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*In this issue, I will first discuss how the state's job creating policies are producing positive results for Florida. I will also highlight the Exchange Club of Vero Beach, a local service organization I recently had the privilege of speaking to. In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my **congratulations** to all of the local candidates who won this year's Primary election. I have provided a list of the winners on Page two. In light of the commencement of a new school year, I have also provided information on how to participate in our children's education.*

I hope you enjoy reading. As always, please do not hesitate to contact my district office if you need any assistance.

FLORIDA JOBS REPORT

I had the opportunity to be a part of several events this month with Governor Scott that highlighted businesses and announced thousands of new jobs for the State of Florida. I am happy to report that **Florida's unemployment rate has dropped 2.3 percentage points** – more than any other state in the nation! **Over 130,000 private sector jobs have been added since December 2010.** Prior to 2010, Florida had the second highest increase in the nation in unemployment. The policies recently implemented by the Florida legislature, and under the leadership of Governor Scott, has combated this issue head on, creating a more business-friendly atmosphere and encouraging businesses to grow in our state. Our goals of shrinking the size of government and holding it accountable, reducing wasteful spending, lowering taxes and eliminating burdensome regulation to make government more efficient has created and will continue to create positive change. I commend Governor Scott for being a strong leader and firmly believe that we are back on the path of prosperity!

JOBS ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SPACE COAST

Governor Scott's recent jobs announcement at Cape Canaveral provides just one example of positive job growth in our region. The "Strategic Weapons System Ashore" is a new facility made possible by Space Florida's \$5 million in capital improvements. The facility creates an anticipated **100 jobs with average annual salaries of \$90,000.** This will benefit many, allowing the US



Senators Altman & Haridopolos, Governor Scott, Reps Mayfield & Workman Attend Recent Jobs Announcements

Navy to consolidate their submarine missile systems testing while also utilizing Florida's highly skilled technical workforce. The project is expected to be fully operational in 2015, and will help to maintain our role in this industry. For more information, please visit Space Florida's website, at www.spaceflorida.gov.

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Important Dates:



LABOR DAY

is September 3rd.

Our office will be closed in observance of the holiday. Check your local paper to be advised of other closings.

SATELLITE OFFICE HOURS

My office is hosting monthly satellite office hours at the North County Library in Sebastian on Monday, **September 10**, from **10AM—Noon**.

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EXCHANGE CLUB OF VERO BEACH

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak to the Exchange Club of Vero Beach. Having served the Vero Beach and Indian River County area for sixty-one years, the Exchange Club of Vero Beach has a strong commitment to family, community and country. They work specifically toward the prevention of child abuse, the recognition of local youth through scholarship, and the support of American values. Their guiding mission is to make our community a better place to live.

The Club meets for lunch (Noon-1PM) four Tuesdays a month at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church in Vero Beach. For more information about this service organization, please call 772-559-5077.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for the winners of the Primary election on August 14th. Many are incumbents, some are newly elected to the office, and others must go on to the General Election in November. Regardless, all candidates this Primary Season deserve accolades for their hard work and for the vitality they brought to their respective races. Public Service is a huge honor and those elected are fortunate to serve. Below is a list of the Primary winners.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

- Deryl Loar**, *Sheriff*
- David Nolte**, *Property Appraiser*
- Carole Jean Jordan** (R), *Tax Collector* *
- Leslie Swan**, *Supervisor of Elections*
- Bob Solari**, *County Commission, D5*
- Tim Zorc** (R), *County Commission, D3* *

ST LUCIE COUNTY

- Chris Craft**, *Tax Collector*
- Bob Benton** (R), *County Commission, D1* *
- Bobby Hopkins** (R), *County Commission, D5* *
- Kim Johnson** (D), *County Commission, D5* *

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

- Connie Mack**, (R) *United States Senator* *
- Bill Nelson**, (D) *United States Senator* *
- Allen West** (R), *US Representative, 18th* *
- Patrick Murphy** (D), *US Representative, 18th* *

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

- Cary Pigman** (R), *District 55* *
- Larry Lee, Jr.** (D), *District 84* *

*Denotes candidate faces opposition in General Election, November 6, 2012

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR

August 20th marked the first day of school for the counties of Indian River and St. Lucie. In light of recent millage referendums, FCAT scores, and ongoing statewide discussions about how best to serve our students, now is the perfect time to become actively engaged in local education. I encourage you to not only participate in the personal education of a child, but also to attend local PTA and school board meetings to be aware of and influential to local school policy. To find information on local school board policies and scheduled meetings, please visit their websites: Indian River County, at www.indianriverschools.org or St. Lucie County, at <http://www.stlucie.k12.fl.us/>. If you have further questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the Department of Education via their "Just for Parents" email, at justforparents@fldoe.org. Let's work together to create the best educational environment for our district's children!