In this edition, there are in-person workshops on growing strawberries and the backyard hen seminar; there's also an on-line workshop opportunity to start a small business. November is one of those months where Duval Extension is very busy with preparing for The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair and the Farm City Luncheon, to name a few. Speaking about the Fair, 4-H needs volunteers, see below.

**Quick View of Program Areas**

- **Lawns, Gardens and Trees**
- **Horticulture and Pest Services**
- **Agriculture and Agribusiness Management**
- **4-H Youth Development, Duval County 4-H Foundation**
- **Family and Consumer Sciences and Canning Center**

The **Urban Garden Program** is offering an in-person workshop on *Growing Your Own Strawberries At Home!* Join this workshop to learn how to grow tasty, healthy strawberries, Saturday, November 12th from 10AM - 11:30AM at Jarboe Park located at 1200 3rd Street., 32266. Learn How to Grow Your Own Strawberries--and Take Some Plants Home to Get Started! Register via Eventbrite: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/443283241107](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/443283241107)

Join the **Small Farms & Alternative Enterprises** team for *Backyard Hen Training*, Wednesday, November 30th from 2PM - 3:30PM. This informational course is on caring for backyard hens and is a pre-requisite to receive a Backyard Hen Permit from Duval County. Training is held at the Duval County Extension Office. The cost is $5 to attend.

To register, visit [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/44282229107](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/44282229107)
4-H Day at the Fair
The Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair will be held November 3-13, 2022, and 4-H Day at the Fair will be Saturday, November 5th! Youth can use their 4-H Membership Card to get into the fair for free. Contests held on 4-H Day will be: Livestock Judging, Poultry Judging, Consumer Choices Judging, Horticulture ID, and Forest Ecology. You can learn more about the contests, entry fees, and prizes at: https://www.jacksonvillefair.com/p/the-fair/contestpremiumbook.

Fair Concession Stand with 4-H
Duval 4-H needs volunteers to work at the concession stand during the Greater Jacksonville Fair. Selling concessions during the fair is one of the Duval County 4-H Foundation’s largest fundraisers of the year. All of our proceeds go to support 4-H programs and scholarships in Duval County 4-H. We could not offer incredible 4-H programs without these fundraisers! Sign up ASAP to ensure you get a timeslot that works for your family and friends. No concession stand experience is required. We will train you when you arrive for your shift. Note: Youth 12 and younger must have an adult volunteer with them at the concession stand. Sign-up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4eabee29aaff2-2016

Family and Consumer Sciences
Duval County Family and Consumer Sciences offer programs in finance and food including canning classes. To register, scan the QR code or visit: https://qrco.de/financeandfood FRMParks.eventbrite.com

Live Well People!
Our virtual Jax Living Well Agent is here to support your health and wellness goals, and you don’t have to leave the comfort of your home! Did you set a resolution back in January that you have since given up on? Embarking upon or restarting your health journey can be overwhelming; working with a coach will help you plan, measure, and achieve your aspirations. Email johnstona@ufl.edu for more information. Scan the QR code or visit qrco.de/LivingWell and stay updated on tips, information, resources, and online programs.

A healthy you is also a happy you, and getting started is just one click away.
**Family & Consumer Sciences Program** is offering an opportunity to start your own small business. This class is an introduction to entrepreneurship. You'll learn how to create a simplified business plan, marketing strategies, and how to make candles to earn additional income during the holidays. The class will be held at the Jacksonville Canning Center located at 2525 Commonwealth Ave.

Register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/439177290097

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**Employee Spotlight**

**Walter Holmes,**

*Utility Maintenance Worker*

**Duval County Extension Office, Canning Center & Grounds**

7 1/2 years

Walter began his career with the Duval County Extension Office 7 1/2 years ago. He retired from North Florida Shipyards after 27 1/2 years; his role was ship building and ship repair.

Walter has been married to his wife for 32 years and together they have 6 grown children (a real Brady Bunch) and 5 grandchildren. One grandchild graduated high school last year and another one is graduating this year, then he has the littles.

Walter enjoys carpentry work, building cabinets. Also, he holds an amater status in powerlifting, a strength sport.

His greatest achievements are his children, grandchildren and he is proud to have served in the US Army and Active Reserve. Walter also taught combat tactics at Camp Blanding.

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**Helpful Resources**

Buy direct from a produce grower near you - https://www.fdacs.gov/Food-Nutrition/Buy-Fresh-From-Florida


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http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/duvalco/
Happy National Veterans and Military Families Month!

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Thanksgiving is an occasion to spend time with loved-ones creating and sharing memories. It's also a time to express in words how thankful you are to those who have made a positive difference in your life. ~ Tracy Akers Williams

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