Ops Roastery and Bakehouse is set to open within weeks at one of the city's major intersections.\

11/10 GOPWins1011d 4:07 A Republican now represents historically-Democratic Senate district in North Florida. G-O-P political newcomer Corey Simon defeated incumbent Loranne Ausley by a comfortable six-point margin Tuesday in a district that leans Blue. As Valerie Crowder reports, Republican voters across the district turned out in greater numbers than Democrats and North Florida isn't the only place that happened.

11/10 DemsLoseFla1110d TRT: 4:47 Tuesday was a good night for Democrats nationally—even with Republican gains, the party didn't lose as badly as many had anticipated. But in Florida, the Blue team took a drubbing, losing every statewide race, and so many state house and senate seats that Republicans will have a legislative super-majority; meaning, the party has enough votes to pass whatever laws and budget proposals it wants. Lynn Hatter reports the losses aren't new to Florida Democrats—who've been out of power for more than two decades; but this year's losses are especially devastating.

11/14 DeSantis2ndTerm1115d 4:14 Talk of Governor Ron DeSantis running for president in 20-24 has only been amplified since his reelection victory last week. Valerie Crowder has more on how DeSantis' likely political ambitions could affect his second term as governor.

11/14 MyMusicPrimeSS Trt: 1:20 Amazon Prime's streaming service has picked up a local film for distribution -- "My Music," which was written and directed by Florida A&M University Professor Kenneth Jones. As Margie Menzel reports, he calls it a "love note to caregiving."

11/15 turkeytrot1115ss 2:44 Tallahassee's largest foot race will once again step off Thanksgiving morning this year. Tom Flanigan reports the yearly "Turkey Trot" has been happening since 1976.

11/16 LafayetteGardens1115ss Tallahassee leaders celebrated the opening of a new apartment complex for low- and moderate-income residents yesterday [Tuesday]. As Valerie Crowder reports, Lafayette Gardens began leasing units earlier this year and is now fully occupied.

11/16 WomensQuestions_11.16.22d Trt: 2:26 The 2022 election cycle in Leon County saw the first candidate forums hosted exclusively by women's groups. Ten groups serving women and girls collaborated on two such events, one for mayoral candidates and another for county commission races. Now, as Margie Menzel reports, they're laying the groundwork for greater change.

11/16 TallyBear1116ss TRT: 2:07 The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has a message for people tempted to cater to the black bear roaming Southeast Tallahassee; "a fed bear, is a dead bear." The bear was first spotted two weeks ago in the Northeast and has now made its way to neighborhoods off Conner boulevard near Tom Brown Park. Lynn Hatter has more.

11/21 TrumpDeSantis1121d TRT: 6:02 Former President Donald Trump is the first person to officially declare his bid to get his old job, back. But two years before a presidential election is an eternity in politics, and a lot can happen between now, and then. The path to Trump getting the GOP nomination runs through the Republicans who backed him in the past, and as Lynn Hatter reports, the path also runs through a certain Florida Governor who is being encouraged to pursue his own bid for the job.

11/21 1118_Rattlers TRT: 1:18 Florida A&M's football season ended Saturday afternoon against Bethune-Cookman. Despite finishing 9-2 and ending the regular season with nine straight wins, the Rattlers were not invited to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. The stinging setback concluded a season that started in controversy and ended in triumph. Will Brown has more

11/22 GunSafetyDems1122ss 2:42 Democrats in the Florida legislature called for tighter gun laws following a mass shooting in Colorado Springs over the weekend. As Valerie Crowder reports, Democrats are hopeful they can get bipartisan support for measures that focus on education.

11/29 altxmasmkt1129ss 2:15 Tallahassee's popular Alternative Christmas Market is back after a two year pandemic break. Tom Flanigan reports it will take place this Saturday at John Wesley United Methodist Church on Old St. Augustine Road.

December

12/1 holidayartaffair1201ss 2:31 Like so much else at the Miccosukee Land Co-op just north of Tallahassee, the Holiday Art Affair is unique. The artists show their work for sale in the gift-giving season, as is happening all over town -- but some of them say it changed their lives. Tom Flanigan reports.

12/1 IanPropInsurance1201SS 1:32 Hurricane Ian dealt a major blow to Florida's already crippled property insurance market. The Category 4 storm is expected to go down as one of the costliest in U-S history. And as Valerie Crowder reports, that's expected to drive more of the state's private insurers out of business.

12/1 kearneycenterone1201ss 2:34 The plight of the homeless seems a bit more dire during the holiday season. Tom Flanigan reports Tallahassee's Kearney Center is expanding both its service offerings and fundraising efforts to meet growing demand. This is his first of a series of interviews with several of the Center's staff.

12/2 kearneycenterotwo1202ss 2:47 Tallahassee's primary resource for the homeless is the Kearney Center. In his second of a series of reports, Tom Flanigan tells us the facility is ramping up its service offerings to handle increased demand and to reduce the area's homeless population.

12/2 PropInsuranceSession1202cr5:09 Florida lawmakers are meeting in Tallahassee in a couple of weeks to work on the state's crippled property insurance market, which took another blow after Hurricane Ian destroyed thousands of homes in September. As insurers leave the market, homeowners are paying more for coverage. Valerie Crowder has more on what lawmakers might do.

12/6 kearneycenterothree1206ss 2:29 Coming off a near catastrophic situation during COVID, Tallahassee's Kearney Center is working to boost its resources. Tom Flanigan has more in his third and final report on the subject.

12/8 ReviewBoard_12.8.22d Trt: 2:56 The Tallahassee City Commission has voted to overhaul the Citizens Police Review Board, following a controversy about the writing on a cup used by one of the review board members. Margie Menzel reports.

12/09 MarsysLawHearing_D 3:42 The Florida Supreme Court took up a case this week involving Marsy's Law, and it could impact public records involving law enforcement. Gina Jordan reports the legal dispute revolves around whether police officers can be considered "victims" when suspects threaten them in the line of duty.

12/9 Desototrail1209d 4:29 Florida's Capital City is the site of what first seems like a happy Christmas story. But, as Tom Flanigan reports, some new research shows the tale probably took some unexpected twists and turns and ultimately ended in tragedy.

12/9 InsuranceConsumerAdvocate1209cr 4:04 Next week, Florida lawmakers will again meet outside the regular legislative session to try to stabilize the state's troubled property insurance market. The legislature passed a few measures aimed at reducing the rising cost of homeowner's insurance when they met in the spring, but legislative leaders say more work is needed. Valerie Crowder spoke with the state's Insurance Consumer Advocate Tasha Carter about how lawmakers could best help policy holders.

12/9 Food insecurity_12.9.22d Trt: 5:41 Every other Saturday, a line of cars stretches across the grounds of the Shady Grove Number One Primitive Baptist Church in east Leon County. They're there for the church's biweekly food distribution. Last month the line was 150 cars, and it grows by about 10 households with each distribution. As Margie Menzel reports, the need isn't going away.

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12/12 PropInsuranceBills1212V 1:05 Florida lawmakers are meeting in Tallahassee this week to try to reform the state's troubled property insurance market. As Valerie Crowder reports, it's the second time this year the legislature is meeting outside the regular 60-day lawmaking session to address the issue.

12/13 PropInsurance1213ss 1:28 Florida's struggling property insurance market has been characterized by a relatively high number of lawsuits brought against insurers. According to the state Office of Insurance Regulation, eight percent of the claims filed nationwide came from Florida, and so did 76 percent of the property insurance lawsuits in the U-S. As Valerie Crowder reports, lawmakers are preparing to pass legislation to change that, but trial attorneys who work on those cases say it's a bad idea.

12/14 DemsResponsePropInsurance221214 2:32 Florida lawmakers on both sides of the aisle agree any changes they make to the state's property insurance laws this week should reduce rates, but Republicans and Democrats are divided on how to get there. The Senate passed a major property insurance reform measure yesterday [Tuesday], mostly along party lines. As Valerie Crowder reports, the party in charge is counting on the free market to lower rates, while Democrats want to force insurers to keep rates low.

12/14 CityLawsuitS Trt: 1:04 A former member of the Tallahassee Citizens Police Review Board is suing the city for violating her First Amendment rights. As Margie Menzel reports, Taylor Biro lost her volunteer job due to the sticker on her mug, which said "Abolish the police."

12/15 PartyChairs_12.15.22d Trt: 3:02 In the state capital, Democrats have long dominated the political scene, but Republicans have begun surging there, under a seasoned leader. Meanwhile, as Margie Menzel reports, the struggling Democrats are pinning their hopes on a new party chairman.

12/16 PropInsuranceWrapUp1216cr 3:48 Republicans in the state legislature put their supermajority power on display this week when they passed a massive property insurance package less than five days after it was filed with little input from Democrats. Governor Ron DeSantis signed the measure into law today [Friday]. G-O-P legislative leaders tout the measure as pro-consumer, while Democrats argue it would hurt the state's policyholders. Valerie Crowder has more

12/16 VaxGrandJuryD TRT 4:21 Governor Ron DeSantis is asking the Florida Supreme Court to convene a grand jury to investigate possible misconduct related to COVID-19 vaccines. He made the announcement at a roundtable discussion Tuesday in West Palm Beach. The governor was joined by Florida's Surgeon General and a group of professors and doctors. Gina Jordan reports they all question how well the vaccines work and whether adverse health reactions have been accurately reported.

12/23 Statewide GOP chair_12.23.22 Trt: 3:42 After a run of successes, the Republican Party of Florida is looking for a new leader. Outgoing party chair Joe Gruters will leave early next year to run for treasurer of the Republican National Committee. Now two high-powered leaders of the state GOP are vying to succeed Gruters -- and to wipe out what's left of the Florida Democrats. Margie Menzel reports.