

This month's product promotions, company news and more.



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"We deliver drywall but we sell service."

Dick Mueller  
Co-Founder of GMS

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome to the May edition of "Gator Gypsum News Bytes," our new monthly newsletter! Each month we will provide you with news and updates about our company, products, brands and employees as well as product promotions, community events and related topics.

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## May Special

**GATOR GYPSUM**  
**MAY DEAL OF THE MONTH!**



**Guardian Fall Protection  
Safety Kits**

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| #GFP20204 (S - L)    | <b>\$69.99</b> |
| #GFP20205 (XL - XXL) | <b>\$73.99</b> |



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With the Gator Monthly Special, you have the opportunity to save on a different product every month. For May, we have OSHA-compliant **Guardian Safety Kits** in sizes **S - XXL** for only

**\$69.99 - \$73.99.** The kit includes a velocity harness, internal shock lanyard, and storage bag. Product features include:

- An upgraded back placard to prevent D-ring slippage
- Five adjustment points
- A PT chest with TB legs for easy adjustment
- Dual breakaway lanyard keepers
- Red core webbing to indicate wear
- A lifetime warranty against defects

This Guardian Fall Protection kit features the best entry-level velocity harness on the market, so stock up today at this special low price!

Hurry, because this offer is only good through the month of May while supplies last!

[Find a yard location.](#)

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## Company News: Bidding a Fond Farewell to Jerry Sweet

Gator Gypsum employees, customers, and friends gathered at Columbia restaurant on April 7 to wish Regional Manager Jerry Sweet well as he embarks on his retirement.



Jerry has been a part of Gator Gypsum from the very beginning. He was general manager for Gypsum Services in Buffalo when John Rew offered him the opportunity to go to Tampa to lead the startup of a new yard in 1984.

That new yard was the start of Gator Gypsum, which has since grown to seven locations under Jerry's leadership. "In the beginning, we had no local contacts. We only had a warehouse with 20 truckloads of board," says Jerry. "It was hard breaking into the local market, but everyone knows us now."

Jerry's plans for retirement include traveling with Bobbie, his wife of 48 years, fly fishing, doing volunteer work, and becoming a "46er" - one who has hiked all 46 peaks of the Adirondack Mountains over 4,000 feet.

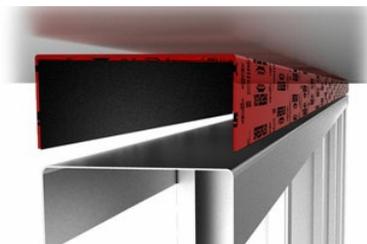
Gator Gypsum thrived and grew over the years thanks to the ideals that Jerry instilled from the start. Jerry says, "My mission from the beginning was to build a solid business with effective managers and personnel committed to continuing the culture we built over 33 years, so that it would last long after my tenure. I'm satisfied that mission has been accomplished, and I'm pleased to be leaving the business in the capable hands of people who have been good friends to me over the years."

Jerry will be missed by all of us at Gator Gypsum, but his legacy will live on in every delivery we make. We wish him all the best as he starts this new chapter of his life!

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## Product Spotlight: STI SpeedFlex TTG

Gator Gypsum carries the full line of STI Firestop products, designed for superior fire protection and ease of installation. STI's SpeedFlex TTG Track Top Gasket illustrates how smartly designed fire protection products can save time - and money - in the construction cycle.



SpeedFlex TTG eliminates the need for firestop sealants or sprays. Additional advantages include:

- Works with any ceiling track
- Easily cuts to length with scissors or sharp knife, eliminating waste
- Tested for both standard and shaft wall construction

- Allows for 100% compression and extension
- Red in color for easy identification and inspection

To see how easily SpeedFlex TTG installs, [watch this video demo](#).

[Visit the STI website for more information](#), or contact the product specialists at [your Gator Gypsum location](#).

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## Regional News: Health Care Facility Construction Booming in Central Florida



Central Florida's current population of 2.4 million is expected to grow to 2.6 million by 2020 and 3.7 million by 2045. As the number of residents increases in the four counties that make up Central Florida - Orange, Osceda, Lake and Semindle - construction of the health care facilities needed to serve the expanding population is racing to keep up.

The three major healthcare providers in the region are Orlando Health, Florida Hospital, and the national chain HCA. Each of them is staking out a corner of the region for dominance, and all are making significant additions to their facilities. The three healthcare systems have more than 15 projects planned, under construction, or recently completed.

There will be more to come, as the projected population growth in Central Florida over the next 25 years should keep the regional demand for expanded health care facilities strong for the next several decades.

[Read the full article.](#)

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With seven yard locations across Florida.