



A couple dances to a slow song on Jan. 28 at 54 Country in Fulton. The band, consisting of Kirt Kleindienst and family members and friends, played music for the majority of the night, only taking a few breaks to play other music.

Last Saturday night in Fulton for dance hall

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Steel guitar twanged alongside the guitars, bass, drums and fiddles to country music classics all night. The dance floor was packed with patrons of all ages who were looking to have one final good time at 54 Country before it closes at its current location.

The 54 Country dance hall and music venue has hosted line dancing and live music every Saturday night in Fulton since 2015. The venue is managed by the whole Kleindienst fam-

ily, but is owned and operated by Kirt Kleindienst while his father, Randy Kleindienst, is the lead singer and manager of the band. Before 2015, Randy's band played at KC Country in Kingdom City. The band's current members have been playing together since 2010.

The Kleindienst family hopes to reopen in the Kingdom City area by November 2023. This time, they are building from the ground up. The building will include both a wedding venue and a dance hall.



A patron sets up a pool shot on Jan. 28. Besides a large dance floor, 54 Country attendees can also shoot pool in the back.



A crowd of dancers fill the dance floor on Jan. 28 at 54 Country in Fulton. Line dancing to country classics and more modern selections happened all night while the crowd danced in sync.



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Two attendees nestle up to one another against the back of the dance floor late in the evening on Jan. 28 at 54 Country in Fulton. Every table surrounding the dance floor was reserved prior to the night beginning, some for birthday parties and others to ensure that groups would have a place to rest as the night went on.