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Silver Hills Historical Society



Paula Stein & Pat Stumler



Sue Hansford

Fall Event 2021



Callie, Canaan, & Nathan Manias

The Silver Hills Historical Society fall event was held Sunday evening, October 3, 2021. It was anticipated to draw 40 to 50 attendees but 90 or more turned out for the neighborhood gathering. The event was kicked off with a hardy “Welcome Back”.

Paula Stein, Pat Stumler, Rachel Gish, Bob Caesar, and Ric Manning spent Sunday afternoon setting tables and preparing the Parnell Center for the event. They are all very special people who did a great job putting the event together. Thank you!!

The dinner was catered by A Full Plate of Louisville. The food was outstanding, and the service was impeccable. COVID protocol was established and respected. We could not have asked for anything more. Dinner was capped off with excellent home-



Tina Kelso Holland and Emilie Kelso

made desserts with this year’s prize for the best dessert going to Sue Hansford for her Mock Chocolate Éclair.

Following the dessert, the Society conducted the annual membership meeting. Since there was no formal meeting last year, the previous year’s minutes were not read. Rachel Gish, the Society Treasurer, gave the

treasurer report. A copy is provided with this newsletter. Director, Kelly Carnighan, supplemented the treasury report by reviewing the specific expenses incurred reopening the Nature Trail, expenses covered by a \$3,000 donation received from the contactor responsible for the water line installation on the trail. It was noted, as of this date, there are 191 members.

A short presentation about the history of the sport of tennis on Silver Hills was presented by Kelly Carnighan followed by a 20-minute slide show set to music documenting the Wiley Ellis and Benjamin tennis courts, including the annual Christmas luncheon and tennis tournament sponsored by the core players on Silver Hills.

The announcement was made, the Benjamin tennis court will be restored for the community of Silver Hills with

reconstruction beginning in October. Completion of the court is set for the spring of 2022. It was noted, 37 individuals and families donated a total of \$42,750 toward the court restoration. With their support, the Silver Hills tradition of tennis will continue on for the benefit of the young and mature generations who make Silver Hills their home.

The event was great fun for all who turned out. We quietly missed those not present; recognizing the impact the pandemic is still having on our community. Surely it will be better next year, let's hope and pray.

The sport of tennis was ushered into the city of New Albany when the Highland Country Club was established on Highland Avenue and Main Street Hill Road (formerly, Summit Ave) in 1907. The Courier – Journal reported, *“It is provided with every convenience that will add to the comfort of the visitors, having two beautiful tennis courts.”* Walter B. Cooper, at the age of 15, walked Silver Hills sometime between 1907 – 1912, and wrote a poem where he writes, *“And as we go along the highway (Highland Avenue), See the Tennis Courts and the like, Most*



*Front row: Emma Stein, Kathy Gray, Kris Stein, Jimmy McClure, Steve Lobmeir, Emily Bacon, Frank Riley, Nancy Stein, Andy Hernandez
 Second row: Nancy Kraft, Linda Witt, Lisa Jones, Brad Kraft, Tina Kelso, Janet McClure, Dottie Hammer, Jean McClure
 Short insert row: Kurt Kraft between Lisa and Brad, Bob Kelso between Brad and Tina
 Back row: Peter Stein, John Gohmann, Mark Bacon, ??, John Stein, Steve Gohmann, Charlie Ellis, and Kelly Carnighan*

any one that see's them, Will say it's a beautiful sight.”¹

The Club hosted the first tennis tournament in July 1909. The CJ reported, *“There are quite a number of expert players in the club, and the tournament promises to be a very interesting one”.*

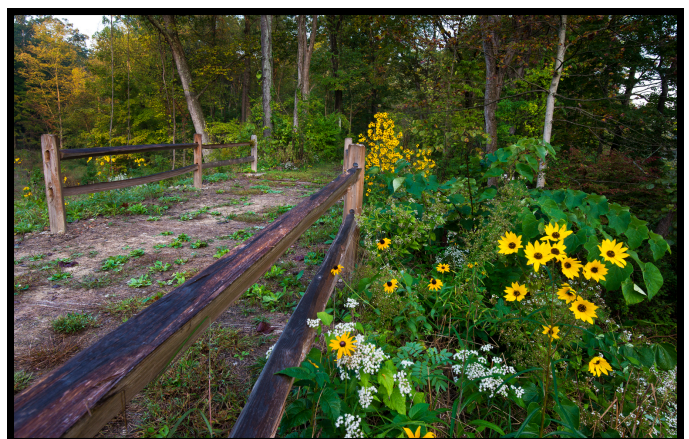
Charles Denton Kelso was instrumental in establishing the Highland County Club and the two tennis courts. The Kelso family was the oldest family to make Silver Hills their home until the last Kelso descendent moved off the hill several years ago. Pictured on the front page

is Tina Kelso Holland. Charles was her grandfather. Tina and her husband have moved back to Silver Hills, carrying on the Kelso family heritage. “Welcome Back”.

The Wiley Ellis tennis court located at the corner of Highland Ave and Riddle was the iconic court on Silver Hills from the 1950s to 1970s. Wiley taught most of the kids on the Hills how to play tennis. The picture above was taken when the kids presented Wiley with a new net for his court, ca. 1960s.

¹*Poem From The Emma Carlton Collection Courtesy Floyd County Public Library*

Wild Flowers abound on the Market Street Hill Road portion of the Silver Hills Historical Nature Trail. Four hundred fifty trees were planted throughout the 2,000' cut through the woods at the completion of the water line installation. Wild flower seeds were sown along the Market Street Hill Road trail adding color to the path. Sadly, very few trees were planted on either side of the trail. The Society plans to initiate a program next spring where members can sponsor a tree, allowing us to fill in the gaps with beautiful trees.



In Loving Memory

John Wilcox

Ernie McDonald

John Harvey Wilcox passed away on January 5, 2021. John was 81. John was born July 11, 1939. His parents were living on Silver Hills when he was born.

John moved back to Silver Hills with his wife, Lynda in 2016, when they purchased the house at the top of Cherry Street Hill Road from the Breece family. The Breece property was once part of the John O. Greene fruit farm dating back to the 1860s. The Greene's sold the farm to Walter Bulliet and his wife, Elizabeth. The Bulliets subdivided the farm, and established Sunset Drive in 1932. Jim and Jane Breece bought the land from the Bulliet family, where they built a modest three-bedroom house.

John was a dedicated Hoosier. He was born in New Albany, graduated New Albany High School and Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. John's father, Frank Shirley Wilcox was an active member of the Democratic Party. Frank was told he would be a sure winner for governor of Indiana in 1949, if and only if, Henry F. Schricker hadn't sought reelection. Frank was Indiana's new State treasurer-elect of New Albany in '49. John was 9 years old at the time.

John had a long career in education, teaching history at Nathaniel Scribner Junior High School in New Albany. John followed in his father footsteps becoming an active member of the Democratic Party. He went on to work as Administration Assistant to New Albany Mayor Warren Nash, served as committee staffer for U.S Senator Vance Hartke in Washington, D.C. and provided long-term service to the Department of Public Works and Economic Development for the City of Louisville, Kentucky.

John chose to live out his life on Silver Hills, not far from where he was born. He was a charming gentleman with a great sense of humor.

Ernest McDonald passed away September 18, 2021. Ernie was 78. Ernie was born in Hardinsburg, Indiana in 1942. His family moved to New Albany when he was four, where he attended New Albany High School. Ernie served as Hospital Corpsman in the Navy for 4 years. After receiving an associate degree, Ernie eventually became Safety Technician for American Synthetic Rubber Company in Louisville, where is worked for 33 years.

Ernie and his wife, Linda, were married for 55 years. They moved to Silver Hills in 1987. Ernie and Linda purchased the house built by William Fish, owner of The White House department store on Pearl Street in New Albany. The property was once part of the John O. Greene Fruit Farm. It was a large field for most the years growing up on Silver Hills, where we organized baseball, drove go-carts, and hit golf balls into Valery Price's front yard, too afraid to retrieve. The property was eventually sold and two houses were built on our beloved field.

Ernie loved being a part of the Silver Hills Historical Society, and participating in all our social events. He would arrive with a big grin on his face looking forward to socializing with everyone. He will be in our memories.

Looking Ahead

*Grand Opening of the Silver Hills
Tennis Court*

Spring 2022 – Date To Be Announced



2021 Membership List

Mary C. Tuley (\$500 - \$2,000)

Caesar, Robert
Carnighan, Kelly & Barbara
Means, Mary (Terstegge)
Stein, Nicholas F.
Wilson, Michael & Elizabeth (Bulliet)

G. W. Morrison (\$200 - \$499)

Brown, Ken & Helen
Cody, John T. & Peggy
Gohmann, Steve & Myra McCrickard
Knable, Al & Jessica
Schultz, Cynthia A.
Stinson, Daniel
Westbrook, Greg & Linda (Tuley)
Wolff, Tom & Carla

Resident (\$100 - \$199)

Bedan, Rick & Fran
Breece, James E. III & Susan
Clear, Peter & Karen (Sanders)
Culwell, Amy & Rachel
Jaggers, Eric & Terra
Manning, Ric
Mullineaux, Carrie
Pruitt, Betty.
Schremser, Chris & Tarra
Sisk, John R. & Elsa Haddad
Smith, Don & Sid Spear
Sonne, Irvin & Diane
Sprecher, Jeremy & Kirsten
Stein, Nancy
Stumler, Pat & Irv
Summers, Clay & Diane
Thornton, Mary Anne
Wolford, Carl & Mary Kay

Honory Members

Smith, Don & Kathy
Stein, John E. Jr.
Tuley, Naydeen

General Membership

Adams, Allen
Alpha Club
Anderson, Jim
Anshutz, Steve
Applegate, Janet
Argo, Matt & Lynsey
Banet, Anne
Baker, Dan & Pam
Barksdale, David & Debbie
Barlow, Fred & Sue
Bergman, Mathew & Jessica
Blunk, Richard & Lorene
Bodner, Louie & Winnie
Bowling, Beth
Britton, Eileen, Jerry & Thomas
Bundy, Mary Lynn
Bundy, Molly
Campbell, Bruce & Deanna

Cannon, Barbara
Carnes, Margaret
Clemons, Mary Helen
Clere, Edward & Amy
Conlee, Peggy
Craig, Ron & Jan
Culwell, Diane S.
Daugherty, John
Denny, Joyce R.
Detenber, Steve & Cathy
Dodge, Victoria
Edwards, Mary Helen
Ellis, Raymond Charles II
Ellis, Wiley William
Elsby, Robert & Ruth Ann
Endris, Nathan
Epler, Kent & Rick Milburn
Eplion, David & Cherie
Evanczyk, David & Wilma
Everbach, George & Nancy
Farmer, Lois M.
Farrell, Stan
Finn, Jerry & Jill
Freiberger, Janice
Folck, Douglas
Fry, Geneva & Jim
Gadjen, Pamela Baumann
Grace, Jack & Diana
Gilstrap, Tim
Gish, Rachel
Gray, Barbara (Baker)
Gregorinci, Nancy (Ellis)
Grube, Nelson
Guarnaschelli, Dominic & Monica
Hall, Mary M.
Hamilton, Bob & Michelle
Hansford, Carol Sue
Hansford, Leslie Anne
Hardy, Gayle
Harris, David & Ethel
Hatfield, David & Joyce
Hawkins, Lynn A.
Haywood, Rod & Linda Stein
Hess, Charlotte
Hobble, Joe
Hocker, Carol
Holland, Christine (Kelso)
Hottois, Michael & Georgette Kleier
Houchen, Mary Ann
Irvine, Robert & Rebecca
Jakoby, Gary & Kristina
Janes, Julie M
Jenks, Richard & Ann
Johnson, Gregory & Susan
Kaelin, Suzanne
Kelso, Emilie
Kelso, Bob
Kraft, Ben & Katie
Kraft, Dottie & Kurt
Kulaga, James
Lewis, Barb & Gerry
Limeberry, David & Barbara
Lindgren, Britt Marie

Lipps, Bobby
Lopp, John & Debra
Maetschke, Bill & Sharon
Manias, Nathan & Callie
Manning, Evan & Corrie
Mason, Kay
McClure, Jimmy
McDonald, Ernie & Linda
Merida, Melissa
Meyer, Jason, Andrea & Family
Miller, Kyle & Meegan
Miller, Lawrence & Cynthia
Minnich, Alex
Minnich, Deborah A.
Murphy, Diane M.
Munroe, Richard & Susan
Naville, Stephen
Nobel, Amanda
Offit, Ronald & Anne (Garner)
Parker, Eloise Kelley
Patterson, Glenn & Becky Mitchell
Peters, Curt & Pam
Pinney, Nathan & Maggie Galloway
Plasencia, Jennifer (Riely)
Price Hobbes, Christina & Tim
Proctor, Bryan & Tiffany
Quinkert, Andrew
Ragains, Pryce & Gretchen
Rahe, Steven
Randolph, Kirk & Meghan
Richards, Greg & Cindy
Richter, Debbie
Rider, Barbara
Robinson, William & Donna
Roos, James & Tammy
Ruckman, David
Samsel, Dennis & Sandra
Schamel, Steve & Julie
Schlagenhauf, Larry
Schremser, Ginny Smith
Schroeder, Marcia
Schultz, Mike & Jenifer
Senn, Bob & Rita
Scott-Downs, Susan Jane
Shope, Gregg Kiser
Sidebottom, Jamie & Janice
Spears, Stella
Speed, Thomas & Savanna
Sprigler, Chad & Morgan
Stark, Mary R.
Stein, Emma
Stein, Jim & Gail
Stein, Louis & Paula
Stein, Pete & Martha
Stern, Walt
Stewart, Scott & Christi
Streepey, Robert & Helen
Summers, Clay
Tate, Michael & Patricia
Tegart, Joseph
Thornton, Mary Anne
Trinkle, Bob & Lore
Tyler, Scott & Alison

Walker, Jim & Susan
Wall, Bob
Wells, Bill & Joan
Whelan, Carol Gohmann
Whitus, Laura Whelan
Wilcox, Lynda
Wilkens, Nancy Rogers
Williams, Paul & Carolyn
Wilson, Bruce & Linda
Witt, Linda K.
Wolfe, Dietz & Alice (Erni)

Silver Hills Tennis Court Patrons

Baker, Dan & Pamela
Bedan, Richard & Frances
Bergman, Mathew & Jessica
Breece, James E., III
Breece, Tony
Caesar, Robert
Cody, John T. & Peggy
Everbach, George & Nancy
Gish, Hanna
Gish, Rachel
Glordan, Susan
Gohmann, Steve & Myra
Harritt, Hunter & Maria
Holland, Christine (Kelso)
Jenks, Rick
Kleier, Liza M Zavakos
Knable, Al & Jessica
Kraft, George
Kraft, Paul
Kraft, Stephen
Lorch, Basil & Vivian
Manning, Ric
Meyer, Jason & Andrea
Nance, Craig & Ashley
Penny, Nathan & Margaret
Stein, Jim & Gail
Stein, Linda & Rod Haywood
Stein, Nancy
Stein, Nicholas
Stein, Pete & Martha
Tyler, Scott & Alison
Schremser, Chris & Tara
Summers, Clay
Summers, Steve
Witt, Linda

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Director – Kelly Carnighan
Co-Director – Robert Caesar
Secretary – Ric Manning
Treasurer – Rachel Gish

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Robert Caesar
Paula Stein
Pat Stumler
James Walker