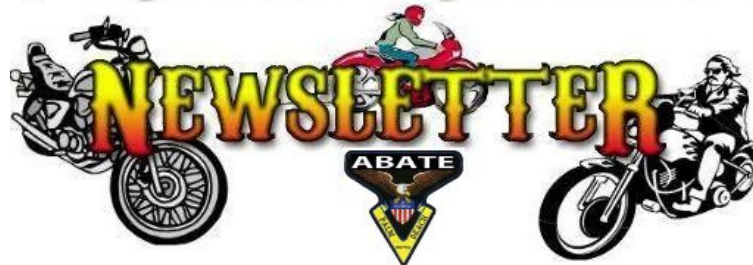


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In Uncle Ron's VP Report he told of how the Council would like to see more ABATE members at the meetings. As President I need to get out to represent the chapter. At Gorilla Bob's Christmas party I had several conversations. Talking about Bill's Toy Run they thought their troubles with permits was due to WPB mayor not liking the holidays nor bikers. They think ABATE should stop his reelection. As always we urge everyone to get involved in local politics and VOTE. Another chat said we should led an all clubs boycott attending businesses against colors. We are against biker discrimination but this sound more like a Council project, He also though their should be a ride to Tallahassee. ABATE has been doing this for 25 years, where have they been?

So it seems the community does want and needs us. When it comes to politics we have always promoted them to get involved as so many different legislators depending on residence. We could use more manpower to do more things so think about getting involved and joining ABATE Palm Beach chapter.

Jeff and Debby have been working to set up a Zelle account for online payments. I will work on getting our application to be filled out and send in while online. We haven't had access to our website for awhile so hopefully that will be solved soon. I'm considering making a mirror site to keep all our content available regardless.

Hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Year. I'll be staying safe at home with my cats. Slo Mo



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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

Tuesday Bike Nights L.O.F. Motorsports Jupiter Stadium Grill

Wednesday Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs

Saturday nights Fly In Wheels Open House

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 7 pm A1A Lake Park

Thursday Jan. 13 Tequesta Bike night at Handlebars (old Judy's A1A)

Friday Jan.7 AOA WPB Open House

Sunday Jan. 9 Wings of Gold Annual Mickey's Tiki Bar Pompano

Friday Jan. 14 Black Piston's WPB Open House

Thursday Jan, 20 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night

Jan. 19 and 26 South Florida Fair Bike Parades staging 6 pm

4TH Sunday Jan. 23 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 12:30pm
Our meeting will be at **Johnny Q's 3801 10th Ave. N, Palm Springs**

Thurs Jan. 27 Underground Cycles Bike Night 7-10 PM Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter

Friday Jan. 28 Lone Legion WPB Open House

Saturday Jan 29 Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show Frost Park



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY & AWARENESS EVENT

SUNDAY DEC. 5, 2021 2-6 PM

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB NOR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet, it is up to you to decide.

OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out to vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Newsletter Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.

RENEWAL REMINDERS

One membership concern is that we have lost a lot of members due to their not be aware of renewal dates. It has been many years since we did mailings, sometimes due to money issues. So Jeff will be working with Debbi to rebuilt this campaign. It was discussed and decided to bring back the newsletter notification last. Life members will not be on this list but will be told of changes and to be sure ADD beneficiary forms are on file at State office IMPORTANT to have active membership for this accident insurance and updated forms. Another reason not to be on list are members who aren't aware they have expired I have already found that several members at last meeting were not on active list. I think I know of others so working to let them know. **Membership expires on the last day of the Month/Year column.**

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11-21	Coffery John
11-21	Baron Jeff
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12-21	Johnson Randy
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Help to remind members to renew to keep their ADD insurance active. Tell them of the change in chapter meetings. Everyone's help is needed for membership.

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White Motorcycle Concepts Unveils WMC300FR

Patented aerodynamics and hybrid drive for cop-focused three-wheeler.



By Ben Purvis
December 6, 2021

WMC's new 300FR uses both electric and ICE power, with Yamaha's Tricity 300 as the platform. White Motorcycle Concepts Remember the WMC250EV electric land-speed record challenger that was revealed earlier this year? This is the second project from its creators, and it's designed to show that the same aerodynamic thinking can work at real-world speeds as well as those beyond 200mph.

Created by White Motorcycle Concepts, the WMC300FR couldn't be more

different than the WMC250EV. Where the previous machine was all-electric, with two-wheel drive and a purpose-made carbon chassis and a name derived from the 250mph-plus top speed it was designed for, the new design is a hybrid three-wheeler that's heavily based on Yamaha's Tricity 300 leaning trike/scooter, to keep costs to a minimum.

In addition to borrowing the Tricity's suspension and steering system, the WMC300FR adopts much of the original bodywork and the original Yamaha 292cc single-cylinder engine, which makes around 28hp. However, the firm's target is to use a combination of hybrid power and aero innovation to create a machine that's both faster than the original and offers much-improved emissions and economy.

The heart of the design is the same essential aerodynamic idea that forms the basis of the WMC250EV; a central duct that channels air straight through the bike, between the rider's legs and out through the tail. As well as reducing frontal area, the duct is intended to reduce

the coefficient of drag. On the original WMC250EV, the air channel was huge – easily big enough for a child to crawl through – and while the WMC300FR's version is rather smaller, its intended benefits are the same.

The three-wheeled layout of the bike makes it the perfect candidate for the system, with the duct's intake between the wheels. From there, the airflow is split, with most of it being channelled up, over the engine and out through the tail while a smaller proportion is diverted into the radiator to cool the engine.

The trike pairs a 5kW electric motor driven by a pair of 56V batteries to work with the Yamaha 292cc single cylinder engine to boost efficiency. The fuel tank and batteries are behind the rider. White Motorcycle Concepts

Since aerodynamic benefits are felt more as velocity rises, and the WMC300FR is designed to spend much of its time at city speeds, the firm had to look elsewhere to maximize the economy and emissions improvements. With plenty of electric bike experience from the WMC250EV, the idea of adding an electric motor to the mix makes sense. A 5kW motor, driven by a pair of 56V batteries, works with the Yamaha single-cylinder engine to boost acceleration and efficiency at low speed. Combined with the duct, the company reckons there's a 50% improvement in CO2 emissions when compared to bikes with similar performance.

To accommodate the duct, the Tricity's fuel tank is moved to a new position, behind the rider, with the batteries stored above it. That's possible largely because the WMC300FR is a dedicated single-seat design, intended for 'First Responders' (hence the 'FR' in the name) like police or paramedics. In fact, the company has involved motorcycle cops in the UK from the start of the project to help guide its direction, with National Police Chief Council motorcycling lead, Chief Constable Nick Adderley, being consulted from an early stage.

While the WMC250EV land speed record bike is very much a one-off, White Motorcycle Concepts intends to manufacture the WMC300FR in greater numbers, initially in a small run for police use. Rob White, the company's founder – who will also be riding the WMC250EV in its bid for the land speed record next year – said: "We were encouraged by the great reception the launch of our WMC250EV high-speed demonstrator and the high level of interest that the project has subsequently gained. Whilst our concept in its most extreme form will help us go faster, its real-world application is all about improving range and reducing down time – major considerations in the electric vehicle industry at present.

"As the recent COP26 summit highlighted, we are still at the beginning of a revolution in aggressive carbon reduction and this global shift in thinking presents a unique opportunity to think radically about motorcycle design, finding the most efficient and cleanest way to power the future of transport. I am delighted to reveal our first product, the WMC300FR, which we have developed specifically for the first responder market. There are a whole host of innovative features that mean the motorcycle reduces CO2 by 50%. For us this is just the starting point, and we will continue to innovate to accelerate the de-carbonisation of the automotive sector."

<https://www.cycleworld.com/story/motorcycle-news/white-motorcycle-concepts-wmc300fr-hybrid-three-wheeler/>

moto drives BMW motorcycle into golden age with art deco streamliner kit



NMOTO INCARNATES THE GOLDEN AGE



referencing the glory days of pre-war motoring, nmoto manifests this golden age into a modern incarnation. the golden age motorcycle builds upon a new BMW C400X pairing the latest technology and speed with retro style.

limited to just 100 units worldwide, the design actually channels the legendary 1936 henderson courtney prototype.

nmoto drives BMW motorcycle into golden age with art deco streamliner kit all images courtesy of nmoto

ART DECO MASTERPIECE the sleek nmoto golden age streamliner hosts an art deco masterpiece kit made from nine pieces of carbon fiber, developed and produced in collaboration with zillers motorcycles the famed BMW kidney grille rolls prominently from handle to ground and is also paired with grilles in the lower part of the body. the side moldings seamlessly curve and bulge as if full of character. new turn signal housings, a new headlight case and underseat storage space for the driver and passenger complete the design.

the neo-retro kit fits over a BMW C400X which, with the desire to make the custom kit as accessible as possible, was selected as the most affordable bike from brand. it is powered by a 2020 350cc engine that produces 35hp to reach a top speed over 90 mph. a low center of gravity ensures the ride is suited for city driving. overall, the mid-size scooter totals a weight of 193kg. project info: brand: nmoto kit: golden age price: \$12,490 USD

<https://www.designboom.com/technology/nmoto-golden-age-bmw-motorcycle-art-deco-12-26-2021/>

BSA Motorcycles comes back to life, first model due in 2022

By Spiros Tsantilas

One of the world's leading motorcycle manufacturers of the 1950s and 60s, BSA is set to resume operations almost half a century after it went bankrupt, funded by its new owner, India's Mahindra & Mahindra, and with a new factory under construction in England.

BSA Motorcycles Ltd. broke the news with the first ever tweet in its brand new Twitter account: "Return of a Legend. #BSAisBack. We've evolved, but our DNA remains unaltered." The short supporting video features a sequence of emblems from BSA's long history, ending with the familiar red logo that leads its revival.

Mahindra & Mahindra is an Indian group that also holds a majority stake in Peugeot Motorcycles and the rights to Jawa. It acquired BSA in 2016 as part of its subsidiary outfit Classic Legends, together with Jawa and historic Indian brand Yezdi, which is also set for resurrection.

The first new BSA bike is scheduled to be unveiled at the Motorcycle Live show in Birmingham, UK, on Saturday, December 4. The selection of time and place carries its own significance. BSA introduced its first ever motorcycle at around the same time of the year, on November 21, 1910, and its historic headquarters were in Small Heath in the eastern outskirts of Birmingham, not far from where both the Motorcycle Live show and the new factory are located.

There's scant information regarding this new motorcycle, although the most convincing stories emerge from India, where a Triumph Bonneville-looking classic roadster has been spotted under development, reportedly using a 650-cc single-cylinder engine of unknown origin.

Another plausible scenario could involve the 300-cc single that was recently introduced with the Jawa 300 CL and is already available in Euro5 spec.

In any case, BSA's teaser photo for the Birmingham show hints at a classic roadster, typical of the brand's heritage. In the near future BSA will also delve into the electric scene as it recently secured a £4.6 million (US\$6.1 million) government grant for the development of zero emission vehicles.

With the return of BSA along with Triumph and Norton, England's motorcycle industry will once again sport fresh 2022 line-ups from three of its most legendary brands.

Source: BSA Motorcycles

<https://newatlas.com/motorcycles/bsa-relaunch-mahindra/>

See the unveiling on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f52zuJSesiM> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yg3jBQuwes8>

<https://www.indiatoday.in/auto/latest-auto-news/story/2022-bsa-gold-star-650-motorcycle-revealed-ahead-of-global-debut-1883880-2021-12-03>

BSA Gold Star engine specs and other details revealed

<https://www.timesnownews.com/auto/bike-news/article/bsa-gold-star-classic-bike-revealed-check-specs-features-and-other-details/837577>

Harley-Davidson is spinning off its electric motorcycle brand

By Peter Valdes-Dapena, CNN Business

Harley-Davidson's electric motorcycle brand, LiveWire, will be spun off as a separate publicly-traded company next year.

LiveWire will still be 74% owned by Harley-Davidson and its financial results will be reported along with Harley's, but it will have its own stock trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LVW." The new company will go public in the first half of 2022 through a merger with a special purpose acquisition company, or SPAC, according to Harley-Davidson. Taiwanese motorcycle company Kymco is also investing in the new company and will own a 17.3% share.

The spinoff gives LiveWire an enterprise valuation of nearly \$1.8 billion. Harley-Davidson's overall current market capitalization is about \$5.8 billion.

LiveWire currently offers just one model, the \$22,000 LiveWire One. The 100-horsepower bike has a range of 146 miles in low-speed urban riding and 70 miles in higher-speed highway riding. Harley's LiveWire electric motorcycle was first shown as a concept bike in 2014. It went on sale as a production model in 2019 but was frequently criticized for its high price at the time of about \$30,000.

Harley-Davidson plans for LiveWire to release three more electric motorcycle models, but the company did not provide a timeline for when. It expects to sell around 190,000 electric motorcycles globally in 2030. In 2021, Harley-Davidson sold fewer than 400 LiveWire motorcycles. The brand will also sell small electric bicycles for children.

LiveWire competes against startup electric motorcycle makers like Zero and Lightning, both based in the United States, and Italy's Energica. Electric motorcycles currently make up just 1% of motorcycle sales in the U.S., according to Harley-Davidson, but the company expects them to make up 10% by 2026. By that time, they are expected to make up 13% of sales in Europe and 45% in China, according to a Harley-Davidson investor presentation.

Harley-Davidson announced its own five-year strategy earlier this year which involved focusing on the brand's core market segments of large touring and cruiser bikes.

<https://www.wmur.com/article/harley-davidson-is-spinning-off-its-electric-motorcycle-brand/38517124#>

A new electric vehicle company is planning an IPO, but this one has a long history

Spinoffs have often proven successful at creating shareholder value, and now energy transition is among the mega trends leading iconic companies to rethink corporate structure.

Shell has been under pressure from an activist to separate its renewables business from fossil fuels to realize value the market isn't currently giving it.

Some investors believe GM and Ford should consider spinning off their new electric vehicle efforts, a step they are unlikely to take, but Harley Davidson just did.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/12/17/harley-bets-on-a-future-in-which-ev-may-be-bigger-than-hog.html>

DELEGATE REPORT

Happy New Year everyone !! Our last state meeting was in Port Charlotte hosted by the Peace River chapter. It had been a few years since we were there last and Peace River did a great job !

As far as legislative bills go that are of interest to all motorcyclists HB 743 witch is vulnerable road users bill has been sent to committee. We hope it will be passed this time. It has been an up hill battle for years now. .Also there is HB 2573 witch is our ABATE safety and education bill, another up hill battle.

State party news we are still in planning stages to have a state party next October. Chapters should try to get sponsors. I will have more details in the coming newsletter issues.

As far as membership goes the highest % of growth went to Treasure coast for September and October. And for most new members Forest September and October Southeast chapters.

We also had the gun raffle ticket drawing at the state meeting and winners are 1st prize went to Sharon sold by Vintage chapter in St. Augustine 2nd prize went to Bernie Cooper from Polk county.

Nominations for state board of directors start in February so if your interested in one of these positions let us know.

Ride Safe Ride
Smart !! SNOOZE

While family is important, Doc says chapters the corporation comes first The Lighthouse President has been replaced. The February meeting and Capital ride is on for now but if COVID gets worst again the Capital might get closed. So we will have to see if it goes on or not. Last time when I visited the offices it was a ghost town, not even many assistants were there. The legislators have Mondays for travel day. The 60 day session starts Jan. 11 to March 11. With reapportionment all 160 legislative easts will be up for election in 2022

Do the research! Slo Motion

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

2022 State Meetings

Sunday Feb. 13 meeting

Tallahassee Monday 14

Ride to the Capital

IF Capital closed then

Mar. 12 Ft. McCoy

April 17 Treasure Coast

June 19 Forest Ft McCoy

Aug. 21 Ft. McCoy State

Oct. 16 Lake

Dec. 18 Gator Alley





25th ANNUAL FREEDOM GATHERING

State Meeting Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2:00pm

State Board Meeting Sunday, February 13 at Noon

American Legion Hall - 1065 S. Water St., Monticello, FL 32344

Directions to Hall: Go 2 blocks west of the Opera House on US 90, then turn west on Water Street. Go 1/2 mile to the Legion Hall

"We in America do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Ride to the Capitol Monday, February 14, 2022

Kickstands up at 9:00am - Behind the Super 8 in Monticello

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Super 8 Monticello: 140 Pafford Rd., Monticello, FL 32336. Phone: 850-997-8888
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Tues Jupiter Stadium Grill LOF Motorsports Bike Night

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors Johnny Q's 6:30- 10 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park 7pm

2nd Thurs Handlebars US1 Tequesta 6 PM (old Judy's)

3rd Thurs Palm Beach Harley and Treasure Coast Harleydealerships Bike Nights

Last Thurs Underground Cycles Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party (?)

2nd Fri AOA WPB Open House

3rd Fri Black Pistons WPB Open House

3rd Fri Outcast MC Hang Out 656 MLK Jr Blvd Riviera Bch 8PM

4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

SAT night Fly In Wheels Open House

Sat PBH Abacoa Concert Series 7:30 to 10 pm

SAT Palm Beach Harley Grill Days events and bikini bike washes

SUNDAY usually something at Palm Beach Harley

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West Palm Beach

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Friday

Food, Drinks & Brotherhood

8pm-11pm

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23 ABATE PB Chap Meeting Johnny Q's	24	25 Stadium Grill Jupiter Bike Night	26 Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Q's S FL Fair Bike Parade	27 Bike Night at Ralph's Stand Up Bar Jupiter	28 Lone Legion Open House	29 Fly In Wheels Open House Dania Bch Vintage Bike Show
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February 2022

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10 Big Legal Issues to Watch in 2022 By Jim Saunders Dec 21, News Service of FL.

TALLAHASSEE — From elections to vaccines, state and federal courts are weighing major Florida lawsuits. Here are 10 big legal issues to watch in 2022:

— ELECTIONS: With high-profile elections looming in November, Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker is slated to start a trial Jan. 31 in challenges by voting-rights groups to a controversial new elections law. Among other things, the law made it harder for Floridians to cast ballots by mail and added restrictions to drop boxes, where voters can drop off completed ballots.

— GUN PURCHASES: The National Rifle Association is asking the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reject a 2018 Florida law that prevents people under age 21 from buying guns. The law, passed after the mass shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, was upheld by a federal district judge. The NRA argues the law is unconstitutional.

— LOCAL GUN RESTRICTIONS: The Florida Supreme Court has agreed to take up a case challenging a 2011 state law that threatens tough penalties if city and county officials approve gun-related regulations. Local governments began fighting the law after the 2018 mass shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The 1st District Court of Appeal upheld the law.

— MARSY'S LAW: More than three years after voters approved a victims' rights measure known as "Marsy's Law," the Florida Supreme Court will consider whether the law can shield the identities of police officers involved in shootings. The 1st District Court of Appeal backed two Tallahassee officers who argued they were entitled to privacy protections because they were threatened in the use-of-force incidents.

— PROTEST CRACKDOWN: The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is slated in March to hear an appeal by Gov. Ron DeSantis' administration in a battle about a law aimed at cracking down on protests. DeSantis championed the law after nationwide protests in 2020 focused on racial justice. A federal district judge issued an injunction against the law, which enhances penalties and creates new crimes in protests that turn violent.

— SOCIAL MEDIA: The state wants the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn a preliminary injunction against a law targeting social-media giants such as Facebook and Twitter. The law, in part, seeks to prevent platforms from banning political candidates from their sites and requires the companies to publish and consistently apply standards. The online industry challenged the law on First Amendment grounds.

— SPORTS BETTING: Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Seminole Tribe are looking to a Washington, D.C., federal appeals court to salvage a gambling deal that allowed sports betting in Florida. A district judge said the deal violated a federal Indian gambling law. The deal, approved in a May special legislative session, called for the tribe to control online sports betting in the state. It was challenged by two pari-mutuel facilities.

— TRANSGENDER STUDENT: In a case that is drawing national attention, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is slated to hear arguments in February about whether a transgender male student should have been allowed to use boys' bathrooms at a St. Johns County high school. A district judge ruled in favor of student Drew Adams, spurring the St. Johns County School Board to appeal.

— UF PROFESSORS: Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker will hear arguments Jan. 7 in a lawsuit filed against the University of Florida after it blocked political-science professors from testifying against the state in an elections case. Six professors contend that a university policy violates First Amendment rights. UF walked back the decision in the elections case, but the

school has faced heavy scrutiny about the policy.

— VACCINE MANDATES: Attorney General Ashley Moody has gone to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after a district judge refused to block a Biden administration rule requiring health-care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Moody, backed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, also is challenging a separate federal vaccination requirement for workers at federal contractors.

10 Things DeSantis Wants in 2022 Session By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis recently released a \$99.7 billion budget blueprint for the 2022 legislative session and has touted a series of other proposals. Here are 10 of DeSantis' priorities — big and small — for the session, which will start Jan. 11:

--- CRYPTOCURRENCY: DeSantis has requested \$700,000 for cryptocurrency projects at the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Financial Services. For example, a pilot program would allow people to pay for motor-vehicle title certificates through Blockchain technology at the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

--- ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT: DeSantis is seeking \$5.7 million for a 52-person Office of Election Crimes and Security within the Department of State to investigate and prosecute election-related crimes.

--- FLORIDA STATE GUARD: DeSantis has requested \$5.4 million to re-establish a 200-member Florida State Guard, which was a defense force set up during World War II to replace Florida National Guard members who were deployed abroad. It would be used to assist the National Guard during emergencies.

--- FREEDOM TOWER: DeSantis has requested \$25 million to restore Miami's Freedom Tower, which was used in the past to process Cuban refugees. Legislative proposals have already been filed for the work on the nearly 100-year-old building.

--- GAS TAX CUT: DeSantis wants to suspend the state's 25-cent-a-gallon tax on gasoline for five months, starting July 1. The state would use \$1 billion in federal stimulus money to make up for the lost money, as gas taxes go toward transportation projects.

--- HIRING AND KEEPING COPS: DeSantis wants increase pay for officers at the Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, provide a second round of \$1,000 bonuses for first responders and provide \$5,000 bonuses to help recruit law-enforcement officers to Florida.

--- IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN: DeSantis has requested \$8 million to transport undocumented immigrants out of state, while calling on legislators to expand a 2019 law targeting so-called "sanctuary cities" and a 2020 law that requires all government employers and some contractors to use a federal electronic system known as E-Verify to check the immigration status of new workers.

— SNAKE HUNT: DeSantis wants \$3 million as part of the state's efforts to remove invasive Burmese pythons, which threaten wildlife and ecosystems in the Everglades.

--- TEACHER BONUSES: DeSantis wants to use \$238 million in federal stimulus money to give a second round of \$1,000 bonuses to teachers and principals in an effort to retain educators amid an ongoing teacher shortage.

--- TESTING OVERHAUL: DeSantis wants to spend \$15.5 million to carry out a plan that would replace the statewide standardized tests known as the Florida Standards Assessments with a progress-monitoring system.

Palm Beach Elections Site (<https://www.pbcelections.org/>) - put in your address and get Election Information . This site was much more useful under the previous Supervisor. The underlined District #s and senator names are links to their pages.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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772-545-3481 Hove Sound

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D88 Omari Hardy (D)
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The Senate version of the Vulnerable Road Users bill is now out. SB 1252 By Sen. Baxley. Traffic Offenses; Creating the "Vulnerable Road User Act"; providing criminal penalties for a person who commits a moving violation that causes serious bodily injury to, or the death of, a vulnerable road user; requiring the person who commits the moving violation to pay a specified fine, serve a minimum period of house arrest, and attend a driver improvement course; requiring the court to revoke the person's driver license for a minimum specified period; defining the term "vulnerable road user", etc. HB 743 "Violations against vulnerable road users" by Rep. McClain has been assigned to it's three committees.

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee
Tourism, Infrastructure and Energy Subcommittee
Judiciary Committee
Debates Planned in Governor, Senate Races

Debates in the 2022 races for governor and U.S. senator are planned for mid-October at Palm Beach State College in Lake Worth. The debates, which are expected to be shown statewide, are part of the long-running "Before You Vote" project that includes as partners The James Madison Institute, the LeRoy Collins Institute, AARP Florida, the Florida Press Association and the Florida League of Cities. Firm dates for the two one-hour debates and the criteria for participation have not been set. Gov. Ron DeSantis and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., are expected to be the Republican candidates.

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D31 Lori Berman (D)
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Marco Rubio
Rick Scott

U.S. HOUSE

District 18
Brian Mast (R)

District 20
Alcee Hastings

District 21
Lois Frankel

District 22
Ted Deutch

Congresswoman Val Demings of Orlando is the front-runner to be the Democratic nominee for the Senate seat. Congressman Charlie Crist, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and state Sen. Annette Taddeo of Miami are heading the field seeking to be the Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

House Sets Opening Week Schedule

The Florida House on Friday released a tentative schedule for the opening week of the 2022 legislative session. The House will go into session at 10 a.m. Jan. 11, before Gov. Ron DeSantis gives his annual State of the State address at 11 a.m. in the House chamber. In the early afternoon of Jan. 11, the powerful House Appropriations Committee and the House Ways & Means Committee are scheduled to meet.

They will be followed by meetings of two redistricting subcommittees working on new congressional and legislative maps. Overall, the House has scheduled four days of meetings during the opening week of the 60-day session. The Senate released its tentative opening-week schedule earlier. It includes a meeting on the Senate floor at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 11 before senators join House members to listen to DeSantis' speech.

Senate Sets Plans to Open 2022 Session

The Florida Senate on Wednesday released a tentative schedule for the first week of the 2022 legislative session, with opening-day festivities on Jan. 11 and a plan to move forward on redistricting. The Senate will gather at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 11 before holding an 11 a.m. joint session with the House that will include Gov. Ron DeSantis' annual State of the State address. The Senate has scheduled committee and subcommittee meetings over four days, including meetings of reapportionment subcommittees on Jan. 10 and the full Reapportionment Committee on Jan. 13. Reapportionment Chairman Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, said in a memo Wednesday that the subcommittees on legislative and congressional redistricting are expected to finalize recommendations, which will go to the full committee. "Now is the time for senators to finalize and submit any maps they wish to offer," Rodrigues wrote in the memo. "Likewise, staff have been directed to consider the feedback and guidance senators have given at prior meetings and consider it through the lens of the overall directives as well as all applicable federal and state legal standards, and to spend time looking for improvements and consistency in the application of the various trade-offs presented in the maps."

Two Laws, Lower Workers' Comp Rates to Take Effect

By Jim Turner The News Service of Florida. TALLAHASSEE --- A pair of bills signed this year by Gov. Ron DeSantis, involving vehicle rentals and notaries public, will become law Saturday.

Meanwhile, also starting Saturday, Florida employers will see an average 4.9 percent decrease in workers' compensation insurance rates.

The vehicle-rental measure (SB 566) sets insurance and other requirements for people who take part in peer-to-peer car-sharing programs.

In part, the bill requires that during car-sharing periods, the vehicle owners and rental drivers are insured to at least minimum requirements in state law. It also requires car-sharing programs to oversee the collection and remittance of taxes.

"We are mirroring what is required by Enterprise or Alamo and the other ones," said Senate bill sponsor Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, during an April meeting of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

But Sen. Gary Farmer, a Lighthouse Point Democrat who was among 12 senators and 15 House members who voted against the proposal, questioned at the Appropriations Committee if the measure would provide "appropriate safeguards."

"I'm not a rental car company. I'm not going to know, to check the validity of a driver's license," Farmer, a trial lawyer, said. "Maybe you've got a whole history of DUIs out there and I don't know about it. And now I'm entrusting you with my car. Cars are deemed dangerous instrumentalities under the law of the state of Florida. So, we do a lot of things to protect our residents in general. That's why we

have the rule that a car owner is generally responsible for anybody they let use their car.”

Lawmakers passed the bills dealing with vehicle rentals and notaries (HB 121) during the legislative session that ended in April. Most bills passed during the session took effect July 1, which also was the start of the state’s fiscal year.

The notaries bill expands on a 2019 law that authorized remote online notarizations in the state.

Rep. Sam Garrison, a Fleming Island Republican who sponsored the measure, said during a March Judiciary Committee meeting the changes are designed to address issues that arose as the coronavirus pandemic increased use of remote notary platforms.

Among the changes, the law requires platforms to store video of notary sessions, directs the Department of State to include on its website a list of platform providers and allows court reporters to remotely swear in witnesses and newly admitted attorneys via audio-video technology. The law also prohibits platform users’ personal information to be sold.

A third bill (HB 54) that legislators sent to DeSantis with a Jan. 1 implementation date would have eliminated the state’s no-fault insurance system — and its requirement that motorists carry personal-injury protection, or PIP, coverage. But that was among five bills that DeSantis vetoed from the 2021 session.

In vetoing the measure, DeSantis said the no-fault system has flaws and state law involving bad-faith litigation --- an issue that can lead to costly lawsuits over how insurers handle claims --- is “deficient.” However, DeSantis said the proposal didn’t “adequately address the current issues facing Florida drivers and may have unintended consequences that would negatively impact both the market and consumers.”

On Dec. 2, Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, suggested the no-fault repeal issue could return in the 2022 session, which begins Jan. 11.

While it was not a result of the legislative session, employers will continue to see decreasing workers’ compensation insurance rates in 2022. Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier issued an order in November that set an average 4.9 percent decrease, with it starting to take effect Saturday.

That came after an average 6.6 percent decrease that took effect in 2021.

“Safer workplaces, innovative techniques, and improved risk management practices have resulted in the continued decline in workers’ compensation claims, ultimately benefiting Florida businesses,” Altmaier said in a prepared statement in November.

Advances: Week of December 13, 2021 News Service of Florida.

TALLAHASSEE --- As Florida lawmakers prepare for the 2022 legislative session, it remains unclear how --- or even if --- they will make changes in the state’s property-insurance system.

The market has been in upheaval the past couple of years as financially struggling private insurers have shed policies and sought large rate increases.

Part of the fallout is that homeowners have poured into the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp. for coverage. As of Oct. 31, Citizens had nearly 726,000 policies, up from about 521,000 only a year earlier.

Citizens was created as an insurer of last resort, and state leaders have long sought to move policies from Citizens to the private market, at least in part because of financial risks to the state. But the trend has been going the other way.

The Citizens Board of Governors will meet Wednesday in Tampa as it continues looking for answers to get private insurers to pick up more policies. At the same time, the board will consider proposals that would lead to rate increases in 2022 for Citizens policyholders.

Weekly Roundup: DeSantis' 'Huge, Huge' Budget By Ryan Dailey The News Service of Florida.

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis this week rolled out an election-year \$99.7 billion “Freedom

First Budget” that would funnel money to education, the environment and law-enforcement officers and deliver a temporary gas-tax break to motorists.

The bottom line of DeSantis’ proposal would amount to about \$2 billion less than the current year’s budget, according to the governor’s office. The current year budget, which took effect in July, became the state’s first \$100 billion budget, at least in part because of a huge influx of federal money tied to the coronavirus pandemic.

DeSantis’ plan would continue to rely on federal cash to fund key issues, including a proposal to eliminate state gas taxes for five months starting in July. Federal money would make up for about \$1 billion in lost gas-tax revenue that ordinarily goes to transportation projects.

During a press conference at the Capitol on Thursday, the governor touted his proposed spending plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1 as one that delivers for everyday Floridians.

“This is a huge, huge budget. This is a huge deal,” DeSantis told reporters. “This is something that is going to have very positive effects. We are doing that while remaining the lowest per-capita tax burden in the country.”

DeSantis’ plan includes a total of more than \$1 billion to provide pay hikes for teachers, state workers, law-enforcement officers and correctional officers. He’s also pitching \$1,000 bonus payments for educators, police officers, firefighters, paramedics and emergency-medical technicians throughout the state.

Part of the pay raises are aimed at solving workforce issues plaguing the state’s public schools, which are grappling with an ongoing teacher shortage, and prison system, which is being crippled by a massive turnover rate of correctional staff.

The governor’s request, which steers \$980 million toward Everglades restoration and other water projects, will serve as a starting point for lawmakers as they negotiate a spending plan during the legislative session that will start Jan. 11.

Democrats argued that the governor’s spending plan should be more “people-centered.”

“The state’s budget should prioritize the everyday challenges facing the people across our state and reflect a commitment to the important partnership between the state and federal government that is needed for Florida and Floridians to thrive, not more double talk from the governor that only serves his political aspirations,” Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, a Democratic candidate for governor, said in a prepared statement after DeSantis released his proposal Thursday.

ON TILT Gamblers looking to go on a hot streak had their hopes put on ice over the weekend as wagering on sports was taken off the table in Florida, at least for now.

The Seminole Tribe suspended its online sports-betting operations Saturday morning.

The tribe stopped accepting wagers on its Hard Rock SportsBook mobile app after an appeals court on Friday refused to put on hold a judge’s ruling that said a deal giving the tribe control over sports betting throughout the state violates federal law.

“Although we are temporarily suspending the acceptance of new bets and account deposits, we remain committed to building the best place for sports betting in Florida,” a message to bettors on the Hard Rock app Saturday morning said.

Sports betting was given the green light as part of a compact signed by DeSantis and Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Marcellus Osceola, Jr. this spring and authorized by the Legislature in a May special session.

U.S. District Judge Dabney Friedrich on Nov. 22 invalidated the compact, ruling that the deal violates the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, or IGRA, which creates a framework for gambling activity on tribal lands.

The tribe continued taking online bets through Saturday after filing an emergency motion that

sought a stay of Friedrich's ruling.

But after a flurry of court filings last week, a panel of the court denied the Seminoles' attempt to put Friedrich's ruling on hold until their appeal is resolved.

ABOUT THOSE BENJAMINS ... With her hat in the ring for the 2022 gubernatorial election, Fried will have to fend off allegations that she violated state ethics law by not properly disclosing financial information.

The state Commission on Ethics on Wednesday issued an order finding "probable cause" that Fried did not properly report income in 2017 and 2018 on financial-disclosure forms filed with the state.

A probable-cause recommendation filed in September by commission Advocate Elizabeth Miller, a lawyer, said that Fried reported receiving income of \$84,000 in 2017 from her lobbying firm Igniting Florida, LLC. The report, filed in 2018, was subsequently amended in May to reflect having received \$165,761.

Miller also wrote that a 2018 income filing that showed \$72,000 was later amended to list Fried's income at \$351,480. Fried was a medical-marijuana lobbyist prior to her election in 2018.

The commission's investigation into Fried's filing was spurred by a complaint by Leon County Republican Party Chairman Evan Power that alleged Fried, a Democrat, violated the "public trust" by not fully and accurately submitting reports for 2017 and 2018. Power filed the complaint in June.

In an August response, Fried's attorney, Benedict Kuehne, described the complaint as "meritless."

"The complaint is nothing more than a calculated political effort to impugn Commissioner Fried's integrity during the election season and should be dismissed outright for lack of legal sufficiency and probable cause," Kuehne wrote.

The commission made the probable-cause determination Friday and released the order and other case documents Wednesday.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Saying that Florida is "clicking on all cylinders," Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday proposed a \$99.7 billion budget that would steer money to schools, the environment and law-enforcement officers and give drivers a temporary gas-tax break.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We're going to have a program to allow Florida businesses to pay state fees in cryptocurrency. I think you've seen in South Florida, it's been a huge thing. A lot of people have flocked to South Florida over this issue. And so, our view as the state government, this is something that we welcome. And we want to make sure that the state government is crypto friendly." --- Gov. Ron DeSantis, touting part of his budget proposal that would launch cryptocurrency projects at several state agencies

Motorists, Shoppers Could Get Tax Breaks By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday pitched \$1.156 billion in tax breaks for next fiscal year --- on such things as gasoline, back-to-school items and storm supplies --- as he released a \$99.7 billion budget proposal.

The biggest potential tax break, which DeSantis had previously announced, would suspend state gas taxes for five months starting July 1, which is the beginning of the fiscal year.

DeSantis told reporters at the Capitol that providing a 25-cent-a-gallon break on gas taxes will "be a cushion and a buffer against the rising gas prices that we've seen over the last year."

DeSantis said the plan won't hinder transportation projects funded through fuel taxes. He would use \$1 billion in federal stimulus money to make up for the lost gas tax revenues.

Lawmakers will consider the tax proposals during the 2022 legislative session, which will start Jan. 11. Bills to hold sales-tax "holidays" have already been filed.

DeSantis wants to hold a 10-day tax holiday in which back-to-school shoppers would be able to avoid paying taxes on clothing, school supplies and personal computers. He also is calling for a 10-day tax

holiday on hurricane supplies and a seven-day “Freedom Week” tax holiday.

Rep. Anna Eskamani, an Orlando Democrat who serves on the House Ways & Means Committee, said Democrats would support proposals that “eliminate and reduce” regressive sales taxes. But in a conference call with reporters, she questioned the effectiveness of tax holidays and said there are other ways to provide more tax relief, “especially since Florida’s largest corporations continue to benefit from reduced corporate income tax rate.”

“They (corporations) have a \$600 million refund coming to them in 2022,” Eskamani said. “And, of course, Gov. Ron DeSantis likes to talk a big game when it comes to his toughness on corporations. But, the reality is that he does what corporations tell him to do.”

The governor’s office said the “Freedom Week” proposal would provide sales-tax breaks on such things as event and museum tickets and purchases of sunglasses, kayaks and canoes.

The school holiday period, expected to be held in August, would provide discounts on clothes that cost up to \$60, school supplies that cost up to \$15 and the first \$1,000 on the prices of personal computers.

The governor’s office estimates the “Freedom Week” would save shoppers \$57.4 million, the school holiday would save \$72.9 million, and a disaster-preparation tax holiday before hurricane season would save \$11 million.

The governor also wants lawmakers to permanently eliminate a \$25 fee charged for obtaining Florida identification cards from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a move projected to reduce state revenue by \$14.7 million.

In past years, lawmakers have often lumped together a series of tax breaks in a package that accompanies the final state budget.

DEC. 17 TALLAHASSEE — Florida public-school students and teachers are gearing up for some rest and relaxation over the winter break — but the state this week nevertheless kept churning out education news.

As the semester came to a close, so too did a feud about student mask requirements between Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration and federal education officials.

The U.S. Department of Education confirmed this week that a cease-and-desist complaint against Florida’s education department has been dropped, after the state returned nearly \$878,000 to school districts. The money had been withheld as punishment for the districts requiring students to wear masks amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The State Board of Education this fall approved withholding money from eight districts — Alachua, Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Leon, Orange, Duval, and Brevard — that required students to wear masks. The withheld money represented amounts equal to school board members’ salaries. The federal education department attempted to intervene by launching a grant program dubbed Project SAFE, or Project to Support America’s Families and Educators, to make up for the lost state funds.

The federal program riled state Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran, who called the grants an attempt to “buy off school districts” and to “neutralize and abolish” the state board’s enforcement authority. The state decided to withhold funding from the districts in amounts equal to the aid provided by the federal government, spurring the cease-and-desist complaint.

But as a summer surge in COVID-19 cases dwindled, the districts one by one nixed their mask mandates until none were left in early November. With no mandates left to provide a battleground, the state returned the money to districts and appeared to reach a cease-fire with the federal government. With the new omicron variant of the coronavirus now spreading, a spokesman for the state Department of Education this week said the agency will continue to ensure school districts don’t reimpose mask requirements.

“We are glad that these districts have finally recognized that parents have the right to make personal and private health care and educational decisions for their children. The department will continue to make sure those rights are protected,” spokesman Jared Ochs said in a statement Tuesday.

CRITICAL THINKING While tensions about mask mandates have all but come to a stop, DeSantis put his foot on the gas in his administration’s campaign against critical race theory.

The governor on Wednesday teased legislation that he said would, in part, allow parents to sue schools that teach the theory, which he decried as “corporate-sanctioned racism.”

Flanked by Republican lawmakers, parents and Corcoran, the governor held an event in Wildwood to announce what he called the “Stop Wrongs Against Our Kids and Employees Act,” or Stop W.O.K.E. Act.

“It violates Florida standards to scapegoat someone based on their race, to say that they’re inherently racist, to say that they’re an oppressor or oppressed or any of that,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis said that under the proposal, parents would be able to recover attorney fees if they successfully sue schools that teach critical race theory in defiance of the state. He also promised that the bill, which has not yet been filed for the 2022 session, would prohibit training for educators on teaching the theory. Similarly, the bill would prevent public schools, colleges and universities from hiring critical-race theory consultants, according to DeSantis.

But Democrats slammed the proposal, arguing that critical race theory, an academic framework based on the premise that racism is embedded in American institutions, isn’t taught in public schools.

“Let’s be clear, Gov. DeSantis and his administration know full well that CRT (critical race theory) is not taught in K-12 schools or workplaces,” Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-West Park, said in a statement Wednesday. “It’s unfortunate that instead of running on forward-looking ideas to improve people’s daily lives, Republicans would rather manufacture a crisis out of a non-issue, all in the hopes of fanning the flames of a culture war for political gain.”

TAKE A RATE HIKE With thousands of new policies a week pouring into Citizens Property Insurance Corp., the state-backed insurer’s board on Wednesday approved seeking an 11 percent across-the-board rate increase next year.

The increase would need approval from the state Office of Insurance Regulation and would take effect for policies that start to renew in August. Also, under the board’s decision, an across-the-board hike of 12 percent would take effect for policies that renew in 2023.

The decision, which came after little board discussion and no public input during a meeting in Tampa, would involve Citizens raising rates by the maximum amounts allowed by a new state law. In the past, Citizens was prevented from passing along increases of more than 10 percent a year to individual policyholders --- a concept that has become known as a rate “glide path.” The new law (SB 76) gradually increases that cap to 11 percent in 2022, 12 percent in 2023 and ultimately to 15 percent in 2026.

STORY OF THE WEEK: A standoff between Gov. Ron DeSantis’ administration and federal education officials about student mask requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic has ended after school districts eliminated mask mandates.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: “We’re very close to crossing the enrollment in the state college system ... dropping below the enrollment in the university system. And that would be, I’m trying to think of a good word, historic? Or very, very atypical for us in Florida.” — Economist Amy Baker on declining enrollment in the state college system

Advances: Week of December 6, 2021

TALLAHASSEE --- A surviving part of a controversial 2019 state law aimed at building and expanding toll roads in Florida will be on display during the coming week.

The Department of Transportation will hold meetings Tuesday and Thursday on a proposed northern extension of Florida's Turnpike from where it now ends at Interstate 75 in Wildwood.

Four potential routes are on the table, with the proposed extension linking the turnpike with the Suncoast Parkway somewhere between Crystal River and Chiefland.

The growth-management group 1000 Friends of Florida is raising concerns about how the routes could affect issues such as the environment and communities.

"The alternatives would have potential impacts on Citrus, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties," Vivian Young, communications director for 1000 Friends of Florida, wrote in an email to the organization's members.

An extension of the turnpike was one of three projects included in a 2019 law that also called for building a toll road from Collier County to Polk County and extending the Suncoast Parkway from Citrus County to Jefferson County.

The law was pushed through the Legislature by former Senate President Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican who said the projects would help handle future growth and bring broadband and other infrastructure to rural parts of the state.

Environmental groups, however, argued the projects would bring sprawling development and damage natural habitats.

A bill passed this year eliminated the planned road between Collier and Polk counties. It required plans to extend the turnpike west from Wildwood to the Suncoast Parkway and for the state transportation agency to pursue a project aimed at "free flow" of traffic on U.S. 19 from the Suncoast Parkway to Interstate 10 in Madison County.

Weekly Roundup: Putting Local Governments on Ice

By Ryan Dailey Dec 3, 2021 The News Service of Florida.

TALLAHASSEE --- Brisk December temperatures weren't the only thing bringing a "chilling effect" to the Capitol this week, according to some local officials who say their decision-making powers would be undermined by a proposal gaining steam in the Florida Senate.

The measure, backed by the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday, could lead to cities and counties facing lawsuits because of decisions that lead to reduced revenue or profits for businesses.

Under the bill (SB 620), companies that have been in operation for at least three years would be able to sue if local ordinances cause at least 15 percent losses of revenue or profits.

But Seminole County Commissioner Lee Constantine, a former state senator, said the bill would have a "chilling effect" on the ability of local officials to address concerns of residents and would drive up costs.

"This bill, in essence, takes away our legislative powers --- what we're voted to do, just like you are, to take care of local problems," Constantine, a Republican, told the Senate panel.

Wakulla County Commissioner Ralph Thomas, president of the Florida Association of Counties, said the measure would force counties to settle lawsuits and pay attorney fees and would "redistribute taxpayer dollars."

"I think this bill is ripe for causing more problems than solutions," said Thomas, who described himself as a lifelong small-government Republican.

The bill, sponsored by St. Augustine Republican Travis Hutson, comes after years of lawmakers considering --- and often passing --- bills to take away local officials' decision-making powers on issues ranging from ride-sharing services to regulation of sunscreen.

Hutson argued that his bill would give businesses an avenue to recover revenue if losses reached what he called a "pretty high threshold" of 15 percent.

The measure would give companies "that may be hard-working and can't show up at the county

council or the county commission” a way to fight back, he said.

“They’re getting hammered by an ordinance and right now, the government’s just saying, ‘Sorry this is what we’re doing,’” Hutson added.

The bill has drawn support from groups such as the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Associated Industries of Florida, the Florida Retail Federation and Americans for Prosperity-Florida. Groups including the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida AFL-CIO and Sierra Club Florida oppose the plan.

RAW FEELINGS A happy ending doesn’t appear on the horizon for a controversy that has put the University of Florida and its president, Kent Fuchs, in a national spotlight.

The state’s flagship university became embroiled in controversy after court documents revealed a decision by administrators to prevent three political-science professors from testifying against a new state elections law (SB 90), which included making changes to voting by mail.

The university ultimately walked back the decision, allowing political-science professors Sharon Austin, Michael McDonald and Daniel Smith to be hired as expert witnesses by groups challenging the law, as long as they did the work on their own time and without using university resources.

The controversy has continued, with the three professors and two others filing a federal lawsuit alleging violations of First Amendment rights.

AD: Coalition for the National Infrastructure Bank (NIB)

But the university’s trustees fired back at the scholars this week.

During a meeting Friday, UF Board of Trustees chairman Mori Hosseini sharply criticized the professors and rallied around Fuchs.

“The overwhelming majority of our faculty are here for the reason we are, to educate, research, serve the University of Florida as their employer,” Hosseini told the board.

“However, we saw that some have taken advantage of their positions. I am speaking here of faculty members taking second jobs using the university’s state resources for their own personal gain. I am speaking about faculty members who use their position of authority to improperly advocate personal political viewpoints to the exclusion of others.”

Hosseini didn’t mention the professors by name. But he did issue a warning that the tenured professors’ actions “will not stand.”

A court document in the elections lawsuit said the university told the professors their request to serve as expert witnesses was denied because “outside activities that may pose a conflict of interest to the executive branch of the state of Florida create a conflict” for the university.

The professors last week issued a statement through their attorneys blasting the work of a UF task force that provided Fuchs with recommendations to update the school’s conflicts-of-interest policy.

“We are disappointed but not surprised that a task force created as a public relations tool has returned with window-dressing recommendations,” attorneys David A. O’Neil and Paul Donnelly said in a statement last week.

ON GUARD While outlining plans Thursday to ask lawmakers to increase funding for the Florida National Guard, DeSantis said a budget he will propose next week for the 2022 legislative session will include \$3.5 million to re-establish the Florida State Guard.

The state guard was a defense force set up during World War II to replace Florida National Guard members who were deployed abroad.

“This funding will support the necessary training, equipment and other support functions for up to 200 members who can aid in the response to hurricanes, natural disasters and other state emergencies,” DeSantis said during an appearance at the Pensacola National Guard Armory.

The proposal drew immediate criticism from state Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, a Democratic candidate for governor in 2022..

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ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

12-19-2021 Attended by 18 members, 2 guests Start at 12:30 Johnny Q's

President: Dan Henderson. Lead Pledge to flag and moment of silence. Dec has been a busy month for our chapter. The First weekend was our event at Johnny Qs. The 2nd was Sate meeting in Pt. Charlotte and the third the chapter meeting. The 4th weekend is the Holidays and I wish everyone to enjoy them and family. You are all the family I have left. It was good to see Life Member Brit Bike Mike.

VP: Ron Rossi: We need more members to attend Council open houses on Friday. Wear your patch to fit in, \$5 gets you first drink and food. They gave us good support at our event, now they need our support

Secretary: Shannon. The minutes from last meeting as in newsletter were accepted

Treasurer: Jeff Adkins. Excused provided President with event results. Big expense for insurance. Heard at meeting don't need if do poker run or someone else hosts event to benefit us

Membership Jeff Adkins. Excused. Event brought in 3 renewals and 1 new member. We had a lot of renewals for November and December so need to remind them all of expired. Brought up that we need an online method to pay for membership. Venmo didn't seem to work. Zelle was mentioned as free app to use, I know Jeff was working on setting something up but not sure which one

Sgt at Arms: Quiet Dan Shawback. Nothing to report. Slo Mo: He did a great job at event set up and break down. There were no problems at event

Safety: Dan Henderson. No report

Delegate Report: Ken and Dan. See page 14. All inventories and rifle tickets/money turned in. Snooze, Slo Mo, Glenn and Debbie were there. The February meeting will include the Ride to the Capital. Waiting to see if Tally will be open for us to do it. If so, consider joining us.

Legislative: Ken Gerecke. Vulnerable Road Users bill SB 1252 HB 743. NSF notes page 22

Public Relations: Dan Henderson. Website problems—heard from Patti “called land1.com. They have your account as well as mine locked due to some security issue. It is migrating us to SFTP and we have to change usernames. Usernames are tied to the directory names so as soon as I change the username we no longer can access the directory. I have to get them to resolve mine so I can then change your directory name so you can once again have access. It may take a day or to longer.” Her brother died so might take longer. Once able to get in will update a lot with past 3 newsletters and find way to get fill-in application and payments done electronically.

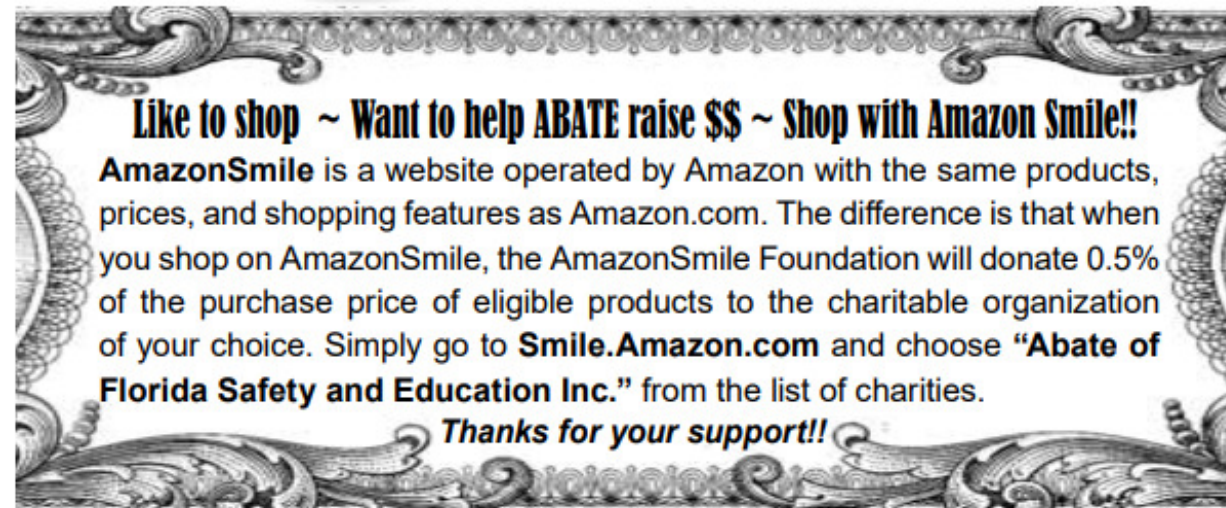
Products nothing to report

Old Business: Event didn't go as well as hoped. Besides our Local Bills Toy Run, there was the Sun Run, Treasure coast, Space coast and other toy events on the same day. Bills' without the ride didn't do as well. The weather didn't help either as rain was forecast and there was some. Maybe a different day, like late November might be better, since other events are not as promoted as soon. Big thanks who worked our event, especially Ken for working with Johnny Q's, Jeff for the money dealing at the main entrance, and all those that got all the door prizes.

New Business: New events and money makers were discussed, besides details for the next December event. We used to have our second event in June but with elections/new officers we have done in May in association with May Motorcycle Month. I will talk to the Council about a May date.. If we don't make as much money we might have to do more events. We talked about a Lake Poker Run or doing something at Mickey's in Pompano. Still looking into that Casino night. Some thought we should do benefits for causes like Breast Cancer or Veteran's Issues. While we should support these, we can't do benefits as we need to take care of funding our own corporation and our goals.

Good of the Order: Annual Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show Saturday Jan 29 Frost Park 300 NE 2nd St 10am to 5pm

Meeting adjourned: 1:45 pm



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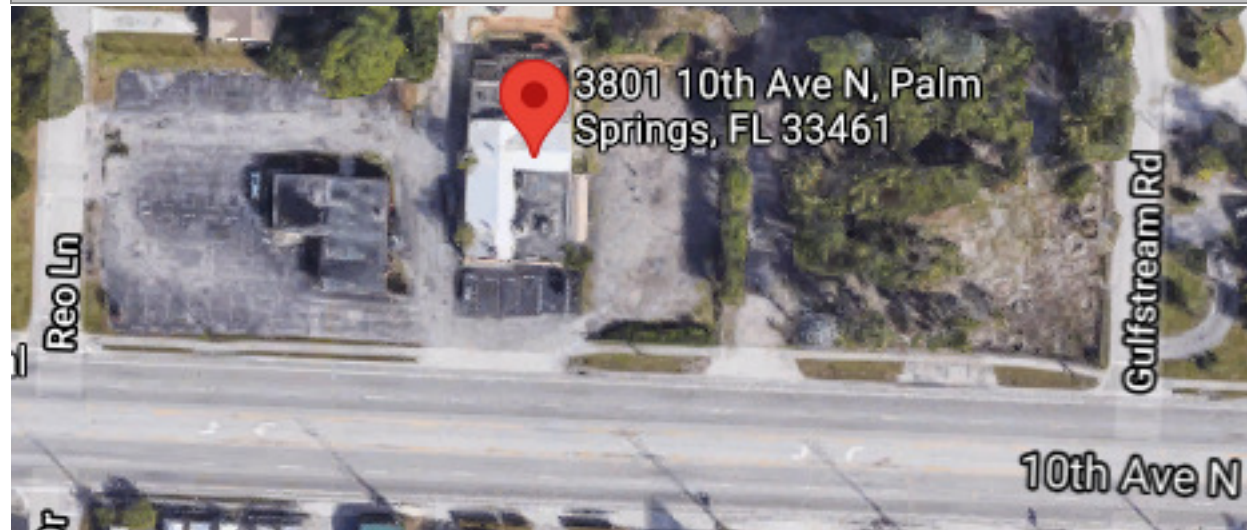
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To promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.

To educate the public about motorcycle awareness.