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Hi, my name is Kaylia Avila. I was born and raised in Oregon's Willamette Valley with my parents. I have been homeschooled since middle school through various co-ops.

I've been Square Dancing for a year and a half and Round Dancing for a year. I am a member of two clubs; Salem Swingin' Stars and Silver City Squares. Currently, I dance both at the mainstream level and plus level. I have also recently learned two-step, waltz, cha cha, rumba, and slow two-step. During the 2024 Mid-Winter Square Dance Festival, my friends and I were able to participate in a Phase 4 Cha Cha Showcase. I had my first opportunity in competing at the Pacific Northwest Teen Square Dance Festival through Silver City Squares with all my friends this year. I found that I love competing! I won 1st Place in Novice Cueing, 2nd Place in Novice Rounds with my dance partner, Sophia, 3rd Place with my Junior (Mainstream) Square, and 3rd Place with my Senior (Plus) Square.

Outside of square dancing activities, I also enjoy: English Country Dancing, Line Dancing, archery, hunting, watching movies (the old westerns are my favorites), hanging out with friends and family, and spending time on my grandparents' property. I love chickens and turkeys (yes, turkeys), since I have helped raise them with my grandparents for years. I have two dogs: Olive, a Chihuahua, who loves to sleep and Archer, a Sheltie who loves fetch, agility, and snuggles.

Before ageing out, I used to be involved in 4-H shooting sports where I participated in rifle, pistol, and archery. I was chosen to be one of the spokespeople in the Toxophilite Archery Group for an interview with a reporter from the Polk County Itemizer Observer. After this, my friends and I qualified for the Oregon State Archery Competition. I participated in the Polk County Archery Shootout, winning the 2023 Champion Senior in Compound Bow and the 2023 Overall High Score Champion.