

Shutting Down Gun Control Media

Marion County Sheriff Shutting Down Gun Control Media

By TomL

GREAT JOB BILLY WOODS! Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods slam's the Media about their anti-Gun statements and Questions!

Billy Woods says "All the gun laws we have in place didn't prevent it, did it?" "The bad guy's gonna get a gun no matter what law you have put in place!" They stole the gun they used during a car burglary.

I say, Our country has always been

protected by the gun by true patriots. Unscrupulous politicians and criminals can't take our country as long as we have pro gun law's. We need to keep our country safe and keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill!

I have not always agreed with Billy Woods but this time "I'M ALL IN!" He is right. The gun did not kill people,,,,,People kill people. Mentally ill people kill group of people for revenge or attention. If a mentally unstable person cry's out we need to get them help immediately.

Special Thank You to the Lake County Sheriff's office for capturing the last teen in this alleged murder plot!

Billy Woods is spot on about gun control! "I'M ALL IN!"



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Farmland Preservation Festival was held this month at the Majestic Oaks Farm. Here you see a little girl interacting with a very patient horse. There is another great picture on CKJPotos13. The purpose of the event is to draw attention to foreign

investor buying up farmland. Another purpose was to stop the Turnpike Extension from going through rural farm lands. Governor DeSantis has put a pause on it but I'll bet money that it will be back. The Governor approves of it!



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Florida Horse have been busy. Horse events. The event these horses and riders are competing in is called "Classic Company and Golf Coast Classic" as you

can see these competitors are doing the almost impossible. Great job to the riders, the horses, the sponsors and the Florida Horse Park



Dunnellon High School Robotics Team at Orlando regional competition with the owner of AndyMark (supplier of robotic components). Dunnellon ended up 22nd out of a field of 54.

Teacher Don Slocum says he is real proud of his class / team. They worked very hard to compete.

Kevin Sheilley

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This column is focused on growth, specifically how our community is growing and what that means for all of us who love to Live Life Here. I'll start by sharing a few national rankings and then provide a

data source for moves. Again, the Ocala Metro ranked #1 based on this criterion.

Realtor.com

With people moving, they need a place to live. One needs only to listen to or read national news and be concerned that new home construction has come to an end. Perhaps in other places but not in the Ocala Metro. Realtor.com looked at nearly 400 metros across the nation and ranked the Ocala Metro #2 for new home construction. Builders here are continuing to build and sell new homes.

Census

Supporting all these rankings are the new Census numbers. At the end of March, the Census released the updated population numbers as of 30 June 2022. The Ocala Metro ended that period with a population of 396,415. This increase aligns with the aforementioned rankings. It also means that over the last year the area added approximately 220 new residents a week which leads to the continued need to add new single-family and multi-family homes. Based on even the most conservative calculations, the Ocala Metro's population exceeded 400,000 by the end of 2022.

Economy

While it is nearly impossible for a community to have economic growth without population growth, a city can have population growth but not economic growth. However, that is not the case for the Ocala

Census update.

U-Haul

Each year, U-Haul reveals their Top Cities for Growth. This list is based on moves using one-way U-Haul rentals. While not completely scientific, it does have a basis in data. Ocala has been on this list every year for the last several years; however, the community ranked #1 for 2022. This ranking is important because of who moves using U-Haul – young people. The company reports their primary target audience are singles and young families.

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The National Association of Realtors unveiled their Where People are Moving list earlier this year as well. This set of rankings was compiled based on US Postal Service change of address requests and reviewed out of metro area moves based on zip codes. In other words, they were looking for true cross city moves and not just changes in neighborhoods. Overall, a pretty reliable

Metro. Data released from the US Department of Commerce measured the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for each US Metro area. The economy of the Ocala Metro grew 11.3% over the last two years. This is nearly double the Florida average and quadruple the US average over this same period. The Ocala Metro ranks in the Top 10 fastest growing metro economies.

This ranking is what is most important. A growing economy means more opportunities for everyone. It results in higher wages and increased prospects for businesses. It provides for young singles, families, and empty nesters to all discover they can Live Life Here. A term one of our team members has coined and I like to repeat, Ocala=Opportunity.

Ocala parks. Be sure to bring a blanket or chairs to sit on. We will have concessions available for purchase like snacks, popcorn and soda. No registration is required to attend our movies, simply show up, get comfortable and enjoy the show!

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and it is very encouraging to see us finally having this much success on so many different fronts.

Just this week, the Florida Senate voted to pass a comprehensive bill that would protect Florida's youth from dangerous gender altering surgeries and treatments. Specifically, the legislation prohibits harmful and irreversible gender reassignment procedures or prescriptions for children and adolescents in Florida. Additionally, the legislation strengthens doctor-patient consultation requirements for adults who seek these same treatments and prohibits the use of telemedicine to ensure that patients are fully informed on the risks associated with these treatments.

The Senate also tackled the issue of social media safety. Senate Bill 52 has flown through all three of its committees and is

ready for a floor vote soon. This legislation requires that the Florida Department of Education create age-appropriate social media safety curriculum and that individual school boards notify parents of this curriculum. Social media safety curriculum will ensure that students in grades 6-12 better understand the social, emotional, and physical effects of social media. Through this curriculum, students will be educated on topics such as addiction, mental health, oversharing of personal information, human trafficking, and many other risks associated with social media.

Additionally, the bill requires that each school district prohibit the use of social media when connected to internet provided by the school. This will ensure that students are focused on educational content when they enter the classroom.

By the time this column reaches you, we will have likely wrapped up budget negotiations between the House and Senate, but we did want to provide a quick look at the product that we put on the table.

The Senate's proposed budget includes \$500 million allocated to the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund, over \$400 million for workforce development programs, and \$711 million for affordable housing programs as established in Senate

Bill 102, the "Live Local" Act. These critical investments into Florida's future will ensure that we are prepared to react and respond to emergency situations, better equipped to build a robust workforce, and able to provide quality housing to all who live and work in our great state. The Senate's budget also makes key investments in transportation, environmental and clean

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Face the Future with Confidence by taking back the past and applying it to the future!

You can't screw up a country this bad in twenty eight months unless it is on

purpose!

I really like Senator Kennedy's speeches. He has a way of describing things. He is a real country word smith. On a recent video I viewed, Senator Kennedy said "Biden administration sucks!" listing a few of the issues.

COVID, the economy, inflation, national debt, the border, crime, cancel culture, treating parents like domestic terrorists, Afghanistan, our energy independence now lost, Senator Kennedy says "President Biden has been spectacularly awful."

In my opinion I would have said it a little different but it was direct and to the point

and "I agree!"

Life is like a jar of jalapeño peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow morning.

Interesting enough I had a report from a lady in south Florida (Broward County) that August Lady Lake Magazine was missing from our website. I did not see the problem but I am proud that South Florida is reading us. YAH!

I don't get it, they are banning straws to cut down on the litter and giving out needles free, only to be thrown on the ground for someone to step on. What is wrong with this picture???

Open borders and what are the benefits? Drug running / Human Trafficking / Disease / Terrorism / New welfare recipients all benefits of those who believe in open borders and we who are paying for it, the working people and the Government printing more money!

INTERESTING...Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Florida, Kentucky and Missouri are the first states requiring Drug Testing when an individual applies for welfare. They drug test people who are working! They should drug test those who are not working also! SOMEONE SENT ME A QUESTION?? IMPORTANT! Can a nursing Home Evict You???

YES if the Resident Fails to pay for their stay at the facility, after the nursing home has provided reasonable and timely notice. Another resident's behavior or illness status is endangering the safety or health of other residents or facility staff or if the nursing home goes out of business/shuts down.

Florida, for example, has some of the least restrictive discharge laws in the country. In that state, assisted living facilities only have to provide a 45-day written notice and a documented reason to evict a resident.

Nursing Home Claims it "Cannot Meet the Needs of the Resident" A nursing home resident can be involuntary transferred legally if the nursing home cannot meet their needs.

I will ask Ombudsman to report on this?

We have enough oil in our continent to fuel every single passenger car and freight truck for the next 430 years. There is enough natural gas to provide electricity for all our needs for over 500 years and enough coal to provide electricity for 500 years. I think that in 400 years we will have developed alternative fuel sources? Why did the President sacrifice America's energy independence, stop all exploration for oil and gas, abandon pipeline development and drive up prices of all oil, Including jet fuel? Biden has compromised our country. Biden make us oil independent again now!

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(NAPSI)—Boating and RV use rank among the most popular forms of recreation in the U.S. Having attractive, well-designed storage facilities for your boat or RV is important in protecting and enhancing the enjoyment of these assets.

Brad Mrozinski, Morton Buildings product line manager, says upfront planning is essential so that storage facilities for boats, RVs and other recreational vehicles, such as motorcycles and ATVs, will meet owners' current as well as future lifestyle needs.

He offers the following recommendations:

Plan for growth—According to the RV Industry Association, roughly 70% of RV purchases are made by existing RV'ers. Avoid building a storage facility that is too small. Take into consideration not only current storage needs, but also possible aspirations five or 10 years into the future when you may want a larger RV model or bigger boat, or to add other vehicles. "Many people downsize their home over time, but when is the last time you heard someone say 'I wish I had a smaller boat or less spacious RV,'" Mrozinski says.

Consider other building uses—Besides boat or RV storage, think about other possible uses for the building so those can be incorporated into the design. Other popular options include offices, kitchenettes, lounges, bathrooms and space for hobbies.

"When a customer has a boat or RV storage need, we ask about their lifestyle, what other vehicles and hobbies they have, and really design a building to fit those needs," Mrozinski notes.

Aesthetics are important—Boat, RV and other recreational storage buildings are typically located near the main residence.

Homeowners want an attractive facility that will add aesthetic appeal and value to their property—not a large, unattractive box. "It's important to think through how the storage building will blend in with and complement the home," Mrozinski says. "Design elements such as exterior colors, roof pitch and a wainscot can result in a beautiful

storage facility rather than just a shed. Accessories such as a porch or a cupola are other ways to personalize the building."

Ensure convenient access—An important part of the design process is determining the best positioning for the building on the property. Proper orientation

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a sponsorship program was developed to allow for-profit organizations to participate through financial support. This financial support is used solely for expenditures of this event, such as advertising, printing, mailings, facility rental, etc. Since the Parade is for non-profit agencies who provide free or low-cost services to seniors, only twenty-five (25) for-profit agencies are given the opportunity to participate through a sponsorship.

There were 50 vendors. They had hundreds in attendance. A lot of information was shared to seniors. Don't miss next year, watch for articles or ads in this newspaper.

Many for-profit agencies took part of the show because of its uniqueness. As a result,

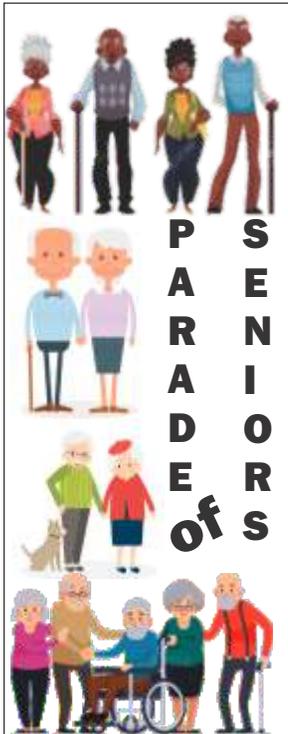


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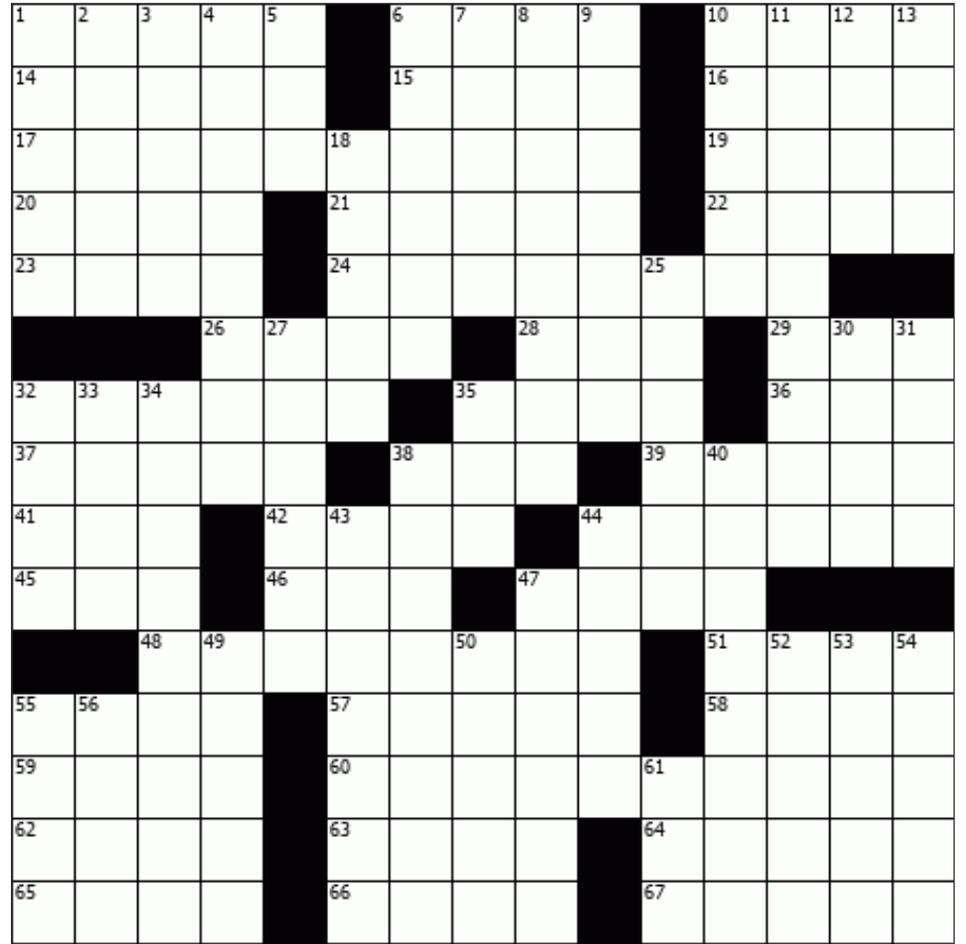
Across

- 1. Ballroom beat
- 6. Sitting on
- 10. "Ain't it the truth!"
- 14. Lumber jacket pattern
- 15. Dream, in Paris
- 16. Make a margin
- 17. Olympic leaper
- 19. Norse capital
- 20. From scratch
- 21. Docking spots
- 22. Shoe seller Thom
- 23. New Age composer John
- 24. Lose the booze
- 26. Psyche parts
- 28. ___ pinch
- 29. Future falcon
- 32. "Get real!"
- 35. Giant screen format
- 36. "Silent" prez, familiarly
- 37. Lopsided

- 38. Compass pt.
- 39. Andean animal
- 41. Sch. supporter
- 42. Counterfeit
- 44. Fair-___ boy
- 45. He talks turkey?
- 46. Put to the taste test
- 47. Barnyard bird
- 48. Uninvited visitor
- 51. Cop calls (abbr.)
- 55. Spring from a board
- 57. Pulitzer Prize category
- 58. Ernie's "Sesame Street" pal
- 59. Rocker Clapton
- 60. Easter harbinger
- 62. Ridicule
- 63. Suit to ___
- 64. Strep of "Silkwood"
- 65. Till fill
- 66. Untouchable leader
- 67. Simple writing

Down

- 1. Dropped tomato sound
- 2. "Home ___" (1990 movie)
- 3. Horse hairs
- 4. Honcho
- 5. Modifying wd.
- 6. War parties?
- 7. Cheyenne shelter
- 8. Paycheck upper
- 9. Novel narrator
- 10. Bakery beconer
- 11. Souped up auto
- 12. Scat legend Fitzgerald
- 13. Glowing gas
- 18. Muckraker Sinclair
- 25. C.P.A.'s concern
- 27. Readied to race
- 30. Monopoly, e.g.
- 31. Bag brand
- 32. Kangaroo, for one (abbr.)
- 33. Director Preminger
- 34. Former Don Johnson TV series
- 35. School of thought
- 38. Soak to the max
- 40. Dogpatch denizen
- 43. Subsoil layer
- 44. Israeli dances
- 47. Lyons ladies
- 49. Noodle holders?
- 50. Valleys
- 52. Pitcher Martinez
- 53. Sounds like an ass
- 54. Panache
- 55. Test driver's car
- 56. Get out the wrinkles
- 61. Strike caller?



Backyard Storage

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of doors is necessary to provide convenient access. Window placement is also important so you can see what's going on outside without having to leave the building. "The storage facility should be designed to fit the property and be convenient for owners to easily use and enjoy," he says.

Other recommendations include:

- Design the building layout for functionality and ease of use. For instance, for an RV storage building, placing the tall overhead door to one side reduces water

hose and charging cord tripping hazards when the RV is serviced inside the building.

- Plan sufficient storage for occasionally used equipment as well as support materials to be kept in stock and easy to access when needed.
- Ensure adequate ventilation if you are working on boat or RV engines, as well as for cars, trucks, snowmobiles or four-wheel-drive vehicles.
- Include a floor drain if you will be washing any equipment or pulling in vehicles covered with snow.

Hobby garages

Mrozinski notes that other types of recreational buildings are also experiencing growing demand, such as a hobby garage or workshop, pool house, garden shed, backyard office, or man cave/she shed. These structures involve many of the same planning and design considerations as for boats and RV storage.

"Vehicle storage, hobby shops and other accessory buildings are among the most requested projects we're now experiencing," Mrozinski says. "Regardless of the intended use, upfront planning is essential to ensure a high-quality, functional building that can be enjoyed for years to come."

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How can you help?

Pet Food Bank: Help stock our Pet Food Bank with pet food and supplies for people who cannot afford them due to job loss or other reasons. You can also bring donations to our Shelter daily from 10-6. Masks required please! If you need help keeping your pet with you during this time, our Happy Paws food program is here for you.

Volunteer: A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

Opt to adopt: According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

Donate: We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now but homeless and unwanted animals still need us. Donate to help the Humane Society of Marion County so we continue our lifesaving work and make them feel safe and loved.



Bilbie

Bilbie is a 14 weeks old male brought to the HSMC with her brother Wombat! We believe they could be Xolaitzcuinli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.



Fuchala is a 15 week old paralyzed kitten full of love.



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ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Attorney General Moody Activates Price Gouging Hotline Following State of Emergency Declaration for Broward County

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody

is activating Florida's Price Gouging Hotline following reports of extreme flooding in Broward County. The following expansion comes as Gov. Ron DeSantis declares of a state of emergency due to areas of Broward County that are flooded after receiving heavy rainfall of more than 25 inches.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "With the declared state of emergency in Broward County for extreme flooding, I am activating Florida's Price Gouging Hotline to protect Floridians from any unlawful increases."

It is important for all residents of Broward County to begin preparations for any additional flooding. This includes having an emergency plan in place and staying informed through local news and weather reports. Attorney General Moody recommends citizens follow the guidance of local officials and take all necessary steps to ensure safety.

Residents of Broward County are encouraged to visit FloridaDisaster.org to stay informed about the latest updates on this potential emergency.

Violators of the price gouging statute are

subject to civil penalties of \$1,000 per violation and up to a total of \$25,000 for multiple violations committed in a single 24-hour period. In addition to the civil penalties for price gouging, state law criminalizes the sale of goods and services to the public without possession of a business tax receipt.

Attorney General Moody Takes Legal Action to Investigate Whether Biden Used Taxpayer Dollars to Buy Crack Pipes for Drug Addicts

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is demanding information about whether a Biden administration program used taxpayer money to purchase crack pipes for drug addicts. Attorney General Moody is taking legal action against two federal agencies due to withheld information with respect to the program's suspected practices. In February 2022, Florida sent Freedom of Information Act requests to the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services seeking records regarding the alleged use of federal grant funds to promote drug use through safe smoking kits—in which some were reportedly found to include crack pipes and other drug-related paraphernalia. Now, more than a year later, with both agencies failing to reply to the state's request, Attorney General Moody is taking DOJ and HHS to court to bring the information to light.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "If Biden is using your tax dollars to buy crackpipes for drug addicts, you have the right to know. Our country is in the grips of a

drug overdose crisis, and the Biden administration is stonewalling our requests and keeping the public in the dark about so many misguided, reckless policies. We are taking them to court to get answers for the American people."

In February 2022, President Biden announced the deadline for service organizations and local governments to apply for \$30 million in federal funding for a so-called harm reduction effort, safe smoking kits. At the time, White House sources claimed that crack pipes or other paraphernalia would not be included in the federally-funded kits—however, a subsequent investigation found several incidences of kits containing such materials.

According to news sources, kits obtained from five major U.S. cities—Baltimore, Boston, New York, Richmond and Washington, D.C.—contained crack pipes.

Kits available from a harm-reduction center located only city-blocks away from the U.S. Capitol and two elementary schools also contained drug paraphernalia.

News of the alleged reckless program comes as the nation is experiencing record drug overdose deaths, while the federal government is deepening the record-high national debt. Drug overdose deaths topped 100,000 in 2021, and the U.S. is currently more than \$31 trillion in debt.

The state of Florida filed a FOIA request for access to federal records regarding this program in February 2022. Now, more than a year later, the agencies are still hiding the records and have not responded to the request. Attorney General Moody is taking legal action to make DOJ and HHS provide relevant information regarding this federal program, so the truth can be uncovered.

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Governor Ron DeSantis Awards \$4 Million for New I-75 Interchange in Ocala, Announces Third Buc-ee's Location in Florida

OCALA, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis awarded \$4 million to the Florida

Department of Transportation (FDOT) through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund to add a new interchange at I-75 and Northwest 49th Street in Marion County. These funds will create new opportunities for the Ocala area by building infrastructure needed to support a new Buc-ee's location, reducing traffic congestion at other Ocala area I-75 interchanges and expanding access to I-75 for two industrial and commercial development complexes and the nearby World Equestrian Center. The new Buc-ee's location is the third to be built in Florida and will consist of an 80,000-square foot travel center, supporting 120 fuel pumps with more than 720 parking spots for visitors. FDOT's infrastructure project is expected to have an economic impact off \$21 million and create 1,500 new jobs. The new interchange will further establish the City of Ocala as a strategic Central Florida hub for freight-related traffic.

"By making strategic investments like today's \$4 million Job Growth Grant Fund Award, Florida will continue to fuel economic growth across the state," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "Ocala's ideal location at the center of our state makes it prime for new manufacturing opportunities and for visitors looking for a place to stop and grab some beaver nuggets. I look forward to

seeing the opportunities this award will create for Floridians, businesses and communities in Central Florida."

"FDOT is grateful to have a leader like Governor DeSantis who understands the value of investing in infrastructure to serve as an economic engine and prepare Florida for the future," said **FDOT Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E.** "This new I-75 interchange is more than just a road. Building this interchange greatly benefits our great state by connecting local communities, creating jobs, improving regional and statewide travel for residents, visitors, and freight-related traffic, and helping to improve the resiliency of Florida's transportation network."

"Today's investment in Marion County further emphasizes Governor DeSantis' dedication to ensuring Florida's communities have the resources they need to attract and retain businesses and high-paying jobs for their residents," said **Florida Secretary of Commerce and President and CEO of Enterprise Florida Laura DiBella**. "Economic development is a true team effort, and we are proud to work alongside FDOT and DEO under our Governor's leadership to make critical investments in our communities."

"We are very excited about being here in Florida. We have had a lot of success in the two stores that we have operating on Interstate 95 and we've known for a long time that Interstate 75 would be a great location but we were looking for the right piece of property," said **Arch "Beaver" Aplin, Founder and CEO of Buc-ee's**. "I can't say enough good things about the statistics that make Florida special. Businesses want to be in Florida because it is a pro-business state and the jobs those policies bring. I look forward to seeing everyone at a groundbreaking and a ribbon cutting soon."

The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund is an economic development program designed to promote public infrastructure and workforce training across the state. Proposals are reviewed by DEO and Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), and are chosen by Governor DeSantis to meet the demands for workforce

training or infrastructure needs in communities around the state.

DEO and EFI are currently accepting proposals until all funding has been awarded. For more information, visit www.FloridaJobs.org/JobGrowth.

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CONGRESSWOMAN KAT CAMMACK



Congresswoman Kat Cammack Kicks Off Central Florida Agriculture Tour With Three Action-Packed Days
 GAINESVILLE, FL

Congresswoman Kat Cammack begins her Central Florida Agriculture Tour with stops in Umatilla and Mount Dora, Florida. With the 2023 Farm Bill in development during this first session of the 118th Congress, Rep. Cammack is speaking with farmers, ranchers, and producers across the state this spring to learn more about the issues most important to them and how she can continue to be a voice for Florida Agriculture in the U.S. House of Representatives.

On Tuesday, Rep. Cammack will visit Wild Goose Farm in Umatilla and H&A Farms in Mount Dora. While at each stop, the congresswoman will hear from stakeholders and discuss crop insurance, risk management for specialty crops, labor and immigration reform, trade, and more.

On Wednesday, Rep. Cammack will visit AgriStarts in Apopka, Jon's Nursery in Eustis, and Dewar Nurseries in Mount Dora, FL.

On Thursday, Rep. Cammack will spend time in Wimauma at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center for a conversation about artificial intelligence, the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI), and specialty crop block grants.

Press interested in attending at any of the stops on the tour should contact Deputy Chief for Communications & Operations, Adeline Sandridge. Follow along with the tour stops for live updates and photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Congresswoman Kat Cammack Tours Central Florida Agricultural Operations Ahead Of 2023 Farm Bill

GAINESVILLE, FL —Congresswoman Kat Cammack (FL-03), with the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association (FFVA), hosted a tour of Central Florida's agricultural facilities to gather feedback from growers and producers ahead of the 2023 Farm Bill.

Every five years, Congress passes legislation that sets national agriculture, nutrition, conservation, and forestry policy, commonly referred to as the "Farm Bill." With the 2023 Farm Bill on the docket this year, members of the House Agriculture Committee are gathering feedback from farmers, ranchers, producers, and foresters in their districts and states about the must-address issues in this year's legislation.

In an effort to collect this critical feedback from producers in Florida, Congresswoman Cammack and stakeholders toured several farms and nurseries throughout Central Florida, speaking with representatives from each operation about their Farm Bill priorities.

Facilities on the tour included Wild Goose Farms in Umatilla, Dewar Nurseries, Inc. in Apopka, Southern Hill Farms in Clermont, and several other operations, with each

specializing in a different commodity. Congresswoman Cammack had the opportunity to view blueberry and citrus farms, plant nurseries, strawberry fields, and more, learning about the different aspects of production for each product.

Throughout the tour, she spoke with growers and producers about the issues currently impacting their operations. Topics discussed include adjusted gross income, crop insurance, safety net programs for specialty crops, disaster preparedness, citrus disease research and development, and more.

Congresswoman Cammack has been a member of the House Agriculture Committee since the start of her first term in 2021, and currently serves as the lone Florida Republican on the committee.

If you're a farmer, rancher, producer, or part of a group relevant to the agriculture industry and wish to provide feedback about the Farm Bill, please visit our website at cammack.house.gov.

Congresswoman Kat Cammack Delivers Keynote Address At Greater Gainesville Chamber Of Commerce Luncheon

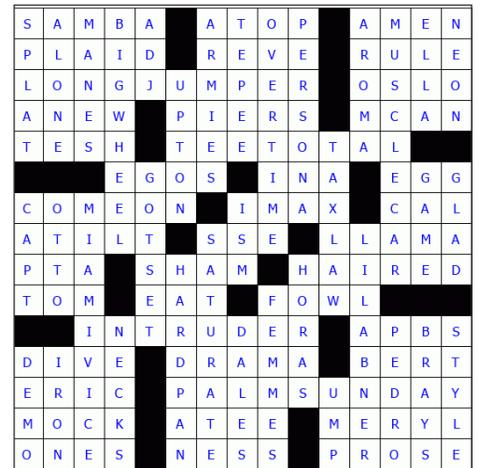
GAINESVILLE, FL —Congresswoman Kat Cammack served as the distinguished speaker for the Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, where she provided a legislative update to the local community and spoke with business leaders in Florida's Third Congressional District about the issues impacting their industries.

Mr. Eric Godet, President and CEO of the Greater Gainesville Chamber, introduced Congresswoman Cammack at the luncheon to an audience of about fifty attendees,

including representatives from the University of Florida and Santa Fe College, as well as leaders from industries spanning construction, electric and utilities, senior living and health care, aeronautics, banking, and more.

Congresswoman Cammack opened the luncheon with a legislative update pertaining to the REINS Act, which she introduced at the start of the 118th Congress in January. This critical piece of legislation, which reasserts Congress' legislative authority and prevents excessive federal overreach, would help to remove the red tape and burdensome, regulatory costs that are currently impacting businesses across the nation.

She also spoke about her efforts to hold Big Tech accountable, the security risks surrounding TikTok, and her bill, the Understanding Cybersecurity of Mobile Networks Act, that recently passed the U.S. House of Representatives and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce with bipartisan votes.



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