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COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE LESSONS BEGIN JUNE 7

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D*o Sa Do! With a Right and a Left and a Half Sashay, Lead to the left, Circle Up Four and Square Chain through. All Around the Right-Hand Lady and See Saw Your Taw!*

Sound Greek to you? Try American folk. Williamsburg's sesquicentennial celebration next summer will incorporate 150 years of local history, nostalgia and culture, including the traditional art of square dancing.

In the hopes of demonstrating the folk dance at the celebration next summer, sesquicentennial committee member Myron Bohrn, Williamsburg, has volunteered his time to teach square dancing to anyone in the community.

Lessons will be held Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the old

fire station building. To accommodate various groups, separate lessons have been scheduled for children and adults. Church youth groups will practice June 7, June 28, July 26 and Aug. 16. Local 4-H clubs will practice June 14, July 19, Aug. 2 and Aug. 23. Adults will practice June 21, July 5, July 12, Aug. 9 and Aug. 30.

Interested participants should wear hard soled shoes opposed to the type of athletic shoes worn in a gym.

"Couples would be better too, but it doesn't matter if you come single. We'll find someone for you," Bohrn said with a grin. He and his niece, Linda Davies, will be teaching the dance steps.

Practices will "start from scratch," with Bohrn and Davies walking participants through the various square dancing steps. Bohrn said lessons will be held on the "old style" of square dancing, not the new or Western style of square dancing.

"I don't know nothing about that new

stuff," he added.

By August, students will be dancing. Once lessons conclude in August, they will begin again next spring, prior to the sesquicentennial celebration that will be held June 30 through July 4. Bohrn hopes to have several groups from all ages dancing in the parades and during scheduled celebration events.

Bohrn has been "calling" square dancing for over 40 years, getting his start one evening when the regular caller was sick. "I tried it that night and I've been doing it ever since," said Bohrn. Bohrn and his wife, Inez, have square danced for nearly half a century, until recent health problems kept Inez off the dance floor.

Look for reminders in the Iowa County Advertiser and flyers posted around the community. For more information, contact Myron Bohrn at (319) 668-1054.

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