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Effingham Country Club

Celebrating 100 Years

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On behalf of myself and our fellow board of directors, we are beyond excited to celebrate Effingham Country Club’s 100th anniversary season. Any organization’s centennial celebration is a noteworthy achievement, and ECC’s is no different in one that is immersed in steep tradition, sense of community, and not to mention golfing prowess. It is because of our member-owners, the support of the greater Effingham community, and those that came before us that we owe such gratitude and appreciation for this milestone accomplishment.

We look forward to a year of remembrance, a year of camaraderie and celebration, but maybe most importantly, a year of which we set out to establish the next great 100 years of building strong friends, families, and golfers alike.

While Effingham Country Club is a golf centric club at heart, we offer many tangible and intangible amenities alike beyond being a premier golf destination in southern Illinois. Such aspects as offering a full restaurant and bar, pool and aquatics, social outings, fundraisers for many local organizations and employers, and many other extra-curricular activities.

As we celebrate our history and imagine our future, we want to thank all of those who have made this possible, and look forward to partnering with the Effingham community for years to come. Cheers to a centennial year.

Sincerely,

Brandon Weber
President, Effingham Country Club

The committee and staff are still working on some projects to celebrate our 100th season of the Effingham Country Club. We need your help, though.

We are looking for memorabilia, news clippings, pictures, stories ... anything that records the history of the club.

You can email to 100years@effinghamcc.com or bring into the Clubhouse.

**100 Year Centennial Committee Members:**

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Dr. Jim Gartner was asked to practice medicine here by a colleague. After buying a house in Rollin’ Hills and joining St. John’s Lutheran Church, the next box to check was to be a part of the Effingham Country Club. That was in 1962.

Gartner, 90, is still an active member after 61 years — and he is believed to be one of the oldest members of the 100-year-old club.

In addition to his professional titles, the retired physician said he’s happy to hold this honor, too.

“I’m very happy,” said Gartner. “I’ve had a wonderful marriage and a wonderful family. The only problem is I have never made a hole-in-one.”

When he was still working, he’d golf about once a week — but after he retired it became a Tuesday and Thursday event.

“At 90, to find a golf partner to play with has turned into a real problem,” said Gartner. “At my age, you can’t be choosy. All of these guys I’ve got — they are nice. It’s a good group.”

He said the group he golfs with are in their mid- to upper 80s. Getting all of them together at the same time is challenging.

“It seems one of us has a doctor’s appointment, is sick at home, or in the hospital or having tests run,” said Gartner. “I didn’t realize that was a problem. I think I spend more time in a doctor’s office now, than I did when I was working,” the retired physician quipped.

Why still golf at this age? “It’s a lifetime sport,” said Gartner. “I enjoy being outside and being able to play at my age — as opposed to basketball or football or baseball or anything like that.”
Over the years, the country club was also a good place for the family to hang out after a busy week, said his daughter, Laura Braun, 59, of Teutopolis.

“My mom would bring us out here to go swimming,” said Braun. “They had the best diving board. It was awesome. The country club kept us kids very busy.”

Gartner said the Effingham Country Club has always been progressive. He noted that when he first became a member, it was a nine-hole golf course.

“They’ve upgraded it to 18 — and they take excellent care of it,” said Gartner.

“Most of my children worked here. They’ve always had an excellent staff. The amenities here, such as the dining room, are excellent.”

Braun said, “We met so many different and wonderful people out here. You also get a rapport with people working out here.”

His daughter added she took up the sport because that was one way to spend more time with her father, and she also taught her husband, Terry, how to golf. One sibling, Todd also is a golfer.

“In 2016, the Cubs won the World Series — and that was the most important — but going to the Master’s that same year was a close second,” said Gartner. “Going to the Master’s was something I had on my bucket list.”

Gartner is a 1951 Litchfield High School graduate, a 1955 graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy and a 1961 graduate of the University of Illinois School of Medicine in Chicago. He also volunteered to serve two years in the U.S. Army, 1955-57. He was in general practice medicine in Effingham and worked as an emergency room doctor in Decatur and returned to Effingham, where he had his share of delivering babies into the world, as well.

He retired from medicine in 2000.

Still recovering from hip replacement surgery in December, Gartner is anxious to get out on the course as soon as possible.

But their start in Effingham came after he was asked to practice medicine here.

“When I was pretty busy in my internship in Cook County, I asked my wife (Doris) to come down and look for a house. So, she and my father came and looked and found a house in Homewood Subdivision. But Dr. (David) Bristow insisted I buy his house in Rollin’ Hills Subdivision.”

He learned later, the Effingham trains, long before the overpass was built, stalled doctors residing on the east side of town from getting to the hospital, but he lived in Rollin’ Hills, on the west side, and was always able to get to the hospital when called.

“Church was a given, but the next thing I asked my wife, was ‘Hon’, could we join the Effingham Country Club?” said Gartner. She agreed. “I’ve been a member ever since.”

Golfing began even before medical school was on his radar. He was a caddy for his uncle while in junior high at Litchfield schools. After they
moved away, he was a caddy for his father’s boss.

“This was before golf carts,” said Gartner. “I did this for a couple of years. On occasion, I’d be carrying two bags. By the time I was a junior in high school, my dad had joined the country club there, and I’d sneak on the course now and then.”

He never received any golf lessons until he met Golf Pro and Instructor Tim Krouse at the Effingham Country Club, about 14 years ago.

While some of these golf courses in the region have closed, Gartner said, “On the whole, the good ones are holding their own — like the Effingham Country Club.”

And he thinks he knows why: “Effingham has continued to maintain its population, the course has gradually improved to be one of the best courses around — and it has had nice financial backing,” said Gartner. “And it has a great board of directors and lots of wonderful volunteers, too.”

He admits with a laugh that he’s not a terribly great golfer, but nevertheless enjoys the sport. When he can’t get out onto the country club course, he’s knocking balls around in his back yard, where he set up a golf cage. “I shot my age about 10 years ago,” said Gartner. “I shot an 80 at age 80.”

Gartner’s wife, Doris, died in 2022 at age 87. They have five adult children: Vicki Zinni, Megan Zanger, Todd Gartner, and twins Laura Braun and Jennifer Frese.

He also has 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two more due soon.

“The Lord has been good to me,” he said.
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A BRIEF HISTORY OF EFFINGHAM COUNTRY CLUB

The Board of Directors of Effingham Country Club would like to present to you a “History in Brief” of the Effingham Country Club. We are very proud of our club, its features and above all the members themselves.

In the beginning, there was only a small building that stood where the tool shed is now located. This building had a porch where you could purchase sandwiches and soda. Later, a new clubhouse was built that had a screened in porch on two sides. The porch was equipped with chairs and card tables. Also in the early days, golf matches were held during the summer with neighboring towns such as Casey, Greenup, Vandalia, Charleston, Mattoon and Sullivan. Effingham golfers would travel to these clubs and a return match would be held at Effingham. At that time, Effingham was the only club with sand greens.

The following are some of the significant events that are a part of our history that we would like to present to you in a chronological sequence:

1923
The Effingham Country Club was incorporated and consisted of a 9-hole course with sand greens. Caddies used “desert mops” to smooth a path for putting.

1935
This year was famous for the “caddy strike”. At that time there was a wage dispute 35 to 50 cents per round. The caddies had their own building, which was a 20 x 20 shelter on the parking lot. When there was no school, there were at least 12 to 20 caddies. Some of these caddies included Mort Harris, Koonie Konrad and Herb Austin.

1936
The club now had 100 members. Many members had their names imprinted on their golf balls. When caddies or members found a ball, it was returned to a box on #1 tee to be reclaimed by its owner.

1937
Additional land was purchased for what now is #6 and #7 holes.

1941
World War II caused a drop in membership.

1953
Sand greens were replaced with grass greens on the original “9” holes. The membership had “work details” to help maintain the course.

The annual dues were doubled from $30 to $60 and about half of the membership resigned—most to return several years later. Sometime in the early 50’s, the lake had to be drained due to an oil pipeline break. To compensate the club, the oil company installed the water system and possibly paid for part of the grass greens.

1954
The club now had 150 members. One of the many renovations took place with the clubhouse.

1967
Additional land was purchased for an additional 9 holes and construction was begun. The club sold 156 bonds at $1,000 each that were later retired.

1968
Limited play started on the new 9 holes, however, the new 9 wasn’t officially open until 1969.

1985
A new halfway house was constructed.

1986
The old pool was removed and replaced with a new modern pool. Additional land was purchased for future course realignment.

1988
The east 42 acres, more or less, of the Effingham Country club were annexed to the City of Effingham. The Club obtained a City, State and Federal liquor license. Prior to this, the Club operated without a liquor license in the form of a “Bottle Club” in accordance with State law. A severe drought brought about a water shortage that was almost a disaster. An extensive lake renovation project took place whereby the lakes were dredged and deepened to greatly expand the water capacity. This project was completed in 1989.

1989
The club has 375 members.
1990
The club has 390 members.

1994
Property on #13 was sold. Lake dredging and a “double row” irrigation system was installed.

1997
Zoysia grass was sprigged into the back nine fairways. The zoysia grass conversion was started because of an annual disease that killed the rye grass in the heat of the summer.

1998
Concrete cart paths were constructed on the back nine.

1999
The front nine reconstructions and building of a new clubhouse were brought to the membership for a vote. Both projects passed. Front nine reconstruction project was awarded to Crystalyn Corporation. The course architect was Martin Golf Services.

2000
Reconstruction of the front nine began in January. A new cart shed and another maintenance shed were constructed in March. Course reconstruction efforts were set back by 7 inches of rain on July 4th. Course reconstruction was completed in the fall. Front nine fairways were sodded with zoysia grass. The old clubhouse was demolished in September by burning and was used as a training fire for local fire departments. Construction of the new clubhouse began in October.

2001
The new clubhouse was completed in April. The new front nine was opened for play on Memorial Day weekend. Total cost for course reconstruction, including new maintenance shed, was $1,412,000. Total cost for clubhouse, parking lot and new cart shed was $865,000.

2007
Tim Nugent, international course architect, was hired and a master golf course improvement plan was developed.

2008
Under the direction of Mr. Nugent, Robbins construction began and completed 95% of the golf course renovation.

2009
Golf course renovation was completed.

2010
Private Cart Sheds Remodeled.

2011
Course Architect, Bob Lohmann hired for course enhancement of 5 golf holes. Course enhancement started and completed. XGD drainage project and drill and fill process completed on greens 12, 15, 16, and 17. Potable water line supplied to halfway house.

2013
Bob Lohmann hired to remodel the par 3 number 2.

2014
Hole number 2 opened on May 19th. New Irrigation Controllers, practice mats on the back-range tee.

2015
Clubhouse remodel.

2016
Artificial tee line installed on the back of the main tee line.

2018
Tee renovation project started transitioning the bent grass tees to Zoysia tees.

2019
Tee transition continued. #4 and #5 drainage project completed.
One day.

That is the Carl P. Koerner Sports Spectacular Golf Outing, also known as the Effingham Sportsbackers Golf Outing. It raises money for Effingham and St. Anthony high schools.

“It’s going to produce, with the Koerner’s help, somewhere around $75,000, divided among the two schools,” said Effingham Country Club Head Golf Professional Tim Krouse. “No other event can even come close to that. The support of that event and the 36 teams that participate, we’ve probably only changed two-to-three teams a year.”

This year will mark the 30th year the event has taken place at the Effingham Country Club.

Paul said that the sports programs in Effingham needed a boost 30 years ago, marking the inception of the event.

“That tournament was the brainchild of Russ Marvel coming to my father about doing some fundraiser to benefit high school sports,” Paul said. “As long as I’ve been working on it, there’s been 100% participation in the field. It’s grown in a way to raise more money by better efforts in the community; the support, the amount that they give, the creativity with the sponsorships and sponsoring holes, but also in different games they play that day that make it a more enjoyable day to raise a little bit more each year.”

Carl has been a member at Effingham Country Club for 40 years and wouldn’t want it at any other course.

“The course is an outstanding golf course and club. The Effingham Country Club has high standards and there’s continuous energy to make the course bigger, better and prettier every year,” Carl said. “We have a very strong, invested membership that takes great pride in our course.

“We knew people outside of the sports programs would be interested in participating because everyone enjoys playing the Effingham Country Club and getting an opportunity to be out there.”

Paul’s son, Jordan, has also been heavily involved in the event since he moved back to the area.

“My role is more recent in the last five to six years since I moved back to Effingham. I’ve always been a hopeful participant in the event and have seen my father, Mark Mayhood and Troy Greene put a lot of effort into changing the names of the booster club to make sure each of them continues to improve,” Jordan said. “I’ve assisted those three, and Tim Krouse, in putting together the event and doing some of the activities and responsibilities that Paul and Troy and Mark had a long day for all 30 years of contacting teams, making sure that all the details of the day were finalized with the course and helping to raise sponsorship money.”

Jordan added that the planning for each year’s event starts as soon as the previous event ends.

That planning includes discussions on what went right and wrong and how to improve upon those problems for the following year.
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Dwight Erskine of Effingham has been a member of the Effingham Country Club for 48 years, but has played golf there for much longer than that. It began in his high school years, when he was looking for something fun to do to fill the long summer days.

Golf has always been a passion for Dwight, and he has always enjoyed the history of it all.

"Everywhere I have been, I have been involved in the golf world in some way," said Erskine.

As he looks back on those many years of the sport here in Effingham, he is very proud of what the Effingham Country Club has accomplished and where it will be years down the road.

"Thanks to Tim Krouse’s youth program, the financial stability of the club is good and there is no reason to believe it wouldn’t continue to be good," said Erskine, referring to programs Krouse has established for the youth of the area. “I have no doubt the club enjoys a bright future, not only in the next few years, but for the next 100 years.”

Erskine’s love of the sport probably was fueled by his parents, Dwight and Helen Erskine, who became members of the Effingham Country Club in 1952. Club memberships are family memberships and young Erskine wasted no time taking advantage of that perk.

Some of his fondest memories over the years were from his teenage summer days when he and his friends would spend entire days at the club. They would arrive early and spend the entire morning golfing. Afternoons would be spent swimming in the clubhouse pool and then return to the course to golf some more.

“My days were spent at the country club in the summer,” Erskine recalled. “I would play golf with my friends. It was basically a day-long stay at the club. We played 36 holes every day, sometimes 54 holes.”

All that practice paid off. In 1965, Erskine won the club championship when the course had just nine holes. In 1968, he won the club championship again, this time playing on the new 18-hole course.

Upon completion of high school, Erskine’s studies took him to Chicago, where he spent 12 years playing golf at bigger courses in that area. In the mid 1970s, he returned to Effingham and in late 1975, he became a member of the Effingham Country Club.

Erskine recalls the former layout of the golf course, with its nine holes.

“If one looks closely, you can still see flattened, rounded areas where the holes were on the original course,” he said. Rules were strict back then.

“In fact, back then no one was permitted to play on holidays or weekends, nor Mondays when the course was closed all day for maintenance of the grounds,” Erskine said.

Before 1953, the course consisted of mostly dirt and weeds, but that year saw the introduction of grass greens, thanks to Sohio Oil Company, which provided equipment for the Effingham Country Club to construct grass greens.

Previous to 1953, the greens consisted of an asphalt square covered by sand, thus were referred to as sand greens.

“When the pipeline sprung a leak, the Sohio Oil Company offered to let the Effingham Country Club use the equipment to construct grass greens, which is essentially the introduction of the Effingham Country Club to modern greens,” Erskine said.

“I am always amused when the weather isn’t going well, when members say this is the worst it has ever been. They have no idea!”

In 1966, plans began for a renovation project that would add nine holes to the course. Morris Allen, a former Chevy dealer in Effingham, planned and spearheaded a fundraising campaign to sell $1,000 bonds to fund the design of the renovation project. One hundred fifty six of those bonds were sold. The renovation project took approximately 18 months to complete, and the second nine holes opened for play in 1968.

In 2000, the next big project involved the building of a new clubhouse. Paul Koerner was instrumental with this project.

“I remember they brought the fire department out to do a controlled burn of the old clubhouse to make way for the new clubhouse,” Erskine said.

Then in approximately 2006, when Erskine was chairman of the greens committee, Erskine suggested developing a master plan to hire an
architect for a dream major renovation project. At first, the dream project didn’t seem possible, but Richard Workman made a generous offer to loan the money the club needed for the project at no interest. Randy Dempsey was president when the vote to proceed with the project was taken, while John Perles was president through most of the construction.

The dream project became a reality and a national known architect by the name of Tim Nugent, along with Tim’s father, Dick Nugent, were hired for the two-year project.

Other projects since then have consisted of the reconstruction of a second bridge across the lake on the fourth hole, the construction of a cart shed just south of the parking lot and the reconstruction of the 18th green.

In 2022, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, a new halfway house was constructed in the middle of the golf course.

“Last year an anonymous donor gave us a lot of money to build a new halfway house with better bathroom facilities and more snack bar opportunities,” Erskine said.

A halfway house gives the golfer who is playing 18 holes of golf an opportunity to take a break after playing the first nine holes of golf and enjoy light snacks and refreshments. In fact, with all of the renovations that have been done, Erskine considers the Effingham Country Club course to be “one of the best golf layouts in the southern half of the states.”

Dwight is very proud to be a member of the Effingham Country Club for several reasons. Perhaps the biggest reason is that the club is a very friendly club that welcomes children of members with open arms. He stressed that many country clubs are not very friendly to children of members and will not allow them to play.

However, he stressed that those rules have changed tremendously under the leadership of Tim Krouse, Effingham Country Club’s current golf professional. Krouse has developed youth training and education programs. In fact, Krouse has the biggest participation with young people in the club, aside from Chicago.

“Previously, children were more or less tolerated,” Erskine said. “But that has changed tremendously under Tim Krouse, who has developed a youth and training program. Aside from one rather large place in Chicago, he has the largest participation in the state of young members.”

While many clubs are hurting to sustain membership, the Effingham Country Club has welcomed children of members enthusiastically, thus membership should remain strong for years to come, providing a financial boost that will enable the club to continue to make updates to the course, clubhouse and programs offered.

What does Erskine enjoy most about being a member of the Effingham Country Club? First, he has made many friends over the years, including Jim Sipes and Mike Willenborg, who joined the club around the same time as Erskine.

Erskine also loves being outdoors, and the natural beauty of a golf course is something he most appreciates.

“Just about every golf course, whether it is a nice course or not, they are all beautiful, outdoor places and it is fun to be there because of all the natural beauty that surrounds you,” he said.

Also, the Effingham Country Club is so affordable relative
to other clubs. The biggest benefit of membership, according to Erskine, is the fact that the club is a family destination and is so close to home. There is so much for all members of the family to enjoy at the club.

“It’s a family destination,” Erskine said. “Even if you are the only golfer in the family, you are going to spend some time of your life doing something entertaining. So, why not spend it at a country club where your friends are and there is something literally to enjoy doing for every member of the family.”

Another benefit of membership is the opportunity to be on the course when someone famous comes to town to play. “Although I cannot name anyone specifically, I know that members bring business associates to the course who sometimes have statewide or nationwide recognition,” said Erskine. He added that he never can remember a time when the club was shut down for any reason, including during COVID. Because it is an outdoor activity, golf at the club continued through the lockdown.

“It was sure nice to be able to do something enjoyable with all of the restrictions,” he said. “We had a lot of push back from the governor’s office at that time, but we were able to remain open.”

The Effingham Country Club is a member of the Chicago District Golf Association. The Effingham club is the southernmost member of the 410 member clubs in the association.

“Chicago District Golf Association has 410 member clubs,” Erskine said. “Most of them are in Illinois, but some are in Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana. It stretches as far south in Illinois as Effingham.”

There are many benefit golf tournaments held throughout the year at the course. Erskine mentioned two of several businesses who sponsor tournaments throughout the year. Dwight commented that Koerner Distributors sponsors three tournaments throughout the year including a Sportsbackers fundraiser.

“Koerner Distributors also sponsors the TTT tournament,” he said. “The TTT Tournament is a two-man, two-ball, two-day tournament. Donnewald Distributing sponsors the Bud Light Open, a countywide open championship golf tournament.”

When asked if he would continue to be a member of the club, Erskine is quick with an answer.

“I cannot imagine not being a member,” he said.
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The wine display at the Effingham Country Club is shown.

Shown is the fireplace inside the Effingham Country Club.

The bar area inside Effingham Country Club is shown.

Shown is the salad bar area at Effingham Country Club.
Paul Koerner ready to take a practice swing in the pro shop.

Items for sale in the Krouse Pro Shop at Effingham Country Club.


Items for sale in the Krouse Pro Shop at Effingham Country Club.
TRADITION: LADIES INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT AT EFFINGHAM COUNTRY CLUB

BY ALEX WALLNER

For nearly 18 years, the Ladies Invitational Tournament at Effingham Country Club has been an attraction that has only grown.

ECC member Toni Niebrugge’s involvement with the event is one reason why.

“The level of competition just keeps getting tougher and tougher,” Niebrugge said. “A couple of years ago, we had a winning score of 14-under in a four-ladies scramble. It’s tough to get into it. We always invite the returning players first, and there’s always a waitlist. I hate that, every year, we have to turn away players.”

A former Eastern Illinois University women’s basketball standout and a 2022 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee, Niebrugge started playing golf when she was 26 after a knee injury forced her to stop playing softball.

Since then, Niebrugge has been involved with the tournament, helping it become what it is today.

Before the Ladies Invitational Tournament started becoming a tournament, though, Niebrugge added that it was mainly just a “day of play.”

“It would start with our club inviting two to three different clubs to come and play golf and have lunch,” Niebrugge said. The idea of an actual tournament never came from Niebrugge, though.

Instead, it was spearheaded by Darlene Pillers, who Niebrugge has the utmost respect for when it comes to growing women’s golf.

“Darlene Pillers was the heart and soul of women’s golf and, before my involvement, was the driving force behind what has evolved into what it’s become today,” Niebrugge said. “In the late ‘90s, Darlene asked me and Barb Ernst and Joy Bushue if we wanted to play in a four-lady scramble in Olney and we did and loved it. At that point in time, all these clubs kept popping up these tournaments.”

The nuances of running such an event are complex and time-consuming, though.

Effingham Country Club Head Golf Professional Tim Krouse credits Niebrugge for getting through that hectic time seamlessly.

“It’s nice to have someone that’s a good player and runs an event well — it’s a lot of work,” Krouse said.
The Ladies Invitational Tournament attracts players from all over the state — and surrounding states, too.

As a father of two golf-playing daughters, Krouse brims with pride when he knows where the state of women’s golf is going in his area.

Krouse added that has been the case since around the time the tournament began.

“Golf has become more family-oriented than just a husband’s activity; it’s a growth of game initiative,” Krouse said. “Since around 2005, they started pushing ladies in golf. It allows us to showcase for the area, so we’ll get ladies from Terre Haute to St. Louis to Champaign — it creates the nicest ladies’ tournament in central Illinois.”

Effingham Country Club members Joyce Kabbes (first from right) and Angela Woods (fifth from right), non-members Madonna Hakman (second from right) and Carol Toney (fourth from right) and former member Carol Rohr (third from right). Rohr passed away in 2022; her husband is still a member. (Ann Doedtman/Effingham Country Club Business Manager). Photo submitted by Ann Doedtman / Effingham Country Club Business Manager
Tim has been with the Effingham Country Club for 14 years. But what led him to his role at the local country club? And why Effingham?

Tim Krouse was born and raised in Iowa. In college, he was a nationally ranked wrestler on his way to accomplishing big things in the sport of wrestling. However, an injury early in his career cut short his wrestling career, and that led him to pick up golf thanks to his brother Troy.

Tim quickly learned to love the game of golf and moved to Arizona, the mecca of the golf world, to work for American Golf that had 14 properties in the Phoenix metro area. While in Arizona, he got word that The Kirksville Country Club in Kirksville, MO, 90 miles north of Columbia, MO on Rt. 63, close to the Iowa border, was hiring a pro. He applied and was hired and worked there for three seasons. Krouse recalls, “I ran their club for three seasons and helped them get back on track. Then Effingham Country Club was hiring a professional. The club reached out to a job-finding network and posted a job, and me and my wife came to look at it.”

At that time, the Effingham Country Club was in the middle of a construction phase. On his visit, he also toured the Effingham High School Unit 40 complex as well as St. Anthony and Teutopolis high schools. It was obvious to Tim and his wife Jenny that these local communities loved their athletic programs and the kids’ endeavors. Coupled with the fact that the Effingham Country Club was thirsty for more in-depth kids instruction, they felt pulled to leave Kirksville and come to Effingham. Krouse says, “When I came on my initial visit and toured those three high schools, it was apparent the enthusiasm these schools had for their athletic programs, and I also saw a lot of opportunity for growth.”

But he is quick to point out, “It’s not just me. Credit goes to a lot of people before me and those that work here now.”

Tim says the “secret sauce” to junior golf is teaching the kids how to smash the ball which includes hitting the ball hard. He says it is the same mentality as striving to hit a home run in baseball. “Once they learn to smash the ball, the rest comes naturally, including the trust. My statement for junior golf is: You have to do several things to be successful. Number one: You have to teach them to smash it. Hit the ball hard. Who wants to play baseball if you can’t hit home runs? When you teach them how to smash it, they will let you teach them everything else. They then trust you to teach them all the rest of the elements of the game.” His eyes twinkle with pride when he talks about his moments teaching junior golfers the game and watching them get excited about the sport. “What’s fun for me these days is that I work with 7- to 9-year-olds who hit the ball as good as adults!”

While the need for success is important in junior golf, Tim stressed that the most important thing about learning the game of golf is that those who are members at the Effingham Country Club do everything they can to help the community. This is extremely important to the members of the club. Helping the community
Jaclyn Jansen, a 2008 St Anthony High School graduate, poses with her championship trophy won at the Women’s Western Golf Association National Amateur Championship in 2010.

can be personal contributions that each member makes to the community through their job network as well as charity tournaments at the club such as fundraising tournaments to support the Effingham Sportsbackers and Community Support Systems to name a couple. He is proud to be a part of the annual fundraising events at the club that bring lots of money into the community that benefit so many. It’s a domino effect that he is very happy to be a part of.

Some of the biggest changes at the club through his years there have been the way the kids interact with one another. He is impressed with how well they work together, no matter the level of expertise they exhibit. For instance, when the team from St. Anthony won the state high school golf title, each of the 19 kids on that team worked so well together to help each other, creating the right environment for instruction. He feels that the most important lesson in golf is teaching the young golfers to help one another which has a cascading effect for success in all phases of not just the sport of golf, but the game of life. Krouse adds, “Personally, it’s the way the kids interact with one another and not necessarily about winning individual and state titles. The important stuff for me is the way those kids relate it all together. The kids who...
don’t get to play much, that travel with the varsity and pack bags. We are more about all 19 of the kids on the team and not just the 6 starters. The example is that if I teach one of the kids something and they teach someone else who teaches someone else, it creates the right environment for learning and fun and that is most important.” And he adds that it really is not just about those kids who are the top players in the field. At the time of this interview, two young men came into the country club, and Tim was smiling from ear to ear upon seeing them. Commenting on those two young men, “Here is the fun part of it for me; neither of them played high school golf. Our true success is getting them to love golf, even if they don’t make it a career. Those two young guys are part of the community and this keeps them in the community and that is more important. It is not just about the best player. They just became members this year.”

Another huge success over the years has been the discounted membership for junior golfers who don’t have parents as members of the club. In addition, the Effingham Sportsbackers pay for half of the memberships for Effingham Unit 40 Golf Team members. Tim says, “That’s what is nice about this club is that we do everything we can do within the confines of the club to help the community. Being a part of Sportsbackers and Community Support Systems. Those are two of the major ones.”

One fond memory in particular sits at the top of the list for Krouse. That moment came in June of 2010 when Jaclyn Jansen, a 2008 graduate of St. Anthony High School, won the Women’s Western Golf Association’s National Amateur Championship Title, one of the top 5 amateur titles in the United States. “That was the 110th year of the event. When one of our local girls gets to play in the event and beats a gal from the Philippines and two of the people she defeated are still on the LPGA Tour...That is definitely something we are proud to boast about.” According to a June 10, 2010 article from the Effingham Daily News, Jansen started the week competing for the championship with a field of 96 players. As reported in that news release from 2010, Jansen commented “I played 36 holes three days in a row, so it was pretty intense.” She defeated Dottie Ardina of Lipa City, Philippines to win the title. Her father, Jack Jansen, served as her caddy for the week of the tournament.

What does the future of the Effingham Country Club look like to Tim? His goal for the club is to create a loving culture that embraces teaching the next generation what he considers to be “the greatest game ever played.” He also wants to embrace technology. Currently the club has the Golf Genius technology, a tournament tracking leaderboard and Sportsbox AI that shows every part of a golf swing to study where the golfer is deficient in their swing in an effort to improve on the deficiency. “I would love to have state of the art teaching elements. We do Golf Genius to do tournament tracking.
The key is to embrace technology to get us to the next level. I go to a lot of different teaching and coaching summits. There is so much out there available for use.”

Aside from Krouse’s busy schedule at the club, he finds time to also be involved on the state level with Birdies for Charity. Tim is the Illinois Chapter President of Birdies for Charity that raises tens of thousands of dollars to benefit a children’s hospice fund. “Birdies for Charity recently raised $14,000 to benefit the kids who are on hospice care through the Miracle Network. That is what we are all about. Helping others.”

It is a safe bet that Tim will continue to play a vital role at the Effingham Country Club for years to come. “The club has been very generous to me in allowing me the opportunity to help with their golf games, and they allow me a lot of freedom to provide the equipment needed for certain golfers to become successful at their game.” says Tim. “I take pride in what I do here. Golf teaches you to smile even when things aren’t going the best.” Tim proudly boasts that the club and its surrounding communities just sent the 50th junior golfer to play at the college level since his start at ECC. The club is just as happy to have Tim on staff as Tim is happy to have the opportunity to teach junior golfers the game of golf. Krouse says, “While some of the members are focused on the history of where we are at, it is my job to get us to where we are going. The club has more patience about the kids playing the course and giving them access than most courses in America, and for that I am very grateful. The future looks very bright for the Effingham Country Club.”

How can you become a member of the club? Stop by the club and fill out an application. The board then reviews your application for approval.
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ECC PHOTOS AND MEMENTOES

Pictured is a portion of the flyer from the May 2001 Grand Opening of the Effingham Country Club Clubhouse and Course.

Pictured is a portion of the June 2001 Effingham Country Club Hooks and Slices Newsletter.

Effingham Country Club
“Hooks and Slices”

Monthly Newsletter

A Birdie: Course Grand Opening Celebration

At 9am on Saturday, May 26th, Dan Norton led our membership in the grand opening of our new front nine. After 18 months of waiting, the members of the ECC experienced an entirely new and improved front nine. After the ribbons were cut, Dan introduced Russ Martin, the head of Martin Golf Services, which was the firm that designed our new course. Russ presented the club with “before and after” framed aerial photos of the new nine.

To illustrate the investment in the long-term success of our club we honored the following members as having been key figures in the ribbon cutting ceremony. The year they joined the ECC is to the right of their names:

Bill Peters 1950
Isabel Henderson 1952
Dick Hardisk 1953
Debora Wold 1954
Rod Allanoff 1954

Combined, these members have been an integral part of the ECC for 240+ years. Increasingly, the parents of Isabel Henderson were ECC founding members in 1953. Thank you to all of our long-term members for your continued support of the ECC.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, 180 golfers started a 9-hole marathon scramble and most finished before the rain came. Brad’s Tiltenil rep provided free golf balls for the participants and his Foot Joy rep provided a “fitting clinic” for a live pair of golf-shoes. It was a good day and a good start to our new course. And the course is GREAT!
Ground maintenance crews work at the Effingham Country Club.

Kevin Hall plays at the Effingham Country Club.

Hayden Jansen plays at ECC.
Pictured is the Certificate of Membership number 63 from 1923, the opening year of the Effingham Country Club.

Pictured is an exterior view of the Effingham Country Club.

This photo at the golf course is dated 1935.
Shown is part of a letter written in 1979 by John Michaelree, an original member of the club.

Ella Niebrugge plays at ECC.
The old clubhouse was demolished in September 2000 by burning and was used as a training fire for local fire departments.

The golf course is pictured on a beautiful day.

Reagan Westendorf plays at Effingham Country Club.

The current ECC clubhouse is pictured.

The ECC pool is pictured.
Pictured is one of many gatherings over the years at the Effingham Country Club.
Shown is an exterior photo of Effingham Country Club.

Jonathan Willenborg plays at the Effingham Country Club.
Shown are Effingham girls’ golf seniors.

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Thomas Chojnicki plays at ECC.

Shown is an exterior view at ECC.
Michael Martelli (right) and Jonathan Willenborg play at ECC. ▼▼

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Claude E. Hershey was a civic leader in Effingham and was involved in many things during his lifetime, including spearheading the formation of the Effingham Country Club in 1923.

“He was a civic leader,” said Effingham State Farm Agent Tom Henderson, his grandson. “He was the president of the Effingham school board during the time when the original high school was built. He was very civic minded. He was very motivated in that way. I can see why he would want the country club and golf course to be built.”

Born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, his father came to Pana to start a general store. Henderson, 70, said Hershey was also involved in the Effingham Rotary where he served as president in 1929; was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Effingham; and was a 16-year-member of the Effingham school board, from 1930-1946.

Hershey, as the founding father, was one of the charter members and one of the original board members of the country club.

According to the Effingham Country Club website, by 1936, the club had grown to 100 members. Many members had their names imprinted on their golf balls. When caddies or other members found a ball, it was returned to a box on the No. 1 tee, where it waited to be reclaimed by its owner.

“The country club was always at its present location,” said Henderson. “Originally, it had sand greens. After you played the hole, you’d rake the sand. There was a building there, it was to the south of the existing building.”

Henderson said in its 100-year history, there has only been three clubhouses. He spent most of his time growing up years in the second one. In most recent years, around 2000, the current clubhouse was constructed.

Today, in the clubhouse, you’ll find a pro shop for golf clothes and equipment. There’s a dining room for meals and a bar.

In the beginning, there was a small building that stood where the tool shed is now located, according to the website. The building had a porch where you could go and purchase sandwiches and soda. Later, a clubhouse was built with a screened-in porch on two sides. There they kept chairs and card tables.

“It used to be a nine-hole course,” said Henderson. “It was in the late 1960s, when I was in high school, they expanded it to an 18-hole course. I remember our high school team would go down along the fairway and pick up rocks – because of all the development.”

Henderson still recalled the successful golf team he was a part of at Effingham High School – 19-1 record during his senior year. Besides himself, at least three other golf team members are still members at the Effingham Country Club – Mike Etter, Bob Huey, Steve Merry.

“There’s some local people still in town who were on that golf team,” said Henderson.

As far as youth programs go,
Besides swimming and swimming lessons, the country club also would teach young people the game of golf.

“There’s always been a junior golf program, which has been instrumental in the last 20 years for developing a lot of successful state tournament teams — including Effingham St. Anthony and Effingham High School teams,” said Henderson.

Today, golf lessons by Tim Krouse are given at the club.

But the country club has offered more than golfing throughout its history, Henderson said.

“My mother, (Claude Hershey’s daughter) when the club was formed, swam in the first pool. It was a partitioned off area in the lake with wooden boards. That would have been in the mid-to-late 1930s,” said Henderson. “I remember her saying how slick those wooden walls would get.”

Henderson estimated a new pool was built in the mid-1950s, replacing the wooden partitioned pool. He recalls taking swimming lessons in that pool around 1958, when he was around age five. The website timeline shows a new modern pool was built in 1986.

Henderson said when it comes to social events, there’s always been a calendar of events, including the Calcutta Tournament held each Labor Day. Other social activities include some card playing groups gathering at the club.

Henderson says he comes from a golfing family and he recalled taking to the golf course around age 12. His parents were Gene and Isabel Henderson — Isabel being Claude Hershey’s daughter.

In all there are five Henderson siblings: Bob, Tom, Lucy, Holly (now deceased) and Judy, he said.

“The club would always have a good golf calendar during the week,” said Tom Henderson. “The club also would have a number of outings during the year with businesses raising money for the community.”

In 2000, reconstruction of the front nine began, a new cart shed and a maintenance shed were built. Heavy rain in July delayed the course reconstruction efforts, but the work was completed in the fall that year. Also that year the old clubhouse was to be demolished, so local fire departments used it as training and it was burned down, according to the club’s website.

The newest clubhouse was completed in April 2001. The new front nine was opened for play on Memorial Day weekend that year. The website reported the price tag for course reconstruction and a new maintenance shed was $1.41 million; while the clubhouse, parking lot and a new cart shed cost $865,000.

Golf is still popular there, and there is a current waiting list at the country club for potential new members, Henderson said.

Tom and his wife, Lana, reside in Effingham. They have three adult children: Jamie Waldhoff, Jennifer Hess, and John Henderson.

Effingham Country Club member Ron Kabbes (second from right) and his family, former member Brian and current members Scott, Chris and Craig. Photo courtesy of Ann Doedtman/Effingham Country Club Business Manager
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GOLF COURSE IS ABOUT FINISHED
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The Effingham Country Club in the News
Effingham Daily Record 26 Jun 1923, Tue · Page 1

Purchased Grounds

The Effingham Country Club has purchased a site and work will begin immediately to put the grounds in condition. Owing to lack of funds, a club house will not be built soon. The club purchased the W. P. Underhill forty and also an adjoining five acre tract from Robert Jamison. The site is just west of Henry Hubrich's on the Old National Trail, about two and a half or three miles west of the city.

Effingham Daily Record 16 Apr 1923, Mon · Page 1

Cleaning Dog Legs IS
J. P. Matze's New Job

J. P. Matze is beginning to make fine showing with his work of putting the Effingham Country Club in readiness for the new club members who are going to take on the arduous duties of learning golf. The "fairways" and the "dog legs" (get that?) are being cleaned up and the "greens" cut and sorted out for the big show.

Effingham Daily Record 30 Apr 1923, Mon · Page 1

Notices to Contractors

Sealed bids for the building of a Club House at the Effingham Country Club Grounds will be received up to noon of Friday the 14th inst. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Ewing Lumber Company and of Wentle Lumber Company. Bids to be left at the office of Parker & Bauer, 215. Effingham Country Club

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1923 newspaper clippings courtesy of The Effingham County Museum.

COUNTRY CLUB OPENING

The Effingham Country Club held their formal opening at their new club house 3 miles west of that city on Tuesday evening, January 8. A reception and dancing was on the program which was enjoyed by all in attendance.

The Teutopolis Press and Dieterich Special Gazette 10 Jan 1924, Thu · Page 4

THE COUNTRY CLUB

The members of the Effingham Country Club will hold their regular annual meeting in the city hall Thursday evening, Feb. 21, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and to consider an amendment to the by-laws. This will be an interesting meeting of the new organization and it will doubtless be well attended. The club is starting off with flying colors.

Effingham Daily Record 16 Feb 1924, Sat · Page 1

Work On Interior Walls At Country Club

Work is progressing according to schedule on the remodeling of the clubhouse at the Effingham Country Club. All concrete foundations for the addition to the clubhouse have been poured but no floors have been laid. The exterior framing of the addition has been completed and painting of the roof is about finished. The outside walls were erected last week and work is being done on the interior walls. No brick work has been started yet.

Effingham Daily News June 2, 1953
Give Details Remodeling At Country Club

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EFFINGHAM DAILY NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM 1953

John D. Cain
Named Secretary Of Country Club

Harry Tolich, president of the Effingham Country club, announced today that John D. Cain has been appointed secretary of the club. Outgoing secretary is Louis A. Zuber.

The club’s year book, to be distributed soon to members, lists the new officers and committees recently appointed, and also tells of some activities for the year.

The club house, lake and golf course are undergoing improvements. Grassy greens on the golf course are being laid as weather permits. Golfers are now using temporary greens.

Country Club To Hold Open House 10-15

Sunday For Members And Guests

Effingham Country Club members and their guests will inspect the newly remodeled country club quarters at an open house program from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday.

Punch and cookies will be served by the reception committee which is headed by Mrs. Harold Loring. Mrs. Doris Brown will provide organ music during the open house.

No formal program is being planned for the event, but members and their guests will have an opportunity to see the new addition to the club house which was completed recently.

They will also visit various sections of the building to see new locker rooms, shower rooms, kitchen, and to note other improvements.

New furniture has been installed in the club, and the entire interior has been redecorated.

Members of the building committee who have directed the remodeling program are Homer Lattrell, Morris Allen, Harold Jansen, and C. H. Lowry.
Country Club Was Formed in 1923
Clubhouse One Of Best In Area

Back in the 1920’s Effingham became club conscious, a number of clubs started one of which was the Effingham Country Club.

The first board of directors met March 3, 1923, with little or no experience in the game of golf or golf club management.

Officers then present were: Harry Pendergast, president; J. R. Wathen, vice president; Clarence Faust, secretary and treasurer.

There was the choice of buying 40 acres on which the club eventually was to build and about 60 acres from Bob Jamison. On this property was built a lovely clubhouse and caretaker’s home and a nine hole sand green golf course.

Through the years many activities and improvements were added to the original tract. Advertising was done by the town and the area improved.

All the while, the Effingham Country Club was keeping pace with surrounding Country clubs and for all it’s years of existence was recognized as an outstanding club in management as well as facilities.

Space does not permit the naming of all the key men in the growth of the club, but it can be said that each year improvements were made.

In 1929, the first drastic changes were being discussed and plans being drawn up. By-laws were revised and all members were included in a new corporate membership and much new outdoor work was done in the form of increased improvements. The 1952 acreage was also increased and an addition built to it. It now stands as a showplace on the club grounds.

As present the Effingham Country Club, two miles west of Effingham, on U.S. 40, contains a club house and 150 acres as an extension to the spacious green landscape decorated by many trees and supporting nine of the finest grass greens and one par three green in Effingham.

The southern edge of grounds stands the club house, very modern in facilities and design, situated on the side of a very pretty lake which is well stocked with bluegill bass and channel catfish. The west bank of the lake is landscaped by nature with a nice growth of various tree and shrubbery.

In 1954 a pro-manager, Norman Leonard, was hired as the first pro to aid in the development of the course.

The Country club is another part of greater Effingham and a big asset to the community.

Current officers are: Harry Tole, president; Morton Harrise, vice-president; Homer Luttrell, treasurer; John Law, secretary and treasurer.

The membership is about 175 and a driver will soon open under way to bring this total to 200 which will enable the club sufficiently to keep it operating at a pace to warrant further expansion and improvements.

Approve Country Club Project

Plans for a building improvement program at the Effingham Country Club were approved yesterday by the board of directors of the organization.

For a long time, the building committee of the club has been working out plans for remodeling and adding an addition to the present club house.

At the meeting yesterday, the committee presented the plans to the directors who gave the nod of approval. A club representative said today that minor details will be worked out this week, and plans for the remodeling and building program will be announced in a few days.

Work on the long-awaited project is expected to start in the very near future.

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Employ Architect For New Golf Course Plans

The Effingham Country Club plans for its new 18-hole golf course are rapidly being completed and an architect has been retained.

At a meeting of the club's planning and fund raising committee Friday night, it was announced that 105 members had pledged 90 per cent of the $150,000 goal in interest bearing bonds to date.

The club intends to erect a permanent plaque in the club house listing names of all members supporting the project.

William James Spears, noted golf architect, who has designed numerous courses in Illinois and Ohio, has been retained by the club. Complete plans and specifications of the additional 9-hole layout are expected to be completed by March 1.

Bids will be called soon after and construction of the course is anticipated during the summer and fall. When completed for play in 1969, the course is expected to be one of the most challenging in central Illinois.

The new golf course will feature elevated bent grass greens averaging 6,000 square feet, watered fairways 175 feet wide, numerous sand traps and bunkers, tees 100 feet long, and several interesting dog-leg holes.

Twenty-three home sites will be developed on the course and will be available for sale to members only.

In conjunction with the project, the club house is currently undergoing extensive remodeling. Dining facilities will open Feb. 1. Members will be invited to a house-warming party in the early part of March to celebrate completion of the improvement plans. At that time further details of golf course project will be announced and the membership will be informed of the latest developments.

Morris Allen is chairman of the fund raising drive. Active committee members in the project are: Dr. Mort Harris, Ernest Brown, Bob Siefken, George Price, Carl Dyus, Dave Cosel, A. J. Scott, Bob Ludwig, Jack Eiler, Gene Henderson, Dwight Buzzard, Dr. George Starr, Myron Tolch, Keith Kimbrel, Wayne Morr, Dr. Herb Austin, Byron Dingman, Jack Kibbes, Earl Rentfro, Lloyd Ludwig, John Holmes, Harold Taylor, and Dr. William Sargenti.

BULLDOZING AND LEVELING of the Effingham country club greens is in progress this week over the nine hole course, as shown in the above picture. Crews began their task August 17 and final stages of the seeding process are expected to be completed by October first. Simultaneously with the movement of earth machines, workmen are putting the finishing touches to the clubhouse. Clubhouse remodeling is due for probable completion within about 30 days.

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PROPOSED EXTENSIONS of the golf course at Effingham Country Club as shown in this artist's drawing. Construction on the new nine hole course is expected to begin later this month and will be completed in June or July. The first nine holes are expected to be ready for use in late August or early September. The second nine holes will be ready for play in late October or early November. The total cost of the project is estimated at $250,000. The club, which was founded in 1963, has 18 members and plans to expand to 100 members in the next five years. The club has two 18-hole courses, one of which is a championship course. The club also has a nine-hole course for junior golfers. The club is located on U.S. Route 60 west of Effingham.
Elect Three To Country Club Board

Three persons were elected last night to replace seats made vacant by outgoing Country Club board members during meeting of the board at 8 p.m. at the country club.

Elected to replace outgoing members, Paul Goldstein, Henry Thompson, and Newel Merry were William Meyer, Donald Kenneaster and Arthur Willenborg.

An organizational meeting will be held next week to seat new officers. During the meeting, the board retired five bonds. They also announced that there would be no raise in dues for membership during the next year.

Country Club Elects

Fard Brown was elected president of the Effingham Country Club during an organizational meeting held at noon Thursday.

Also elected to offices was Art Willenborg, vice-president.

Chairmen of committees were elected as follows: ground, Tim Henning; golf, Art Johnson; entertainment, Art Johnson; house, Carl Koerner; pool, Don Kenneaster; budget and fiscal, Art Willenborg and membership, William Myers.

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Country Club Names Directors

A woman was elected to the board of directors of the Effingham Country Club for the first time in club history at a meeting of club members Thursday evening.

Mrs. Darlene Fillers of Lake Sara was one of three elected to a three-year term on the country club board. Others elected included Leonard Dust and Ron Mount.

Jim Boals was elected to the board on a two-year unexpired term.

Three club members were elected to lifetime honorary memberships. Members honored were Harold Taylor, Tom Buell, and J.C. Bliss. In other business, all chairman reported on their divisions. A large crowd attended the meeting.

Power Off At Altamont Early Monday

ALTAMONT — Altamont city light commissioner Charles Rees has announced that all electricity in Altamont will be shut off at midnight on Monday, Oct. 3.

CLIPPINGS FROM EFFINGHAM DAILY NEWS

Country Club Names Directors

Two new members of the Effingham Country Club board of directors were appointed at the recent annual meeting. Lloyd Budde and Lewis Martin are the new directors and, at a subsequent reorganizational meeting, the following new officers were elected: Ron Mount as president, Gary Andes as vice president and Darlene Fillers as secretary-treasurer.

These five new members and Leonard Dust and Bud Painter now make up the new board of directors.

EVENING CALLERS

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Worman and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Weishaar were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Beckman Wednesday evening.

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