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Mena Grace Butterfly Garden at Hedges Boyer Park

Some updates have been made to the playground at Hedges Boyer Park recently. Thanks to the Mike and Janet Molineaux family for their contributions towards the Mena Grace Butterfly Garden at Hedges Boyer Park.

Mena Grace Reinhart was born on April 11, 2019, in Ohio, a beautiful baby girl whose gentle spirit and bright presence touched every life around her. Born with Down syndrome, Mena brought joy, strength, and love to her family in the eight precious months they were blessed to hold her.

Mena passed away on December 31, 2019, in Marion, Ohio. Though her time on earth was brief, her impact remains deep and enduring. She is lovingly remembered and forever cherished by her parents, Brandon and Amber Reinhart, and her three sisters— Reagan, Pepper, and Alexis — who carry her memory with them every day. Mena is also survived by her maternal grandparents, Mike and Janet Molineaux of Tiffin, Ohio, and her paternal

grandparents, Melanie and Denis Reinhart of Marion, Ohio. Her extended family includes aunts and uncles Gavin and Erica (Molineaux) Jones of Sunbury, Ohio; Blake and Danielle (Molineaux) McCombs of Tiffin, Ohio; and Shelby Reinhart of Tiffin Ohio. Her cousins — Nolan, Merrick, and Tris Jones and Addison and Dierks McCombs — will always know her as the little cousin who brought light into their family.

Mena's life continues to inspire acts of kindness, community support, and advocacy for individuals with Down syndrome. Those wishing to honor her memory may make a donation to the City of Tiffin or to the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO), an organization dedicated to supporting families and celebrating the lives of children like Mena.

Mena Grace's time was short, but her love was immeasurable. Her memory lives on in every heart she touched.

The butterfly garden was designed as a memorial for Mena Grace and all her friends from Seneca County who have lost their lives due to cancer or illness. This butterfly garden is a sensory garden which allows for the elephant ears to feel for texture, lavender plants for smelling and many other plants to build up the butterfly garden.

The newly installed sidewalk will have a painted hopscotch path allowing kids to skip from one area of the park to the lower level. This park demonstrates many play items that are needed in development for kids. The inclusive playground allows all kids to engage in play together!

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