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Florida's Old and New Capitols

During the past few weeks I have been spending my time in the district re-connecting with constituents and local organizations. Last week I attended the St. Lucie County Chamber Legislative Review meeting in Fort Pierce with other members of the St. Lucie Legislative Delegation, and I participated in the Indian River County Chamber's Post-Session Wrap-up held this past Friday.

These are all excellent examples of working together at a local level to better serve the constituents of District 80. My office and staff are always available to assist you with questions or difficulties you may have with a state agency. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your comments or concerns.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Audra Robitaille as my new District Secretary. Audra is a recent graduate of the University of Central Florida, and I am very excited to have her in my District Office.

GOVERNOR SCOTT 'GETS TO WORK' PICKING ORANGES

Continuing his focus on job creation and promoting Florida's world famous citrus industry, Governor Rick Scott picked and processed oranges at IMG Citrus right here in Indian River County for his ninth 'Let's Get to Work!' Day. He took part in every step of getting oranges to market, including picking, sorting and packing the fruit. Florida's citrus industry has an economic impact of \$9.3 billion annually and accounts for nearly 80,000 Florida jobs.



Governor Scott spent the morning in the orange grove in Fellsmere, picking citrus that was loaded onto a truck and taken to the packinghouse. He also used a tractor to mow the grass between the citrus trees.

Later, Governor Scott arrived at the packing plant in Vero Beach with the citrus he and the other citrus workers picked during the morning. After lunch with packing-house employees, he assisted with sorting the fruit by color, size and quality. After the oranges have passed the rigorous grading process, he packed them into either boxes or bags for shipping to markets throughout the United States and around the world.

"As Governor, I am working to make sure the world thinks of Florida as the best place to start, expand or move a business," Governor Scott said. "Our goal is to create the best business climate so businesses, like the ones in Florida's citrus industry, can expand and grow."

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 7

Satellite Office Hours:
North County Library

May 12

Alma Lee Loy
Bridge Dedication

May 16

Indian River County
Chamber Annual Tourism
Lunch

June 4-8

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FLORIDA REDISTRICTING UPDATE

The Florida Supreme Court recently signed off on the revised State Senate map, and the United States Department of Justice approved the preclearance of all of the redistricting maps passed by the Florida Legislature.

Chairman Weatherford, who guided the Florida House Redistricting Committee through the process, released the following statement:

“The preclearance by the U.S. Department of Justice signifies the final approval of the state legislative and Congressional maps passed by the Florida legislature. I appreciate the hard work of my colleagues and all of the input we received from Floridians throughout the process. With their help, we were able to draw fair and compact maps that puts the interests of Floridians over the interests of politicians. Going forward, we will work with the Department of State and supervisors of elections as the new maps are implemented. Floridians should feel confident knowing their county election officials have plenty of time to prepare for the upcoming elections.”

This clears the way for qualifying for state and federal races to take place June 4-8.



ALMA LEE LOY BRIDGE DEDICATION

I want to invite all my friends who receive the Mayfield Minute to join the community in celebration as we dedicate the 17th Street Bridge as the **Alma Lee Loy Bridge**.

The dedication will take place on Saturday, May 12, at 10:00 a.m., and will be at the Vero Beach Power Plant, which is located at the corner of 17th Street and Indian River Boulevard.

Come out and celebrate this occasion as we pay tribute to a remarkable lady who has dedicated her life to making Indian River County a better place to learn, work, and live.

Parking will be available in the Power Plant parking lot and across the street at the Citrus Bank building. Limited seating will be available. Please call the district office with any questions.



Alma Lee Loy and her fellow commissioners at the formal opening of the 17th Street Bridge in 1980.