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Celebrating Fifty Years of Golf at L.E. Kaufman

*"No other game combines the wonder of nature with the discipline of sport in such carefully planned ways.
A great golf course both frees and challenges a golfer's mind."*

~ Tom Watson

WYOMING - If you live in West Michigan, chances are you are just a few minutes from a golf course. But few have been able to survive the changes in this competitive industry for five decades! L.E. Kaufman Golf Course, located on Clyde Park Avenue SW, south of 44th Street in Wyoming, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Thursday, June 18, 2015.

The course was named for former Secretary of the Kent County Road Commission, Leonard E. Kaufman, and designed by golf course architect Bruce Matthews. The total cost for development was \$163,000, and it was mostly constructed by Parks Department staff. "Being the host course for the Kent County Amateur Golf Tournament for the past 50 years, Kaufman is well-known in our community," said Roger Sabine, Director of the Kent County Parks Department. "We are proud of the course's history and reputation."

Golfers will be treated to special food prices and giveaways during the day, and rates will be the same as they were in 1965: \$2.00 for 18 holes (walking – cart is extra). "When we announced the anniversary event, we filled every tee time available," said Mike Leavitt, Course Superintendent. "Our staff is dedicated to making our customers happy and preserving this course for decades to come. We are very fortunate to have such a great course just minutes from Downtown Grand Rapids."

L.E. Kaufman Golf Course has an outstanding reputation as a challenging golf facility. Rated 4 stars by Golf Digest, the course features rolling fairways, perfect greens and picturesque scenery. The Kent County Parks Department's efforts in recent years include renovating the clubhouse, updating equipment used to maintain the course, and improving drainage. Kaufman is home course for golf teams at Aquinas College, Grandville High School, and Godwin Heights High School. Learn more about season packages and booking tee times at L.E. Kaufman at www.accesskent.com/Parks/LEKaufman/.

MEDIA NOTE: You are invited to interview Ben Rabourn, Clubhouse Manager at L.E. Kaufman Golf Course, on June 18, 2015, anytime from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., we just ask that you contact the course to set up a time. Live shots are welcome! Call Ben at 616.538.7647 to arrange interviews.

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