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worker with a master’s degree, a registered nurse clinical manager and a chaplain.

On the nursing side, part-time positions will be filled by existing Care Center staff.

New Haven Hospice Care will be state licensed through the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services, a process that began last August.

The hospice company will be governed by the board of directors at the Care Center.

It’s being launched as separate not-for-profit

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Plans Finalized For Eclipse Celebration

Drum Circle New To Solar Fest

A Scenic Regional Library Kids Circle, Planet Walk and live recorded projection of the eclipse are among the highlights of the Solar Fest celebration set for Monday, August 21, at City Park.

The total solar eclipse is less than two weeks away.

"Things are as finalized as they’re going to be," co-chair Angie Scheer told the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday. "We have a flyer out. This is everything we know about."

The celebration runs from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The sky will begin darkening around 11:45

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a.m., with the final phase starting at approximately 1:15 p.m. and lasting 2 minutes, 32 seconds.

The eclipse is expected to draw thousands of spectators to Franklin County that day. How many visit New Haven remains to be seen. "We have no idea what to expect," Scheer said.

The list of park events also includes a storyteller from the library, a display by eclipse chaser Jack Hereford from 1959 and the Sky Kingsland Drum Circle from St. Louis. Kingsland is the founding member and facilitator of the University City Loop Drum Circle.

Sky Kingsland has been drumming since 1990. His passion is West African drumming, which he has studied in the U.S and in Mali in West Africa.

He has taught West African Percussion for music therapists at Maryville University and currently teaches at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

He is also a dance companionist for various theater and dance companies, and has conducted team building workshops for the Lindbergh and Parkway School District administrations and several corporations.

"He's going to bring a few people with him and they're going to play their drums at three different times throughout the event at the park," Scheer said. "Anyone wants to can bring a drum and join in."

Hereford was in an aircraft over the Canary Islands in 1959 and took pictures of a total eclipse. He has a display of the photos, and will also follow up with a program at the library later this month.

Scheer also reported that two local day care centers will be sending about 40 children to the park for at least a portion of the festivities. The Lions Club is providing concessions at the park, including hot dogs, chips and soda.

Due to heavy sales of eclipse t-shirts at local banks and the Visitors Center, another 300 have been ordered, she said. Eclipse viewing glasses also are on sale at the Visitors Center for $1 a pair.

The shirts will be sold for $12 in sizes up to 3X where they are still available. They were being sold at local banks and the New Haven Visitors Center.

Other participants and locations for eclipse-related events include Pinckney Bend Distillery, Robbier Vineyards and Winery, Camp Trinity, Riverfront Cultural Society (RCS), Citizens Bank and Avant Gardens.

Photographer Tony Carosella said he has been practicing using a drone to stream Facebook Live. "I'm going to put the drone up in the air at Robbiers and stream Facebook live during the whole thing," he told the Chamber.

See Page 3B for a complete list of New Haven eclipse events.