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Hey all, hope everyone had a nice Easter. Thank you to all that took time to come to the mtg on Easter Sun. Many more than I expected. It's that time of year again. Temps are on the rise & the snowbirds are heading north. Some will be missed greatly, others not so much. But we still wish them a safe trip home & see ya next time. By the time you get this LSBG will be in full swing. We always need

help at the campground & will welcome all offers. Hope to see you there. Don't forget, our next mtg brings our last round of nominations, for chapter officers. If you are interested don't be shy.

Step up. **Till then Ride Safe, Ride Free "Griz"**



By the time you read this Leesburg Bikefest will be over. Our next upcoming event is the Can You See Me Now Run on May 12. A special thanks to Tramp for a successful and delicious Shrimp Run. We all had a great time at

Performance Open House and the Benefit for Tim at Scooter Haven. Thanks to all that rode with us. Be Safe and Have Fun!!! *Be Safe & Have Fun - RUSS*

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Our chapter checked out 200 tickets – we are going to sell them quickly & check out more to sell..... this is a challenge. Each mbr, buy's 1 ticket for \$5. – see any board mbr. If you think you can sell 10 of these tickets, see me.....Vera

State Mtgs, are the 2nd wkend of every even month – let Griz know if you want to ride with us

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APRIL issue's pictures were printed very dark. PRIDE, our printing co did not charge chapter for printing, nor for mailing of the April newsletter. I love these guys – they really are the best.

LAKE COUNTY ABATE APRIL '18 GEN MTG

April 1, 2018

Griz called the meeting to order at 12:00, DR lead the Pledge, moment of silence, Pilgrim prayed.

PRESIDENT: Will "Griz" Deaver: Welcomed all, Happy Easter. This is our 15th year doing campground at the Eagles, it's in 4 wks, takes all of us to pull it off, it's our biggest fund raiser, it's the biggest event in LSBG & we are part of it, showers look OK, will coat roof during set-up. Eagles entire aerie is non-smoking, mbrships are due, property next door is up for sale. Product trailer is set up outside, new coozies. Today is nominations.

VP: Russ Sharpe: Sign-up sheet for campground on table, need security workers. He has flyers for campground & CUSMN run, need sponsors for CUSMN run, has solicitation letters, starting at Rainbow with breakfast. May is motorcycle awareness month. Silent auction is on side table. Shrimp run was a fantastic ride, thanks Tramp.

SECRETARY: Charlotte "Hotcakes" Meyer: Performance Cyclez' Customer Appreciation Party was a lot of fun, Daniel is a tricycle champion, welcomed his wife, Carol. Please sign in. Minutes motioned by Vicki/Crazy-T, all accepted.

TREASURER: Ron Sonner: Gave his report, with expenses.

SGT AT ARMS: Roy "DR" Stanard: sign-up for campground work, has 8 new radios for security.

MBRSHIP: Ron "RonJon" Knab: He has resurrected! Our chapter is growing with 16 new mbrs, 8 renewals in March, new mbrs: Rich, Raven, Richard, Daniel, Carol & Tate. ABATE is about your right to choose. Mbrship drive is over with Tramp in 1st place --13 mbrs, Shortcake, 2nd, with 11, brings our mbrship count to about 350. RonJon motioned to start the next drive in Aug, Pilgrim 2nd, all agreed. Griz states that Lake Co. used to be 11th largest chapter, with largest having about 1500 mbrs & 2nd largest with 800, mbrship is dwindling. Daniel is the burn out king.

PRODUCTS: Linda "Mother Boob" Cram: Coozies for sale, name tags available, needs help at campground

NEWSLETTER: Vera "V" Deaver: April NL will be no charge for printing/mailing due to dark printing. Shotgun being raffled by State is a Maverick, need to sale tickets & turn them in so that she can check more out at next State Mtg.

LEG: Joyce Sharpe: Discussed bills, many pertaining to us were squashed. Larry Metz is being appointed as Judge, his position will be open. Restoration of Rights is being re-worked. June 1-7 is hurricane supply tax free & Aug. 1-3 is school tax free. Raising age to buy a gun from 18 to 21, bump stocks are now illegal. Griz-April 11 is town hall mtg in Tavares, leaving Kangaroo on 561/448 5:15pm, mtg is from 6 to 7:30.

STATE REPS: Griz & V: Griz read letter concerning Duval Chapter closing. State nominations were during March mtg, & again at April mtg with elections at June mtg. Next State mtg Pt Charlotte, hosted by Peace River, leaving Race Trac, Groveland at 10am on April 13.

WEBMASTER: Don Breckenridge: Absent.

PR: Renee Johnson: Has 5 paid vendors for campground, & another possible, no tattoo artist. We need sponsors & donations for CUSMN run, sponsors \$ & info needs to be turned in by Ap 21st.

SAFETY DIRECTOR: Mickey "Pilgrim" Meyer: Asua is still on the run. He's going to order yard signs. This past week he/Bruce did 2 days of MSAP classes at Lk. Minneola High, reaching about 200 students. Needs help in future.

ROAD CAPTAIN: Mike "Painter" Enko: Ride after the mtg to Amer. Legion Post 52, word of the day:

COMM/SAFETY: Tracy "Brat" Whitehurst: Absent.

BILLING: Sheryl "Cancun" Mertz: Thanked all for good wishes on her surgery. Has new ads, needs more. Griz told of his soliciting ad & sponsorship from FTW. Teddy says FTW did work on his Road King, did a good & reasonable job.

HOSPITALITY: Vicki Athorne: Has cards on back table to sign for Linda/Cowboy & Helen, family mbrs passing.

OLD BUSINESS: Shortcake has 2 calendars for sale. Griz serviced generator. Campground set-up is Ap 21, 9am,

need everybody's help, Joyce will get water & ice. **NEW BUSINESS:** Nominations: Pres: Griz; VP: Russ, RonJon; Sec: Hotcakes, Ashley Cooke; Treas: Ron; S of A: DR, Crazy-T, Raven. 2nd nominations in May, elections in June. All accepted, Ashley not present.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: May 12-CUSMN run, also Polk Co. Motorcycle Olympics; Ap 22-Biker's Care; Ap 7-Fallen Few MC's 7th Annual; Ap 11-Town Hall mtg; May 19-UMF's St. Jude run; Ap 21- after set-up, Crazy-T leading to Cat/Juice's Wedding at 2pm. 50/50-Ryan, prizes won by Teddy, Renee, Skipper, Crazy-T, & V. Silent Auction: Watch by Crazy-T. Mtg adjourned at 2:10, Pilgrim prayed. 63 mbrs/guests present.

Respectfully submitted by Hotcakes ☺

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Lake County – Ending at "Sweet Pig", Formerly "The Dam Smoker" 36721 CR 19A, Eustis @ 3pm.
More info on the day of run. **RUSS 352-391-7151** –All are welcome!

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Motorcycle News JOLIET, IL By Don V -- Biker Killed, his life worth \$1520.00 in Illinois-- A Joliet woman who had a revoked driver's license when she pulled into traffic on Jefferson St & killed Roger Phillips Jr., a Shorewood man on his motorcycle, is no longer in Will Cnty custody. Will Cnty Judge Bertani-Tomczak sentenced Victoria Martin, 27, to time served at the Will Cnty jail. Martin had spent the past 199 days living in the jail. She was booked into the cnty detention facility during the early morning hours. On Tues night, she was set free. Judge Bertani-Tomczak sentenced Martin to 30 months of court probation. Martin must pay \$770 in court costs plus probation fees of \$25

per month. In sum, Martin owes a grand total of \$1,520 in fines to Will Cnty's judicial system for her role in killing the Shorewood motorcycle rider. In Dec, Martin pleaded guilty to the felony crime of aggravated driving while having a suspended license. It's a Class 4 felony. The 38-yr-old victim was struck last July 30 as Martin pulled into oncoming traffic on Jefferson St from the Citgo gas station. As she had tried to make a left-hand turn, she collided with the Shorewood motorcycle rider.

So good to see the South Carolina boys, Palmer & Daryl - great Oysters at the TROFT, Eustis



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MAY 2018

Dear Community Leaders,

ABATE of Florida, Inc. also known as American Bikers Aiming Toward Education, has been continually working hard to help provide a safe environment for motorcyclists in the State of Florida for over three decades. For many of those years May has been proclaimed Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the State of Florida, and each year members of our chapters throughout our state contact the community leaders in their areas in an effort to work with them and help us promote the public's awareness to share the road.

Each year we hold our annual Freedom Rights Rally on the Rotunda of the State Capital. Many of ABATE of Florida's members come to Tallahassee at this event to meet with their elected representatives and discuss the many issues involving motorcycles. We welcome you to sign a Proclamation, declaring your community's recognition as May being the official Motorcycle Safety and Awareness month. This is a significant opportunity to let a large volume of your constituents recognize your commitment to motorcycle safety and awareness.

Upon receipt of this letter, we invite you to contact your local ABATE of Florida, Inc. chapter representative. He/she will arrange a time and date for all to meet so you may sign the proclamation and join ABATE of Florida, Inc. in proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month across Florida.

On behalf of motorcyclists throughout our great state, ABATE of Florida, Inc. will always remain dedicated to the safety and awareness of motorcyclists not only during the month of May, but all year long.

Sincerely,

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Our Stuff

An old man & a little boy on a donkey were on their way to town. They passed by a group of people who said, "What a shame for that old man to be walking while that perfectly able-bodied boy rides that donkey." So the boy got off the donkey & the old man got on. They later passed by some more people who said, "Why should that little boy have to walk when they have a donkey to ride on". So the little boy got on the donkey & they both rode it. After a while, they passed some more people. They overheard the people say, "That poor donkey must be worn out from carrying both of them." The moral is- you just can't please everyone all the time & if we try we end up carrying a heavy burden.

To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms. To motivate the bikers to write letters to their legislators before, during, & after the legislative session. To furnish our members with a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

5th – Run for the Son reg @ 9, Lucky U's – 9803 US 301, Wildwood, GROUP Ride – TBA
6th – General mtg, 12 @ Eagles in Okahumpka – nominations
12th – Our "Can You See Me Now" ride – see flyer in newsletter, on our web or our FB page.
12th – Polk Cnty ABATE – Annual's Motorcycle Olympics
13th – Mother's Day -- NCOM Convention
19th --UMF St Jude starts & ends @ T-Backs Hernando \$15 single & \$20 couple includes meal. GROUP Ride TBA
19th – ABATE Vintage ride for Chopper Scott – MARCUS
28th – MEMORIAL Day – Board mtg

- Continue to bring – only 2 – **motorcycle related** items to the meetings, for our Swap Meet, put your name & price on your item & put them on one of our tables. Members be sure to look for bargains at general mtgs.
- Do you do side work, let me know --- "V" - plumbers, roofers, trying to put a directory together
- Our annual benefit for VORRH - (Veterans Organization of Resource & Recovery for the Homeless) is in Nov. May-Nov, we are collecting money at mtgs towards this local benefit. We only ask for \$1 or more if you can.

To be added to my FYI group emails, send your email to VMakingmemories@aol.com – will keep you posted on more info throughout the month, for group rides, etc. We need prizes & sponsors for "Can You See Me" ride.

Paddy & Mick find 3 grenades, so they decide to take them to a police station. Mick: "What if one explodes before we get there?" Paddy: "We'll lie & say we only found 2."

Mick goes to the vet with his goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy", he tells the vet. Vet takes a look & says, "It seems calm enough to me". Mick says, "I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet".

*** *Paddy was driving home, drunk as a skunk, suddenly he has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over as he veers about all over the road. Paddy tells the cop about all the trees in the road. Cop says "For God's sake Paddy, that's your air freshener swinging about!" --*

Little Sally was digging a hole in her backyard when her neighbor asked what she was doing.

"I'm burying my pet bird", Sally said. Her neighbor asked: "Isn't that an awfully big hole, for such a little bird?" Sally replied: "Yeah, except he's inside your freakin cat."

Winner of the week --Rick Scott. Considering the anti-Trump headwinds Republicans face this election cycle, Gov Scott is in a remarkably strong position as he prepares to give Democratic Sen Bill Nelson his toughest challenge in decades. Scott's performance during Hurricane Irma, & his mild bucking of the NRA after the Parkland massacre, have earned the former tea party governor broad-based goodwill from Floridians. **Loser of the week Ron DeSantis.** The Republican gubernatorial candidate so far is running perhaps the most cynical & lily-livered campaign FL has seen. He avoids talking to FL-based reporters who might ask him questions about state policy in favor of friendly interviews on Fox News about national issues. &, unlike Richard Corcoran & Adam Putnam, he rarely, if ever, answers questions from FL voters outside of private events. No guts, no glory, Ron.



This is the happening place (Doug)



March 24, 18 - It was food, good weather & good camaraderie - & lots of participation - a Big thank you to Tramp for chairing this annual run to 'Shrimp R Us'



We so love each other - Marcus - Hank & Pilgrim





Shrimp R Us – Terrie – Annarow – Ashley & Tramp



One day an Irishman, who had been stranded on a deserted island for over 10 years, saw a speck on the horizon. He thought to himself, "It's certainly not a ship" As the speck got closer & closer, he began to rule out even the possibilities of a small boat or a raft. Suddenly there strode from the surf a figure clad in a black wetsuit. Putting aside the scuba tanks & mask & zipping down the top of the wet suit stood a drop-dead gorgeous blonde! She walked up to the stunned Irishman & said to him, "Tell me, how long has it been since you've had a good cigar?" "Ten years," replied the amazed Irishman. With that, she reached over & unzipped a waterproof pocket on the left sleeve of her wet suit & pulled out a fresh package of cigars & a lighter. He took a cigar, slowly lit it, & took a long drag. "Faith & begorrah," said the castaway, "that is so good! I'd almost forgotten how great a smoke can be!" "& how long has it been since you've had a drop of good Bushmill's Irish Whiskey?" asked the blonde. Trembling, the castaway replied, "Ten years." Hearing that, the blonde reached over to her right sleeve, unzipped a pocket there & removed a flask & handed it to him. He opened the flask & took a long drink. " 'Tis nectar of the gods!" shouted the Irishman. " 'Tis truly fantastic!!!" At this point, the gorgeous blonde started to slowly unzip the long front of her wet suit, right down the middle. She looked at the trembling man & asked, "& how long has it been since you played around?" With tears in his eyes, the Irishman fell to his knees & sobbed, "Jesus, Mary & Joseph! Don't tell me that you've got golf clubs in there too!"

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Updated Mar 15th, The 2016 Harley-Davidson XG 750 was reported stolen from the grassy median in the 3800 block of Southwest College Rd — also known as SR 200 —after its rider was taken to a local hospital. The bike's rider, Alton Manley, told authorities he was traveling west on the busy road when another motorist suddenly changed lanes in front of him, forcing him to lay the bike down. The other driver continued driving, & bystanders helped Manley as he pushed his motorcycle onto the median & called his mother. She drove him to West Marion Community Hospital & called relatives to pick up the bike. When they arrived at the location, the motorcycle was missing. Anyone with info about the bike or its whereabouts can call the Ocala Police Dept at 369-7000., call Crime Stoppers at 368-STOP, or visit www.ocalacrimestoppers.com.



ORL—3 motorcyclists were injured after running over nails on I-4. Authorities said the bikers were on I-4 at S.R. 408 around 3:49 p.m. when the group ran over nails which caused them to go down. The 3 bikers, apart of the Warlocks Motorcycle Club, were injured. ORL police said one motorcyclist had a broken leg, while another had a broken ankle. Police did not give the extent of the third person's injuries. The names of those injured have not been released.



Andrew Flanigan was taken into custody & booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, reckless driving & hit- & run. The confrontation & crash, part of which was recorded & went viral on social media, occurred around 5:45 a.m. on the southbound Antelope Valley. Investigators used the video to help zero in on Flanigan within a week after the crash, but did not consider him an ongoing public safety or flight risk & did not arrest him until they felt they had built a significant case. The video showed the motorcyclist pulling up to the driver's side of a

Nissan sedan in the far left lane of the freeway, then kicking a leg at the vehicle. The driver of the Nissan swerved toward the left, into the motorcyclist, who was pushed toward the center divider, but managed to maintain control of the bike. The Nissan then swerved to the right, but the driver lost control of the vehicle & swung quickly back to the left, slamming into the center divider in front of the motorcyclist, who slowed to avoid the crash. Flames were briefly seen under the front of the Nissan, which bounced off the divider & swerved back into traffic, broadsiding a white Cadillac SUV, which flipped over & wound up on its roof.

Motorcyclist killed when Careless Dick leaves car in middle of road - By Don V in Motorcycle News

A motorcyclist died & his rider was critically injured after crashing into the back of a stalled car on N. Central Expressway. Dallas police said the woman who left her car in the middle lane of 75 could face charges. Police said it's the negligence that stands out to them & that's why it's going to a grand jury. Rita Garrison says her son Tyler was visiting when tragedy struck. Tyler was riding a motorcycle southbound on Central Expressway when he slammed into the back of car stalled in the center lane near Walnut Hill. The 25-yr-old driver left her stalled car to stand on the shoulder waiting for friends to arrive. Police said the driver's actions did not appear to be intentional, but may have been negligent. They did not say if her hazard lights were on or if she called anyone else besides her friends to help. Attorney Shook, in private practice & not associated with the case, worked for more than 20 years in the Dallas Cnty prosecutor's office & said investigators need to find out the circumstances of why the vehicle was left in the middle of the road. "They'll refer it to a grand jury when they think the risk that the driver took in this case abandoning the vehicle was substantial enough to rise to the level of criminal negligence," Shook said. Rita garrison's said Tyler was a devoted father to a 3-yr-old daughter, a motorcycle enthusiast & deeply rooted in his faith. She said tearfully by phone she wants the driver to know she is forgiven & she says Tyler would not want the woman's life to be ruined over the incident. Garrison had a passenger on his bike who was seriously injured & put in a medically induced coma. The case will likely get referred to the grand jury. Since the driver has not been formally charged, police are not releasing her name.

Car swerves into motorcycle in road rage incident Published: Tuesday, April 10th 2018, A witness recorded the hit & run incident on his cell phone. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office is investigating an aggravated battery incident that occurred during a hit & run. Detectives are asking the public to help identify the vehicle & suspect involved in the incident. According to deputies, the incident happened April 8 at the intersection of Beneva Rd & Rivera Dr around 5 p.m. Video shows the victim riding a motorcycle next to another car. Deputies said in a news release the 2 drivers appeared to be having a dispute. The motorcyclist hit the other driver's window before the car swerved & struck the motorcyclist, causing him to crash. A witness recorded the incident on his cell phone. The video was released on social media by a witness & is now being shared by detectives in hopes that someone can identify the suspect's vehicle. Deputies said the suspect's Mazda appears to be gray with a large white decal on the back window. Anyone with info related to this incident, vehicle or possible driver contact the Criminal Investigations Section at 941-861-4317.

TAMPA — A male motorcyclist died on the Courtney Campbell Causeway, the Tampa Police Dept said. About 1:35 a.m., the victim rode his motorcycle west on the Courtney Campbell at high speed. The motorcycle struck the rear end of a pick-up truck that made a U-turn at Ben T Davis. The victim was thrown from his motorcycle & landed in the roadway, where police said he was struck by 2 more cars. One of the vehicles stopped & stayed at the scene, & one fled west. Police have not identified the victim. Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay is offering a \$3,000 reward for info leading to the ID & arrest of the driver who fled. call Crime Stoppers at (800) 873-TIPS (8477), report anonymously online at crimestopperstb.com or send a mobile tip using the P3 Tips Mobile application.

Biker gangs thrive in Central FL- They looked like characters who had wandered off a movie set, more than a dozen outlaw bikers trooping into the Seminole County criminal courthouse. Many had tattoos, beards, shaved heads or ponytails. Most were members of the FL Warlocks, which law enforcement considers a dangerous outlaw motorcycle gang. The stories they told focused on threats, intimidation, beatings, knives, guns & killings. An estimated 300 to 400 outlaw motorcycle-gang members live in the part of FL that stretches from Tampa Bay through ORL to Daytona Bch, according to Jim Dillman, a law-enforcement officer on FL's West Coast who specializes in gangs. "The American Motorcyclist Asso (AMA) said in 1947 that 99% of motorcycle riders are law-abiding citizens but that 1% are thugs & criminals," Dillman said. That makes motorcycle gangs such as the Warlocks, Hells Angels & the Outlaws "1%er." Some wear a patch that reads "1%er." "They're very proud of that lifestyle, They don't care about laws, about law enforcement & citizens. They only care about their club." Men seeking camaraderie Most are white, middle-aged military veterans who work at blue-collar jobs. "They find a kinship, a fellowship, a brotherhood with each other," said **Suzelle Miller**, "Cut one & they all bleed." "The club comes before work. The club comes before your family. The club & your motorcycle come before everything else." Many outlaw bikers are mechanics, some are truckers, others are tattoo artists. According to the U.S. Dept of Justice, 300 outlaw motorcycle gangs in the U.S. are involved in crime, including gun trafficking, drug trafficking & violence. In Central FL, the Outlaws are the dominant motorcycle gang, The gang claims to have 16 chapters, including those in Orl, Osceola Cnty & Daytona Bch. "Seminole Cnty is considered Warlocks territory," Outlaw biker gangs began in 1947 in CA. Military veterans had come home & were looking for brotherhood. The Warlocks were founded in ORL in 1967 by Tom "Grub" Freeland. Their ORL clubhouse is just off Edgewater Dr north of Lee Rd. According to the Dept of Justice, outlaw motorcycle gangs are outnumbered in the US by other types of gangs. But in a DOJ poll of local gang investigators across the country last year, biker gangs were characterized as the worst. The greatest violence often comes when one biker gang gets into a territorial dispute with

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another, the DOJ reported. "FL is a huge attraction for outlaw biker gangs & members," "We have no helmet law, which is a big draw. We have 12 months of riding weather, which is a huge draw."

A Message from Alan Hays... Supervisor of Elections Last month I shared with you our plans to relocate in the near future. One of the major driving forces with making the decision to move was to ensure we are conveniently located for our voters & ensure efficiencies that we believe are best accomplished when all operations are housed under one roof. We evaluated several locations before deciding on the selected site. We needed space that would accommodate the warehousing of elections equipment & allow for easy deployment during early voting & during Election Day processes, as well as ensure the various administrative functions could be completed efficiently. Security features were another factor to consider as that's one of the main issues I hear from voters throughout the community. Since we also are planning to utilize the new location as an early voting site, we needed ample parking & voter accessibility. We were fortunate to find an existing building that we could re-purpose to meet our needs, instead of incurring the expense of building a new facility. As soon as we

have a target date for the move, we will be hosting an open house for folks to see the new space & get to know their elections office team. Our new address will be 1898 E. Burleigh Blvd, Tavares. We will announce the date we will be open for services there. If you have any questions regarding the move or any other issue, reach out to me at 352.343.9734 email Hays@LakeVotes.com.

We have been out & about in the community encouraging folks to register to vote, updating their records, sharing important upcoming election dates & answering questions about the elections process. We hope to see you at an event soon. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to update their records before the Primary Election on 8/28/18. Party affiliation changes & new registrations need to be completed by 07/30/18 in order to be effective for the

Interested in Becoming an Election Worker?

Please join us from 9-10 a.m., for one of the following Information Sessions and meet Supervisor Alan Hays and the training team.

April 27, 2018	Lady Lake Community Building 237 W. Guava St., Lady Lake
May 11 & 12	Mount Dora Support Center 701 S. Rossiter St., Mount Dora
June 22 & 23	Clermont Arts and Recreation Center 3700 S. Highway 27, Clermont

For more information or to register, contact Brian Sweeza at 352-253-6123 or by email at brian@lakevotes.com.

Primary. If you aren't sure about your current status, give us a call or stop by one of our booths, & we will help you check your status. The Amazing Race for Charity raises funds for various causes throughout the community. Those involved in the race can pick up their packet & learn about our office. If you would like us to conduct a voter reg drive at your event, just let us know. Have you visited our Wall of Honor? Are you a veteran or a family member of a veteran? We encourage you to submit a bio & let us include you on our website. We thank you for your service & are proud to provide the opportunity for citizens to honor you with their vote.



TAVARES — Lake Cnty School Board member Bill Mathias has floated the idea of enacting a half-cent sales tax to pay for security upgrades at public schools. Mathias said he proposed the tax at a FL League of Cities meeting in Feb & received a favorable response from the representatives of Lake Cnty's 14 city governments, although the chamber of commerce reps in attendance were less enthusiastic. Mathias believes the idea has merit. The tax could be levied on all consumer goods & would raise an estimated \$15 million a year. Mathias said that money would be used to "harden" schools by improving perimeter fencing, adding more security cameras & installing bulletproof glass in all schools. All schools already have electronically locked & monitored doors, but bulletproof glass would prevent an intruder from blasting his way in or at least slow his progress significantly. The tax would have to be

approved by voters. Mathias pointed to LSBG High, which is decades old & is a porous campus with few modern security features. "It's literally impossible to protect," Mathias said. "It needs a total reconstruct." Mathias said it isn't clear how much money it would take to make safety upgrades to the schools but it would be substantial. He noted that when the district looked at installing bulletproof glass in all schools 5 years ago, it would have cost an estimated \$15 million. School district administrators are currently conducting an audit of all school facilities to determine what is needed. Mathias said FL & Lake Cnty residents should not expect the FL Legislature to fund those upgrades & noted that the state budget passed this month contains just a small fraction of the funding it would take to put resource officers in schools & make safety upgrades statewide. "Tallahassee doesn't even properly fund education," he said. "Why would I think they are going to properly fund the safety of our schools?" He believes a sales tax is the most equitable & least painful way to accomplish this because, unlike a property tax, sales taxes are paid by everyone. & after the school upgrades are finished, the tax can go away. "About 40% of the tax would be paid by people coming through Lake Cnty who don't live here, & that's a source of funding I know we can rely on," he said.

LEESBURG – The LSBG Planning Commission approved zoning & comprehensive land-use changes to accommodate The Villages plans to build 4,500 homes on more than 1,900 acres south of the city. Included in the changes was a new zoning code that allows age-restricted residential areas, a key selling point for the mega retirement community. The land-use changes will be sent to the state for review, then to the City Commission. The city is selling the land at CR 470 & FL's Turnpike for \$11.9 million. Both sides have to meet several conditions before the deal is sealed. The land-use change is one of them. The site was originally purchased for a wastewater spray field. The city then decided to turn it into an industrial park. There were few buyers, however. Sale of the property to The Villages will bring in millions to the city, including tax revenue, city officials say