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## Mile-Hi Squares open new season

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Partners and the like twirled around this weekend as the Mile-Hi Squares square dance club kicked off its new season by dancing on Courthouse Plaza on Sept. 19. Lee Hailey called the square dancing and led the round and line dancing in a promotional demonstration that also gave people a chance to sign up for lessons.

Farrish Sharon said the club is thrilled to be able to promote itself and its dance style on courthouse plaza. She said the club wants to promote square dancing to keep it and the western traditions going, mentioning that a square dancing club has existed in one form or another for the past 80 years.

Sharon said Mile-Hi Squares will take as many people as they can, noting that last year the club grew by about 20 people. The only problem, she said, is that life happens.

"There's always people who start taking lessons and drop out," she said. "It's important to keep fueling the fire... it's a good, healthy activity."

Sharon described the types of square dance lessons, particularly the mainstream course which focuses on the basic calls. She said most people are able to take part in dances after six months. According to a prior release sent by Sharon, the last few mainstream courses were taught by Dan Nordbye, who will instruct a new beginner class starting Thursday, Sept. 24. The classes will be on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and participants are welcome to come and try without obligation. Advanced classes are from 8 to 9 p.m. at Lincoln School, 201 Park Ave.

For more information or to sign up for classes, visit [www.mile-hisquares.org](http://www.mile-hisquares.org) or call President Jack Minter at 602-751-3147, club member Mary Noble at 928-710-0107, or club member Cherie Hatzopoulous at 602-989-4590.

