



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.

County Line Squares

We have a web site – countylinesquares.com.

It is updated regularly with the latest calendar of upcoming dances and other County Line Squares events. When lessons start on September 9, there will be a list of calls we worked on at each lesson so dancers can review the calls they have learned.

If you would like to see live dancers performing each call, you can go to saddlebrookesquares.com for review of the calls you have learned.

There was a time

- There was no phone or TV
- Ladies wore hats to church
- Men wore suits to church
- We had one room schools
- The girls had long dresses and socks but not warm enough to keep legs warm in winter
- To go to a square dance, you had to have a partner
- Men and women had to have matching outfits that cost a lot

Forward to Today

- Singles are welcome (without singles today there would be 25 percent fewer dancers)

- Ladies can wear pants (some ladies just do not wear skirts)
- In extreme wind chill it feels good to have pants on and some days you just want pants
- Men are not turned away if they do not have the latest western shirt
- Couples come but do not need to have matching outfits

Today you can get shirts and skirts very reasonably. For example, used clothing sales and square dance attire can be purchased at reasonable prices. Dancers should wear shoes that are comfortable for them. Suggest that dancers bring two pairs of shoes to a dance. This is good advice if you are not sure of the surface you will be dancing on. Some dance floors can be slippery or, if dancing outside, the grass or blacktop could be rough.

Dues

Mary Elfmann is collecting the dues for calendar year 2020. County Line Squares – \$3, SDM – \$10 (which includes \$5 for USDA insurance), total – \$13. Cash or make checks payable to County Line Squares. SDM Form 005, Membership Application, needs to accompany your payment. Be sure to complete and sign the form.

Upcoming Dances in 2019

Sep 13	Abe Maier	Back to School
Oct 11	Abe Maier	Harvest Time
Nov 8	Roger McNeil	Red, White, Blue
Dec 13	Abe Maier	Jingle Bells
Dec 31	Abe Maier	New Year’s Eve

President's Message

When I (Mavis) started square dancing, I also started a notebook. This is not a requirement, just a suggestion. I have three columns – Date, Dance Location, and Caller. I keep track of all the dances I go to and use it to compare my year to year square dance activities. In the back of the notebook, I make notes about the organization I danced with, and my thoughts about the caller. I would suggest that new dancers go to other dance locations a couple times – each dance is different and there may be a different caller the second time you attend. It takes time for dancers to get used to different callers. Each caller has their own speed of calling, how the calls are put together, and the type of music they use.

One comment made me chuckle when I looked at it a few months later. I didn't like the caller very much the first time but did go a few months later and decided he was a great caller. Give yourself time to get to know the callers and dancers. The more dances you go to the easier it gets with more floor time. Ask the angels who they suggest going to first or who calls fast.

Remember: Square dancing is mental, physical and social. You meet the best people!

Ask everyone you meet to join us September 9 for our first lesson.

Mavis and Don
Presidents

Anniversaries

21 – Steve and Lora Loch
23 – Marlow and Diane Knuth

Caller's Corner

Hi, Everybody:

Summer is fast coming to an end and autumn is soon upon us. Did you know the month of September is called Square Dance month? And, let us not forget square dance has a long and proud history. It is an exciting art form that is truly an original of **our** country, and it is enjoyed by people of all backgrounds. So let's continue to promote it by bringing new people into the activity and let them have fun while learning. Let's all make a special effort to be there Monday, September 9th and welcome everyone with a big smile and make them feel glad they came.

The combination of physical and mental exercise is one of the key attractions to square dancing today. For most people it is the one activity that takes their mind off of their daily routine.

Abe and Carol

Hosts and Hostesses

County Line Squares resumes its monthly dance schedule this month. There are still a few vacant spaces that need hosts and hostesses. Please look at the sheet and sign up where hosts and hostesses are needed. Sign up now and get a date that works for you. Updated list is attached.

Demo

Saturday, September 7, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Caller Larry Fruetel, Albertville Open Streets, Main Ave NE, Albertville, MN.

Promenade with Abe!

- 4 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 5 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 7 Dakota Grand Squares, S St Paul (Dance)
- 9 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 11 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 12 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 13 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 16 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 18 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 19 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 20 First City Squares, Bemidji (Dance)
- 22 Friendly Twirlers, Balsam Lake (Dance)
- 23 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 25 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 26 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 30 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)

Celebration

You're invited to a party; honoring God's healing hand and thanking you for your prayers and support:

- Saturday, September 7, 2019, 12:30-5:30 p.m.
- 1645 10th St SE, Buffalo, MN 55313
- Greg and Diane Olson
- R.S.V.P. 763-427-1108

- Pig roast and lamb
- Potluck pie
- Music jam
- Square dancing

Driving directions: With the construction on Hwy 25, recommend that you use Hwy 55 to get to the party. From Buffalo take Hwy 55 east and turn right on Dague Ave SE (Co Rd 14 SE), from Rockford take Hwy 55 west and turn left on Dague Ave SE (Co Rd 14 SE), cross the railroad tracks and turn right on 10th St SE, travel approximately 1.4 miles (crossing Calder Ave SE), and turn left at their driveway.

Square Dance

County Line Squares has a dance on Friday, September 13, 2019, theme is "Back to School," caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Jane Simpson. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., Mainstream dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m., Rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. Hosts and hostesses are Mary and LeRoy Elfmann, Shirley Kostrzewski, Lisa Murphy, and Gael and Doug Zachman.

Bring items from the following School Supply List or cash donations for Pinewood students:

#2 soft lead yellow pencils
box of 24 Crayola colored pencils
box of 24 Crayola crayons
LARGE glue stick
8 oz. bottle of glue
pointed kids scissors

yellow highlighter
thin, black dry erase Expo marker
8-color watercolor paints
blue or black ink pens
9 count marker pack

zippered pencil pouch
spiral single subject notebook
ruler (inches/metric)

box of tissues
Clorox wipes

Birthdays

- 8 Sandy Huber
- 8 Dave Pribyl
- 12 Julie Pribyl
- 13 Abe Maier
- 16 Joan Manz
- 28 LeRoy Elfmann
- 29 Priscilla McKenzie
- 30 Ruth Anderson

Banner Raids

- Wed, 4 Beaux & Belles, St. Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Sat, 7 Dakota Grand Squares, South St Paul
(Abe Maier)
- Sun, 8 Single Circles, Hollywood (Watertown)
(Larry Johansen)
- Wed, 11 Spares & Pairs, Bloomington
(To be announced)
- Sat, 14 Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville
(Larry Johansen)
- Wed, 18 Beaux & Belles, St Cloud
(Dick Severson)
- Fri, 20 First City Squares, Bemidji
(Abe Maier)
- Sat, 21 Westonka Whirlers, Mound
(Dick Rueter)
- Sun, 22 Friendly Twirlers, Balsam Lake
(Abe Maier)
- Wed, 25 ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud
(Tom Allen)
- Fri, 27 Gospel Plus, Hopkins
(Tom Allen and Dick Rueter)
- Sun, 29 Happy Twirlers, La Crosse
(Doug and Don Sprosty)