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Weekly NEWSLETTER

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Midnight Two-Step at the Pond: Pevely's Time-Travel Honky-Tonk



Weekly Roundup!

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

Featured Venue of the Week



Gene's Country Club, Pevely, MO

Where Retro Boots Meet Live Rhythm – Gene's Country Club, Featured Venue of the Week

This week we visited Gene's Country Club in Pevely and found a genuine, old-school honky-tonk that puts live music and dancing first. Russo & Co headlined with a mostly country set and a few classic rock numbers, the medium-sized dance floor stayed busy, and the room's vintage booths and homey vibe made the night feel rooted in tradition.

Why Go?

Gene's is a family-run, dance-first venue that preserves a retro honky-tonk experience. Built by musician Gene Davis in 1976 and now operated by his son Randy, the club champions traditional country and rockabilly acts that groove hard for dancers

What to Expect

- Dance styles: Two-step, country swing, partner dancing, and line routines fit comfortably on the floor.
- Music: Bands focus on classic country and rockabilly from the 1940s–1960s with electric guitar, steel guitar, fiddle, and drums; Russo & Co leaned heavily on honky-tonk country with a few classic rock crowd-pleasers.

- Room: A medium-sized dance floor sits centered in front of a raised large stage; booths line the walls and tables provide extra seating. A half wall behind the floor separates it from the bar and additional seating.
- Bars and payment: A small back bar serves beer, seltzers, and wine; the venue is cash-only for entry and drinks.
- Practical: Open mainly Saturdays from 6:00 pm to midnight and for special events; typical cover is \$10.

My favorite moment

Russo & Co surprised everyone with a seamless mashup that kept the line dancers uninterrupted – they stitched multiple songs together so the line routine never lost its beat, and the floor kept rolling without pause. I was part of that line for a few songs, and watching the room move as one while the band navigated transitions was a highlight of the night.

Insider tips

- Bring cash for entry and the bar
- Wear boots or smooth-soled shoes for spins and slides
- Either eat before you come or feel free to bring your own snacks; there is no kitchen.
- Expect to step outside to reach the restrooms via the wooden patio. Which is enclosed during the winter months.

Quick Info

- Address: 8734 Indian Foot Lake Road, Pevely, MO 63070
- Phone: (636)748-5334
- Website: geneshonkytonk.com

If you love authentic honky-tonk nights with live bands, a roomy dance floor, and a retro atmosphere, add Gene's Country Club to your rotation.

Read the full Gene's experience and see photos → BootsBeatsLife.com or on Facebook at **Friends of Country Music and Dance Halls**

Country Music Spotlight

Artist of the Week: Preston Cooper

Preston Cooper, a powerhouse vocalist from Ohio, brings a blend of authentic country and edgy rock with his debut single “Weak,” a song that explores the strength in admitting vulnerability. Check out his latest track: “**Weak**” → https://youtu.be/CHFagH_SmOo?si=8xxcBSJ3k4Ffom5x

Local Artist/Group of the Week: Ethan Carl

St. Louis native Ethan Carl delivers soulful storytelling with his latest single “Porch Light,” a track that beautifully captures his blend of traditional country and modern sounds. Check out his latest song: “**Porch Light**” → https://youtu.be/W3DECI_sDXY?si=AqTiJWaidraLOP-t

Upcoming Events

Where to Dance This Week:

- Monday
 - **Laced Up Studio** – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 5:45-7:15 pm & 7:30-9:30 pm | \$10.00
 - **Lumiere of Chesterfield** – Chesterfield, MO | 6:00-7:30 pm
 - **Collinsville VFW Post 5691** – Collinsville, IL | 6:00 pm
- Tuesday
 - **Laced Up Studio** – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 6:00-8:00 pm | \$4-\$10 |
 - **High Ridge Elks Lodge #3455** – High Ridge, IL | 7:00 pm
 - **MK Ranch Bar & Grill** – Warrenton, MO | Line Dancing w/ Krissy Schulze | 6:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Brookdale Farms** – Eureka, MO | 6:30-9:00 pm |
- Wednesday
 - **Laced Up Studio** – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 6:15-8:15 pm |
 - **Diamond Music Hall** – St Peters, MO | DJ Fish Productions
 - **Collinsville VFW** – Collinsville, IL | Stompin' Boots | 6:00 pm |
 - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | MabeeFitness Line Dancing - Beginner's Line Dance Lessons | 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **The Outfield Sports Bar and Grill** – Marthasville, MO | Lessons 6:00-7:00 pm Open dance 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - Centennial Commons – University City, MO | Sassy Slide Line Dance | Lessons 4:30 pm |
 - **Elite Physique** – St. Louis, MO | Sassy Slide Line Dance | Lessons 6:15 pm |

Where to Dance This Week Continued

- Thursday
 - **Laced Up Studio** – St. Louis, MO | Line Dance Lessons | 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Swansea Improvement Assoc.** – Swansea, IL | Stopmin' Boots | 6:00 pm |
 - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO – MabeeFitness Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Elks Lodge** – Osage Beach, MO | Tammy Marie and Club Ready - Line Dance LOTO | Lessons 4:30-7:30 pm

- **Civic Center East** – Hazelwood, MO | Sassy Slide Line Dance | Lessons 6:00 pm |
- Friday
 - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live Band - Serapis | 7:30-11:30 pm |
 - *The Gala Rose* – St. Louis, MO | 5:00 PM
 - **54 Country** – Kingdom City, MO |
 - **Knights of Columbus** – Hillsboro, MO | Halloween Dance | 6:00-10:00 pm |
 - **Aces and Eagles “The Office” Bar & Grill** – Washington, MO | Glittering Grapevine Line Dance | 6:00-9:00 pm
 - **Trainwreck Saloon Westport** – Maryland Heights, MO | Live Music by Shotgun Creek | 8:00 - closing |
- Saturday
 - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live Band - Missouri Valley Boys | 7:30-11:30 pm |
 - **Gene's Country Club** – Pevely, MO | Live Band - Diesel Island | 6:00 pm-closing |
 - **54 Country** – Kingdom City |
 - **Fast Eddie's Bon Air** – Alton, IL | Live Music by Shotgun Creek | 7:00 - closing |
 - **VFW Post 1117** – Caseyville, IL | Michele Dame Huschle, Jean Marie Gromacki and Stompin' Boots Line Dance | 7:00-10:00 pm |
 - **Centennial Commons** – University City, MO | Sassy Slide Line Dance | Lessons 11:00 am
 - **Trainwreck Saloon Westport** – Maryland Heights, MO | Live Music by Shotgun Creek | 8:00 - closing |
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 - **Pop's Nightclub and Concert Venue** – Sauget, IL | Tribute to Toby Keith | 7:00-closing |
 - **VFW Post 5694** – Highland, IL | Christina Schulte Boyce & Little Cactus Line Dancing | 7:00-11:00 pm |
- Sunday
 - **HandleBar** – St. Louis, MO | Sunday Stomp Line Dance | 4:30 - 7:30 pm |
 - **The Loading Dock Bar & Grill** – Grafton, IL | Live music - The Truckers | 1:00-4:00 pm |

Submit your event → events@bootsbeatlife.com

Photo of the Week



Community Corner

A special shoutout to KC Boot Dancer from Kansas City, MO for sharing her favorite dance spot!

Country Dance and Line Dance Instructors

- MabeeFitness Line Dancing with Sami Mabee |
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100082928104230>
- Line Dance St. Louis with Evan VanScoyk, Thomas Poon, Mona Frame |
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355089921712327/>
- Little Cactus Line Dancing with Christina |
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/927986201977457>
- Line Dancing with Krissy Schulze
- Stompin' Boots Line Dance with Jean Marie Gromacki |
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2503204983072566>
- Line Dancing with Stacey Schwartz | <https://www.facebook.com/stacey.schwartz.346585>
- Sassy Slide Line Dance with Tia Lester | <https://www.facebook.com/SassySlide>
- Laced Up Studio | <https://www.facebook.com/LacedUpStudio>

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