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Although Eilene Allen had a bad fall and resulting bruises and black eye, she was full of enthusiasm to celebrate the day with her beloved Jerry.



Beautiful prayer offered by Paula LeBlanc and Cecile Gautier. "We pray that war will one day come to an end and that our service men & women will come home soon."



Jan and John Scott always enjoy the gatherings.



Reba Newnan & Olivia Barnett who was visiting from Georgia.



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Peg Stempen is an enthusiastic American.

VBS program

Egypt topic Of VBS program

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1839 N.E. 8 Ave. Rd., Ocala is having VBS on July 26-30 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The subject is Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. This program is designed for fun and includes snacks, games, crafts and lots of activities.

Parents are welcome to attend. Please call 352-622-4475 to pre-register.



Some small ears of corn are developing on stalks planted by first graders at Saddlewood Elementary School. Checking on their corn, are left to right: Lydia Claudio, Megh Patel, Seth Carr, Delaney Camacho and Adam Robertson.

GROWING UP Veggie garden doing nicely

Michel Northsea
EDITOR

Zucchini still isn't the vegetable of choice for first graders at Saddlewood Elementary School, even though it is one of the vegetables, among the cucumbers, tomatoes, squash and corn growing plentiful in the first graders' garden.

With seeds supplied by Seminole Feed Stores and the backing of Marion County's 4-H program, under the umbrella of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, both first graders and kindergarten students planted small gardens behind the school in

the spring.

Every student in Idania Stout's first-grade class had the opportunity to taste zucchini when she made a salad with items from the garden. The exception was the store bought lettuce.

As a finale of the project, Stout's and Jowan Johnson Allen's class had a readers' theatre and ate homemade "stone soup." The soup was made of items from the garden too.

Besides eating from the garden, students have had many assignments based on their garden activities.

Two students were assigned to care for each and every plant in the garden. The care included lessons in math, science, reading and writing.

"Each student kept a journal about the project," Stout said. Assignments in the journal required students to read and answer questions and measure their plants and then figure out how much the plant had grown.

And there are many lessons along the way because of the garden.

First grader Kennedy Stevens was delighted to find out how fast vegetables grow.

And those vegetables come from a small seed.

"First, you have a little seed that you plant. Some



Having a vegetable garden means one might find a few crawling critters and for first grader Tommy Ray that's just fine.

days pass and it grows to a big plant," explained Roberto Fonseca Santos.

Many of the students have learned the value of sunshine and water in gardening.

James Worthington knows that it takes water; sun and air for vegetables to grow.

Sunshine is especially important, said Ryan Gargas.

"Because sun makes food for plants," he explained.

For most of the students, gardening was a new experience with only a few of them having a garden at home.

It was an experience they all said they enjoyed and would do again if the opportunity came their way.

While some students liked the garden for the chance to be outside, the great outdoors wasn't the only draw.

"I like finding bugs," said Tommy Ray.

Stearns sets town hall meeting

On Saturday, June 12, Congressman Cliff Stearns will host four different town hall meetings in Ocala.

Two of the meetings will be in Ocala.

Stearns will speak and listen to concerns at the College of Central Florida (CFCC) auditorium from 1 to 2 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m., Stearns will host a one-hour meeting at Joy Lutheran Church, 7045 SW 83rd Place.

In announcing the meetings, Stearns said the economy, the federal budget

and health care are serious issues before Congress.

Stearns points out the unemployment figures for May shows the U.S. rate at 9.9 percent and Florida's rate at 12 percent. He suggests new incentives for business so they can invest and expand and at the same time maintaining tax relief to promote consumer spending.

He suggests that the health care legislation will negatively impact the federal deficits with new mandates and taxes, and also cuts Medicare.

Music, crafts and bikes part of festival

Put on your leather, grab your biking buddies and ride the motorcycles down to The Town Square at Circle Square Commons on Saturday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bikers and those on foot, both, will enjoy a full day of live musical entertainment and over 30 craft and food vendors.

Special music is planned for the day including:
11 a.m. — Donald J — Jazz
12 p.m. — Sounds of

Time — Oldies
1:30 p.m. — Karaoke Corner

3 p.m. — Radar — Caribbean
4:30 p.m. — Live Bait — Jimmy Buffet Tribute

5:30 p.m. — Eli Magic Sound — Latin
7 p.m. — Stayin' Alive — Bee Gees Tribute

8 p.m. — Stayin' Alive — '60s and '70s Tribute
Circle Square Commons is at 8409 S.W. 80th Street, Ocala.

Programs give reason to stay in school

School will soon be over, but hundreds of local students head back to class starting Monday, June 14, for various learning programs.

Schools with summer programs, along with the district office of Marion County Public Schools, will operate on a four-day week this summer, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. All schools and the district office will close on Fridays as a budget-cutting measure. This schedule runs June 14 through August 13.

Here's a look at summer programs offered by Marion County Public Schools over the next eight weeks. Please note school bus transportation is not provided unless indicated:

Summer Enrichment Courses — more than 75 courses led by state-certified teachers offer academically-challenging,

for-credit options, and dual enrollment opportunities for middle and high school students. Courses are free and include breakfast and lunch with limited transportation available. Offered at these high schools: Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, Lake Weir, MTI, North Marion, Vanguard, and West Port, along with Horizon Academy at Marion Oaks.

VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) — This program, now in its fifth year, targets students entering kindergarten this August. Runs Monday — Thursday, June 14 through August 5 (31 days), 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at 10 elementary schools: Belleview, College Park, Dunnellon, East Marion, Emerald Shores, Hammett Bowen, Maplewood, Oakcrest, Sunrise, and Sparr. Breakfast, lunch,

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and snack provided. Third Grade Summer Reading Camp - offered by invitation only to third graders who scored Level 1 in Reading on this year's FCAT. Students may re-take the Stanford 10 Achievement Test for promotion consideration to fourth grade. Runs Monday - Thursday, June 14 through July 22 (23 days), 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the elementary schools listed above. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation provided. Exceptional Student Ed-

ucation Extended School Year (ESY) - regularly-scheduled program offers continued education for students with special needs. Operates two days weekly for six weeks at Hillcrest School. Breakfast, lunch, and transportation provided. Camp Kiwanis - residential weekly summer camp for students throughout Marion County. Runs June 21 through July 23 and offered through the Silver River Museum. Limited transportation provided. Applications available at www.CampKiwanisOcala.com or by calling the Silver River Museum at 352-236-5401. Driver's Education - of-

ferred at each of our high schools with the exception of Dunnellon High. Open to registered students only. Session I runs June 14 through July 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. while Session II runs July 6 through 22 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday through Thursday (closed Monday, July 5). Summer Safari Camp - by invitation only to approximately 40 students; offers hands-on experience with math, science and technology. Based at Maplewood Elementary, students focus on exploring the science and mathematics of animals by conducting science labs, comparing results, and assembling technology proj-



The inaugural six week program, named Flame Busters, for a junior firefighters program, was a joint endeavor between the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Division and Ocala Fire Rescue. Fifteen children met each week for two hours, to learn the basics of fire safety and first aid. Hands on activities included operating fire extinguishers, crawling through a smoke maze and visiting a fire station. On May 25 a graduation ceremony was held where the children received diplomas, T shirts and gifts for successfully completing the program. Helping with the first class were firefighters, rear row, left to right, Operations Chief Jim Ganter, Michael Driggers, Kurt Gallisdorfer, and Mike Calhoun.

13 schools drop in reading more FCAT results in July

This year's crop of local third graders did not fare as well as previous classes on the 2010 FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test). With Florida's Department of Education releas-

ing scores today, Marion County third grade reading scores dropped four points to 68 percent proficient, defined as students scoring Level 3 and above. The drop puts local reading scores at four points below

the state's 72 percent. Math scores fared somewhat better falling just two points to 79 percent but still above the state's 78 percent.

One bright spot is that many students who scored Level 1 in Reading can be promoted because of other factors as allowed by the state. Six schools improved both their reading and math scores over last year - College Park, East Marion, Eighth Street, Madison Street Academy, Oakcrest, and Reddick-Collier. Highest gains in reading were at College Park (+16), Oakcrest (+9), Fessenden (+6), and Romeo (+6). Highest gains in math were at Reddick-Collier (+11), East Marion (+8), Eighth Street (+8), and Dunnellon (+7). Thirteen schools dropped both reading and

math scores over last year - Anthony, Belleview, Belleview-Santos, Evergreen, Fort McCoy, Hammett Bowen, McIntosh Area Charter, Saddlewood, South Ocala, Sparr, Stanton-Weirsdale, Ward-Highlands, and Wyomina Park. Biggest drops in reading took place at McIntosh Area Charter (-20), Ward-Highlands (-20), Evergreen (-15), and Sparr (-14). Biggest drops in math were at McIntosh Area Charter (-26), Anthony (-21), Marion Charter (-19), and Fessenden (-13). While district and school leaders delve into the numbers to analyze why scores went down, the leading reasons may include increased efforts to promote more first- and second-graders over the last few years, high gains in previous years that simply cannot be matched, and an unusually high number of new principals. FCAT scores for grades 4-11 are expected in the next few weeks but school grades aren't likely to be released by Florida's DOE until July.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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have been renamed to take titles more fully reflective of their new roles.

Ultimately, what matters to local students is not the name, but the opportunity the college offers them to advance themselves. With a new name and an expanded mission, we are encouraged that our local college will continue offering residents the opportunity for higher education locally and at an affordable price. That's a winning combination for everyone involved.

This editorial first appeared in the Citrus County Chronicle, a sister newspaper of the West Marion Messenger.

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The trouble with communicating



Michel Northsea

They say that communication makes for a good marriage, better kids and solves world problems. The "they" could be marriage counselors, experts on child raising, Dr. Phil, Oprah and consultants. Big companies often survey their employees to find out their feeling about working for them. On the job,

often times, the perceived problem, rather real or imagined, boils down to the lack of communication among those at the top and those doing the job. Those working want to have more information about their job performance, their future and the state of the company. Those at the top think everyone knows or doesn't care so they don't share much information. In government, there are jobs where staff is paid to communicate with the public. The person in that position, often referred to as a PIO or Public Information Officer, creates newsletters, press releases, e-blasts to tell their story. Residents reading those efforts have a better grasp of what's going on around them. On the home front, no one

is paid to communicate with one or another. Yet, good communications between all parties can save money and hard feelings. In our family, my husband and myself are perfectly capable of going to the grocery store. Knowing that we're running low on milk, we both buy milk causing an abundance of the substance at home. If some of the milk goes sour before we can drink it, then we have wasted a buck or two. Still, there's no sense in crying over the wasted milk. The milk issue is rather trivial but does suggest a bigger problem. Long term poor communications between spouses ends up as a reason for divorce. Recently, I missed a phone call from my husband so he left me a message, "I was just trying to find out about your vision," he said. Hearing the message, I knew that he wasn't interested in knowing that my corrected vision is 20/20 or that he was inquiring about my

future vision for our lives in retirement. I knew he wanted to know if he was still covered by the vision plan since he was on the way to the eye doctor. The phone message was part of an ongoing conversation. Sometimes, couples communicate in short-hand. A word or two paints a big picture for a spouse. Then there are times when a partner starts the sentence and the other finishes the statement. Good communication also keeps the other spouse from wandering around in the murky waters of mind reading. Mind reading leads to broken expectations and hurt feelings if the signals are jumbled up in the translations. So stay clear of mind reading and rely on good communications. There's no reason to be nasty - follow your heart and speak your mind. Maybe you'll even like the outcome of the conversation. Please see OPINION, Page 7

OPINION

College's new name reflects changing mission

Recently, Central Florida Community College became the College of Central Florida, with the new name reflecting an evolving mission for the college that began serving the community more than a half century ago. However, within the past few years, Florida has emerged as a leader among states in allowing traditional community colleges to offer baccalaureate and advanced college degrees through partnerships with existing colleges and universities. Currently, 17 of the state's 28 community colleges offer degree programs. According to the Florida Department of Education website, the College of Central Florida has agreements with public and private colleges to offer degree programs in 27 subject areas, opening up new opportunities for local students. With a growing number of four-year degree opportunities, the mission of the college has indeed broadened, and renaming the college makes sense. The College of Central Florida has taken the path of many other Florida community colleges, which



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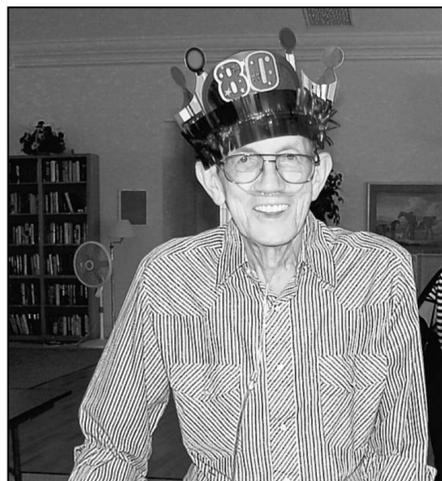


Carolyn Slocumb

Last week many Quail Meadow residents stopped by the clubhouse to wish Roland Johnson "happy birthday." This celebration was in honor of Roland's 80th birthday. A great time was enjoyed by all. Roland was very appreciative of all the good wishes. Jan, Roland's wife, made sure everyone had plenty of cake and punch. Roland has been dealing with some health problems this year, but he was able to laugh and reminisce with his old friends. Many friends kidded Roland about being "older than dirt." However, many of us are not that far behind him! Happy belated 80th birthday, Roland, enjoy the summer, and we expect to see you back at bingo in September.

It seems many of our residents were married in the month of June - 21 couples according to the Reporter. This year will mark the 50th Anniversary for Paul and Marlene Cigrand; Bud and Dot Avery will celebrate 53 years together, and Marty and Clara Gates take the prize with 57 years as husband and wife. Congratulations to all of you whether it is your first anniversary or your sixtieth. The swimming pool is very refreshing on these hot days. Bob Stafford spent many hours working on the pool to get it in shape for this summer. Isn't it great that we have residents who volunteer their time, energy, and knowledge to help in so

many ways around the neighborhood? Anyone interested in water aerobics on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, should contact Marion Gartman. They meet at 9 a.m. If you would rather exercise on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, there is another class that meets at 9 a.m. Birthday Celebration - Friends around Quail Meadow gathered at the clubhouse in honor of Roland Johnson's 80th birthday.



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The trouble with communicating



Michel Northsea

They say that communication makes for a good marriage, better kids and solves world problems. The "they" could be marriage counselors, experts on child raising, Dr. Phil, Oprah and consultants. Big companies often survey their employees to find out their feeling about working for them. On the job,

often times, the perceived problem, rather real or imagined, boils down to the lack of communication among those at the top and those doing the job. Those working want to have more information about their job performance, their future and the state of the company. Those at the top think everyone knows or doesn't care so they don't share much information.

In government, there are jobs where staff is paid to communicate with the public. The person in that position, often referred to as a PIO or Public Information Officer, creates newsletters, press releases, e-blasts to tell their story. Residents reading those efforts have a better grasp of what's going on around them. On the home front, no one

is paid to communicate with one or another. Yet, good communications between all parties can save money and hard feelings. In our family, my husband and myself are perfectly capable of going to the grocery store. Knowing that we're running low on milk, we both buy milk causing an abundance of the substance at home. If some of the milk goes sour before we can drink it, then we have wasted a buck or two. Still, there's no sense in crying over the wasted milk.

The milk issue is rather trivial but does suggest a bigger problem. Long term poor communications between spouses ends up as a reason for divorce.

Recently, I missed a phone call from my husband so he left me a message, "I was just trying to find out about your vision," he said.

Hearing the message, I knew that he wasn't interested in knowing that my corrected vision is 20/20 or that he was inquiring about my

future vision for our lives in retirement.

I knew he wanted to know if he was still covered by the vision plan since he was on the way to the eye doctor. The phone message was part of an ongoing conversation.

Sometimes, couples communicate in short-hand. A word or two paints a big picture for a spouse. Then there are times when a partner starts the sentence and the other finishes the statement.

Good communication also keeps the other spouse from wandering around in the murky waters of mind reading. Mind reading leads to broken expectations and hurt feelings if the signals are jumbled up in the translations.

So stay clear of mind reading and rely on good communications.

There's no reason to be nasty - follow your heart and speak your mind. Maybe you'll even like the outcome of the conversation.

OPINION

College's new name reflects changing mission

Recently, Central Florida Community College became the College of Central Florida, with the new name reflecting an evolving mission for the college that began serving the community more than a half century ago.

Fifty-three years ago, community leaders in the area led the charge to establish an educational resource to serve Marion, Levy and Citrus counties. This was the beginning of the Central Florida Junior College.

The college was based right here in Ocala. A year after Central Florida Junior College was established, Hampton Junior College opened in Ocala as one of the first black two-year colleges in the state.

In 1966, Hampton Junior College merged with Central Florida Junior College, and five years later, the name was changed to Central Florida Community College to reflect the purpose of a college serving a larger community.

As a community college, CFCC historically offered programs to prepare stu-

dents for a vocation, or programs to prepare students to move on into four-year degree programs.

However, within the past few years, Florida has emerged as a leader among states in allowing traditional community colleges to offer baccalaureate and advanced college degrees through partnerships with existing colleges and universities. Currently, 17 of the state's 28 community colleges offer degree programs.

According to the Florida Department of Education website, the College of Central Florida has agreements with public and private colleges to offer degree programs in 27 subject areas, opening up new opportunities for local students.

With a growing number of four-year degree opportunities, the mission of the college has indeed broadened, and renaming the college makes sense.

The College of Central Florida has taken the path of many other Florida community colleges, which

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Quail Meadow

June the month of anniversaries



Carolyn Slocumb

Last week many Quail Meadow residents stopped by the clubhouse to wish Roland Johnson "happy birthday." This celebration was in honor of Roland's 80th birthday. A great time was enjoyed by all. Roland was very appreciative of all the good wishes. Jan, Roland's wife, made sure everyone had plenty of cake and punch. Roland has been dealing with some health problems this year, but he was able to laugh and reminisce with his old friends. Many friends kidded Roland about being "older than dirt." However, many of us are not that far behind him! Happy belated 80th birthday, Roland, enjoy the summer, and we expect to see you back at bingo in September.

I know we all complain about the traffic on State Road 200, College Road. We think the traffic is just awful. Well, I won't complain anymore! It was my misfortune to be in Atlanta last week - our traffic is nothing! My grandson was graduating from high school, so Grandma was expected to be there. After the graduation ceremony it took two hours just to get out of the parking lot of the Arena at Gwinnett Center! Then we were in the 5 o'clock rush hour traffic. Ocala traffic is nothing compared to Atlanta. There's no place like home!

June is often referred to as the month of weddings.

It seems many of our residents were married in the month of June - 21 couples according to the Reporter. This year will mark the 50th Anniversary for Paul and Marlene Cigrand; Bud and Dot Avery will celebrate 53 years together, and Marty and Clara Gates take the prize with 57 years as husband and wife. Congratulations to all of you whether it is your first anniversary or your sixtieth.

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The inaugural six week program, named Flame Busters, for a junior firefighters program, was a joint endeavor between the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Division and Ocala Fire Rescue. Fifteen children met each week for two hours, to learn the basics of fire safety and first aid. Hands on activities included operating fire extinguishers, crawling through a smoke maze and visiting a fire station. On May 25 a graduation ceremony was held where the children received diplomas, T shirts and gifts for successfully completing the program. Helping with the first class were firefighters, rear row, left to right, Operations Chief Jim Ganter, Michael Driggers, Kurt Gallisdorfer, and Mike Calhoun.

13 schools drop in reading more FCAT results in July

This year's crop of local third graders did not fare as well as previous classes on the 2010 FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test). With Florida's Department of Education releas-

ing scores today, Marion County third grade reading scores dropped four points to 68 percent proficient, defined as students scoring Level 3 and above. The drop puts local reading scores at four points below

the state's 72 percent. Math scores fared somewhat better falling just two points to 79 percent but still above the state's 78 percent.

One bright spot is that many students who scored Level 1 in Reading can be promoted because of other factors as allowed by the state. Six schools improved both their reading and math scores over last year - College Park, East Marion, Eighth Street, Madison Street Academy, Oakcrest, and Reddick-Collier. Highest gains in reading were at College Park (+16), Oakcrest (+9), Fessenden (+6), and Romeo (+6). Highest gains in math were at Reddick-Collier (+11), East Marion (+8), Eighth Street (+8), and Dunnellon (+7). Thirteen schools dropped both reading and

math scores over last year - Anthony, Belleview, Belleview-Santos, Evergreen, Fort McCoy, Hammett Bowen, McIntosh Area Charter, Saddlewood, South Ocala, Sparr, Stanton-Weirsdale, Ward-Highlands, and Wyomina Park. Biggest drops in reading took place at McIntosh Area Charter (-20), Ward-Highlands (-20), Evergreen (-15), and Sparr (-14). Biggest drops in math were at McIntosh Area Charter (-26), Anthony (-21), Marion Charter (-19), and Fessenden (-13). While district and school leaders delve into the numbers to analyze why scores went down, the leading reasons may include increased efforts to promote more first- and second-graders over the last few years, high gains in previous years that simply cannot be matched, and an unusually high number of new principals. FCAT scores for grades 4-11 are expected in the next few weeks but school grades aren't likely to be released by Florida's DOE until July.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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have been renamed to take titles more fully reflective of their new roles. Ultimately, what matters to local students is not the name, but the opportunity the college offers them to advance themselves. With a new name and an expanded mission, we are encouraged that our local college will continue offering residents the opportunity for higher education locally and at an affordable price. That's a winning combination for everyone involved. This editorial first appeared in the Citrus County Chronicle, a sister newspaper of the West Marion Messenger.

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The subject is Egypt, Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. This program is designed for fun and includes snacks, games, crafts and lots of activities.

Parents are welcome to attend. Please call 352-622-4475 to pre-register.



Some small ears of corn are developing on stalks planted by first graders at Saddlewood Elementary School. Checking on their corn, are left to right: Lydia Claudio, Megh Patel, Seth Carr, Delaney Camacho and Adam Robertson.

GROWING UP Veggie garden doing nicely

Michel Northsea
EDITOR

Zucchini still isn't the vegetable of choice for first graders at Saddlewood Elementary School, even though it is one of the vegetables, among the cucumbers, tomatoes, squash and corn growing plentiful in the first graders' garden.

With seeds supplied by Seminole Feed Stores and the backing of Marion County's 4-H program, under the umbrella of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, both first graders and kindergarten students planted small gardens behind the school in the spring.

Every student in Idania Stout's first-grade class had the opportunity to taste zucchini when she made a salad with items from the garden. The exception was the store bought lettuce.

As a finale of the project, Stout's and Jowan Johnson Allen's class had a readers' theatre and ate homemade "stone soup." The soup was made of items from the garden too.

Besides eating from the garden, students have had many assignments based on their garden activities.

Two students were assigned to care for each and every plant in the garden. The care included lessons in math, science, reading and writing.

"Each student kept a journal about the project," Stout said. Assignments in the journal required students to read and answer questions and measure their plants and then figure out how much the plant had grown.

And there are many lessons along the way because of the garden.

First grader Kennedy Stevens was delighted to find out how fast vegetables grow.

And those vegetables come from a small seed.

"First, you have a little seed that you plant. Some



Having a vegetable garden means one might find a few crawling critters and for first grader Tommy Ray that's just fine.

days pass and it grows to a big plant," explained Roberto Fonseca Santos.

Many of the students have learned the value of sunshine and water in gardening.

James Worthington knows that it takes water; sun and air for vegetables to grow.

Sunshine is especially important, said Ryan Gargas.

"Because sun makes food for plants," he explained.

For most of the students, gardening was a new experience with only a few of them having a garden at home.

It was an experience they all said they enjoyed and would do again if the opportunity came their way.

While some students liked the garden for the chance to be outside, the great outdoors wasn't the only draw.

"I like finding bugs," said Tommy Ray.

Stearns sets town hall meeting

On Saturday, June 12, Congressman Cliff Stearns will host four different town hall meetings in Ocala.

Two of the meetings will be in Ocala.

Stearns will speak and listen to concerns at the College of Central Florida (CFCC) auditorium from 1 to 2 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m., Stearns will host a one-hour meeting at Joy Lutheran Church, 7045 SW 83rd Place.

In announcing the meetings, Stearns said the economy, the federal budget and health care are serious issues before Congress.

Stearns points out the unemployment figures for May shows the U.S. rate at 9.9 percent and Florida's rate at 12 percent. He suggests new incentives for business so they can invest and expand and at the same time maintaining tax relief to promote consumer spending.

He suggests that the health care legislation will negatively impact the federal deficits with new mandates and taxes, and also cuts Medicare.

Music, crafts and bikes part of festival

Put on your leather, grab your biking buddies and ride the motorcycles down to The Town Square at Circle Square Commons on Saturday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bikers and those on foot, both, will enjoy a full day of live musical entertainment and over 30 craft and food vendors.

Special music is planned for the day including:

- 11 a.m. — Donald J - Jazz
- 12 p.m. — Sounds of Time - Oldies
- 1:30 p.m. — Karaoke Corner
- 3 p.m. — Radar - Caribbean
- 4:30 p.m. — Live Bait - Jimmy Buffet Tribute
- 5:30 p.m. — Eli Magic Sound - Latin
- 7 p.m. — Stayin' Alive - Bee Gees Tribute
- 8 p.m. — Stayin' Alive - '60s and '70s Tribute

Circle Square Commons is at 8409 S.W. 80th Street, Ocala.

Programs give reason to stay in school

School will soon be over, but hundreds of local students head back to class starting Monday, June 14, for various learning programs.

Schools with summer programs, along with the district office of Marion County Public Schools, will operate on a four-day week this summer, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. All schools and the district office will close on Fridays as a budget-cutting measure. This schedule runs June 14 through August 13.

Here's a look at summer programs offered by Marion County Public Schools over the next eight weeks. Please note school bus transportation is not provided unless indicated:

Summer Enrichment Courses - more than 75 courses led by state-certified teachers offer academically-challenging, for-credit options, and dual enrollment opportunities for middle and high school students. Courses are free and include breakfast and lunch with limited transportation available. Offered at these high schools: Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, Lake Weir, MTI, North Marion, Vanguard, and West Port, along with Horizon Academy at Marion Oaks.

VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten) - This program, now in its fifth year, targets students entering kindergarten this August. Runs Monday - Thursday, June 14 through August 5 (31 days), 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at 10 elementary schools: Belleview, College Park, Dunnellon, East Marion, Emerald Shores, Hammett Bowen, Maplewood, Oakcrest, Sunrise, and Sparr. Breakfast, lunch,