



# County Line Squares News

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## Word(s) of the Month

If you know everything that is in “Word(s) of the Month” wonderful. However, we have found dancers, who have been dancing for years, do not know everything.

### Demos/Demonstrations

We are used to these words and sometimes forget to explain them to new dancers. Demonstrations are a way to introduce non-dancers to the first few square dance calls. Sometimes we have a short tip with angels; then we get a square together with non-dancers. Angels also let the non-dancers know where we hold our square dance classes or where classes may be available where they live. The County Line Squares demo schedule is on our website – [www.clsquares.com](http://www.clsquares.com).

### Banner Raids

Banner raids are used to promote friendship among square dancers that belong to different clubs, to encourage dancers to dance at other clubs, and to dance to various callers – thus improving their dancing skills.

Not all clubs have banners. If they do, when eight or more club members attend a dance held by another club, they claim that club’s banner. That club must then bring eight members to retrieve the banner. Banners are claimed or retrieved from September 1 through April 30, with May as the month to retrieve your banner.

County Line Squares has claimed two banners the same night – with members attending more than one dance that evening.

## Event List

County Line Squares periodically produces an event list that includes all upcoming banner raids, classes, dances, and demos. The information is taken from our website and includes suggested events that our members can attend. Occasionally, it will include demos or events that other clubs are hosting and they have requested angels to assist or invited us to attend.

### Weekly Reminders and Pictures

A Thursday dance reminder e-mail comes out almost every week. It includes information that the clubs provide about their dances and other events for the upcoming week. A Monday “Last Week in Photos” also is sent via e-mail, it includes pictures that have been sent in from the previous week’s events. Other announcements are sent out via e-mail if there is a cancellation, location change, etc. Good idea to check this message before going to a dance. This is put out at no cost to the clubs, but they must send the information to the originator. If you do not receive these e-mails, ask a board member and we will get you on the distribution list.

### Carpools

Car pools are fun. You get to know the people in the carpool and we have a stretch break or meal break depending on miles and time of day. As a single person you may not want to drive 100 miles by yourself, but in a carpool time goes fast. You get to meet a lot of dancers and help support other clubs. They really appreciate visitors. County Line Squares tries to get to most of the clubs at least once a year as weather and time permits – **so please join us**. It gives

you a good feeling to help other clubs and the bonus is you get to know more dancers. Dancing to other callers and with other dancers will make you a better dancer. A lot of the dances/events we attend are a short distance, so you decide what is better for you – drive yourself or join the carpool.

### **President's Message**

If there is anything sad about summer, it is that it is too short and sometimes hot for too long.

We have learned a lot about our state from traveling to dances. McGrath is on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If you are free, join us for this town celebration. The demonstration starts at noon, usually with a tip for square dancers, then we go into the audience to encourage them to try a tip with us. You never know when they will become a new student and take lessons in the fall or maybe a few years from now.

There are dances in the summer, just not as many as the winter. We also have demonstrations to help to promote square dancing and to help keep our dancing skills up. Don't forget the exercise and the wonderful friendships that form with other dancers.

Mavis and Don  
Presidents

### **Hosts and Hostesses**

County Line Squares resumes its monthly dance schedule in September. At our summer workshops, there will be a sign-up sheet available for choosing a dance where you can help with the hosting. Sign up early and get a date that works best for you.

### **Caller's Corner**

Hi, Everybody:

Summer is finally here. Let's enjoy the warm weather and each other's company at the club picnic, demonstrations, and workshops. On that note, the workshops have been well attended, and we have been brushing up on calls as requested. If any call is a problem for you, let us know, and we will be happy to clarify it for you. Keep the demo schedule handy, like taped to your fridge, and please come whenever you can! That way, we can promote our FRIENDLY club and square dancing in general. (We have the best and the friendliest club around).

Carol and I are proud of County Line Squares and need your support to keep it thriving!

God Bless You.

Abe and Carol

### **Demos**

Thursday, July 4, 2019, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, McGrath Park Shelter, Main St E & N 3rd St, McGrath, MN 56350.

Sunday, July 28, 2019, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, Wright County Fair (near office), 1010 1st St, Howard Lake, MN 55349.

### **Anniversaries**

- 2 Larry and Marlys Wilson
- 3 Al and Jackie Streich
- 6 Craig and Tammy Blomgren
- 12 Brad and Michelle Neutz
- 21 Tony and Gerlene Klingelhoets
- 27 Dave and Julie Pribyl

## Promenade with Abe!

- 4 Town Celebration, McGrath (Demo)
- 8 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 11 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 14 Pairs & Squares, Battle Lake (Dance)
- 18 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 21 North Country Plus, Staples (Dance)
- 22 County Line Squares, Monticello (Workshop)
- 25 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 25 Wadena Whirlaways, Wadena (Dance)
- 28 Wright County Fair, Howard Lake (Demo)

## Workshops

Basic/Mainstream workshops are Monday July 8 and 22, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Commons Area, Monticello High School, 5225 School Blvd, Monticello, MN.

## Birthdays

- 1 Dennis Bishop
- 5 Kalina Scott
- 5 Keanna Scott
- 7 Shirley Kostrzewski
- 9 Gerlene Klingelhoets
- 11 Greg Olson
- 13 Marlow Knuth
- 14 Diane Olson
- 18 Diane Knuth
- 20 Dan Blomgren
- 21 Mavis Johnson
- 21 Lorraine Wilson
- 28 Dixie Lane Holton
- 29 Rajah Wilson
- 30 Lora Loch

## Picnic

County Line Squares annual summer picnic will be held at the Giebenhain Farm (7290 Elder Ave NW, Maple Lake, MN 55358) on Saturday, July 20, 2019. This is potluck and guests are welcome. Plan to arrive at noon and we will eat at 12:30 p.m.

This is an air-conditioned building with outlets available for crock pots; there is also a fridge available for cold items. There are tables and chairs for everyone to sit at and enjoy the meal.

This being July, the weather can be warm, cool, rainy, or perfect. We are hoping for perfect weather! After a relaxing potluck meal, we move a few tables and square dance with Abe calling. There are also outdoor games available. If you do not want to dance, you can just relax and chat with your friends. There is no end time so enjoy the afternoon. Hope to see everyone there.

## Banner Raids

- Wed, 10 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (To be announced)
- Sun, 14 Pairs & Squares, Battle Lake (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 17 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Fri, 19 Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Vic Diller)
- Sun, 21 North Country Plus, Staples (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 24 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Tom Allen)
- Thu, 25 Wadena Whirlaways, Wadena (Abe Maier)
- Wed, 31 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Tom Allen)

## SDM Summer Festival

The SDM Summer Festival is scheduled for Sunday, July 28, 2019, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. Caller Tom Allen, et al - "Mainstream" 1:30-5:00 pm; Cuer Sarah Klaphake, et al - "Rounds" between tips), annual membership meeting and awards – approximately 3:00 pm (between tips), potluck, proceeds (after expenses) donated to the Whitney Center.

## Update

Greg Olson started chemo treatment for cancer in early February 2019. On June 17, Greg received the good news that his PET scan showed no cancer. He did have a melanoma on his left cheek removed on June 25. He is now working on healing and recovering from the treatments. Greg, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

## Conventions

The 67<sup>th</sup> Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Convention was held in St Cloud, June 13-16, 2019. Congratulations to Carol and Abe Maier who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Trails End Dance. Thirty-eight members attended the convention.

The 68<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention was held in Atlanta, GA, June 26-29, 2019. Four thousand sixty-eight dancers from around the world attended, 38 from Minnesota, and 5 were County Line Squares members (see photo below).



Doug, Gael, Barb, Mary, and LeRoy