

*Boots, Beats, Life*

# Weekly NEWSLETTER

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## Dance Floor Bliss Awaits!



### 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



### ***KC Hall #6401, Hillsboro, MO***

#### **Octagon Nights: Dancing at Guitars Rock N' Country**

Experience one of the best dance floors in the St. Louis region at the [Knights of Columbus hall](#) in Hillsboro, MO. We are grateful to the Hillsboro KC Hall Country Dance for hosting monthly country and line dance gatherings on their truly gigantic floor. Dancers will appreciate the exceptional quality—smooth and soft.

You can find the date of the next dance here in this newsletter, or join the private Facebook group, [Hillsboro KC Hall Country Dance](#).

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## The Choreography of Joy: Two Factors That Make or Break Your Country and Line Dancing Night

The band strikes up a two-step. You slide onto the floor, ready to spin, glide, and kick up some dust. The music is pumping, the energy is electric... and then your foot jams on a sticky spot, or your knees begin to ache after just one song.

Every dedicated dancer knows this familiar frustration. The difference between an "okay" night of country and line dancing and a truly great one often boils down to a silent partnership: your connection with the floor and the floor's relationship with gravity.

As someone who spends a lot of time reviewing dance environments, I've found that two factors reign supreme in the pursuit of the perfect country and line dancing experience: the quality of the dance surface itself, and the personal arsenal you wear on your feet.

### **The Foundation of Fun: Quality and Care**

The dance floor is more than just where the magic happens; it's a critical piece of athletic equipment that dictates your safety, longevity, and overall comfort. The perfect floor is an unsung hero that enables effortless movement while safeguarding your joints.

### **The Undisputed Standard: Solid Hardwood**

For a country and western venue, authenticity is key. The *look*, the *sound*, and the *feel* of sliding your leather boot across genuine wood is a core part of the culture. Nothing sets the mood of a true honky-tonk quite like maple or oak.

The absolute pinnacle within this authentic choice is a sprung floor. If you've ever danced on one, you know the difference immediately. These systems have a built-in "spring" or cushioned layer (using foam, rubber, or architectural design) that absorbs impact. When you jump or land a spin, the floor gives a little, sending energy back up gently rather than forcing your joints to take the full shock. This is the difference between dancing for one hour versus dancing all night without debilitating knee pain the next morning.

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## Other Viable Options & Practical Compromises

When a sprung hardwood floor isn't feasible, venues have other options. The key is ensuring they meet two crucial criteria: they must offer the right balance of slip and grip, and they need diligent maintenance.

- **High-End Engineered Hardwood:** This offers a fantastic compromise. The top layer is real hardwood, so it looks and feels identical to solid wood once installed. Engineered flooring is more dimensionally stable than solid wood, making it less susceptible to warping due to humidity changes—a real concern in busy, sometimes humid, dance halls.
- **Luxury Vinyl Plank (LVP) or Tiles (LVT):** High-quality LVP has become incredibly popular for commercial spaces because it convincingly mimics the look of wood while offering unmatched durability. It's nearly waterproof and scratch-resistant, perfect for a venue where drinks might spill.
- **Interlocking Portable Floor Tiles:** These are excellent for temporary events or venues that need a versatile space. The modular tiles, often with a wood-look vinyl surface, snap together easily and can be installed over almost any existing flat surface, including concrete or low-pile carpet. They make non-traditional spaces danceable in a pinch.
- **Vinyl Composite Tile (VCT):** A traditional, budget-friendly commercial material, VCT is incredibly tough and can handle significant foot traffic. The classic black-and-white checkerboard pattern can even lend an authentic, vintage aesthetic to a venue. It does require regular waxing to maintain the right slip resistance.
- **Plywood (as a Subfloor for Events):** In highly temporary or rustic event settings, like an outdoor barn dance, plywood sheets are often used to create a basic, stable, and flat base over grass or uneven ground. While not an ideal finished surface on its own, it's a necessary foundational element for events in non-traditional locations.

We tend to avoid materials like "Marley" flooring in country venues. While it offers superior technical performance in ballet studios, it simply doesn't provide the authentic feel or aesthetic required for a true country environment.

## The Hidden Hazards of an Unkempt Floor

A great floor material can be ruined in seconds by poor maintenance. This is where venue owners and dancers alike need to pay attention. The quality of the surface is just as much about *what's on it* as what it's made of.

**The Spills and The Stick:** The biggest culprit in dance floor accidents? Spilled drinks. A fresh spill is incredibly slick, causing sudden falls. If left for even a few minutes, the sugars in soda or juice turn into a gummy, sticky trap. This isn't just uncomfortable; it's a serious injury risk, causing feet to stop abruptly while momentum carries the body forward. A good venue actively monitors the floor, ready with a mop and clean water.

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Grit, Dirt, and Debris: Dirt, dust, gravel tracked in from a parking lot, or stray bottle caps create uncomfortable bumps or unexpected slides. A floor should be swept regularly throughout an event. As dancers, we should also be mindful of what we track in.

No-Go Zones: Floors you should absolutely avoid dancing on are standard concrete (zero shock absorption, pure joint killer) and carpet. Carpet is the nemesis of fluid motion; it creates too much friction and prevents pivoting, forcing all the torsional stress into your knees and ankles.

### **The Connection Point: Your Boots & Shoes**

You are the other half of this equation. Your footwear is the single most important piece of personal gear you own as a dancer. It must be a tool that connects you safely and effectively to the floor.

### **My Personal Arsenal**

I alternate between two types of specialized footwear, depending on the floor and the mood:

- Leather-Soled Cowboy Boots: The quintessential country dance shoe. The smooth, sturdy leather sole glides beautifully across a well-maintained wood floor and offers that iconic feel and sound. They provide excellent ankle stability, which is essential for fast two-steps and turns.
- Fuego Dance Shoes: These modern dance sneakers are engineered for performance. They typically feature a "spin spot" or low-friction sole that works well on a variety of surfaces—even those less-than-ideal hotel ballroom floors. The cushioning they provide is often superior to a standard boot, a welcome relief during multi-hour events.

### **Choosing Your Own Tools**

The right shoe has the ideal amount of traction—enough to push off confidently, but little enough to execute a turn without twisting a knee.

- Suede Soles: A popular choice for indoor dance, offering great control, but they are a high-maintenance option that can't get wet.
- Dance Sneakers: These often incorporate materials designed specifically for the unique demands of a dance floor.
- "Hack": If you are stuck wearing rubber-soled street shoes, you can buy slip-on "dance socks" or peel-and-stick suede patches to make them danceable in a pinch.

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## **The Joy is in the Details**

You can't control the venue owner's choice of subfloor, but you can control your footwear and advocate for a clean dancing environment.

A great night out isn't an accident. It's the result of quality engineering and thoughtful preparation. When you match a properly maintained, shock-absorbing floor with the right pair of supportive, slick-soled shoes, you unlock the true joy of country and line dancing—a feeling of effortless movement, where your only focus is the music and the moment.

Happy dancing and take care of those knees!

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## **From Toddlers to Centenarians: The Universal Rhythm of Country Dance**

### **A Dance Floor for All Ages**

Country music and dancing possess a unique, enduring charm that effortlessly bridges generational gaps, proving that rhythm knows no age limit. From the youngest dancers taking their first tentative steps to vibrant seniors still tearing up the floor, the local country scene is a beautiful mosaic of ages moving in harmony. This isn't just a trend; it's a testament to the music's storytelling heart and the simple, inclusive nature of dances like the Texas two-step, the waltz, and countless line dances. Across our community, you'll find venues that host events where three generations of a single family can be found enjoying the same song, creating shared memories that transcend the usual boundaries between age groups. It's a living, breathing tradition that welcomes everyone into the fold, regardless of where they are on life's journey.

### **Bridging Gaps with Every Step**

The secret ingredient might be the sheer variety. A fast-paced, high-energy line dance appeals perfectly to the stamina of a teenager, while a smooth, classic waltz offers a graceful, intimate connection point for a seasoned couple who has been dancing together for fifty years. This accessibility fosters a rich, supportive environment that is often hard to find elsewhere in modern society. Older, more experienced dancers frequently become informal mentors, patiently guiding newcomers through complex patterns during lessons, while younger participants, perhaps inspired by new trends in music, inject new life and modern flair into classic moves. This dynamic exchange ensures the culture stays both fresh and relevant while profoundly honoring tradition, creating a strong sense of belonging for everyone who steps onto the floor, regardless of their birth year.

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### **A Lifelong Journey of Movement**

Beyond the shared social experiences, there are undeniable physical and mental health benefits that span the spectrum of life. Country dancing integrates seamlessly into every stage of life's journey. It can be part of early learning in school physical education classes, providing a foundation in music appreciation and coordination. It adds a memorable touch to high school socials and proms, offering a structured, fun way to socialize. For working adults, it is the perfect release valve away from the stress of the workweek. Even within nursing homes and assisted living facilities, modified dances offer vital mobility exercises, combating isolation and bringing joy to residents.

### **The Heartbeat of Our Community**

Ultimately, the dance floor teaches us a simple, yet profound lesson: we all move to the same beat. By inviting every generation to share the floor, from those just starting school to those enjoying retirement, we are actively nurturing the heart of our community. This universal rhythm strengthens our social fabric, ensuring our local country dance scene remains a vibrant, healthy, and deeply connected place for decades to come.

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## Country Music Spotlight

### ***National Spotlight: Kashus Culpepper – The Southern Sound Taking Over the Airwaves***



***Kashus Culpepper.***

Born in Alabama and now a Nashville powerhouse, Kashus Culpepper has rapidly gone from a Navy veteran playing covers during his deployment to one of country music's most exciting and authentic new voices. With a unique "southern sound" that blends country, soul, blues, and rock, his husky, sandpaper growl is resonating with fans across the nation and beyond.

Culpepper's rise has been nothing short of meteoric. Before even releasing a formal single, he was selling out headline shows across the South. Now signed to Big Loud Records, he has earned massive critical acclaim, including being named one of *GRAMMY.com*'s 25 Artists to Watch in 2025 and part of the *Opry NextStage Class*. He recently made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry, a major milestone just six months into his recording career.

His upcoming debut album, ***Act I***, is set for release on January 23rd, 2026, and features highly anticipated collaborations with Marcus King and Sierra Ferrell. Fans are already raving about tracks like "After Me?" and his recent single "Jenni," which was inspired by a moment he shared on stage with Zach Bryan.

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Don't just take our word for it, experience the unique sound that critics are calling "thoroughly gripping".

### **Where to Find the Music and Catch the Show:**

- **Listen Now:** Stream his latest singles and pre-save the upcoming album on major platforms via his official [Kashus Culpepper Website](#).
- **On the Road:** Kashus is currently on a national tour, opening for major acts and playing headline shows. Check his tour dates on his official website to see when he's coming to a city near you.
- **Stay Connected:** Follow his journey on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for behind-the-scenes content and news.

### ***Local Artist/Group of the Week:***

### ***Boots, Beats, Life Spotlight: Boulderdash Band Rocks the House with Heartfelt Missouri Country***



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This week, we're shining a light on the high-energy local powerhouse that is the **Boulderdash Band**. If you were lucky enough to be at [Gene's Country Club](#) in Pevely this past Saturday night, you already know the infectious energy they bring to the stage. Boulderdash delivers a blend of classic country roots and modern grit that is quickly making them a must-see act in the St. Louis area.

Hailing from right here in the heart of Missouri, Boulderdash's music is deeply rooted in authentic, everyday life experiences. Influenced by legends like Waylon Jennings and modern stars like Chris Stapleton, their songs tell relatable stories of small towns, hard work, heartbreak, and resilience. This band doesn't just play country music; they *live* it, aiming to connect with every listener who appreciates a genuine tune and an honest lyric.

Known for their raw vocals and boot-stomping rhythm section, the Boulderdash sound is driven by classic guitar riffs, a steady beat, and a passion for good times. Their ability to mix timeless covers with compelling originals keeps the dance floor packed all night. They are quickly becoming a staple in local venues, consistently drawing enthusiastic crowds eager for their next show.

Ready to see what the buzz is about? You can catch the Boulderdash Band live *this* Friday, December 12th, at the legendary [Stovall's Grove](#) in Wildwood, MO. Don't miss out on one of the best local acts around! Keep up with their journey and future show dates by following them on their official [Facebook Page](#).

Check out one of their performance videos [here](#).

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## Regional Country Music and Dancing Venue Guides (St. Louis Region)

These guides provide comprehensive lists of venues within a two-hour drive of the St. Louis region that host country music, country dancing, or line dancing events. The first list offers a general overview of various locations and their typical offerings, while the second focuses specifically on consistently scheduled weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly events sorted by the day of the week.

### **Venues with Potential Country Events (Past and Present)**

#### **Dance Halls**

- [Schuetzenground Dance Hall](#) – Warrenton, MO
- [54 Country](#) – Kingdom City, MO
- [Wagon Wheel Dance Hall](#) – Morrison, MO (Check FB for schedule)

#### **Dance Studios:**

- [Laced Up Studio](#) – St. Louis, MO (Mon, Tue, Fri)
- [Utopia Studios](#) – St. Louis, MO (Thu)
- [Just Dancing Studio St. Louis](#) – Manchester, MO

#### **Honky Tonks & Roadhouses**

- [Stovall's Grove](#) – Wildwood, MO (Wed-Sat w/some Sun)
- [Honky Tonk STL](#) – Saint Louis, MO
- [Main Street Honky Tonk](#) – Saint Charles, MO (No longer line dancing)
- [Gene's Country Club](#) – Pevely, MO (Sat)
- [Roadhouse Barn and Grill](#) – Hawk Point, MO

#### **Bars & Grills, Sports Bars, and Restaurants**

- [HandleBar](#) – Saint Louis, MO (Wed)
- [The Loading Dock Bar & Grill](#) – Grafton, IL
- [The Boathouse](#) – Saint Charles, MO
- [Silver Creek Sports & Social](#) – Belleville, IL
- [Bottleneck Blues Bar](#) – Maryland Heights, MO (Coming Wed. Jan 2026)
- [Social Bar & Grill Soulard](#) – Saint Louis, MO (Tue)
- [The Babylon](#) – St. Peters, MO (Coming Sat. Dec. 2025)
- [Swansea Improvement Association](#) – Swansea, IL (Mon)
- [Touchdown Sports Bar](#) – O'Fallon, MO (Mon)
- [The Outfield Sports Bar & Grill](#) – Marthasville, MO (Wed)
- [Main Street Bar & Grill](#) – Old Monroe, MO (Fri OR Sat per month)
- [Trainwreck Saloon Westport](#) – Maryland Heights, MO
- [MK Ranch Bar & Grill](#) – Warrenton, MO (Tu)

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- [Twin Eagle Lake Resort](#) – Potosi, MO
- [Helen Fitzgerald's](#) – Sunset Hills, MO
- [Fast Eddie's Bon Air](#) – Alton, IL
- [3rd Chute Bar & Grill](#) – Grafton, IL
- [3rd Chute Bar & Grill II](#) – Alton, IL
- [Case & Bucks Grub & Pub](#) – Barnhart, MO
- [Bottoms Up On Main](#) – Pocahontas, IL
- [The Quarry](#) – Wentzville, MO (Wed)

#### Meeting Halls:

- [VFW Post 5694](#) - Highland, IL
- [American Legion Post 252](#) – Breese, IL
- [VFW Post 2593](#) – Arnold, MO
- [VFW Post 5691](#) – Collinsville, IL (Mon)
- [Moolah Shrine Swing Dance Club](#) – Maryland Heights, MO
- [Knights of Columbus Council #2273](#) (KC Hall) – Dardenne Prairie, MO
- [Knights of Columbus Council #6401](#) (KC Hall) – Hillsboro, MO

#### Wineries & Breweries:

- [Cedar Lake Cellars](#) – Wright City, MO (3rd Friday of Month)
- [Sugar Creek Winery](#) – Defiance, MO (Last Sun of month)
- [Defiance Ridge Winery](#) – Defiance, MO
- [McKelvey Vineyards](#) – New Haven, MO

#### Event & Wedding Venues:

- [The Gala Rose](#) – Saint Louis, MO (Fri)
- [Brookdale Farms](#) – Eureka, MO (Tue & some Fri)
- [The Lodge at Boulder Lake](#) – Troy, MO
- [The Marquee at New Town](#) – Saint Charles, MO (Wed)
- [Sugar Spring South](#) – Waterloo, IL (1st Wed of month)
- [The Weingarten](#) – Belleville, IL (**Seasonal** - 2026, Fri)
- [Rec Hall STL](#) – St. Charles, MO (Thu)

#### Outdoor Venues:

- [Civic Park](#) – O'Fallon, MO
- [Weldon Spring Rotary Club Amphitheatre](#) – Cottleville, MO
- [Frankie Martin's Garden](#) – Cottleville, MO
- [New Town Amphitheater](#) – Saint Charles, MO

#### Community Centers and Libraries

- [Civic Center East](#) – Hazelwood, MO
- [Lumiere of Chesterfield](#), – Chesterfield, MO (Mon)

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Heads Up! Not every place has events every week or on every listed day. Always double-check their Facebook or website before you head out! You can find detailed information in my Weekly Newsletter found on my Facebook blog, “Boots, Beats, Life” which is published on Monday mornings.

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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 6:00-9:00 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 | \$10 for 18-20 | \$5 for 21+ |
- Wednesday
  - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Couples [dance lessons w/Sami](#) | 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+ | Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday

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- **CANCELLED this Week** || **VFW 1234 Vandalia** – Collinsville, IL | Line Dancing with Stompin' Boots Line Dance | 7:00-10:30 pm |
- **VFW Post 5694** – Highland, IL | [Line dancing w/Little Cactus](#) | 7:00-9:00 pm |
- **The Crown Hall** at Ballbark Village – St. Louis, MO | [Live music w/ Ethan Carl](#) | 6:00-9:00 pm |
- Thursday
  - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | [Line dance lessons w/Sami](#) | 7:00 pm-9:00 pm | Free Event | 21+ |
  - **Swansea Improvement Assoc** – Swansea, IL | [Line dancing w/Stompin Boots](#) | 6:00-9:00 pm
  - Brookdale Farms – Eureka, MO | Line dance w/Stacey Schwartz | 6:00-10:00 PM |
- Friday
  - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live band w/Boulderdash | 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 |
  - **VFW Post 1234** – Collinsville, IL | Line dance night | 7:00-10:30 pm |
  - **(M) Cedar Lake Cellars** – Wright City, MO | [Line dancing with DJ Cutler](#) | 7:00-11:00 pm
  - **Trainwreck Saloon Westport** – Maryland Heights, MO | [Live music w/The Rough Ryders](#) | 8:30 pm |
- Saturday
  - **(W) Stovall's Grove** – Wildwood, MO | Live band w/ Diesel Island | 7:30-11:30 pm |
  - **(W) Gene's Country Club** – Pevely, MO | [Live Music and dance with Boulderdash](#) | 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 |
  - **The American Legion** – Mascoutah, IL | Line dance lessons with [Stompin' Boots Line Dance](#) | 6:30-10:00 pm |
  - **American Legion** – Breese, IL | [Line dancing w/Little Cactus Line Dancing](#) | 7:00-11:00 pm |

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- ***The Outfield Sports Bar & Grill*** – Marthasville, MO | [Free lessons and open dance](#) | 7:00-11:00 pm |
- 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** |
  - **(W) Sugar Creek Winery** – Eureka, MO | Line dance lessons and dance | 1:00-5:00 pm | Free | All-ages |
  - **Roadhouse Barn & Grill** – Hawk Point, MO | [Live music w/Drawl](#) | 12:00-6:00 pm |

**Don't forget to Like & Follow my pages, "Boots, Beats, Life" for blog articles and Oggie's Top Ten Lists and Facebook private page, "Country Music and Dance Halls". Let's keep the Midwest moving!**

#### **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.

#### **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. 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.

If you are aware of an event that should be included on either of these lists or in the weekly newsletter, please email the details (location, times, cover charge, type of music, and days of the week) to either [events@bootsbeatslife.com](mailto:events@bootsbeatslife.com) or [venues@bootsbeatslife.com](mailto:venues@bootsbeatslife.com).

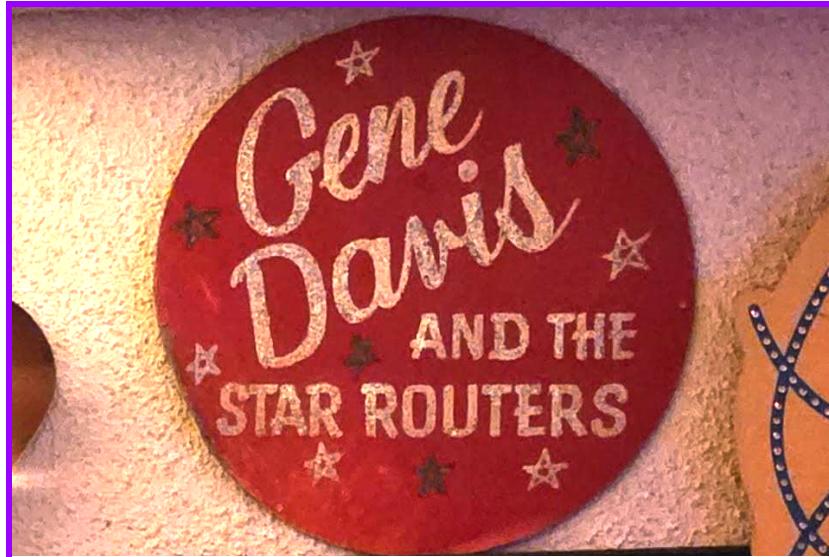
## **Photo of the Week**



*It's always great to go back home for the holidays! When not spending time with family or dancing it's so much fun to take time out to go and visit the hills of Arkansas. It was so beautiful to me and I just wanted to share it with you.*

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## Community Corner



### **The Heartbeat of the Dance Floor: A Dancer's Appreciation for Gene's Country Club, the Davis Family Legacy, and the "Real Deal" Honky-Tonk**

For those of us in the Saint Louis region who cherish authentic country music, Saturday nights often mean one destination: Gene's Country Club in Pevely, Missouri. Nestled by the quiet waters of Indian Foot Lake, this isn't just a bar; it's our dance hall, our community hub, and a living museum of American country music history. As a country dancer, every step across that well-worn wooden floor feels like a connection to a bygone era, preserved intact by the remarkable legacy of the Davis family.

#### **Dancing Through History**

The air inside Gene's Country Club carries the faint, pleasant scent of sawdust and history. We dancers feel an immediate affinity for the place because, unlike sterile modern venues, this club was built for us. The focus is on the large, inviting dance floor where two-stepping, waltzing, and line dancing are the main events.

That history starts with the club's founder, Gene Davis. Before he built this haven in 1976, he was a pioneering force in the L.A. music scene, leading the house band at the legendary Palomino Club in North Hollywood. When we dance to the house band's steel guitar here in Pevely, we're sharing a cultural lineage with the crowds that once watched Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline in California. Gene's vision created an unpretentious, working-class sanctuary where the music always comes first, and we dancers are the beneficiaries of that authentic spirit.

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## Randy Davis: From Nashville Sideman to Legacy Keeper

The magic of Gene's endures today thanks to Gene's son, Randy Davis. Randy's journey is a fascinating tale that makes the club's history even richer. He didn't just inherit the club; he brought a lifetime of high-level music industry experience back home to Missouri.

It's an incredible piece of local trivia that our club owner was once the *first* drummer for country music icon Tim McGraw. Randy was there in the trenches in Nashville during McGraw's rise to superstardom, touring the country and honing his craft. He knows the music business inside and out, having worked as a session and touring musician for years.

When Gene passed away, Randy made the pivotal decision to leave the touring life behind and anchor himself in Pevely. He chose to preserve his father's dream rather than chase the bright lights of Nashville or L.A. that he knew so well.

### **The True Spirit of the Honky-Tonk**

For those of us who regularly tear up the dance floor, Randy's management ensures we get the "real deal." He curates the lineup with a reverence for traditional country and honky-tonk sounds, bringing in legends like Hank Thompson and Dale Watson, as well as new artists who respect the genre's roots.

We dancers appreciate this commitment deeply. There are no gimmicks, no bottle service, just pure country music and a shared appreciation for a place where a good waltz and a two-step are expected. Randy runs the place with the integrity of a true musician and the heart of a family man dedicated to his father's vision.

Gene's Country Club is more than just a local bar; it's an experience. It's where we make memories with every song, celebrating a history that connects the golden age of California country to our own backyard here in the Saint Louis region. Thanks to Randy Davis and the legacy of his father, the music and the dancing will continue for years to come.

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## Country Dance and Line Dance Instructors

- [MabeeFitness Line Dancing with Sami Mabee](#)
- [Line Dance St. Louis](#) with Evan VanScoky, 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](#)
- Line Dancing with [Mona](#)
- [Social Dance with Stan & Linda](#)
- [314 Groove Line Dance](#)

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