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Florida's Old and New Capitols

*The last several weeks have been all about community-led initiatives and accomplishments. United Way of Indian River County held its annual Community Leaders Breakfast, which celebrated the incredible volunteer and philanthropic efforts of our community. A young lady by the name of Lauren Weaver was also recognized for her extraordinary leadership and service to our community. Vero Beach High School hosted one of my favorite annual traditions, its 31st Crown Jewel event. My staff and I also had a chance to visit with local elementary schools during "National School Lunch Week." I met with the Chair of the Obesity Task Force in my District Office, where we were able to discuss the local health needs of our community and how the state is combatting childhood obesity in our schools. I hope you enjoy reading, and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact my District Office any assistance.*

## COMMUNITY LEADERS RECOGNIZED BY UNITED WAY

Every year, United Way of Indian River County makes it a point to highlight some of our local leaders who have dedicated their personal time and talent to bettering the lives of others. Michael Kint, CEO of United Way, took the time to congratulate each of their award winners for their service. The keynote speaker, FPL President Erig Silagy, also presented Michael Kint with a \$25,000 contribution to the United Way Foundation on behalf of FPL. We are so fortunate to live in a community that benefits from these and other philanthropic and volunteer partnerships.

## VBHS HOSTS ITS 31ST ANNUAL "CROWN JEWEL"

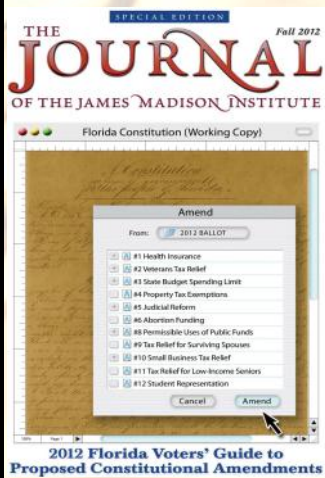


This past weekend Vero Beach High School put on its 31<sup>st</sup> annual Treasure Coast Crown Jewel Marching Band Festival. The Crown Jewel is one of the Treasure Coast's great annual traditions featuring the state's premier high school marching bands. Award Divisions are ranked by the number of student musicians in each band. Sebastian River High School was crowned Grand Champion of the largest ranking, the Diamond Division. The Grand Champion of the Emerald Division was Okeechobee High School. In the Ruby Division, Grand Champion was the Olympic Heights High School out of Boca Raton. First and second runners-up included: Lakeland High School (Diamond Division); Atlantic Community High School and Port St Lucie High School (Emerald Division); Winter Haven High School and Ridge Community High School (Ruby Division). Congratulations to all of the winners, and a special congrats to Vero Beach High School for putting on another successful event.

## Email Representative

### 2012 Amendments

In a continuing effort to ensure that you are well informed about the Amendments on November's ballot, I have included an additional resource provided by the James Madison Institute.



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## National School Lunch Week

Last week was “National School Lunch Week.” My staff and I visited two local schools during their lunch breaks to talk with the kids and to take note of the quality of their school lunches. Audra visited Treasure Coast Elementary on Wednesday; Mayra and I visited Fellsmere Elementary Thursday. SuAnn Zilnicki, the food service manager at Fellsmere Elementary School, hosted our visit and advised



Fellsmere Elementary Students with Representative Mayfield

us of the changes that their school has undergone in their efforts to provide healthier lunches. It was an enjoyable visit, and during my conversations with some of the students, I was able to ask them about their favorite foods. I was reassured that they loved the “baked” chicken nuggets, which has become the alternative to the fried foods they had in previous years.

The state of Florida has recognized that childhood obesity is an especially important issue, as habits created in childhood are particularly difficult to fix in adulthood. In an effort to address this, we transferred our state's school lunch program from the Department of Education to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Under the direction of Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, the Legislature passed a bill entitled “The Healthy Schools for Healthy Lives Act,” which consolidated all state-level school food and nutrition programs under one state agency. Along with providing more efficiency, it extended the “Fresh from Florida” campaign by providing kids with more direct access to the fresh, healthy foods offered by Florida agriculture. To find information about the new program—“Fresh for Florida Kids”—please visit their website at [www.freshforfloridakids.com](http://www.freshforfloridakids.com). You will find out about the “farm to school program,” as well as helpful tips for parents, students, and schools.

## LAUREN WEAVER, OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Ms. Lauren Weaver, a 12 year old student at the Master's Academy of Vero Beach, was recognized by the Association of Fundraising Professionals with the first-ever Outstanding Youth Philanthropist of the Year. Lauren has worked since age 7 to help the homeless in Indian River County. Currently, she is on a mission to assemble 150 boxes of items to be distributed by the Source, a local nonprofit homeless services agency in Vero Beach. She also spearheaded a project with the Homeless Family Center in Vero Beach which aims to build pavilions so that families will have a place to sit down and eat dinner together. Lauren Weaver represents all that is good in our community, and I am proud to have a young woman of her caliber in my constituency. The award will be presented November 13 at Riverside Theatre in Vero Beach. For more information about Lauren's mission, and to learn how you can help, please visit her website at <http://laurensway.org>