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# Weekly NEWSLETTER

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## Honky-Tonks Rising?: Keeping Boots Stompin' After Diamond Music Hall



### Weekly Roundup!

Your guide to the best country music, partner and line dance, and country venues in Saint Louis and across the U.S.

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## Featured Venue of the Week



### *Main Street Honky Tonk, Saint Charles, MO*

#### **How Main Street Honky Tonk and a Network of Local Venues Are Holding the Line (Dance) for the Saint Louis Country Community.**

When Diamond Music Hall closed on October 31st, the St. Louis-area country-dance community lost the one big room and two large, dedicated dance floors that held everyone at once. The response has been immediate and energetic: a cluster of local venues have stepped up with regular line-dance nights and lessons to keep boots stompin' and the scene moving. This week's feature highlights Main Street Honky Tonk in St. Charles as our focal point while mapping the practical details for the other venues now hosting line dancing.

#### **Why Go?**

Main Street Honky Tonk has become a reliable midweek hub for country music and line dancing in the St. Charles corridor. It's a no-cover, no-frills hang where the music, the social crowd, and the dance energy are the draw.

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## What to Expect

- Night: Thursdays — billed as “All new line dancing Thursdays.”
- Music: DJ Fish spins line-dance-friendly sets starting at 8:00 PM. Currently there are no formal line-dance lessons.
- Cover: No cover charge.
- Dance floor: No dedicated floor — staff move tables to clear space in front of the stage. The cleared area is hardwood and generally good for dancing, though capacity is smaller than the old Diamond ballroom.
- Crowd & vibe: Welcoming mixed-age crowd, steady locals and newcomers, upbeat and social.

## Why it matters

Main Street fills an important weekly slot with consistent music and an accessible, free-entry model. It anchors the St. Charles side of the regional network even while the overall community becomes distributed across multiple sites.

## Venues with Line Dancing — Practical Details

Several of these local venues offer weeknight line-dance nights with lessons for beginners; cover varies, and floor-size/material details are inconsistent across listings. Below are the current specifics to help you plan.

### Silver Creek Sports & Social — Belleville, IL

- Night: Tuesdays, 7:00–9:00 PM (beginner lesson 7–8, next-level 8–9).
- Cover: \$5 per person.
- Floor: Small dedicated dance floor, tile.
- Notes: Lessons for all levels.

### MK Ranch Bar & Grill — Warrenton, MO

- Night: Tuesdays — free line dancing as long as guests show up.
- Lessons: Free beginner lessons 6:00–7:00 PM; open dancing 7:00–9:00 PM.
- Cover: No cover for line dancing; venue is 21+ after 9 PM for weekend shows.
- Floor: Large venue overall (~9,200 sq ft) with a small sealed-concrete dedicated dance floor and a medium stage for bands.

### Social Bar Soulard — St. Louis, MO

- Night: Tuesdays (started Nov. 11, 2025), DJ Fish 8:00 PM–12:00 AM.
- Lessons: Free lessons, open to all skill levels.
- Cover: \$5 for 21+.

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- Floor: No formal dance floor—smooth cleared concrete area.

[The Outfield Sports Bar & Grill](#) — Marthasville, MO

- Night: Wednesdays, 6:00–9:00 PM.
- Lessons: Free line-dance lessons.
- Cover: Free.
- Floor: Large checkered tile dance area in its own room (quality TBD).

[The Marquee at New Town](#) — St. Charles, MO

- Night: Wednesdays. Doors 6:00 PM; lessons 6:30–7:30 PM with Mona Frame; open dance follows.
- Cover: \$5 (21+), \$10 (18–20).
- Floor: Small mobile wood dance floor with “plenty of room” to dance when configured.

["The Office" Bar and Grill](#) — Washington, MO

- Night: 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:00–9:00 PM (bi-monthly).
- Lessons: Free all night.
- Cover: No cover.
- Floor: Details not available.

[Warrenton Dance Hall \(Schuetzenground Dance Hall\)](#) — Warrenton, MO

- Night/Frequency: Traditional dance-hall events and scheduled two-step/line nights (check local schedule).
- Floor: One of the larger traditional wood floors in the area (better suited for larger sets).

[The Babylon](#) — O'Fallon, MO

- Launch: Line dancing begins in December (Saturday nights listed).
- Frequency: Weekly.
- Lessons/Cover: Lessons currently not listed; cover TBD (no cover expected at launch).
- Floor: Small smooth-concrete dance floor.

[Ameristar Casino – Bottleneck Blues Bar](#) — St. Charles, MO

- Launch: Line dancing to begin in January (Wednesdays).
- Frequency: Weekly.
- Cover: TBD (rumored \$10).
- Floor: Medium–large dance floor (material TBD).

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### **The Complication**

A Distributed Community This patchwork of nights and rooms is both hopeful and complicated. The upside: more nights, more venues, more chances to dance and teach. The downside: no single venue currently matches Diamond Music Hall's capacity, so the community is split across nights and locations. Expect smaller crowds per venue, more coordination for large gatherings, and opportunities for callers/instructors to build cross-venue followings.

### **How you can help keep the scene strong**

- Attend consistently—regular turnout encourages venues to expand.
- Tip bands and instructors and buy a drink or two.
- Coordinate “community nights” to bring more dancers together in larger rooms (Marquee or Schuetzenground are good candidates).
- Share event pages and invite friends—numbers matter to venue owners.

### **Final thought**

The heart of our dance community is adaptable. Main Street Honky Tonk offers a free, steady Thursday night hub in St. Charles while a constellation of neighborhood bars and halls provide varied weekly opportunities. It won't be the same as one large room, but with consistent support and a bit of coordination, these venues can sustain—and maybe even grow—our boots-and-beats culture.

Read full reviews and see photos → [BootsBeatsLife.com](http://BootsBeatsLife.com) or on Facebook at **Friends of Country Music and Dance Halls**

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## Country Music Spotlight

*Artist of the Week: Charley Crockett*



*Charley Crockett. Photo by Bryan C. Parker*

Charley Crockett is a national artist to watch, and you'll be able to catch him live at venues across the country this month.

Hailing from Texas, Charley Crockett is making waves with his soulful voice and authentic blend of traditional country, blues, and folk music. His storytelling prowess and old-school sound have earned him praise from critics and fans alike, establishing him as a modern torchbearer for roots music. Whether he's delivering a heartfelt ballad or an energetic honky-tonk tune, Charley connects deeply with his audience, bringing the spirit of classic country and blues to the stage.

Check out his latest track: "Crucified Son" →

 [Charley Crockett | Crucified Son | Official Lyric Video](#)

Don't miss your chance to see Charley Crockett live — experience his compelling storytelling and soulful delivery, and witness one of the most exciting voices in contemporary country and roots music today!

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**Local Artist/Group of the Week:** Zach Top



Zach Top is one local artist to watch, and you'll be able to catch him live at various shows around the area this month.

Hailing from the St. Louis region, Zach Top is gaining momentum with his authentic blend of traditional country storytelling and modern country-rock energy. His compelling vocals and engaging stage presence make every performance a must-see for country fans. Whether it's high-energy crowd favorites or heartfelt ballads, Zach connects with his audience and keeps the country spirit alive.

Check out his latest track: "Between the Ditches" → <https://youtu.be/hdQQQolpSGU>

Come out and support local talent — Zach Top's upcoming performances are the perfect chance to experience fresh country sounds that keep our local scene vibrant and evolving!

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## Upcoming Events – *Where to Dance This Week:*

- Monday
  - **(W) Lumiere of Chesterfield** – Chesterfield, MO | Line Dancing with Mona | 6:00-7:30 pm
  - **(W) VFW Post 1234** – Collinsville, IL | [Line Dance Lessons with Stompin' Boots](#) | 6:00-7:00 pm, Open Dance 7:00-9:00 pm | Lessons \$3.00 | Open Dance Free |
- Tuesday
  - **(W) Silver Creek Sports & Social** – Belleville, IL | [Line Dancing w/ Little Cactus Line Dancing](#) | Lessons & Open Dance | 7:00-9:00 pm | Free Event 21+ |
  - **(W) MK Ranch Bar & Grill** – Warrenton, MO | [Line Dancing with Krissy Schulze](#) | 6:00-9:00 pm | Free Event All-ages |
  - **(W) Brookdale Farms** – Eureka, MO | [Line dancing w/Stacey Schwartz](#) | 6:30-10:00 pm | \$7 Cover | 18+ Event |
  - **(W) High Ridge Elks Lodge #3455** – High Ridge, IL | [Line Dance Lesson & Dance](#) | 6:30-9:30 pm | \$5 Cover | All-ages |
  - **(W) Social Bar Soulard** – Saint Louis, MO | Line dancing with DJ Fish | 8:00 pm-12:00 am | Free Event | 21+ |
- Wednesday
  - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Beginner dance lessons | 7:00-9:00 pm |
  - **(W) The Outfield Sports Bar and Grill** - Marthasville, MO | [Free lessons](#) 6:00-7:00 pm Open Dance 7:00-9:00 pm | Free Event | All-ages |
  - **(W) The Marquee at New Town** – Saint Charles, MO | [Line dancing w/Mona](#) | 6:00-9:00 pm | \$5 - 21+ | \$10 - 18-20 |
  - **(B) Silver Creek Sports Bar & Social** – Belleville, IL | [Line Dance Lessons with Stompin' Boots](#) | 6:00-9:00 pm | Free Event | 21+ |
- Thursday
  - **(W) Main Street Honky Tonk** – Saint Charles, MO | [Dancing with DJ Fish](#) | 8:00 pm-12:00 am | Free Event | 21+ |
  - **(W) The Marquee at New Town** – Saint Charles, MO | [Line Dancing with Mona](#) | Lessons 6:00-7:00 pm and Open Dance 7:00-10:00 pm |

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- **(W) Swansea Improvement Assoc.** – Swansea, IL | [Stopmin' Boots](#) | 6:00-9:00 pm |
- **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO – MabeeFitness Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
- Friday
  - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live band Crowley's Ridge Band | 7:30-11:30 pm |
  - **(W) 54 Country** – Kingdom City, MO | [Line dance with Club Ready-Line Dance LOTO](#) | 6:00-11:45 pm |
  - **(W) "The Office" Bar and Grill** - Washington, MO | [Line Dance Lesson](#) 6:00-9:00 pm |
  - **The Silo at Brookdale Farms** – Eureka, MO | [Pop-Up Bar Goin' Country Line Dancing](#) and lessons w/Stacey Swartz | 7:00-11:00 pm | \$10.00 21+ Event |
  - **VFW Post 1234** – Collinsville, IL | Line dance night | 7:00-10:30 pm |
  - **McKelvey Vineyards** – Lyon, MO | [Line dancing w/Glittering Grapevine](#) | 5:00-8:00 pm | Free Event | 21+ |
  - **Westport Social** – Maryland Heights, MO | [Live band w/Well Hungarians](#) | 8:30 pm-12:30 am | Free
  - **21 Rock** – Arnold, MO | Live band w/[Craig Holt and the Prairie Highway Band](#) | 7:00-11:00 pm | Free |
  - **U-Bar** – Belleville, IL | [Line dance party](#) with Events At The U, LLC | 8:00-11:00 pm | \$10.00 Cover |
  - **MK Ranch Bar & Grill** | [Live band w/Draw and dancing](#) | 8:00-11:00 pm | Free Event | All-ages |
  - **Honkytonk STL** – Saint Louis, MO | [Live Music w/Jordan Beem](#) | 9:00 pm | Free | 21+ |
- Saturday
  - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Serapis with Mark Moebeck | 7:30-11:30 pm |
  - **(W) Gene's Country Club** – Pevely, MO | [Live Music and dance with Diesel Island](#) | 7:00-11:00 pm | \$10 CAD | 21+ | NOTE: **Cash Only Event** |
  - **(W) 54 Country** – Kingdom City | [Line dance lessons - Live band - Open dancing](#) | 8:00 pm-1:00 am |
  - **Just Dancing Studio** – Manchester, MO | [West Coast Swing Dance](#) | WSC Lessons 7:00-8:00 pm | Open Dancing 8:00-11:30 pm |
  - **Roadhouse Barn and Grill** – Hawk Point, MO | [Live Band w/Shotgun Creek](#) | 7:00 pm | Free Event | 21+ |

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- **Highland VFW - Highland, IL** | [Dancing w/Little Cactus Line Dancing](#) | 7:00-11:00 pm |  
\$10 Cover | All-ages |
- **Honkytonk STL - Saint Louis, MO** | [Live Music w/Jordan Beem](#) | 9:00 pm | Free | 21+ |
- Sunday
  - **(2W) HandleBar - St. Louis, MO** | [Sunday Stomp by Show Me Country Dance](#) | 4:30-7:30 pm | **Every 2nd & 4th Sunday** | 21+ | Free Event | **NOT THIS WEEK** |

**Submit your event here** → [events@bootsbeatlife.com](mailto:events@bootsbeatlife.com)

## Photo of the Week



*Sad days for the country and line dancers in Saint Louis with the closing of both Diamond Music Hall and Little Nashville on Main.*

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## Community Corner

### **A heartfelt shoutout to Jonny, former owner of Diamond Music Hall!!!**

A huge thank you goes out to Jonny Kruse, the former owner of Diamond Music Hall in St. Peters, for his incredible contributions to the country and line dancing community. When our local dance community needed a larger space, Jonny and his team transformed their rock concert venue to welcome us.

Jonny went above and beyond by:

- **Doubling the dance space:** He added an extra dance floor, making it as large as the main floor, to accommodate all the dancers.
- **Expanding dance nights:** He originally hosted dance nights on Wednesdays and later added Fridays and select Saturdays, giving the community more opportunities to dance.
- **Hiring top talent:** He brought in the area's best country and line dance DJ, DJ Fish, and enlisted long-time dancer Mona Frame to lead lessons. The teaching team was later expanded to include Line Dance Saint Louis.
- **Hosting premier workshops:** He welcomed renowned local, national, and international choreographers to teach their famous dances at the hall.
- **Bringing live music:** He organized performances by country music artists from Nashville and the local area for the dance community to enjoy.

More than just a venue owner, Jonny gave dancers from all walks of life and all ages a place to call "home." Diamond Music Hall was a sanctuary where we could leave our fears and problems at the door, offering us peace, fun, and a space to fulfill our passion and love for music and dance.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts, Jonny, co-owners, and the wonderful staff. We hope to see you all at other venues again.

From the Friends of Country Music and Dance and Boots, Beats, Life, a BIG THANK YOU!!!

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## Country Dance and Line Dance Instructors

- MabeeFitness Line Dancing with Sami Mabee
- Line Dance St. Louis with Evan VanScoyk, Thomas Poon, Mona Frame
- Little Cactus Line Dancing with Christina
- Line Dancing with Krissy Schulze
- Stompin' Boots Line Dance with Jean Marie Gromacki
- Line Dancing with Stacey Schwartz
- Sassy Slide Line Dance
- Just4Kix Soul Line Dancing
- Show Me Country Dance
- Laced Up Studio

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