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The 2010 Legislative Session has ended and it's good to be back with our friends on the Treasure Coast. Being home in the district is where I like to work best. It allows me to focus on important issues and meet with constituents to discuss local matters one on one. This issue of the Mayfield Minute focuses on services available to Floridians. Please feel free to contact my district office if you require any assistance with a state agency or wish to discuss a legislative issue -

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2010 SUNSHINE CENSUS

The countdown to **July 10**, the last day to be counted in the 2010 Census, is underway, and state and local officials and community leaders are working to ensure an accurate count for Florida. The Census guides critical decisions on the national, state and local levels and provides insight into population, state, local and tribal government funding and more.

With the clock ticking, the Florida House of Representatives is helping to achieve a complete and accurate count through www.myfloridacensus.gov. The website allows Floridians to share information about the census in communities throughout Florida. In turn, the Florida House of Representatives works with the U.S. Census Bureau to account for streets, neighborhoods and communities that may otherwise be missed in the 2010 Census.

By visiting www.myfloridacensus.gov and telling us if you have been counted, you are speaking on behalf of your whole community. Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data. Every additional Floridian counted is worth approximately \$1,500 per year in additional federal funding. Census data also determines congressional representation and guides local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, childcare and senior citizen centers, schools and more.

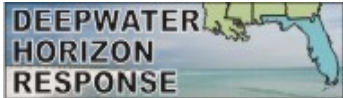
Every ten years, Florida gets one chance to take a picture of your community. That snapshot determines ten years worth of investments in the future of your community. By visiting www.myfloridacensus.gov, you can help make sure that everyone in your community is represented in Florida's portrait.



Florida's Old and New Capitols

Should you have any state constituent issues, please do not hesitate to contact Heather Dean in my Vero Beach office at (772) 778-5077.

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SHOP AND COMPARE

Many Florida homeowners are finding it difficult and frustrating to compare the cost of homeowners insurance. The Shop and Compare website is intended as a starting point to help you compare rates and to demonstrate the importance of shopping around for the best policy to provide the coverage and terms you need to protect your home.



The Shop and Compare site, www.shopandcomparerates.com, provides average approved rates from a sampling of insurance companies for a standard Florida home. The typical rates quoted on the website are not guaranteed rates, but are intended to demonstrate that rates vary significantly from company to company.



Congratulations to Indian River County Teacher, **Cheryl Conley**, who was named one of five finalist for the teacher of the year award. Mrs. Conley teaches fourth grade at Osceola Magnet School.

On May 5th Florida Education Commissioner Eric Smith traveled to Vero Beach to surprise Mrs. Conley and her students with the nomination.



COVER FLORIDA

Cover Florida makes affordable health coverage available to 3.8 million uninsured Floridians by allowing insurers to create innovative health insurance products. This insurance is guaranteed to Floridians who have been without insurance for at least six months, or who are recently unemployed - even if there are pre-existing health conditions. The coverage is voluntary for both individuals and for employers, and employees can even take their coverage with them if they change jobs.

Cover Florida gives uninsured Floridians the opportunity to take charge of their own preventive health care. The benefits options include a robust set of benefits, such as coverage for preventive services, screenings, and office visits, as well as office surgery, urgent care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment and diabetic supplies.

No tax dollars were required to create the Cover Florida health insurance plans. To qualify, applicants must be between the ages of 19 and 64 and either gone without coverage for six months or recently lost a job that provided employer-sponsored health benefits. Floridians may also be eligible to purchase Cover Florida plans if they have lost benefits under COBRA or lost insurance coverage due to the death, or divorce from, a spouse who has provided employer-sponsored health benefits. For more information on the Cover Florida program, I encourage you to visit www.coverfloridahealthcare.com