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Memorial Park Grand Opening Planned

Hospice of Marion County is pleased to announce the upcoming grand opening and dedication ceremony for its new memorial park, honoring loved ones and veterans which will be held on April 4, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. on the Helen "Mimi" Walker campus.

Named for the initial seed donors, The Hospice Memorial Park and Dunlevy-Levenson-Burchel Family Veterans Circle of Honor features a curved granite wall and a circle of military monuments around a flagpole. Benches around the existing gazebo provide an area for people to relax and reflect.

"This beautifully landscaped park will provide a serene environment for those remembering a loved one," says Hospice of Marion County CEO Rick Bourne. "The dedication ceremony will feature community dignitaries to help celebrate and honor loved ones as well as veterans who have served both our nation and the community."

Hospice of Marion County (HMC) has four buildings on the Helen "Mimi" Walker campus, located just off Highway 441 and SE 62nd St. between Estelle's Hospice House and The Monarch Center at Sylvia's (2895 SE 62nd St.), HMC's facility to serve bereaved families and the community.

"We began planning for this park about a year ago and after months of preparation, it is now a reality," says HMC's Director of Philanthropy Rebecca Rogers. "We know the community will enjoy this peaceful venue for services, events and gatherings."

The Memorial Park will maintain an ongoing \$250,000 fundraising campaign to complete the costs for the park. The granite memorial and brick pavers are available for engraving, as is placement of names on the military monuments, representing each branch of the military.

Cornhole Tournament At The Moose Lodge

Get ready for the First Annual Cornhole Tournament at the Ocala Moose Lodge 1014, 100035 US Highway 441 in Belleview. It will take place on Saturday, March 30 for seeding and Sunday, March 31 for the tournament.

This event is open to the public and will feature cash prizes. Registration will last from 8:00 to 8:45 AM and the bags start flying at 9:00 am. There will be a \$20 entry fee per person.



Belleview Christian Academy Holds Field Day

On Friday, March 15, Belleview Christian Academy held an outdoor "Field Day" for kids in all grades. There were many activities in the field such as relay races, water games and water balloon contests. Pictured is first grader Josie Lee with her sister Josie Lynn. They are having fun on the Slip N' Slide. (Photo by Shannon Love)



"Your Place Karaoke" Hosted Contest at Spring Carnival

Annie O'Neill and Kesean Jackson were voted the two best singers during Saturday's karoake contest at the Ocala Spring Carnival. Annie O'Neill earned her \$50 cash prize by belting out Erykah Badu's "Call Tyrone" and Kesean earned his prize with Sam Smith's hit "Stay With Me". The contest was hosted by Tim Herman, Monique Herman and Justin McClure of "Your Place Karaoke". (Photos by Shannon Love)

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