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**PARKS AND RECREATION SEEKS HISTORICAL INFORMATION
AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF COUNTY PARKS**

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Dec. 23, 2011) – The earliest recorded baseball games at Orange Lake Community Park took place in 1918. The land encompassed by W.H. Willoughby Park once belonged to a farmer and preacher from Alabama. County parks are rich in history, and a Marion County department wants to preserve as much of it as possible.

Marion County Parks and Recreation is inviting residents to assist in its collection of historical park information and photographs by sharing any little known fact or visual about a county park. If you know why a park was given a certain name, treasure an old photograph of a park or have just about any other historical information on a county park, please contact Marion County Parks and Recreation Director Gina Peebles at 352-671-8560 or gina.peebles@marioncountyfl.org to share your story.

Learn more about Marion County Parks and Recreation at www.marioncountyfl.org/parks.htm.

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