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Steppin' Out at 54 Country: From Grand Opening to Local Legend



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



Guitars and Cadillacs, Overland, KS

A weekend dance destination where line dancers, two-steppers, and country swing fans all share the floor in Kingdom City, MO.

This week we visited 54 Country in Kingdom City, MO, and let me tell you—it was a night to remember. From the live band to the massive polished wood dance floor, the energy was contagious. Here is what made it special.

Why Go?

54 Country has quickly become a regional favorite since opening its brand-new building just over a year and a half ago. What started as a Saturday-only dance hall has grown into a full weekend destination, now open Friday nights with DJ music and Saturday nights with the 54 Country Band. With its welcoming atmosphere, affordable cover, and family-friendly policy, it's a place where dancers of all ages and skill levels come together.

What to Expect

- Dance styles: From line dancing to country swing and two-step, the 2,478 sq ft floor has room for everyone to share the space at once.
- Music: Fridays feature a DJ spinning classic and modern country hits, while Saturdays showcase the live 54 Country Band, keeping the crowd energized all night.
- Dance floor: A polished wood floor large enough for up to 1,500 guests, with an outer traffic line designed for progressive couple's dancing.
- Crowd vibe: Friendly, inclusive, and family-oriented. Dancers of all ages and skill levels are eager to join in, teach, or learn.

My favorite moment

When the National Anthem played and the entire room paused to honor the flag, it set the tone for the night. Moments later, the floor came alive again—line dancers, two-steppers, and swing partners all moving together in harmony. It was a perfect blend of patriotism, community, and pure fun.

Insider tips

- Arrive early to grab a table near the floor for your drinks, snacks, and a great view between dances.
- Bring your own beverages and snacks, or enjoy the concession stand's popcorn, candy, and hot dogs.
- Smooth-soled boots or shoes make spins and slides easier on the polished floor.
- If you're new, take advantage of the dance lessons offered—you'll feel more confident and meet fellow dancers right away.
- Plan for both nights: DJ Fridays for variety and live band Saturdays for that classic honky-tonk feel.

Did You Know?

- The dance floor at 54 Country measures 2,478 sq ft—big enough to hold up to 1,500 dancers at once.
- Every night kicks off with the National Anthem and a salute to the U.S. flag, a tradition that sets a tone of unity and respect.
- With its outer traffic line for progressive couple's dancing, the floor is designed so line dancers, two-steppers, and swing partners can all move together seamlessly.

Read the full Kansas City recap and see photos → BootsBeatsLife.com or on Facebook at Friends of Country Music and Dance Halls

Country Music Spotlight

Artist of the Week: Lainey Wilson

For fans seeking the traditional soul of country mixed with a modern, undeniable rhythm, Lainey Wilson delivers the perfect blend of authenticity and hit-making flair. Check out her latest tracks, such as "Heart Like A Truck" → <https://youtu.be/rNReepITjN0?si=tZbAlHNooN68bGqw> and "Things a Man Oughta Know." → <https://youtu.be/ScKbhJtfulQ?si=piWIWHbupieovN0m>

Local Artist/Group of the Week: Drawl STL Band



If Johnny Cash had a modern-day cousin in Missouri, it'd be Drawl STL—raw, real, and ready to dance.

For St. Louis area fans, the Drawl STL Band brings a gritty, outlaw-country energy that feels both timeless and fresh. With a sound reminiscent of Johnny Cash's rebellious spirit, they mix local flavor

with a style that keeps dancers on their feet and listeners hooked. Check out their standout track:
“Cocaine Country Dancing” → <https://youtu.be/2OxBZY73UDY?si=6CRbTlk9MSnQIFw8>

Upcoming Events

Where to Dance This Week:

- Monday
 - **(W) Lumiere of Chesterfield** – Chesterfield, MO | Line Dancing with Mona | 6:00-7:30 pm
 - **(W) Collinsville VFW** – Collinsville, IL | Line Dance Lessons with Stompin' Boots | 6:00-7:00 pm, Open Dance 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **The Legacy Center** – Normandy, MO | Just4Kix Soul Line Dancing with Romona | 7:00-9:00 p |
- Tuesday
 - **(W) Silver Creek Sports & Social** – Belleville, IL | Line Dancing with Little Cactus Line Dancing | Lessons & Open Dance 7:00-9:00 pm
 - **(W) LMK Ranch Bar & Grill** – Warrenton, MO | Line Dancing with Krissy Schulze | 6:00-9:00 pm |
 - **(W) Brookdale Farms** – Eureka, MO | 6:30-9:00 pm |
 - **(W) High Ridge Elks Lodge #3455** – High Ridge, IL | 7:00-9:30 pm
- Wednesday
 - **Diamond Music Hall** – St Peters, MO | DJ Fish Productions
 - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | MabeeFitness Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **The Outfield Sports Bar and Grill** - Marthasville, MO | Free lessons 6:00-7:00 pm Open Dance 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **(B) Silver Creek Sports Bar & Social** – Belleville, IL | Line Dance Lessons with Stompin' Boots | 6:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Highland VFW** – Highland, IL | Line Dance Lessons with Little Cactus Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 |
- Thursday
 - **Swansea Improvement Assoc.** – Swansea, IL | Stopmin' Boots | 6:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO – MabeeFitness Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **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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- **American Legion** – Breese, IL | Line Dance Lessons with Little Cactus Line Dancing | 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Laced Up Studio** – Florissant, MO | Just4Kix Soul Line Dancing with Ramona | 7:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Friday**
 - **(M) Cedar Lake Cellars** – Wright City, MO | DJ Rob Cutler | 7:00-11:00 pm |
 - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live band Pick'n And Grin'n
 - **(W) 54 Country** – Kingdom City, MO |
 - **(W) "The Office" Bar and Grill** - Washington, MO | Line Dance Lesson 6:00-9:00 pm |
 - **Chaifetz Arena** - St Louis, MO | Damn Country Music Tour Concert with Riley Green | 6:45 pm to closing |
 - **Schuetzenground Dance Hall** - Warrenton, MO | Dance with Garden Party Band | 7:00-Closing |
 - **Main Street Honky Tonk** - Saint Charles, MO | Music and Dance with Shotgun Creek Band | 9:00 pm to closing |
 - **Saturday**
 - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Diesel Island |
 - **(W) Gene's Country Club** – Pevely, MO | Live Music and dance with Colonel Ford band | 7:00-closing | \$20 CAD |
 - **(W) 54 Country** – Kingdom City |
 - **American Legion Post 253** – Festus, MO | Fundraiser Line Dance and Dinner | 6:00-9:00 pm | \$30.00 |
 - **Sky Music Lounge** – Ballwin, MO | Live Music with The Whiskey Drifters band | 6:00-8:30 pm |
 - **Trainwreck Saloon Westport** – Maryland Heights, MO | Live Music with Shotgun Creek band | 8:30 pm-12:00 am |
 - **Sunday**
 - **(2W) HandleBar** – St. Louis, MO | Sunday Stomp by Show Me Country Dance | 4:30-7:30 pm | **Every 2nd & 4th Sunday**
 - **Danny's Irish Pub** – Belleville, IL | Live Music with Shotgun Creek band | 1:30-4:30 pm |

Submit your event here → events@bootsbeatslife.com

Photo of the Week



*Move It, Move It! King Julien Rules the Dance Floor at
Diamond Music Hall's Halloween Bash*

Community Corner

A big shoutout to **Stacey Schwartz**, keeping the boots scootin' every Tuesday at Brookdale Farms and sharing her line dance expertise at Stovall's Grove on select nights.



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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