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Policies:

1. All items are now due on the Editor's Desk no later than 3pm Central Time, on the Sunday after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.
2. There is no word limit on club reports. **Minor editing is done** for grammar, punctuation, typos, and continuity.
3. Letters to the Editor must be signed. **Names will be omitted upon request.**
4. Adjacent state **Multi-Day Festival flyers** will be in the full e-Edition.
5. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area will be accepted **only** from **ASSDF** clubs and organizations as well as their Callers and Cuers.

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President's Message

Hello Fellow Square Dancers,

What a month February was!! We joined about 700 fellow dancers (9 from Levi's and Lace) on a cruise in the Caribbean. One afternoon, we had a "flash mob" square dance on the Promenade with 38 squares. Folks loved watching and we spread the word that square dancing is fun for all ages.

We had a day at home, and then headed out on a work trip that took us to Lake Murray State Park for the **Red River Special** with **Jet Roberts** and **Charlie Robertson**, and 13 of our Arkansas dancers. That was a super weekend with great dancing and learning some of the new plus calls. But really it was super because we got to dance with so many of our club members who attended. A photo of our group is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We continued on through Texas, New Mexico, and into Phoenix for work. After a tour of Carlsbad Caverns, we drove along "the wall" (yes, that wall) and made it to Tucson in time to dance at the Square and Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona hall. Lots of fun, and 2 German callers who were guest callers that night. We met Chris and Patty who told us about a club dancing in Phoenix on the next night. So we were able to dress up and go dancing with the Mesa Checkmates.

Well, guess who was there!?!? The caller was none other than **Dan Nordbye**, and I looked up in one of the front squares and saw none other than **Nona Sue Walker** from **Guys and Dolls**. **Warning:** If you leave the state, the Foxes will chase you down to dance with you! 🤪 A

photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Now we head back to Little Rock and North Carolina for grandparent duty again. We hope you will join in the fun at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** in Dardanelle this coming weekend, with **Jay King, Phil Moorehouse, and Tim Tyl**. Get registered for all the fun. It is not too late! See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for info.

There are also several special spring dances and St. Patty's Day dances  coming up this month. Look at the special dances on the website for those. Check <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> for more information on any and all dances.

Lastly, about 4 years ago, we graduated a unique couple, Mike and Ellen Lewis from lessons with Twirling Lariats and Maverick Mixers. Ellen joined the Arky Cloggers. They jumped into square dancing with both feet, attending dances all over the state, taking on Plus level dancing, attending Nationals in Milwaukee and Shreveport, and even taking on the responsibility of **Publicity Chairman** for the **ASSDF**. They were super involved and they were wonderful friends to everyone they met in the square dance community.

In December, Mike was diagnosed with stage 4 kidney cancer. It was a shock to all of us, but especially Ellen. Mike passed away in the early hours of February 14. He was a gentleman and a good friend, not to mention a much loved husband to Ellen. There is so much more to be said but our hearts are broken. We will miss him, and the square dance community has suffered a heavy loss. Our prayers are with Ellen as she grieves the loss of her partner and best friend. There will be a **Celebration Of Life** on March 28 at the Hut in Mabelvale from 3-5. We hope you'll join in celebrating his life, and supporting Ellen. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We love and miss you all. We can't wait to be back dancing with all of you, our square dance family!

Yellow rocks,

Tom and Kim Fox, ASSDF Presidents 2026

Square/Round Dance Social Media/Websites:

Here are club Facebook pages (search for the groups), plus websites for square and round dance clubs, organizations, callers, and cuers. A file with links is at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>. If you, your club, or organization isn't listed below, please send an email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com with the info.

Arkansas Clubs, Callers, and Cuers On Facebook:

Arkansas' Fall Festival, Arkansas State Square Dance Federation, Arky Cloggers, Blue Belles and Beaus, Guys N Dolls, Heber Springers Square Dance Club, Levi's And Lace, Maverick Mixers, Pioneers, Square Dancing With Jay King (River City Squares), Southern Swingers, Star Steppers, The Three Amigos, Twirling Funtimers, and the Twirling Lariats.

Square/Round Dance Clubs/Organizations Websites:

Arky Cloggers, Callerlab, Roundalab, National Square Dance Convention®, East Texas Square and Round Dance Association (ETSRDA), Rebel Rousers (Dallas, TX), Alliance of Round, Traditional, and Square Dance, North Texas Square & Round Dance Association (NORTEX), Heart of America Single Square Dancers Association (HASSDA), & Texas Association of Single Square Dancers (TASSD).

Caller and Cuer Websites: Nelda Eaton

To download the **FREE** e-Edition, you can go to the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>

The **full** e-Edition has full color on pictures/ads. The **compact** version is without these for those on **limited** data plans. Photos are from club Facebook groups, or sent in, and all these are in a **separate** PDF file for download (it can be **rather large**). Unless noted within ads, all the E-Edition links are **clickable**. Please let the Editor know if your email changes; or you won't get club updates (special dances, cancellations, changes), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**" (over quota mailbox, bad email address, etc.).

From The Editor



First, we start this report on a sad note, reporting the passing of **ASSDF Publicity Chairperson** Mike Lewis. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, to his widow, Ellen, and the family. We wish to **thank them profusely** for all they've done for square dancing and the **ASSDF** over the years. If you would be interested in serving as the **ASSDF Publicity Chairman**, please contact **ASSDF President's Tom and Kim Fox**.

Second, from **Roy Hestand** of the **Pioneers Square Dance Club** in Mountain Home: **"Due to a lack of dancers, we are going DARK until further notice. Please call me at (870) 329-1141, before traveling."** I've **REMOVED** their dances from the Special Events Calendar, and the **ASSDF website** until I hear that they are dancing again.

Along this line, with March starting Arkansas' Spring Tornado Season, please check weather conditions/forecasts for Arkansas at the National Weather Service Little Rock. Arkansas forecast office website at <https://www.weather.gov/lzk> -- and road conditions at I Drive Arkansas at <https://www.idrivearkansas.com> – and **PLEASE CALL BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. If you've been ill, are ill on a dance night, or if severe weather is an issue, please stay home.

Third, the groundhog saw his shadow last month, which meant six more weeks of winter...but it also meant "six more weeks of potholes" (it may be longer than that)!! But, after the massive nor'easter that dumped over 2 feet of heavy wet snow in New England, Phil is saying "See?? I was right on the forecast after all!!". But the National Weather Service notes that "the groundhog is right only 30 percent of the time".

Fourth, speaking of time, the **TIME CHANGE** to Spring Forward with Daylight Savings Time is on Sunday, March 8. If you fail to "**spring forward**", you'll be **1 hour late** for church, work, school, appointments (medical or otherwise) or for square dancing. While it will be **darker in**

the morning, there will be **an extra hour of daylight in the evening**, for traveling to club dances or festivals.

Fifth, 35 years ago, on Feb. 7, 1991, **Act 35 made Square Dancing the Official Dance of Arkansas**. Our own Mike and Lanita Hammett have prepared a commemorative T-shirt, for \$15 (2XL through 4XL are \$17 each), and royal blue in color. See the photo in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. This would be great to wear to club dances or to festivals, when casual attire may be allowed during the day. A photo of several of the **ASSDF officers** attending the Red River Weekend dance weekend in Ardmore, Oklahoma, in these shirts, is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Sixth, there's an excellent article from **Arkansas Living Magazine**, "**Love Is In The Square**"...with our own **Tom and Kim Fox, Ted and Tonia Hofmeister, Blake & Amanda Throgmartin**, plus **Phil Moorehouse** are noted in the article, written by **Chris Hooten**. He and his wife, Andrea, are just a small group of folks in this wonderful hobby. Go to <https://arkansaslivingmagazine.com/story/love-is-in-the-square/> or go to the Resources page on the **ASSDF website**, to read the article.

Seventh, the fingers got fat from the cold winter weather last month, and I missed errors on the names of callers and cuers on some festival flyers. I think I have corrected them now, but without fat fingers, how do you pick up the food and the silverware?? (LOL). Along this line though, flyers for these special dances **need to have the correct info** on them (caller/cuer names, facility names, dance days, times, locations), when you send them in, or post them on Facebook. I realize that last minute changes can occur, but it doesn't help if the callers/cuers names are spelled wrong, or other information is incorrect, on the flyers!!

Eighth, this month is the **Spring Fling On Mount Nebo**, with our own **Phil Moorehouse, Jay King**, and **National Caller Tim Tyl**. Please see the ads in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more information. **There are vehicular restrictions on the road going up to Mount Nebo**...with lodging and restaurants located in Dardandelle.

Ninth, there are several **St. Patrick's Themed Dances** scheduled this month, including one at the **Heber Springers on March 13**, at the **Pioneers on March 16**, and at the **Twirling Lariats on March 20**.

Tenth, our own **Nelda Eaton** continues her special Plus Level group, **Nelda's Plussers**, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at her residence in New Boston, Texas, with line dancing between tips. See the flyer in the full e-Edition for more info, and the other dance dates for the year. Continuing with special dances, the **Twirling Funtimers** will host their "**Baby, It's Chili**" **Dinner and Dance on March 18**, in Lakeview, with **Guest Caller Roy Hestand**. Other Special Dances are in the **Special Events Calendar** elsewhere in this issue, and the **Upcoming Events** page on the **ASSDF website**...with available flyers in the full e-Edition.

Eleventh, the **United Square Dancers Of America (USDA)** has a **Youth Dancing Grant Program**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **Resources Page** on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Twelfth, preparations continue for the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton, at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds. The **Heber Springers** will host the weekend, starting with a **Barbecue Dinner and Trail End Dance** on October 8, with **National Caller Ken Burke**. **National Caller Scott Bennett** will call the Friday night dance, with **Arkansas' Callers And Cuers** the rest of the time. Flyers for both (hotel info is on the Trail End Dance Flyer) are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**.

Thirteenth, as noted last month, I'm getting info for the **club reports** from info on the **Special Events Calendar**, the **Facebook Pages**, and from clubs that have sent me info. From that, I prepare a report for each club. We want to know what's going on with your club, so if you have info you wish to have included, please email that to me at the address below. This includes upcoming special dances, and if you have lessons planned.

Fourteenth, in November 2027, the **MidSouth Extravaganza Square And Round Dance Weekend** will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas. A **free GSI Callers School** will take place Sunday through Wednesday, Nov. 14-17...with 3 days of dancing Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 18-20. It'll be like a mini-National Square Dance Convention ®, with a fabulous lineup of callers, including Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. For the round dancers, your cuers will be Randy and Marie Preskitt plus Fred and Linda Ayres. There will be vendors, a food court, and great sound, along with five

ballrooms, each featuring full time dancing...with Round Dancing, Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and C-1. The 2 host hotels (the Little Rock Marriott, as well as the Doubletree By Hilton) will begin taking reservations **after** Nov. 18, 2026...but **you can register now**. This is a fantastic weekend that you want to start making plans for!! See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more information, or you can register at <https://midsouthextravaganza.com/>

Fifteenth, I've modified the "outside of Arkansas dance policy" in **The Modern Square**, as well as on the **ASSDF website**. These are normally for club special dances and festivals in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, plus dances for **HASSDA** (the **Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association**), and the **National Square Dance Convention ® (NSDC)**. I've now added "**Caller Appreciation Dances**", but **I must set a limit**; or everyone would want me to list their dances, and we don't have room for that. Along this line is a **Caller Appreciation Dance for Jack Pladdys**, in Dayton, Ohio, on April 12. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Lastly, Special Dances for the month of February, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- are from the Facebook pages of **ASSDF Clubs**, and from the **East Texas Square & Round Dance Association, Maverick Mixers, Southern Swingers, Guys & Dolls, Levi's & Lace, River City Squares, Heber Springers**, plus the **Jet Roberts Dance**. Many thanks go to **Mike and Lanita Hammett, Carole Baker, Angie Engledow, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin, Roy Hestand, Ted Hofmeister, Nona Sue Richardson Walker, Carolyn Birdsong, Ginny Short, Elaine Cox, Corben Geis, and Daryl Stout**, for the photos.

Please visit our Facebook page, and our website for any last-minute changes/updates, including dances in states surrounding Arkansas, and contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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If, for whatever reason (duplicate emails, no longer interested, no longer dancing, etc.), you decide that you **no longer want emails** concerning the releases of **The Modern Square**, or **ASSDF Club Updates** with **Special Dances** or **cancellations**, please send an email to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com, and request to be **REMOVED** from the email list.

You will receive a **final message** from the Editor, **confirming** that your email has been **removed** from the list. While you can still download or view items from the **ASSDF website** (QR Code above on the upper right), **you will no longer receive these notices/updates.**

The **ASSDF** thanks you in advance for your assistance in this.



Don't forget the **Time Change** on Sunday, March 8, 2026. If you forget to "Spring Forward", you will be **AN HOUR LATE** to church, work, school, appointments (medical, etc.), square and round dance events, etc. It will be darker in the morning, but lighter in the evening going to square and round dance events.



In Memoriam – Mike Lewis

Square Dancing lost a great asset on Feb. 14, 2026, with the passing of Mike Lewis. Mike and his wife, Ellen had served as **ASSDF Publicity Chairpersons**, and were a member of several of the **ASSDF Clubs**.

Mike and Ellen both produced several great ideas for publicity to let folks know of this wonderful hobby, including such things as **yard signs**, **business cards**, and the **QR Code for the ASSDF website** that's noted on the previous page.

Mike and Ellen were also known for their hilarious costumes at various club Halloween Dances...including “the blind football referee” for Mike, and the “Brown-E” for Ellen.

Our deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers to Ellen and the family.



In memory of



Mike Lewis

To honor Mike and his love of square dancing, join us in a celebration of life:

March 28, 2026 3:00-5:00pm



***American Legion Post 128
9925 Leah Lane, Mabelvale, AR***

All are welcome, No experience necessary

**Followed by regularly scheduled
Maverick Mixers at 6:30p-9:00pm**

*For more information,
contact Ellen 870-814-5646*





WELCOME

NEW DANCERS

Presented by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

www.arkansassquaredance.com

2025



For those **new dancers who have just graduated** from class, or for those **going to graduate from class soon**, the ASSDF has prepared a **New Dancers Manual**. It includes **General Guidelines, Resources And Websites, The Ten Commandments Of Square Dancing**, a list of **ASSDF Clubs**, plus a **QR code** and links to the **ASSDF website**.

It's a 7 page **PDF** file, downloadable from the **Resources** page on the **ASSDF website** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>), that you can print out for your new graduates, or you can give these to recent graduates. They are sure to appreciate this info.

Note that some of the clubs noted may no longer be dancing, or part of the **ASSDF**.



USDA Youth Dancing Grant Program



USDA is pleased to offer a NEW opportunity for square dance clubs or organizations to receive financial assistance to support developing or growing their youth dancing activities. This is a newly funded GRANT program specifically directed to assist in the involvement, recruitment and fostering of youth growth within the square dance community. It is currently funded in the amount of \$5,000 annually.

A club or organization may apply for grant funds from \$250 to \$1,000 to supplement existing funds and/or cover funding shortfalls related to youth dance promotion and activities. Examples might include helping offset the costs for a group of youth taking lessons (assisting their families) or underwriting the costs for youth/families to attend a State or National Convention.

The application process is simple: The club or organization completes a short application form accompanied by a one-page, typed, double-spaced letter outlining the:

- A. Need and usage of the Grant.
- B. How many youth will be impacted.
- C. What has the applying organization directed towards this request?
- D. Has the organization requested a previous Grant? If so, when, and was the previous grant approved?

The application, along with additional information, are available at https://www.usda.org/Youth_Dancing/. Applications are reviewed and approved or denied within 30 days of receipt. Each application is evaluated by the USDA Youth Grant Committee based on its own merit and need.

Here is a testimonial from our first grant recipient:

Young at Heart Square & Line Dance Club is thrilled to acknowledge the United Square Dancers of America's remarkable support through their Youth Grant, empowering our family and youth group in Mountain City, Tennessee to nurture the next generation of dancers. This funding will unlock opportunities for our youth to attend 2-3 square dance conventions this year, fostering growth, connection, and a lifelong passion for dance. A sincere thank you to United Square Dancers of America (USDA) for believing in our mission.

CALLERLAB (NEW) PLUS PROGRAM -- Effective Sept. 1, 2026

Red denotes calls added from Basic and Mainstream

Green denotes calls added from Advanced

1. (Anything) And Roll
2. (Anything) And Spread
3. Acey Deucey
4. All Eight Spin The Top
5. Chase Right
6. **Circle To A Line**
7. **Clover And (Anything)**
8. **Cloverleaf**
9. Coordinate
10. Crossfire
11. Cut The Diamond
12. Diamond Circulate
13. Dixie Grand
14. **Dixie Style To An Ocean Wave**
15. **Do Paso**
16. **Eight Chain Thru / Eight Chain 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**
17. Explode And (Anything)(From Ocean Waves Only)
18. Explode The Wave
19. Fan The Top
20. Flip The Diamond
21. Follow Your Neighbor
22. Grand Swing Thru
23. Linear Cycle (From Waves Only)
24. Load The Boat
25. **Pair Off**
26. **Partner Hinge**
27. **Partner Tag**
28. **Pass The Sea**
29. **Pass To The Center**
30. Peel Off
31. Peel The Top
32. Ping Pong Circulate
33. **Quarter Thru / Three Quarter Thru / Grand Quarter Thru / Grand Three Thru**
34. Relay The Deucey
35. Scoot And Dodge
36. **See Saw**
37. **Shoot The Star / Shoot The Star Full Around**
38. **Slip The Clutch**
39. Spin Chain And Exchange The Gears
40. Spin Chain The Gears
41. **Spin Chain Thru**
42. Teacup Chain
43. **Thar Family**
 - a. **Allemande Thar**
 - b. **Allemande Left To An Allemande Thar**
 - c. **Wrong Way Thar**
44. Track 2
45. Trade The Wave
46. Triple Scoot
47. **Triple Trade**
48. **Turn Thru**
49. **Walk And Dodge**
50. **Walk Around**

Note: The original image from Callerlab on Facebook was hard to read, especially with the Advanced level calls moved to Plus level.



To visit the **ASSDF website**, you can either **scan the QR code** above, or take your favorite browser to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>

Where are your special events?

Please notify *The Modern Square* Editor of your club's special events with all pertinent information included. The sooner that **all** information is provided, the earlier the listing will appear.

Further info/flyers, are at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC)

2026 - June 24-27, 2026

75th NSDC Host City:
Waco, Texas

2027 - June 23-26, 2027

76th NSDC Host City:
Loveland, Colorado

2028 - June 28 to July 1, 2028

77th NSDC Host City:
Daytona Beach, Florida

2029 - June 27-30, 2029

78th NSDC Host City:
To Be Announced

Registration Forms for the next NSDC are in the full e-Edition. The costs **INCREASE** (and **no refunds**) on May 1 before the next NSDC. Links to upcoming NSDC websites are located at <https://nsdcnec.com>

National Squares e-Magazine is published from August through May in the interest of the NSDC, by the host city of the upcoming NSDC. Go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> for links to thumbnails of the last **10** issues; then click on the desired issue(s) to view, or download and print the PDF file(s). Topics covered include Registration/Housing/RV Camping, Callers School (held prior to the NSDC), badges/ribbons, Solo/Single Dancers (unmarried or without a dance partner), Program Books/Daily Schedules (individual and total), Souvenirs, Vendors, Dance Facilities Map, Wednesday Night Dinner And Show, Trail-End Dances, Group Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours, Pre/Post Convention Events, Restaurants, Travel Options, Places To Visit, Various NSDC Committees, Upcoming NSDC Info, Mobility Scooters, First Aid, Educational Forums, Fashion Show, Showcase Of Ideas, Sew And Save, General Info, Ceremonies, Ads, and much more.



Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, unless someone offers transportation. Please advise the Editor if your info (club caller/cuer, club contact, dance day, time, location, etc.) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website is wrong, so I can correct it...I can't fix it, if I don't know about it.

Most of the photos noted in the Special Dances e-Edition are from the ASSDF Club Facebook pages, although not everyone is on Facebook. Along with information that is on the Special Events Calendar, this is how info for your prepared Club Report is obtained. For reports that are sent in, there is no word limit, and minor editing is done for grammar, typos, or continuity. The publication deadline is 3pm US Central Time on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue. If the last day of the month is the last Saturday, then the 1st of the month of the month of issue is the publication date deadline.

If emails to you are returned (full mailbox, over quota, invalid address), you won't receive the updates on the special dances, issue releases, etc. – until you contact the Editor with the updated information. If you no longer wish to receive these info updates (no longer dancing, etc.), please email the Editor, asking to be REMOVED from the list...and after a confirmation email that you've been removed, you will no longer receive these notices or updates.

Please CALL BEFORE YOU TRAVEL, in case of unexpected last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or bad weather is an issue, please stay home, for the safety of all concerned.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send an email, Facebook message, etc. that ask for money, gift cards, helping charities, saying these are “sponsored by the ASSDF”. All of these are SCAMS!! If you see these emails or Facebook postings, DELETE THEM, and BLOCK THE ADDRESS. Messages from the ASSDF Officers will have the email that's noted in The Modern Square, and they'll address square dancing, or another aspect of the hobby in the email. Just because the email sender name shows the name of an ASSDF Officer does NOT necessarily mean that an ASSDF Officer sent it.

Clubs MUST be vigilant in deleting these posts (deleting inactive group members, club T-shirts, death of a celebrity, wanting part time work, etc. (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These have ransomware to steal your identity, and lock up your computer, where you'd have to pay a large amount of money to get your data back. If you click on the links, you or your club could be on the hook financially, never mind having your email and Facebook accounts hacked!!

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



NAME _____

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CITY _____ State _____ ZIP _____

CLUB _____ CITY _____

STATE CONVENTION _____

CALLER _____ DATE _____

 AREA I, (Mountain Home, Lakeview)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA II, (Fort Smith)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA III, (New Boston, TX; Shreveport, LA)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA IV, (Hot Springs, White Hall)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA V, (Little Rock, Conway)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 AREA VI, (Judsonia, Rose Bud)

Club _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

 OTHER STATE _____

Club _____ City _____

OFFICER _____ DATE _____

ARKANSAS TRAVELER

- ALL dancers who have earned their Arkansas Traveler badge and/or Dangle, or Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle will be listed in the State Festival Program each year.
- All dancers who have earned 10 Dangles will receive a 10 year bar.
- See www.arkansassquaredance.com for a listing of clubs within the state.
- Only one card is needed per person or per couple.
- The awards will be made at the State Festival.

 Earn an Arkansas Traveler Badge

1. Earn 5 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states, and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. Have this card signed and dated by a Club Officer in the Area visited.
3. Present your completed card to your club president by September 10.
4. You may earn only one badge or dangle per person per year.

 Super Arkansas Traveler Dangle

1. Earn 7 of 9 possible points by visiting clubs in different areas, states and/or the State Festival within one year—Sept 1 to August 31. The State Festival will count as 2 points.
2. All other rules are the same as above.

Download this at <http://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

Special Dances/Festivals

Please call before traveling, to check for last-minute dance/festival cancellations...especially around the holidays. If you're feeling ill, or if bad weather's an issue, please stay home. Info on Club Contacts, plus Callers and Cuers are elsewhere in this issue. Please **support your ASSDF clubs** with a visit to them; and have your **Arkansas Traveler Badge** form (noted on the previous page).

The listings of dances and festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). **Caller Appreciation Dances**, and the NSDC (**National Square Dance Convention**®) events are always listed, no matter what state these events are located in.

Please send flyers on out of state dances and festivals to the Editor at assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – **CANCELED** dances, or in the past, have been **REMOVED** from this listing. Available flyers with full info, are on the **ASSDF website** (URL noted below). Flyers not yet on the **ASSDF website** will be placed there as soon as possible; and will be noted here, once they're online. Website links, if known, are noted with the specific dance or festival listing. You can also find this info at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

In issues where the publication is released prior to the 1st day of the new month, dances from late in the previous month will be noted.

ASSDF Club Special Dances

MARCH 2026

March 6, 2026 – The **Twirling Lariats** are **DARK** tonight.

March 6-7, 2026 – **Spring Fling On Mount Nebo**. Sponsored by the ASSDF, the Twirling Lariats, and the Maverick Mixers. Callers: Jay

King, Tim Tyl, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13, 2026 – Heber Springers St. Patrick's Special Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

March 14, 2026 – Southern Swingers Spring Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Baby It's Chili Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Roy Hestand.

March 20, 2026 – Twirling Lariats Lucky Leprechaun Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 28, 2026 – Celebration Of Life Of The Late Mike Lewis. American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), Arkansas. 3pm to 5pm. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

APRIL 2026

April 3, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 14, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 15, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Festival Of Eight Special Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Kenton Sullivan.

April 24-25, 2026 – Clogging In The Natural State Workshop Weekend, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Clogging Instructors: Chip Summey, Lanita Hammett, Cathy Micheals, Joe Dawley, and Alice Havel. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

May 12, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 20, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers The Colors Of Spring Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck.

May 29, 2026 – The Twirling Lariats are DARK tonight.

May 29, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 30, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are DARK tonight.

May 30, 2026 – Twirling Lariats June Bug Dance, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Tim Tyl. Further details will be posted as soon as possible.

JUNE 2026

June 9, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 17, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Sun Hat Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Ken Jarman.

June 25, 2026 – The Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are **DARK** tonight.

June 26, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are **DARK** tonight.

JULY 2026

July 3, 2026 – The Twirling Lariats are **DARK** tonight.

July 4, 2026 – The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Callers: Nelda Eaton, Amanda and Blake Throgmartin, and Phil Moorehouse. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 8, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Independence Day Dinner And Dance, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman

July 10, 2026 – Heber Springers Red White And Blue Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

July 14, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP**
****** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 15, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Most Creative Club Colors Summer Attire Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Donna Gellenbeck.

July 24, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

AUGUST 2026

Aug. 11, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP**
****** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Aug. 19, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Polynesian Dreaming Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Jay Wright

Aug. 21, 2026 – Heber Springers Ice Cream Social Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep. 8, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP**

** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 16, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Indian PowWow Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Sep. 25, 2026 – Heber Springers Hillbilly Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Sep. 25, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 8, 2026 – Trail End Dance for the 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Van Buren County Fairgrounds, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Caller: Ken Burke. Separate admission at the door. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 9-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Van Buren County Fairgrounds, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Friday Night National Caller: Scott Bennett. Arkansas' Callers and Cuers Friday afternoon, plus Saturday and Saturday night. See the flyers in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 9, 2026 – The Heber Springers and Levi's And Lace are **DARK** tonight.

Oct. 10, 2026 – The Maverick Mixers are **DARK** tonight.

Oct. 13, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP**
**** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the ASSDF website for more info.**

Oct. 16, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 21, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Halloween Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Guest Caller: Monty Hackler

Oct. 23, 2026 – Heber Springers Halloween Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Dan Nordbye.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 6, 2026 – Louisiana Lagniappe Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 10, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP**
****** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 11, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Hot Chocolate Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Ken Jarman

Nov. 13, 2026 – Heber Springers Veterans Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Nov. 18, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers “I’m Grateful” Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

Nov. 25, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Nov. 27, 2026 – The Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 8, 2026 -- Nelda's Plussers -- 2nd Tuesday Plus Squares with Lines or Country Western Between Tips, The Eaton's Shop, 1519 County Road 4003, New Boston, TX. Workshop at 6:30pm, Dancing from 7pm to 9pm. **** NO ANIMALS ALLOWED IN THE SHOP **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 16, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers Best Christmas Memory Special Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Caller: Donna Gellenbeck

Dec. 23, 2026 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 25, 2026 – The Levi's And Lace and the Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 30, 2026 – Twirling Funtimers “Something Old, Something New” Dinner And Dance, Lloyd Travis Municipal Center, 14 Skyles Drive, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman.

OCTOBER 2027

Oct. 7-9, 2027 – 77th Annual ASSDF Festival. Location and other details will follow as soon as possible.

NOVEMBER 2027

Nov. 14-20, 2027 – MidSouth Extravaganza, Little Rock, AR. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. Cuers: Randy and Marie Preskitt with Fred and Linda Ayres. **** Free GSI Callers School Nov. 14-17 (you must be registered for the weekend), Dancing Nov. 18-20 ** Host Hotels will accept room reservations after Nov. 18, 2026 **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals

MARCH 2026

March 3, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Brad Caldwell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 4, 2026 -- Plus 4s Dance, Farmers Branch, TX. Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 5, 2026 -- Roadrunners Rockin' Around The Clock New Dancer Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins Oreo Cookie Day Dance, Garland, TX. Guest Caller: Ray Savell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6, 2026 -- Texas Reelers Stayin' Alive Dance, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6, 2026 -- Triangle Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-7, 2026 -- Texas State Federation Of Square And Round Dancers Conclave Meeting and Dance, Brenham, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. Cuer: Tricia Morley. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-7, 2026 -- Mississippi State Festival, Biloxi, MS. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Michele Vieira. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-7, 2026 -- TSquare Gadabouts and Circle 8 Paris Nights Anniversary Dances, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Mike Hogan. Club Callers: Vernon Jones (Friday), Melton Luttrell (Saturday). Club

Cuers: Jan Toms (Friday), Walter Brewer Saturday. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 6-8, 2026 – Oklahoma Central District Square Dance Association Circulate to Claremore, Claremore, OK. Callers: Monty Hackler, Jeff Holley, Darryl Lipscomb, Mike Shults, and Bobby Willis. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, or on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 7, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares 43rd Anniversary Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: K.O. Jeanes. Cuers: Kay and Bob Kurczewski. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 7, 2026 – Western Twirlers Neon Black Out Dance, Joplin, MO. Caller: Jay Wright **** Baked Potato Bar **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 10, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Matt Barnes. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 12, 2026 -- Double Plus Casual Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13, 2026 -- Pioneers St. Patrick's Day Dance, Weatherford, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. **** Corned Beef and Cabbage **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13, 2026 -- Stone Steppers Luck O' The Irish Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Bill Hinkley. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 13-14, 2026 – 52nd Annual Texas Association Of Single Square Dancers (TASSD) Roundup, Waco, TX. Caller: Dave Vieira. Cuer: Michele Vieira. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://tassd.org>

March 14, 2026 – Shawnee Square 8's Graduation Dance, Shawnee, OK. Caller: Jim Howard. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 14, 2026 -- LaGrange Roadrunners Annual Texas Independence Day Dance, LaGrange, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuers: Marilyn and Jarral Waguespack. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 17, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares St. Patrick's Day Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Pat Kotal. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 19, 2026 -- Roadrunners Dancing In The Green Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: David Toms. Guest Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins First Day Of Spring Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- TSquare Gadabouts Progressive Squares It's Spring Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- Texas Reelers Irish Jig Dance, Richardson, TX. Callers: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 20, 2026 -- Triangle Squares First Day Of Spring Dance, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 21, 2026 -- Log Cabin Swingers Elvis Hoedown Dance, Tool, TX. Guest Caller: Brad "Elvis" Caldwell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 21, 2026 -- Rebel Rousers Spring Fling, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 21, 2026 -- Trailblazers New Dancer Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Vernon Jones. Guest Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 21, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb.

March 22, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 24, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 26, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 27, 2026 -- Swinging Stars March Madness Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: David Toms. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 27-28, 2026 -- 63rd Annual East Texas Square And Round Dance Association Spring Festival, Marshall, TX. Callers: Pat Kotal and Gary Sanders. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 28, 2026 -- Circle I Squares and Tri City Promenaders Flamingo Fling, Hurst, TX. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 27-29, 2026 -- Challenge Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX. Caller: Bill Haynes. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 29, 2026 -- Fort Worth Squares 50th Anniversary Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** Afternoon Dance ****

March 31, 2026 -- Waterloo Squares Special Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: Chet Miles. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.



APRIL 2026

April 2, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 3, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins Egg-cellent Easter Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. **** Deviled Eggs **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 10-11, 2026 – Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) Spring Festival, Claremore, OK. Trail End Dance on April 10, Festival on April 11. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 11, 2026 -- Bluebonnet Festival, Burton, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Marilyn and Jarral Waguespack. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 12, 2026 – Jack Pladdys Caller Appreciation Dance, Dayton, OH. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Tom Davis, and many other callers and cuers. **** Afternoon Dance * Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, and Round Dancing **** See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 17, 2026 -- Kissin Kuzzins 53rd Anniversary Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Guest Caller: Jeff Holley. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 17-18, 2026 – 73rd Heart Of America Federation Square Dance Festival, Kansas City, MO. Callers: Tim Tyl and Ken Burke. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 18, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Ray Savell.

April 18, 2026 -- Saturday Night Square Off Dinner and Dance, Friendswood, TX. Callers: Billy Grimsley and Dave Vieira. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 18, 2026 -- Wheel-N-Deals and Cen-Tex Plus Social, Lockhart, TX **** Dancing, Games, and Potluck Dinner **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 25, 2026 -- 37th Annual Wildflower Dance, Marble Falls, TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. Cuers: Bob and Kay Kurczewski. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 25, 2026 – Shawnee Square 8’s Sunshine And Roses Anniversary Dance, Shawnee, OK. Caller: Jim Howard. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

April 26, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

May 8-9, 2026 -- 77th ASRDA Mid-Tex Festival, Georgetown, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuers: Fred and Linda Ayres. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 14, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 16, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Tim Tyl.

May 17, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 22-23, 2026 -- Chapel Hill Get Away Plus Weekend, Chapel Hill, TN. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Connie and Robert Wise. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info

May 22-24, 2026 – 10th Annual Mineola Railers Mainstream Extravaganza, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and Monty Hackler.

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May 29-30, 2026 -- Challenge Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX. Caller: Ross Howell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 30, 2026 – 50 Years Of Calling Special Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Mike Bramlett, Dave Vieira, Dale Smith, and John Kephardt. **** Afternoon Dance **** See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 30, 2026 – Tri-City Promenaders Elvis' Viva Las Vegas Anniversary Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

May 30, 2026 – Triangle Squares 51st Anniversary Roaring 20's Dance, Fort Worth, TX. A flyer will be on the **ASSDF website** as soon as possible.

May 30, 2026 – Oklahoma Central District Square Dance Association Afternoon and Evening Dance, Oklahoma City, OK. Afternoon Dance: CDSDA Callers. Evening Dance Caller: Brad Caldwell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2026

June 4-6, 2026 – 64th Texas State Federation Square And Round Dance Festival, Longview, TX. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 5-6, 2026 – 72nd Kansas Square Dance Festival, Wichita, KS. Caller: Eric Henalu. Cuers: Kay and Bob Kurczewski. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 11, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

June 20, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Monty Hackler.

June 24-27, 2026 – 75th National Square Dance Convention

®, Waco, Texas. More info, as well as a Registration Form are at <https://75nsdctx.com/> and in the full e-Edition.

JULY 2026

July 10-11, 2026 – Heart Of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Dance Weekend, Emporia, KS. Callers: Nick Hartley, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tim Tyl. Cuers: Mitchell and Chelsea Thompson. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 10-11, 2026 -- Royal Rendezvous, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: Jan and David Toms. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 18, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis.

July 18, 2026 – ASRDA Installation Dance, Austin, TX. Caller: K.O. Jeanes. Cuers: Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 23, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

July 26, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

AUGUST 2026

Aug. 6-8, 2026 – 51st Tennessee Square and Round Dance Convention, Gatlinburg, TN. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, or on the **ASSDF website** for more info, or go to <https://tnsquaredance.org/>

Aug. 15, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Aug. 23, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Aug. 27, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Aug. 29, 2026 -- Southern Knights Roaring 20's Dance, Schertz, TX. Callers: Dale Smith, John Kephart, John Carlton, Wayne Weston. Cuer: Kay Kurczewski. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep. 3-6, 2026 – 30th Annual An Evening In Paris Weekend, Paris, TX. Callers: Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, Tim Tyl, Buddy Weaver, and Charlie Robertson. Cuers: David and Jan Toms. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 10, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 11-12, 2026 – Pioneer Festival, Wichita Falls, TX. Callers: Bobb Willis and Ray Savell. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 11-12, 2026 -- TRDTA 16th Annual Round Dance Festival, LaGrange, TX. TRDTA Cuers. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 18-20, 2026 – Brazos Bash Square Dance Weekend, Waco, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones, Ken Burke, and Tim Tyl. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 18-19, 2026 -- A2 and C1-3 Square Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 19, 2026 -- ASRDA Teen Scholarship Dance, Austin, TX.
ASRDA Callers and Cuers. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Sep. 19, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Jeff Holley.

Sep. 20, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 1, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX.
Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Oct. 17, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Fall Festival, Weatherford, OK.
Caller: Vernon Jones.

Oct. 25, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 12, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX.
Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nov. 21, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Darryl Lipscomb.

Nov. 22, 2026 -- Canyon Lake Squares Plus Fun Shop, Canyon Lake, TX. Caller: Wayne Weston. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.



DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 3, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX.
Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2026 -- Hi-Stepper Squares Special Dance, Weatherford, OK. Caller: Bobby Willis.

JANUARY 2027

Jan. 15-16, 2027 -- Challenge Square Dance Weekend, Schertz, TX.
Caller: Bill Harrison. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JUNE 2027

June 23-26, 2027 – 76th National Square Dance Convention ®, Loveland, Colorado. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration Form are at <https://76nsdc.com>

JUNE 2028

June 28 through July 1, 2028 – 77th National Square Dance Convention ®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird Registration form is at <https://77nsdcfl.com/> (**Corrected Dates**)



Club Reports

Note: Information for the club reports was obtained from the various club Facebook groups and photos, emails to the Editor, and items on the Special Events Calendar. DS

Arky Cloggers

The **Arky Cloggers** say “Hello! And Hello Spring!”

One of my favorite signs of Spring is seeing the daffodils bloom on Wye Mountain. I grew up one mile from the daffodil field and my parents were part of the very first craft show held in conjunction with them blooming. The **Wye Mountain Daffodil Festival** will, coincidentally, kick off our performances for 2026. We will perform two separate weekends there this year. You can find us there on March 15 and 21. I am so excited to report that even my beginners will be participating up there this year.

Speaking of beginners... They are doing an awesome job! I have six in that class, and they are ahead of schedule on steps and songs learned.

To wrap up February, three of us went to Pocahontas for the **Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop**. This was my fifth year to teach at this particular workshop. I introduced two new routines for two 50-year-old songs. I took a heavy dose of disco up there. I taught them **Jive Talking** and **You Should be Dancing**. I think a few of the dancers might have caught a little disco fever by the end of the day. A big shout-out to Taren and Lisa for making the trek up there and supporting Commander Cornbread! It was almost 400 miles round trip for me so their extra effort was most definitely appreciated!

There will be three more clogging workshops coming up in Arkansas this year. “**Clogging in the Natural State**” will be coming up April 24 and 25. It will be in the American Legion Hut in Mabelvale. Cloggers **LOVE** dancing on that hardwood floor! A flyer is in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**, with more info.

Shaina's “**Better When Ya Dance**” workshop will be in Bono in July. The “**Arkansas Traveler**” workshop will be in Mountain View in

September. I have already agreed to teach at the April and July workshops. Each “teach” requires me to come up with my own original choreography. Any suggestions for music to inspire me?

We want to say **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Gwen and Katie. Both are adding candles to their cake in March.

We will be deciding on a project this week for our quarterly “giving back” mission. This was inspired by the **Maverick Mixers “Giving THANKS-GIVING Back” Dance** they hold in November each year. It was decided to make this a quarterly project for the Arky Cloggers. More information to come on which one we chose next month.

As always, you are more than welcome to come visit us anytime. Our classes are held each Tuesday in the Disabled American Veterans building at 1490 South Donaghey in Conway. Boost class is from 3:30 to 5:00, Intermediate/Advance class is from 5:00 to 6:30 and the beginners are from 6:30 to 8:00. We can always find the perfect class for you if you are interested in learning to clog.

Remember to keep those feet moving!

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/7366350676716921> or our website at <https://www.arkycloggers.com> for updates.

Lanita (aka Commander Cornbread)

Blue Belles And Beaus

We were truly sorry to hear of the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**...our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, go to his widow Ellen, and to the family.

Our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join fellow callers **Jay King** and **Tim Tyl** at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** this month, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form, along with some photos of the facilities, are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Phil will also join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, and the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three**

Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance in Little Rock, on Saturday, July 4, 2026. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

You're invited to join us on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted), at the Judson Community Center, at 601 Judson Street, with dancing to our own Phil Moorehouse.

You can find the latest updates for our club on our Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100052996541923>

Please call before you travel, to be sure we're dancing.

Robert and Cheryl Shaver

Guys N Dolls

We grieve at the loss of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, go to his widow Ellen, and the family.

Guest Caller **Phil Moorehouse**, who calls for several clubs in the state, as well as other special dances out of state, called a recent dance, and a good time was had by all. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Nola Sue Richardson Walker** was seen at a recent dance at the Mesa Checkmates in Phoenix, Arizona...with **National Caller Dan Nordbye**, and **ASSDF Presidents Tom and Kim Fox**. A photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Nelda invites dancers in the Arklatex region to dance with "**Nelda's Plussers**" at her place on the second Tuesday of each month. For the rest of 2026, the dance dates are March 10...April 14...May 12...June 9...July 14...August 11...September 8...October 13...November 10...and December 8. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under Upcoming Events for more info.

Nelda is also starting a **new series of square dance lessons** for those in the Arklatex Region on **Monday, March 16**, at her residence in

New Boston, Texas. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Nelda will also be calling at the **Twirling Lariats Lucky Leprechaun Dance on Friday, March 20**, for those in the central Arkansas area that evening. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Then, Nelda will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse**, plus the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on **Saturday, July 4, 2026**, in Little Rock. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7pm, at Plentiful Harvest Church, at 500 North Merrill in New Boston, Texas. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of square and line dancing.

Our Facebook page is at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1182928908453786> -- you'll find any updates there.

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

We were heartbroken to learn of the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, to his widow, Ellen and the family.

We had a square at our Feb. 27, 2026 dance...a photo is in the Special Dances e-Edition, with several videos on our Facebook page.

This month, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join fellow callers **Jay King** and **Tim Tyl** at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on **March 6-7, 2026**. A flyer and registration form, along with some photos of the facilities, are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We “swing into spring”, starting with our **St. Patrick's Dance**, on **March 13**, then with a regular dances on March 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, and June 12. Note that we will be **DARK** on June 26

for the **76th National Square Dance Convention (R)** in Waco, Texas, as several members plan to attend that event.

With July being hot as a firecracker, Phil will join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, along with the husband-wife caller team of **Blake & Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on **Saturday, July 4, 2026**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Then, the following week, we will also celebrate America's 250th birthday with our **Red White and Blue Dance** on **July 10**, followed by regular dances on July 24 and August 7, then our **Annual Ice Cream Social Dance** on **August 21**.

Autumn leaves fall toward cooler weather, and dancing is cool, with a regular dance on Sept. 11, and our **Hillbilly Dance** on **Sept. 25**. For October, we'll be **DARK** on Oct. 9 for the **ASSDF Fall Festival** (details are later in this report), then our Halloween Dance is set for Oct. 23 with **National Caller Dan Nordbye**.

To wrap up 2026, **Nov. 13** features our **Veterans Dance** (thanks to all the veterans for serving), and **Dec. 11** has our Christmas Dinner and Dance. Note that we will be **DARK** on **November 27 for Thanksgiving Week**, and **DARK** on **December 25 for Christmas Week**.

We're hosting the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton. **National Caller Ken Burke** will call the Trail In Dance on Oct. 8 (with a barbecue dinner beforehand); and we'll also have **National Caller Scott Bennett...along with Arkansas' Callers And Cuers**. Flyers for the Trail-End Dance (with hotel info), and a registration form are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Friday at 7pm at the Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West in Rosebud. We'd love to have you join us!!

Theresa Muth



Levi's And Lace

We were saddened to learn of the death of fellow dancer Mike Lewis...our thoughts and prayers go to his widow Ellen, and the family.

Nine of our dancers went on a **Square Dance Cruise** in the Caribbean in February. One afternoon, we had a "flash mob" square dance on the Promenade with 38 squares. Folks loved watching and we spread the word that square dancing is fun for all ages.

Our **Friday the 13th Valentine's Day Themed Dance** featured our own Blake Throgmartin & Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin calling to "the best square on the floor". Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page. It is good to see Carolyn Gancarczyk back dancing with us again.

Several of our dancers attended the **Jet Across Arkansas Dance** on Feb. 23, with National Caller Jet Roberts. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had over 2 squares at our Feb. 27 dance...several videos are on our Facebook page, with several photos in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin** will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse** and **Nelda Eaton** for **The Three Amigos Dance Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, in Little Rock. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance the 2nd and 4th Friday at 7pm, at Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. We'd love to have you join us for a fun evening of dancing, food, and fellowship. **Ron Wise** does a Plus Workshop at 7pm, then our regular dance with **Amanda and Blake Throgmartin** calling a great dance...and **Amanda** doing line dancing between tips.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1496305407256737> for updates.

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

We start off this report on sad note, with word of the passing of fellow square dancer Mike Lewis. The costumes he and his widow Ellen had at various Halloween Dances, were an absolute scream...and they got you thinking about "what in the world do those costumes mean??"
Our deepest condolences, thoughts, and prayers, go to his widow Ellen, and the family.

There will be a **Celebration Of Mike's Life** prior to our March 28, 2026 dance, from 3pm to 5pm at our regular dance place...no experience is necessary. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Our February 3rd **OPEN HOUSE**, and the start of a new set of lessons, was fantastic. Several photos from the first class sessions are in the Special Dances e-Edition. We hope to have them graduated by the **75th National Square Dance Convention (R)(NSDC)** in Waco, Texas. We will be **DARK** on the Saturdays of June 26 for the NSDC, and on October 10, for the **76th ASSDF Fall Festival** in Clinton.

Our **Feb. 14 New Kids Valentine's Day Dance**, featured callers **Lanita Pettey Hammett, Roger Garner, Blake Throgmartin**, and **Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin**, calling for 2 squares. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Several dancers attended the **Jet Across Arkansas Dance** on Feb. 23, and there were just shy of 3 squares of dancers there, with fellow dancers from the **Twirling Lariats**, and the **Levi's And Lace**, among others. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our Feb. 28 dance had 3 squares, with out of state guests Mimi and Rob Ackman, dancing to our extraordinary talented caller Phil Moorehouse. What great fun evening!!! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

This month, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join **Jay King** and **Tim Tyl** at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form, along with some photos of the facilities, are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Phil will join fellow callers **Nelda Eaton**, and the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, at **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**, on Saturday, July 4, 2026, at our regular dance place. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

This reporter will be doing traveling for another hobby, amateur radio, during the month of August...with two planned trips. The first one will be a same day trip to Shreveport, Louisiana for the 2026 ARRL Delta Division Convention...and the second one being a multi-day trip to Huntsville, Alabama, for the 2026 ARRL National Ham Radio Convention. I won't be able to do any dancing while at these events, but I note that I've used amateur radio at 2 square dance events over the years to save the lives of individuals.

We dance on the 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturdays, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale. When our own Phil Moorehouse is not "a Traveling Maverick", calling special dances elsewhere...he always provides a fun evening...but we welcome guest callers to do tips at our dances.

Please call before you travel or check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2402030760029886> for last minute changes or cancellations.

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

Our condolences, thoughts, prayers to fellow dancer **Ellen Lewis**, in the recent passing of her husband, Mike. They did a lot for the hobby, and he will be sorely missed.

Our own **Roy Hestand** will be calling the **Twirling Funtimers "Baby It's Chili" Dinner and Dance** on March 18. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of dancers, **we are going DARK until further notice**. Please call before traveling.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625> for updates on when we'll return dancing.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

We mourn the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. He and his widow Ellen, did so much for square dancing...he will be sorely missed.

Video snippets of a Jambalaya with our own Jay King, at the Pocola, Oklahoma Senior Center, on Feb. 23, is on our Facebook page.

Our Feb. 17, 2026 Graduation/Mardi Gras Dance was a blast!!

What a great group of dancers we had, but we missed those who couldn't join us. Five of our dancers had to cancel, due to illness. Thanks to all who came and danced, brought refreshments, and helped us with carrying equipment, supplies, food, and last but not least, making sure our dance hall is left as clean as we found it. We are so thankful for all of you!!! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Jay King** will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse** and **Tim Tyl** this month at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and registration form, along with some site photos, are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Please see our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1470785299916715> for any changes or updates.

Jody King



Southern Swingers

We extend our condolences, thoughts, and prayers to the family of **Mike Lewis**, with word of his passing last month. He will be sorely missed.

Our **Valentine's Dance** on Feb. 14, with dancing to **Brad Caldwell**, had a great crowd. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We will have a **Spring Special Dance** on Saturday, **March 14**, with dancing to **Guest Caller Nelda Eaton**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Other special dances will be posted on our Facebook page, and added to the **ASSDF website**, as details become available.

We dance at Promenade Hall, at 5400 Benton Road, in Bossier City, Louisiana, on Tuesday evenings, with special dances on selected Saturdays, with our own Joey Duhamel always calling a great dance.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064404143648> for any updates.

Carole Baker

Star Steppers

Our thoughts, condolences, and prayers, to the family of **Ellen Lewis**, in the passing of her husband, Mike. They had attended several of our dances, and had done so much for the hobby...he will be sorely missed.

This month, on March 6-7, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join fellow callers **Jay King** and **Tim Tyl** for the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**. See the flyer (along with some site photos) in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

On July 4, our own **Phil Moorehouse** will join the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, along with **Nelda Eaton**, for **The Three Amigos Dance Happy Birthday America Nifty At**

250 Dance in Little Rock. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We normally dance on the 2nd and 4th Monday, unless otherwise noted at the White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700 Andersen Avenue, with our own **Phil Moorehouse** calling.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/306734347493720> for any updates, including last minute cancellations for winter weather or other issues.

Kathy Tankersly

Twirling Funtimers

We were very sorry to hear about the passing of fellow square dancer **Mike Lewis**. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers, to his widow, Ellen, and the family.

As warmer weather arrives for March, Guest Caller Roy Hestand will call our **"Baby, It's Chili" Dinner and Dance on March 18**. It's a good way to spring into the new season...also, wear your green, even though it's after St. Patrick's Day!!

Our April Special Dance is on "Tax Day", **April 15**, but **Guest Caller Kenton Sullivan** will tax our fun limits with the **"Festival Of Eight" Dinner and Dance**.

On **May 20**, we'll have **"The Colors Of Spring" Dinner and Dance**, with our own Donna Gellenbeck. **Square dance attire is requested at this special dance**. The following Wednesday, our own **Ken Jarman** will call a regular dance, and we'll have a club meeting.

With summer arriving, **June 17** will feature **"Wear Your Best Sun Hat" Dinner and Dance**, with our own **Ken Jarman**. On **July 8**, after America's 250th birthday, there will be a dinner and dance with our own **Ken Jarman** calling. The following week, on July 15, our own **Donna Gellenbeck** will call our **"Most Creative Club Colors" Dinner and Dance**, with **"summer attire"**. Then, we wrap up summer on **August 19**, with **Guest Caller Jay Wright**, and our **"Polynesian**

Dreaming Dance". The following week on August 26, there will be a club meeting, with dancing to our own **Donna Gellenbeck**.

Guest Caller Phil Moorehouse will join us on September 16 for our **"Indian Pow Wow Dance"**. Then on **October 21st**, **Guest Caller Monty Hackler** will join us for a **Halloween Dinner and Dance**. **Square dance attire or Halloween costumes are welcome at that dance**.

To round out 2026, November will be busy, with a club meeting and our **Hot Chocolate Dance** on **November 11**. Then on **November 18**, our own **Donna Gellenbeck** will call at our **"I'm Grateful For" Dinner and Dance**. We will be **DARK** on November 25 for Thanksgiving.

Lastly, December will have our **"Best Christmas Memory Dance"** on **December 16**, but we will be **DARK** on **December 23 for Christmas**. Our final dance for 2026 on **December 30**, will feature our own **Donna Gellenbeck** and **Ken Jarman** with our **"New Years Something Old, Something New, Dinner and Dance"**.

We normally dance on Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at the Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane in Lakeview, with Special Dances on the 3rd Wednesday.

Note that we will be **DARK** if area schools are closed due to winter weather.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers> for updates.

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

Square dancing lost a great asset in the passing of **Mike Lewis** last month. The costumes that he and his widow, Ellen, wore at our Halloween Dances were always a sight to behold. Both of them so much for square dancing, and he will be sorely missed.

We had a good crowd at our **Valentine's Dance** on Feb. 13...and this month will feature a **"Lucky Leprechaun Dance"** with our own

Nelda Eaton, on **March 20**. We were **DARK** on Feb. 20, as several of our dancers went to the **Red River Special** in Ardmore, Oklahoma. We also were represented at the **Jet Across Arkansas Dance** on Feb. 23...several photos from that dance are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own **Nelda Eaton** will join fellow callers **Phil Moorehouse**, plus the husband-wife caller team of **Blake and Amanda Throgmartin**, on July 4, 2026, for **The Three Amigos Happy Birthday America Nifty At 250 Dance**. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

We're still looking at a **June Bug Dance** with **Tim Tyl** on May 30, but it possibly will be a potluck duty square. Further details will be noted as they become available.

We dance at American Legion Post 128, on the 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Fridays, at 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) in Mabelvale (southwest Little Rock). We have a Plus Workshop prior to the dance, with our own Nelda Eaton providing a fantastic evening of square and line dancing.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/432398663471503> for any updates.

Please call before you travel, to be sure we're dancing.

Roger Garner



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Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** (square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging, etc.) soon??

If so, please email the class info at least a month before the classes begin, to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – the info will be at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/new-dancers> on the **ASSDF website**, and in **The Modern Square**.

Info needed is the date, time, location, caller/cuer/instructor, plus a contact person for info. Lessons can be either square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, or clogging.

For links on **how to get youth involved in square dancing**, and for **promotional videos** that can be **customized for your club or organization website**, or for a **New Dancers Manual**, go to <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/resources>

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ASSDF Caller Nelda Eaton, will be starting beginner square dance lessons for those in the Arklatex Region, at her residence in New Boston, Texas, on Monday, March 16, 2026. See the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

ASSDF Club Directory

Note that **USDA Insurance** for clubs is due by December 1 of each year, and **Club ASSDF Membership Dues** is due by January 1 of each year. Please contact the ASSDF Treasurer for more information.

Clubs that are **DARK** may still be in the **Google Events Calendar** on the **ASSDF website** (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>), but please call before traveling to see if they're dancing.

Note that clubs that are **DANCING** may have to cancel a regular dance, or change the dance days, times, and locations, at the last minute, or during certain times of the year, for various reasons.

Again, **please call before you travel** to avoid making the trip for nothing. And, if you feel ill, or if bad weather is an issue on a dance night, please stay home.

Please advise the Editor if info for the clubs noted, or for the info in the Callers And Cuers section (following this listing), is in error, or if your club is changing their dance locations, dates, times, etc.

Lastly, check with the caller, cuer, or club contact for the dance level, if the club has a pre-dance workshop, admission cost, and if the club is "couples only" or welcomes singles (not married, or without a dance partner).

Conway

Arky Cloggers – Tuesday, 3:30pm to 5pm (Boost Class), 5pm to 6:30pm (Intermediate/Advanced), and Beginner (6:30pm to 8pm)

DANCING

1490 South Donaghey Avenue

Instructor and Contact: Lanita Hammett (501) 889-4679

Fort Smith

River City Squares – Tuesday, 6:30pm **DANCING**
Fort Smith Senior Center, 2700 Cavanaugh Road
Caller: Jay King
Contact: Jay King, 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR
72956 (479) 883-2380

Hot Springs

Levi's And Lace – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**
Lake Hamilton Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport
Road
Callers: Amanda and Blake Throgmartin
Contact: Ted and Phyllis Keeney, 1807 Nubbin Ridge Road,
Royal, AR 71968 (501) 991-3292

Judsonia

Blue Belles And Beaus – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursday, Dance at 7pm
DANCING
Judsonia Community Center, 601 Judson Street
Caller: Phil Moorehouse
Contact: Robert and Cheryl Shaver, 146 Opie Road, Bald Knob,
AR 72010 (501) 724-3930

Lakeview

Twirling Funtimers – Wednesday, 6pm to 8:30pm **DANCING**
Mainstream/Plus, with Round Dance Phases 1, 2, and 3
Lloyd Travis Municipal Building, 14 Skyles Lane -- \$7 per person
(Special Dances on 3rd Wednesday)
Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman
Cuer: Marge Sherrill
Contact: Anieta England (870) 449-5135

Little Rock (Mabelvale)(1)

Twirling Lariats – 1st, 3rd, and selected 5th Friday, 7:30pm

DANCING

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$7 per person

Caller: Nelda Eaton

Contact: Clifton Taylor and Carolyn Cullins, 9027 Highway 5 North, Alexander, AR 72002 (501) 847-2157

Little Rock (Mabelvale)(2)

Maverick Mixers – 2nd, 4th, and selected 5th Saturday, 7pm

DANCING

Mainstream with announced Plus

American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane) -- \$8 per person

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Daryl Stout, P.O. Box 55655, Little Rock, AR 72215 (501) 690-8325

Mountain Home

Pioneers – Monday (doors open at 6:30pm, dancing from 7pm to 9pm)

DARK

Sycamore Springs, 165 Jerry Baker Lane

Caller: Roy Hestand

Contact: Roy Hestand, 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (870) 329-1141

Rose Bud

Heber Springs – 2nd and 4th Friday, 7pm **DANCING**

Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West

Caller: Phil Moorehouse

Contact: Theresa Muth (501) 238-2713

White Hall (Pine Bluff)

Star Steppers – 2nd and 4th Monday, 7pm **DANCING**
White Hall Media Center (Scout Hut), White Hall City Park, 700
Andersen Avenue
Caller: Phil Moorehouse
Contact: Kathy Tankersly (870) 718-0571

Bossier City, LA (Shreveport)

Southern Swingers – Tuesday, 7pm (Special Dances 2nd Saturday)
DANCING
Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road
Caller: Joey Duhamel
Contact: Alitia Becker, 8008 Cardigan Way, Shreveport, LA 71129
(318) 547-9478
Contact: Carole Becker (318) 780-3997

New Boston, TX (Texarkana)

Guys And Dolls – 3rd Saturday, 7pm **DANCING**
Plentiful Harvest Church, 500 North Merrill, New Boston, TX
Caller: Nelda Eaton
Contact: Rhonda Bailey, 111 Wood Duck Lane, Texarkana, TX
75501 (903) 276-3422

ASSDF Club Callers And Cuers

Bownderville, Boyce -- (870) 530-2444 -- M/P

Cummings, Patti – 270 Morrison Street, Ward, AR 72176 (501) 628-1089 ninapcummings@gmail.com

Duhamel, Joey – 479 Country Farm Road, Baskin, LA 71219
Cell: (870) 209-3646 jdcalls@yahoo.com M/P: Yes
Southern Swingers

Eaton, Nelda – P.O. Box 1118, New Boston, TX 75570
Cell: (903) 278-8068 EatonSDCaller@gmail.com M/P: Yes
Guys And Dolls, Twirling Lariats

Gellenbeck, Donna – 139 Dogwood Lane, Lakeview, AR 72642
(870) 620-0037 speedshots@hotmail.com M/P: Yes
Twirling Funtimers

Hammett, Lanita – 1533 Highway 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307
(501) 889-4679 lnthmmtt13@gmail.com *Arky Cloggers*

Hestand, Roy – 55 Fletcher Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653
(870) 329-1143 hestandroy@gmail.com M: Yes
Pioneers

Jarman, Ken – 127 Muscovy Drive, Mountain Home, AR 72653
(870) 404-8480 korcjarman@yahoo.com M
Twirling Funtimers

King, Jay and Jody -- 1402 North 12th Street, Van Buren, AR 72956
(479) 883-2380 jayking@cox.net P/A, Rounds 1-3
River City Squares

Moorehouse, Phil – 4660 Stagecoach Road, Redfield, AR 72132
(501) 960-4476 philmoorehouse@aol.com P: Yes
Blue Belles And Beaus, Heber Springers, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers

Ritter, Art – 1213 Oak Acres Drive, Bryant, AR 72019
(501) 326-8003

Throgmartin, Blake and Amanda – 153 Walker Court, Hot Springs, AR 71909 -- Blake – (501) 622-9402 squareupwithblake@gmail.com
Amanda – (501) 655-9767 amandacallssquares@gmail.com

Vandergriff, Anita – 8215 Tyro Road, Hackett, AR 72937
(479) 274-9775 anitav@centurytel.net

White, Gordon and Susan – 6 Perfecto Place, Hot Springs Village, AR 71913 (501) 822-0803 white3297@hotmail.com P

Wise, Ron – 4800 Highway 104, White Hall, AR 71602
(870) 267-0702 ronwise@prodigy.net

Highest Calling Or Cueing Level:

M – Mainstream P – Plus A – Advanced (A1/A2)

1-6 – Round Dance Phase Cueing

If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances

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There are flyers for the following **ASSDF Club Special Dances** as well as dances for the National Square Dance Convention ® at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> and in the full e-Edition. Please check the **Special Events Calendar** for other special dances that aren't listed here (no flyer yet available).

March 6-7, 2026 – Spring Fling on Mount Nebo, Dardanelle, AR.
Callers: Phil Moorehouse, Jay King, and Tim Tyl.

April 24-25, 2026 – Clogging In The Natural State Workshop Weekend, Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Calling Instructors: Chip Summey, Lanita Hammett, Cathy Micheals, Joe Dawley, Alice Harvel.

Oct. 8-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Clinton, AR. Trail End Dance Caller: Ken Burke. Friday Night Caller: Scott Bennett. Arkansas' Callers and Cuers Friday and Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening.

Nov. 14-20, 2027 – MidSouth Extravaganza, Little Rock, AR. Free GSI Callers School Nov. 14-17 (you must be registered for the weekend), Dancing Nov. 18-20. Callers: Tony Oxendine, Jet Roberts, Ted Lizotte, Jack Pladdys, Dan Sahlstrom, Ray Brendzy, Mike Hogan, Mike Seastrom, Charlie Robertson, and Scott Bennett. Cuers: Randy and Marie Preskitt with Fred and Linda Ayres.



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Club Special Dance Photos In The Last Month

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com as I want to give credit to the photographers for the photos, especially if they come from the various club Facebook groups.

Because of **space limitations**, **photo quality**, or **page formatting**, I **can't** use all of them sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view them (and videos, where available) on the various Facebook pages (including the **Arkansas Square Dance** page, **The Three Amigos** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

Special Dances for the month of February, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square> -- are from the Facebook pages of **ASSDF Clubs**, and from the **East Texas Square & Round Dance Association**, **Maverick Mixers**, **Southern Swingers**, **Guys & Dolls**, **Levi's & Lace**, **River City Squares**, **Heber Springers**, plus the **Jet Roberts Dance**. Many thanks go to **Mike and Lanita Hammett**, **Carole Baker**, **Angie Engledow**, **Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin**, **Roy Hestand**, **Ted Hofmeister**, **Nona Sue Richardson Walker**, **Carolyn Birdsong**, **Ginny Short**, **Elaine Cox**, **Corben Geis**, and to **Daryl Stout**, for the photos.

