

FCC Report October- December 2018

October

CFORace1001ss TRT 02:05 As Election Day gets closer, key races for positions like Florida's Senate, Governor and Agriculture Commissioner are closely watched. Yet Shawn Mulcahy reports the race for the state's Chief Financial Officer appears to be flying under the radar.

Cash4cancer1002ss Trt: 2:38 It's an undeniably true statement that "people have to eat." And Tom Flanigan reports, in Tallahassee, the simple act of eating out will benefit a local cancer treatment center throughout the month of October, which is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

fallinlovewithtville1003ss trt: 2:31 There are plenty of things to see and do in Thomasville. Tom Flanigan reports visitors who capture and post images of that town could find themselves rewarded with some nice prizes.

Littlewomen1004d Trt: 3:31 A tale of female empowerment – years ahead of its time – is now a new motion picture. But Tom Flanigan reports the musical version of the story is also appearing on a Tallahassee stage beginning this weekend.

Judicial Nomination10518CRD TRT: 3:00 When a Florida circuit court judge announced plans to resign four days before his term would have ended, a fight broke out over whether his replacement should be appointed by the governor or filled through an election. Now that case is before the state supreme court. Regan McCarthy has more...

BULLYING VOUCHERS100518D TRT: 3:34 Fundraising began this week for a state-sanctioned scholarship program that helps victims of bullying and other mistreatment at school. The Hope Scholarship program is part of a sweeping education law passed by the Florida Legislature last March and signed by Governor Rick Scott. Gina Jordan reports the program applies to students in Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Alzwalk1005d Trt: 3:40 Tallahassee's Walk to End Alzheimer's is next Saturday, October thirteenth. Tom Flanigan spoke with a few of the event's organizers who are hoping for a spectacular turnout.

BBMHC1008ss TRT 01:20 Candidates for offices from Congress to school board gathered Monday to talk mental health at a forum hosted by the Big Bend Mental Health Coalition. Shawn Mulcahy reports.

Lynn-Jeff2Way1008 TRT: 3:58 Florida's Panhandle and Big Bend Region are bracing for Hurricane Michael. The storm is growing in strength and could come ashore anywhere between Destin and Steinhatchee. It's projected to become a Category 3 with impacts worse than 2016's Hurricane Hermine, the last storm to hit the region. WFSU News Director Lynn Hatter spoke with Florida Public Radio Meteorologist Jeff Huffman on what to expect, as the region awaits Hurricane Michael.

tallybeerfest1008ss trt: 2:16 Many of Tallahassee's charitable fundraisers involve beer. But Tom Flanigan reports the one coming up this weekend will focus exclusively on the malty beverage invented by the Egyptians thousands of years ago.

Jossie Gina TW10/10/18 trt: 4:20 WFSU's Gina Jordan spoke with Jossie Barroso (JO-zee Buh-ROH-soh) near downtown Apalachicola. She's a reporter and associate producer for The Florida Channel and WFSU-TV – and she spent much of the day at the Franklin County Emergency Operations Center.

Fugate Interview10102Way TRT: 5:47 Regional Emergency Management officials say people have largely heeded evacuation notices, however many have chosen to stay in place. Florida Public Radio Meteorologist Jeff Huffman spoke with former FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate on what residents should do now, as the window to leave begins to close.

Scott Kirkman TW10/10/18 TRT: 5:25 First responders are no longer responding to calls in Bay County. They stopped responding around noon Eastern time. Gina Jordan spoke with Scott Kirkman – he’s with our public radio partner WKGC in Panama City. He’s embedded at the Bay County Emergency Operations Center.

Scott2WayEvening1010 TRT: 4:23 The worst of Hurricane Michael has passed leaving behind catastrophic flooding in coastal communities across the Panhandle and Big Bend. The Region is now moving into recovery mode. Lynn Hatter spoke with Governor Rick Scott on the state of the area’s coastal communities.

FSUPerryOnPC2Way1012EDIT TRT: 4:18 By now most people have seen the images of devastation coming in from Florida’s Panhandle and Coastal areas. Hurricane Michael Struck near Panama City, just shy of becoming a Category 5 storm. The National Weather Service calls the event “unprecedented” for the area. On day 2 of recovery, several main roadways remain impassable, Bay, Franklin and Gadsden County are under mandatory curfews, and communication and utility systems have been crippled. Florida State University has a satellite campus in Panama City. FSU Police Chief David Perry was part of the group that took a helicopter over Thursday to survey the damage. WFSU News Director spoke with Perry on what he saw from the sky.

HatterHuffmanRecap10142Way TRT: 5:13 Hurricane Michael pummeled coastal communities and also wrecked havoc further inland—Gadsden, Liberty, Jackson, Washington and Holmes Counties suffered significant damage and power outages. Restoration is expected to take weeks. WFSU News Director Lynn Hatter spoke to Florida Public Radio Meteorologist Jeff Huffman about why Hurricane Michael was so damaging to so many people, so far inland.

MichaelQuincy1015ss TRT 01:33 More than 150,000 people are without power in the Florida panhandle after Hurricane Michael. Shawn Mulcahy reports recovery efforts are expected to extend well into November.

mayorsrace1016ss trt: 2:58 The two finalist candidates for Tallahassee mayor talked about what they’d bring to the job during yesterday’s (Monday’s) Political Perspectives on WFSU. Tom Flanigan reports the topics ranged from economics to ethics and lots in between.

EarlyLearningAid10162Way TRT: 5:33 Save the Children is working in the Florida panhandle to set up temporary learning sites for young children displaced by Hurricane Michael. Lynn Hatter spoke with the group’s Sarah Thompson to see how the group is working with state and local education officials to get early learning providers back up and running.

citycommthree1017d trt: 3:24 WFSU’s Political Perspectives program yesterday (Tuesday) featured the candidates for Tallahassee City Commission Seat Three. Tom Flanigan says questions about campaign contributions and candidate supporters brought a few tense moments to the conversation.

citycommfive1018d trt: 3:59 Either Bob Lotane or Dianne Williams-Cox will be on the Tallahassee City Commission after the November sixth election. Tom Flanigan spoke with both of them during WFSU's Political Perspectives program yesterday (Wednesday).

Marianna101918SS TRT: 2:30 Hurricane Michael hit Jackson County Florida harder than many its residents expected. The storm tore roofs from buildings, ripped businesses in half and left thousands without power. Regan McCarthy spoke with members of the community who are now working to pick up the pieces.

WakullaRecovery1022ss TRT: After the devastation from Hurricane Michael, at least one community is moving forward with recovery. Jade Jacobs reports Wakulla County is taking steps to put the storm and its effects behind them.

forestfest1023ss Trt: 2:44 A community festival celebrating one of Florida's oldest industries takes place this coming Saturday in Perry. But, as Tom Flanigan reports, Hurricane Michael's devastating impact has added a new purpose and urgency to that celebration.

AntiAmend4_1023d TRT: Florida is one of only a few states that doesn't automatically restore voting rights to felons who've completed their sentences. The fight goes back years now. And it's been waged both in court, and in the court of public opinion. Now Voters themselves have the chance to weigh in with Amendment 4, which would automatically restore rights to most felons. But as Lynn Hatter reports, there are some exceptions, and that's created a divide inside of the groups pushing hardest for the change.

Race4readiness1025ss Trt: 2:20 In the wake of Hurricane Michael, many North Florida fundraisers are expanding their focus to include storm recovery. Tom Flanigan reports this weekend's Early Learning Coalition "Run for Readiness" in Tallahassee is one of these.

PanamaCityHousing1025D TRT: 6:23 In storm-ravaged Panama City, a new crisis is emerging: housing. Across the city, evictions are taking place as apartment complexes and rental units are condemned. Many of these are rent-controlled and income-based. Lynn Hatter reports that's leaving hundreds of people scrambling for places to go. For some, there's nowhere to go.

FEMAUpdate10252Way TRT: 6:55 The Federal Emergency Management Agency remains on the ground in North Florida but it's trying to manage expectations. And now as the region moves into recovery mode—typical problems are emerging. Like Fraud. But some areas, like Panama City, are in the midst of a housing and eviction crisis. Lynn Hatter spoke with FEMA Spokeswoman Nikki Gaskins about resources available to people who can no longer live in their homes.

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PanhandleHousing1030ss TRT: 2:40 Hurricane Michael has damaged and destroyed thousands of homes and apartments in the panhandle and what's left isn't enough to meet the demand. Lynn Hatter reports now FEMA is offering up it's "FEMA Trailers" to help address the need.

Drivingsnorma1031ss Trt: 3:00 Most folks like positive, uplifting stories with happy endings. Tom Flanigan has the story of a lady who, along with her family, made sure her own ending was a happy one.

November

Bryan Koon FEMA TW 11/02/18 trt: 4:19 Weeks after Hurricane Michael made landfall in the panhandle, some displaced residents say FEMA has been slow to respond. Former Florida Emergency Management Director Bryan Koon says – it's not that simple.

PBSInterview1102 EDIT TRT: 4:12 This election cycle shows Democrats and progressives are fired up. But will it translate to votes? WFSU's Lynn Hatter spoke with PBS News Hour's Yamiche Alsindor (YAH-meesh, Al-SIN-door) on what's at stake in this year's mid-term cycle.

Adoption1105d TRT: 3:46 There are more than 400,000 American children in foster care, **more than 25,000 of them in Florida**. Their average length of stay is 25.3 months, according to the Ackerman Institute for the Family – and they have rates of post-traumatic stress disorder similar to combat veterans. As National Adoption Month begins, Tom Flanigan reports.

LawsonWins1106ss TRT 01:13 Republican challenger Virginia Fuller was no match for Democratic incumbent Representative Al Lawson. Lawson won reelection in Florida's fifth congressional district by a whopping thirty percent. Shawn Mulcahy reports.

Amendments1107ss TRT 01:40 Despite a contentious battle, voters approved 11 of the 12 constitutional amendments on the ballot. Shawn Mulcahy reports.

commchorus1109d Trt: 4:03 Even though the year-end holidays are still more than a month off, the Tallahassee Community Chorus is presenting its holiday program next week. As Tom Flanigan reports, it will also be a musical homecoming for the chorus's legendary artistic director.

vine&dine1113d trt: 4:09 Despite advancements in both modern medicine and public attitudes, Tom Flanigan reports epilepsy still afflicts many thousands of people and remains misunderstood by millions.

Tallywinds1114ss Trt: 2:51 The Tallahassee Winds are serving up some tasty musical morsels in advance of Thanksgiving Day next week. Tom Flanigan reports the free concert will include many well-known.

Stjohnsmarket1115ss Trt: 2:46 Among the early signs of Tallahassee's holiday season is the yearly market hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church downtown. Tom Flanigan reports the market takes place this Saturday.

2020Ahead1116D TRT: 4:25 The 2018 midterm election is barely settled but longtime political watchers are already reading the tea-leaves for 2020. Noted Republican and Democratic political strategists say the legal battles of this year are only a prelude for upcoming elections, with no sign of political divides healing anytime soon. Lynn Hatter has the story.

Scott Recusal111618ss TRT: 2:50 Calls for Governor Rick Scott to recuse himself from official duties relating to the election were answered this week. Scott's lead in the US Senate race is so close, it's being recounted. Gina Jordan has more on the governor's plans -- and the outcome of a lawsuit filed by two voter advocacy groups.

GillumNelsonConcession1118ss TRT: 2:06 Florida Democrats Andrew Gillum and U.S. Senator Bill Nelson have conceded their races for Governor and U.S. Senator. Lynn Hatter reports both occurred over the weekend following state-mandated recounts.

SeafoodFest111918CRD TRT: 2:56 There's plenty to catch a Floridian's attention these days. A major storm, an election and then a recount and what's to come next year. But as Regan McCarthy reports those hit the hardest by Hurricane Michael as hopeful as the rest of the state moves on, the Forgotten Coast won't be forgotten.

Canvassing1120CR TRT: 3:02 A new crop of leaders will make their way to Tallahassee in January. The state canvassing board has signed off on the results of a contentious election that has seen Florida's leadership through another big change.

louisepenny1120d Trt: 4:01 A New York Times best-selling author whose detective tales have attracted a cult-like fan following is coming to Tallahassee. But Tom Flanigan reports Louise Penny underwent considerable trauma in her own life before she could take up the profession that would make her so famous.

Legislature1123d TRT: 3:26 The Florida Legislature convened in Tallahassee before the Thanksgiving holiday for an organizational session. Gina Jordan reports new lawmakers were sworn in, and new leaders installed.

Olderdrivers1123cr Trt: 4:19 Should there be a mandatory retirement age when it comes to driving? Some new research suggests that older drivers are statistically among the safest drivers. But Tom Flanigan tells us that does NOT mean that every senior should have a guaranteed "license for life."

FSUFootball1127D TRT: The Florida State University Football team has ended its worst season since the 1976. What's more—it's 36-year bowl streak is over. Lynn Hatter looks back on a season marked by big changes, and what happens when a school accustomed to winning, doesn't.

ActiveShooter1128ss TRT 02:19 Researchers at the University of Miami's Gordon Center are unveiling a new protocol for active shooter situations. Shawn Mulcahy reports Tallahassee first responders are some of the first to receive this groundbreaking training.

NelsonGoodbye112918CRD TRT: 3:20 As outgoing U.S. Senator Bill Nelson prepares to leave office, he's making a final push for a few of his priority issues. Regan McCarthy reports Nelson as unseated by Republican Florida Governor Rick Scott.

BigBendUnemployment1129ss TRT: 2: 27 The Big Bend's unemployment rate is reaching historic lows, along with that of the state. There are plenty of "help wanted" signs but as Lynn Hatter reports, with few workers to be had, the local economy is still growing.

Genetipton1129d Trt: 4:52 After decades of performing music, a talented Tallahasseean has finally released his very first collection of recorded songs. Tom Flanigan reports.

EvergladesSugarWater1130CR TRT: 4:38 A new front in the ongoing battle between Everglades restoration and Florida's sugar industry has opened up. This time, it's over a planned water reservoir south of Lake Okeechobee. Environmentalists are suing to block an extension of sugar leases they say could delay construction. Lynn Hatter has more.

Ensleybook1130d Trt: 3:53 A compilation of columns and articles by legendary Tallahassee Democrat writer Gerald Ensley has its official release in book form next Thursday. Tom Flanigan reports Ensley's daughter was one of the book's editors.

December

Tallyballet1204d Trt: 3:15 F-S-U's Ruby Diamond Concert Hall will welcome one of the holiday season's best-loved traditions this weekend. Tom Flanigan reports the Tallahassee Ballet will be staging its rendition of "The Nutcracker" with some very special guest performers.

Silentnight1205d Trt: 4:11 One of the best-loved songs of the holidays is celebrating its two-hundredth anniversary this year. It turns out that song also has a direct connection to Tallahassee.

850Rebuild1206ss TRT: 2:27 Two months after Hurricane Michael slammed into North Florida levelling communities from the coast to South Georgia, areas continue struggling to get back up and running. The Rebuild850 campaign is trying to keep that recovery in the forefront to make sure the area often known as the forgotten coast, isn't this time. Lynn Hatter has more.

ConcealedCarry1207cr TRT 03:24 Lawmakers and gun rights advocates are squabbling over who should have control of Florida's concealed weapons permits. Internal reports from the Agriculture Department and an official review have highlighted problems with the current system. Shawn Mulcahy reports.

Timber12718CRD TRT: 2:57 Hurricane Michael did more than a billion dollars in damage to the state's forestry industry. As Regan McCarthy reports some worry that means a loss of jobs, loss of business and loss of income for many north Florida families.

Film Taxwatch Report1207D trt: 3:57 Florida's share of film and TV productions is waning as the state no longer offers tax credits for the industry. A new analysis finds Florida lawmakers may have good reason to reconsider those incentives. Florida Public Radio's Gina Jordan tells us the report suggests Florida will have to step up if it wants to compete for billions of show business dollars.

WilliamsTrial1210ss TRT: 3:06 A Tallahassee woman accused of orchestrating the murder and cover-up of her ex-husband goes on trial this week. Lynn Hatter reports Jury selection is underway and arguments are expected to begin Wednesday.

WilliamsOpening1211ss/multicut TRT: 3:18 Six jurors and two alternates are hearing testimony in the murder trial of Denise Williams. She's accused of orchestrating the disappearance and murder of her first husband 18 years ago.

Wintersolstice1212d Trt: 3:15 One of Tallahassee's oldest historic sites pays homage to its Native American roots this weekend. Tom Flanigan reports it will also be a homecoming for descendants of Tallahassee's very first residents.

Christmascarol1213d Trt: 3:34 'Tis the season for "A Christmas Carol." Tom Flanigan reports Tallahassee's own unique version of the Charles Dickens classic will have a few additional twists this year.

He-Coon1214cr TRT 02:47 Florida's forty-first governor, Lawton Chiles, died this week twenty years ago. Shawn Mulcahy looks back at one of "Walkin' Lawton's" most famous moments: the he-coon debate.

Low Unemployment TW1213 TRT: 5:48 It's a job seeker's market. The tri-county region of Leon, Gadsden, and Wakulla has an unemployment rate of 2.9 percent. Help wanted signs are common. CareerSource Capital Region is busier than ever, trying to match companies with workers who have the needed skills. That's where I sat down with local CareerSource CEO Jim McShane.

Hukill Remembered1214ss TRT 2:46 The Florida Senate held a brief memorial service this week for the late Senator Dorothy Hukill. The Port Orange Republican died in early October just days after abandoning her re-election bid because of an aggressive recurrence of cervical cancer. She was 72.

WilliamsTrial1217ss trt: Attorneys in the Denise Williams case are expected back in a Tallahassee courtroom today/Tuesday after Williams was found guilty of first degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and accessory after the fact. Lynn Hatter reports the convictions stem from the death of her first husband, Mike Williams, 18 years ago.

Tkremembered1218d Trt: 3:39 The weekend death of former Florida legislative leader and longtime educator T-K Wetherell is being mourned throughout the state. Tom Flanigan remembers his legendary devotion to higher education.

SchoolandCrime121918SS TRT: 2:27 Leon County's crime rate is dipping. It's something most people point to as a positive change. But as Regan McCarthy reports the decrease in crime could spell bad news for part of the Leon County School system's budget.

Dwellings1219d Trt: 3:36 A special Tallahassee housing project to reduce area homelessness is marking its first anniversary. Tom Flanigan reports "The Dwellings" on the city's means a holiday home for those who might otherwise be on the street.

GillumYearEnder1220d trt: 3:52 The Florida Ethics Commission will hold a hearing later this month to decide whether there's enough evidence to charge Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum with ethics violations. The Tallahassee Democrat first reported the story. The issue stems from a trip Gillum took with a lobbyist where he received tickets to the Broadway play Hamilton. The trip later became intertwined with an FBI probe into corruption in Tallahassee government, and some say, cost Gillum the governor's mansion. As part of our 2018 recap, Lynn Hatter reports on how Gillum came close to becoming the first black governor in Florida's history.

Revenue Forecast1221ss TRT 2:11 Last week, a Senate committee heard that - because of Hurricane Michael - a potential surplus of more than 200-million-dollars had likely disappeared for next year's budget. This week, the outlook turned more positive. Florida Public Radio's Gina Jordan reports analysts are projecting a significant increase in state revenue over two years.

Holidaysadness1221ss Trt: 2:44 Great sadness often lurks in the midst of holiday celebrations. Tom Flanigan spoke with a noted expert on how to deal with the grief and loss.

DeSantisEd1219D TRT: 3:25 Florida Governor-elect Ron DeSantis is crafting his policy agenda and has turned to a group of thinkers from across the state to help. One of those groups, the Education and Workforce Transition Committee, is working on its proposals for DeSantis. Lynn Hatter listened in on one of the group's recent meetings.

RecountRemembered122818CRD TRT: 3:46 Florida held recounts in three statewide races during the 2018 election. And it did not go smoothly. Voting machines broke down, deadlines for results were missed and accusations of fraud flew from party to party. Now as Regan McCarthy reports experts are calling for widespread election reform.