



County Line Squares News

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President's Message

Thank you hosts and hostesses for our December 13, 2019 dance. There were five squares and four clubs represented. Thank you to all of the dancers.

Wow, what a great New Year's dance! Great weather and all those dancers make all of us feel good about the future of square dancing. There were 12 squares from 14 clubs.

Come help us celebrate graduation of our fall class. Pictures at 6:15 p.m. and eat at 6:30 p.m. on January 6, 2020. We have a fun evening planned.

January dances are Friday the 10th with Larry Fruetel and Ken LaBau and Friday the 31st with Abe Maier and Jane Simpson.

New classes start January 13. We would like our new graduates to join us as angels and get more floor time.

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year.

Happy dancing in 2020.

Mavis and Don
Presidents

Demo

Demo square dance for Wright Saddle Club on Saturday, January 25, 2020, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Caller Abe Maier, at The V by HH, 66 Maple Ave N, Maple Lake, MN.

Caller's Corner

Happy New Year!!

Carol and I hope everyone had a Merry and Blessed Christmas. Now, we are on to the New Year, 2020. We are truly grateful that we have some new people to graduate this month. The new square dancers are doing very well! Also, the good showing of angels is very heart-warming. If you haven't been attending, you're missing out on lots of Fun and Fellowship. Come and meet our new square dancers, soon.

Graduation is Monday, January 6. Please bring a dish to pass. Don't forget about our square dances at Pinewood Elementary school in Monticello.

See you soon!!

Abe and Carol

Graduation

Graduation for our current class is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Monticello Middle School. Graduation pictures with Abe and Carol at 6:15 p.m., potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by presentation of diplomas and square dancing.

Birthdays

12 Tony Klingelhoets
27 Darlene Hunz

December Square Dances

The County Line Squares “*Jingle Bells – Christmas*” dance was held on December 13, 2019, with Caller Abe Maier and Cuers Steve and Jean Philson. Five squares with dancers from Beaux & Belles, County Line Squares, Single Circles, and Westonka Whirlers were in attendance. No banners were claimed or retrieved.

The County Line Squares “*New Year’s Eve*” dance was held on December 13, 2019, with Caller Abe Maier and Cuer Jane Simpson. Twelve squares with dancers from Ar-Dale Dancers, Beaux & Belles, Cambridge Corners, County Line Squares, Dakota Squares, Hot Foot Stompers, Jolly Twirlers, Koronis Nite Owls, Single Circles, South Metro Stars, Spares & Pairs, Square & Twirl, Wandering Wheels, and Westonka Whirlers were present.



Hot Foot Stompers retrieved their banner.



Single Circles retrieved their banner.



Ar-Dale Dancers claimed a County Line Squares banner.



Spares & Pairs already had our banner.



Beaux & Belles retrieved their banner.



Westonka Whirlers retrieved their banner.

Promenade with Abe!

- 1 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)
- 6 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 8 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 9 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 13 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 15 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 16 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 17 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Dance)
- 18 Jolly Twirlers, Willmar (Dance)
- 20 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 22 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 23 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 25 Mid-Winter Magic, Hopkins (Dance)
- 25 Wright Saddle Club, Maple Lake (Demo)
- 27 County Line Squares, Monticello (Class)
- 29 Single Circles, Maple Grove (Class)
- 30 Afternoon Squares, Hopkins (Dance)
- 31 County Line Squares, Monticello (Dance)

Square Dances

County Line Squares has two dances scheduled in January:

Friday, January 10, 2020, theme is “*Flannel Fling*” caller is Larry Fruetel, cuer is Ken LaBau. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer/Mainstream dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m., Rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. Hosts and hostesses are Char and Bill VanBergen, Michelle and Brad Neutz, Mavis Johnson, and Don Lundell.

Friday, January 31, 2020, theme is “*Crazy Hat*” caller is Abe Maier, cuer is Jane Simpson. Plus from 7:30-8:00 p.m., New Dancer/Mainstream dance from 8:00-10:00 p.m., Rounds between tips, with potluck during the dance. Hosts and hostesses are Helen and Steve Leinonen, Pam and John Ouellette, and Diane and Greg Olson.

Classes

New classes begin on Monday, January 13, 2020 (first class is free, \$4.00 a person each evening). Learn square dancing with professional square dance caller Abe Maier. Get your friends and those that aren't friends (yet) to join us at the Monticello Middle School (East Entrance, Door 20), 800 E Broadway St, Monticello, MN, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Great opportunity for our recent graduates to join us as angels and practice their recently acquired square dance skills.

Banner Raids and Dances

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| Fri, 3 | South Metro Stars, Burnsville (Dick Rueter) |
| Sun, 5 | Rockin' Country Dancers, West Union (Larry Johansen) |
| Wed, 8 | Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (Larry Fruetel) |
| Sat, 11 | Koronis Nite Owls, Paynesville (Myron Hollatz) |
| Wed, 15 | Spares & Pairs, Bloomington (Larry Fruetel) |
| Fri, 17 | Single Circles, Maple Grove (Abe Maier) |
| Sat, 18 | Jolly Twirlers, Willmar (Abe Maier) |
| Sat, 19 | Westonka Whirlers, Mound (Roger McNeil) |
| Wed, 22 | ETTA Square & Rounds, St Cloud (Caller Tom Allen) |
| Fri, 24 | Gospel Plus, Hopkins (Caller Tom Allen) |
| Wed, 29 | Beaux & Belles, St Cloud (Caller Tom Allen) |

Anniversary

- 21 Nancy and Dan Blomgren

Out and About

County Line Squares members are always busy dancing and claiming or retrieving banners from other clubs. Some of their December activities are featured below:



Beaux & Bells, December 4



South Metro Stars, December 6



Ar-Dale Dancers, December 8



Hot Foot Stompers, December 14



Westonka Whirlers, December 21

SDM Fall Festival

The SDM Winter Festival is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2020, at the Whitney Center in St Cloud, MN. SDM Board Meeting 1:00-2:15 p.m. Mainstream square dance 2:30-5:00 p.m., awards ceremony @ 4:00 p.m. (between tips).

Christmas Party

Our Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 7, 2019, at the Giebenhain Farm. Approximately 40 members and guests enjoyed the afternoon. We collected 73 pounds of food and paper products as well as \$70.00 which was donated to the Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (IOCP) food shelf in Wayzata. The IOCP was very thankful for County Line Squares' generosity. Thank you to all who contributed.

Mid-Winter Magic

The 41st Mid-Winter Magic is scheduled for January 25, 2020, 1:00-6:00 p.m., at the Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Highway 7, Hopkins, MN. This dance is hosted by the Swingmasters callers and is another great opportunity for our dancers to dance to other callers and our new dancers to get some additional floor time.