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Please send any club reports, photos, or questions about The Modern Square (including e-Edition notifications, ad copy, or for the **ASSDF website**) to Daryl Stout, Editor/Webmaster/Circulation Chairman, via email to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – other contact info for the Editor, and the **ASSDF Officers** is elsewhere in this issue.

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-Edition.
5. Non-commercial ads that are submitted to promote dance events within the Federation area will be accepted **only** from **ASSDF** clubs, organizations, and their Callers and Cuers.

Advertisements:

All Special Dance flyers are **FREE**, but ads for one's business/job, or other personal ads, are \$10 per month, or \$60 per year. In other words, if you buy a year's worth of ads, it's like you'll get six months free!!

Advance Payment is required to the ASSDF Treasurer, before the ad will run. All flyer and ad copy should be sent to the Editor before the deadline that is noted above. Be sure that all the information that's in the dance flyer, ads, etc., is **correct** before submission for publication.

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Dancers and Friends of Dancers,

We are approaching the busiest time of year as we await the celebration of our Savior's Birth.

Our lives have become extremely busy and different, as we are helping to care for five of our grandchildren in North Carolina over the last and next few months. So, our apologies for being late with this note, and missing so many dances with all of you.

We had 4 squares at the **Maverick Mixers Veterans Dance**. We honored our four veterans who were present as well as those who could not attend.

We did get to enjoy a fun weekend with Nelda and Phil calling at the **Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance** that took place the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving. Lots of fun and brain workouts with some of the calls being in those "different" positions.

We also enjoyed visits with the Levis and Lace in Hot Springs, Star Steppers in White Hall, and Blue Belles and Beaus in Judsonia. Once we are free from grandparent duties, we plan to visit all our other great ASSDF clubs and those close neighboring clubs, too. Oh, by the way, the **Twirling Lariats** got our banner back from **Levis and Lace** by having 10 of us show up at their dance! Now we're out to win some other banners! 🙄

Our **Arky Cloggers** club keeps growing and growing. If you want to come see what it's all about, we suggest contacting Lanita Hammett to

make sure they are dancing and visit around 6 pm. She starts new folks about 6:30 but you'd be able to see the "seasoned" dancers before that and then try out a little beginner class. It's great exercise and she starts you in slowly. Currently, there is a 3 generation family taking lessons.

There are lots of good Christmas parties and fun events coming up in December. Don your festive outfits and come out to dance! And of course, enjoy that great square dance food that always seems to show up.

December 12 - **Heber Springers Christmas Dance** in Rosebud

December 13 - **Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance** with guest caller Tim Tyl (for those in central Arkansas)

December 13 - **Southern Swingers Christmas Dance** (for those in the Shreveport area)

December 14 - **New Callers Christmas Dance** in Mabelvale at the Hut

December 17 - **Twirling Funtimers Christmas Dance** in Lakeview

December 19 - **Twirling Lariats Ugly Sweater Dirty Santa Potluck Dinner And Dance**

December 26 - **Levi's And Lace After Christmas Dance**

December 27 - **Maverick Mixers After Christmas Dance**

December 29 - **Pioneers End of Year Special Dance**

December 31 - **Guys And Dolls New Year's Eve Dance**

January 3, 2026 - **Three Amigos in Mabelvale at the Hut**

Remember to check <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/> for more information on any and all dances.

We hope your preparations for the Christmas season are a blessing. Enjoy family fun and fellowship. You are a blessing to us! May God bless you one and all with great joy as we celebrate the long awaited Savior and what He accomplished for us when He humbled Himself and came to earth to save us.

Merry Christmas,

Tom and Kim Fox, ASSD7 President, 2025

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 Springs 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. For those with **limited** data plans, the **compact** version is without these items. Photos are from the 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 these club updates (special dances, cancellations, changes), Modern Square releases, etc., if the email is returned as "**undeliverable**" (over quota mailbox, bad email, etc.).

From The Editor



As another year closes, and the calendar changes to a new year, there are also changes with the world of square dancing with the **ASSDF**.

First, I made a slight error last month on the initial page, still having the previous month noted. I can look at the documents many times, and I still miss things. I guess I need to clean my glasses better (LOL!). I also **changed** my personal email to n5vlz@duck.com as the forwarding address wasn't working right...I guess the email Grinch got to it!!

Second, the information for **USDA Club Dancer Insurance**, plus **ASSDF Club Dues for 2026** has been **finalized**. There is an ad in the full, compact, and Special Dance e-Editions, and on the **ASSDF website** on the **Resources** page, with more information. Thanks to **ASSDF Insurance Chairperson** Jean Coy for this information. All club contacts have been sent this information...but please contact Jean Coy if your club has **not** received it.

Third, with the holidays, some clubs have **changed** their dancing schedules, with some being **DARK**. Please call before you travel, and if you've been ill, or feel ill on a dance night, or bad weather is an issue, please stay home. When you're travel dancing, please take your **Arkansas Traveler** badge form with you...information is in both the full and compact e-Editions, as well as on the **ASSDF website** under Resources.

Fourth, things have been finalized for the first big dance of 2026...**The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Dancing Kicks in 2026**...with callers Phil M)ooorehouse, Nelda E)aton, plus the husband/wife team of Blake and Amanda T)hrogmartin. We are thrilled to keep the legacy of the late Bill Strawn and the late Gene Gancarczyk alive, spotlighting the Maverick Mixers, Twirling Lariats, and the Levi's and Lace. Please see the flyer in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Fifth, if your club has **Special Dances** planned for **2026**, please email the info to assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com as soon as possible, so that I can get them placed on the **Special Events Calendar** in **The Modern Square**, and at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events> -- along that line, I'm checking the club Facebook pages for news, photos, etc., but welcome any Club Report submissions as well. The **publication deadline** is 3pm Central Time Sunday following the last Saturday of the month before the month of issue.

Sixth, speaking of travel dancing, there are several special dances coming up, including the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo** in March, with Phil Moorehouse, Jay King, and Tim Tyl...the Twirling Lariats June Bug Dance with Tim Tyl in late May...and for the cloggers, special clogging workshops in February and April. See the flyers elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF Website** for more info.

Seventh, the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** will be at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton, hosted by the Heber Springers. National Caller Ken Burke will call the Thursday night Trail End Dance, and National Caller Scott Bennett will call the Friday night dance. Arkansas' callers and cuers will call/cue Friday afternoon, plus Saturday day and evening. An initial registration form/flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

Eighth, for those who are traveling, multi-day festival flyers in states surrounding Arkansas are in the full e-Edition, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**. Be sure to take Arkansas Special Dance flyers with you, if you go to these out of state dances.

Special Dance Photos from late **October through November, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, were obtained from the emails, club Facebook pages, plus the ASSDF club and special dances from the **River City Squares, Levi's And Lace, Twirling Lariats, Maverick Mixers, Heber Springers, Southern Swingers, Arky Cloggers**, as well as the **Oklahoma Square Dance Federation**.

Thanks go to Elaine Cox, Jeff Riddle, CorBen Geis, Patricia Joanna Kennedy, Jody King, Ginny Short, Mike Lewis, Phyllis Keeney, Ted Hofmeister, Carole Baker, Lynn Brown, Lanita Hammett, Mike Lewis,

Theresa Muth, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmatin, and to Daryl Stout for the photos.

With the winter season upon us, several winter weather safety reminders from the **National Weather Service** are toward the back of the Special Dances e-Edition. Full Arkansas weather data, forecasts, as well as any watches, warnings, and advisories are at <https://www.weather.gov/lzk>

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. The **ASSDF** wishes everyone a very **Merry Christmas**, as well as a **Happy and Prosperous New Year**, and we hope to see many of you at some of the club Christmas Dances, as well as on the dance floor in 2026!!

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Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman



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 notices of these updates**. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this.



It's that time of year again, for all ASSDF Member Clubs to update their enrollment!!

As you are aware, the **ASSDF** is the central organization that helps guide square dancing in the state of Arkansas. In addition, the **ASSDF** puts on an annual Fall Festival, to bring the state dancers together under one roof, sponsors the **ASSDF** website (<https://www.arkansassquaredance.com>) to provide square dancing information to all individuals, publishes the monthly publication **The Modern Square** (e-Editions), letting all know what the Clubs are doing, and helps the clubs to obtain insurance through the **USDA Dancers Insurance Program**.

The **2026 Annual ASSDF Club Membership Fee** is **\$20**, and it is due to the **ASSDF Treasurer** by January 1, 2026. Please make the check payable to the **ASSDF**, and mail it to:

Jean Coy
3 Reata Way
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

IMPORTANT! In order for a Club to participate in the USDA Dancers Insurance Program, the Club must be a member of the ASSDF.

Clubs may feel that "their caller insurance" protects them from incidents/accidents at dances. However, according to **Callerlab** and the **American Callers Association**, it protects them "**only if a caller causes injury**". **Your dance club and its members are at risk of a massive lawsuit if something happens at a dance, without insurance.** However, the Dance Clubs may receive economical dancer insurance (per dancer) through the **United Square Dancers of America**. This insurance program provides Accident Medical

Insurance, which helps supplement a dancer's existing medical insurance; and Liability insurance, which protects the club and its members from financial loss due to unforeseen accidents, which may develop into litigation against members and organizations.

To review the **USDA Dancers Insurance Program** coverage in its entirety...including who and what is covered, limits of coverage, and period of coverage, among other items, go to <https://www.usda.org/Insurance.php>.

The USDA annual individual dancer premium will be \$6.50 for 2026...with a minimum charge of \$52 per club, which is based on 8 dancers (1 square). The USDA had to increase the cost due to the increased costs the insurance carrier has incurred. Every Club's Insurance Coordinator should have received the annual **ASSDF insurance packet** the week after November 15, 2025. If you did **not** receive the insurance mailout, please contact **ASSDF Insurance Coordinator**, Jean Coy, at (715) 207-3502.

In the insurance information packet, there will be a **blank club roster form** to designate the paying insurance members. Please note **any change** in the venue you dance at, or if there has been a change in the insurance contact personnel, when you return the roster. **Please remember if there are dancers within your club who are members of multiple clubs, the insurance fee will only be paid once.**

The **ASSDF** appreciates every clubs participation in our state organization and welcomes all feedback on how we can make the organization better to support the backbone of our organization...the Clubs!



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>



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

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

2028 - June 27-30, 2029

78th NSDC Host City:
To Be Announced

Registration Forms for the next NSDC are elsewhere in this issue. 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.

**75th National Square
Dance Convention®**



Due to vision issues, I no longer drive, and can't be at dances, etc. unless someone offers transportation. Please advise me if your info (club contact, dance day/time) in The Modern Square or on the ASSDF website, is wrong; as I can't fix it if I'm not told.

Most of the special dance photos are from club Facebook groups, although not everyone is on Facebook. If nothing's sent in or posted, nothing's published in The Modern Square, or on the ASSDF website. There's no word limit on club reports, but minor editing is done for typos, grammar, and continuity. The issue publication deadline is 3pm, US Central Time, on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, before the month of issue.

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Please CALL BEFORE TRAVELING, in case of last minute changes or cancellations. If you've been ill, feel ill on a dance night, or if weather is an issue, please stay home.

NONE of the ASSDF Officers will EVER send emails, Facebook messages, etc., asking for money, gift cards, etc.; those are SCAMS! Clubs with Facebook pages MUST police them, as scammers are posting things like "club T-Shirts", "death of a celebrity", "deleting all inactive members", "wanting part time work," (NOTHING to do with square dancing). These posts/emails have viruses to steal your identity, delete, destroy, or encrypt your data, where you'd have to pay a HUGE cost to get it back.

If you see these emails, DELETE them. And, if you see these ads, DON'T click on ANY part of them. Instead, report them to the group administrators, so the post can be deleted, and the poster can be banned from the group. Then, BLOCK that person in your email spam filter, and your Facebook profile. This helps keep that spam off your page. If not, someone will get their identity/data stolen, your Facebook page could get hacked, or you could be "left on the hook, financially".

Daryl Stout, Editor, Webmaster, Circulation Chairman, ASSDF



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**.

Quilts by Ellen Lewis

Ellen Lewis has a gift for turning everyday keepsakes into lasting treasures. Whether it's a T-shirt from your son's camp, daughter's school collection, or a bundle of well-wishes from loved ones, Ellen transforms them into quilts, wall hangings, or pillows that tell a story. Each piece is a deeply personal journey, and Ellen says she's always honored to be part of it.

Her creations include memorabilia quilts and wedding quilts; each stitched with care and meaning. "Every quilt has a story," Ellen says. She helps people clean out their closets—but hold on to their memories through a special quilt.

Ellen's work was featured in the April 2025 issue of *Quiltfolk* magazine, celebrating her passion and artistry. And she has been at this a long time. "I've been sewing since I had Barbie dolls," she shares, "and I hope to keep doing this as long as I can run the sewing machine."

Ellen and husband Mike have been square dancing since 2022.



Credit: Photo by Azuree Hollaway for *Quiltfolk* magazine

870-814-5646 / quiltsbyemlewis.com

quiltsbyemlewis1@gmail.com

Ellen offers nationwide shipping.



A **Shout-Out** to our own **Ellen Lewis**, featured in the November 2025 issue of **National Squares Online**, promoting the **75th NSDC** (National Square Dance Convention ®) in Waco, Texas.

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival

October 9-10, 2026

Van Buren County Fairgrounds
1827 Hwy 16 Clinton, AR 72031



Featured Caller on Friday Night

Scott Bennett

Lawton, OK



Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Club Name _____

Tickets (per person) *Under 18 free with Adult*

Friday/Saturday (early Registration) \$30 x ____ = _____ Friday Only \$20 x ____ = _____

Friday/Saturday (after 09/30/2026) \$35 x ____ = _____ Saturday Only \$20 x ____ = _____

Mainstream ____ Plus ____ Advance ____ Lines ____ Clogging ____ Contra ____

Are you a square dance CALLER? ____

Mail registration and payment to Lanita Hammett, 1533 Hwy 300, Houston, AR 72070-8307
Please ensure checks are payable to ASSDF Early registration must be postmarked by September 30, 2026

October 8, 2026 - Trail End Dance
sponsored by the
Heber Springers



Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance



Saturday - December 13, 2025

Plus workshop 6:30 – Dance 7:00-9:00

Caller - Tim Tyl

**American Legion Hut
9925 Leah Lane - Mabelvale, AR**

Members \$12/month – Guests \$8/night



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



Southern Swingers December Dance

Wear your favorite Christmas Dance Attire

Saturday, December 13th

Square Dancing 7:00 -9:30

Caller – Joey Duhamel

Snacks Welcomed

Members \$6.00, Guest \$11.00 Per Person, Spectators Free

Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Rd., Bossier City, LA

For information email: sssquaredance@email.com or

Check our Facebook page: Southern Swingers Square Dancers



New Callers Christmas Workshop And Dance

Sunday, December 14, 2025 -- American Legion Post 128
9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road & Leah Lane)
Mabelvale (Little Rock), Arkansas

Guest Caller: Tim Tyl – All Callers Welcome!!

Callers Workshop: 1pm-4pm - Dance: 4pm-6pm

Free Admission – Donations Accepted for
The American Legion Post 128 Hut Repair Fund





Twirling Funtimers



Winter, Holidays, Christmas

SQUARE DANCE

Wednesday December 17, 2025

6:00- 8:30pm, \$7



Callers: Donna Gellenbeck
Ken Jarman



Lloyd Travis Community Center
14 Skyles Lane, Lakeview, AR

www.facebook.com/twirlingfuntimers

Call 870-404-4158 for info





**COME JOIN THE TWIRLING LARIATS
FOR AN
UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DANCE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025**

Caller: Nelda Eaton

\$10.00 Per Person

“POTLUCK” Dinner – Club Will Provide the Ham

Meal at 6:30 p.m. followed by

“Dirty Santa” Gift Exchange

followed by MS Dancing with Announced Plus Tips

\$20.00 limit for “Dirty Santa” gifts



**American Legion Post 128
9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane)
Mabelvale, AR**

GUYS 'n DOLLS NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Wednesday Dec. 31st, 2025

9pm to midnight

Food, Fireworks and Fun

Nelda Eaton will be calling

Gary and Linda Carlile's shop

Behind 6 Cardinal Ln.



Rhonda 903-276-3422 or Shelly 903-293-0945 for details

The Three Amigos -- M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance In 2026



Phil Moorehouse
Maverick Mixers



Nelda Eaton
Twirling Lariats



Blake & Amanda Throgmartin
Levi's And Lace

Saturday, January 3, 2026 – 7pm – Admission: \$10 per person
American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane
(Mann Road And Leah Lane), Mabelvale, AR

For more information, please contact:

- M. – Phil Moorehouse: (501) 960-4476**
- E. – Nelda Eaton: Cell: (903) 278-8068**
- T. – Blake Throgmartin: (501) 622-9402**
Amanda Throgmartin: (501) 655-9767



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JANUARY 16 & 17, 2026

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GUEST CALLER**



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PLADDYS**



**TRAVIS
COOK**



**DAN
SAHLSTROM**



**TOM
DAVIS**



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WINTROW**

**PLUS / ADVANCED / ROUNDS
TWO FULL TIME DANCE HALLS
OUR 14TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

**CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CONVENTION CENTER
2292 US 27 #300 SOMERSET, KY 42501**

Caller Clinic with Dan Sahlstrom Friday 10 am - 12:30 pm in Courtyard Hotel.
Free to registered Callers or \$30 per Caller if not registered for the weekend.

Rounds and A2 dancing starts at 1 pm Friday, Plus at 3 pm.

Check out www.generalbutlerbash.com for complete schedule.

**MAIL IN
OR REGISTER ONLINE.**

Scan the QR Code or see reverse for details.



Red River Special

Plus Level Dance Weekend



Jet Roberts



Charlie Robertson

February 20th, 21st and 22nd 2026

The Lake Murray Lodge

3323 Lodge Rd

Ardmore, OK

580-223-6600

www.stateparks.com

\$50.00 Per Person Pre Sale \$60.00 at the Door

Register online at: www.crdancing.com/events

Call Charlie at 580-618-8508 or Kristi at 580-618-2048

email: crsquaredance@yahoo.com

Gateway to the Ozarks Clogging Workshop

24th ANNUAL WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 28, 2026

9:00 – 12:00

Lunch

1:30 – 4:30

Registration begins at 8:30

2 Halls of Clogging
Fun
Main Hall - Easy to high
Intermediate
Open Hall - beginners,
Basic, Advance

Marr Street Production
111 Marr Street
Pocahontas, AR 72455

Instructors:

Lanita Hammett, AR – CCI Shaina Morgan, AR – CCI Kaydin Seawel, AR – CCI
LaRhetha Morrison, OK – CCI Candidate

Arkansas Clog Council meeting to follow workshop - Dues of \$15.00 Due January 1, 2026 – Family rate 3 or more \$40.00

Pre-registration - \$30.00 per Dancer, Syllabus \$5.00(Deadline February 18, 2026)

*****AR Council members pre-registration only \$25.00*****

Registration at door - \$40.00 per Dancer

Checks Payable to: Dance Tyme Studio

Kathey Wilson

296 CR 368

Jonesboro, AR 72401

Information

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please check if you are a Beginner ☐

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Mt. Nebo

Spring Fling

March 6-7, 2026

LOCATION:

**Mt. Nebo State Park,
16728 W. State Hwy. 155,
Dardanelle, AR 72834**

FEATURED CALLERS:

Jay King, Tim Tyl & Phil Moorehouse

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

4-5:30 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

10 a.m.-12 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

Sponsored by the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation

Hosted by the Twirling Lariats & Maverick Mixers



REGISTRATION FORM

Save money and register early, \$25 per person by March 1. Price increases to \$30 pp after March 1. Registration includes dancing both days.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Send reservation form & check made out to ASSDF to ASSDF Treasurer:

ASSDF

1533 Hwy. 300

Houston, AR 72070

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For information about Mt. Nebo State Park visit:

<https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/parks/mount-nebo-state-park>

Limited cabins and campsites are available at Mt. Nebo State Park.

For cabin reservation information go to:

<https://reserve.arkansasstateparks.com/mount-nebo/lodging>

For camping reservations go to:

<https://reserve.arkansasstateparks.com/mount-nebo/camping>

Additional lodging is available in Dardanelle and other nearby towns.

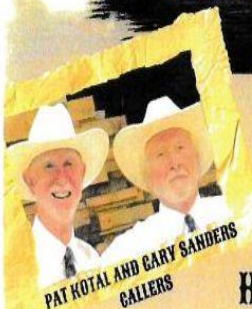
FOOD OPTIONS

No restaurant is available in the state park, but there are food options in Dardanelle and nearby towns. Additionally, we hope to offer a meal option.

We plan to offer dinner on March 6 as well as lunch and dinner on March 7 for an additional small fee. Check here if interested ____.

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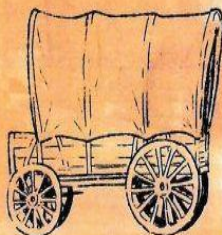


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Bar-B-Que Lunch on Saturday with paid Registration

April 24 & 25, 2026

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ACC Instructors:

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Alice Havel, KS

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Trail End Dance 7:30-9:30	Rounds Workshop 9:00-10:30	Trail Out 9:30-11:00 am
With Rounds	Mainstream Workshop 10:30-12:00	With Rounds
Hot Hash Tip 9:30-10:00	Lunch 12:00-2:00	All Gospel Singing Calls
	Mainstream Workshop 2:00-3:00	
	Dance the Workshops 3:00-3:30	
	Early Rounds 6:00-6:45	
	Dance 7:00-10:00	Tips with one round between

Weekend Package \$40/person (\$80/couple); \$45/person at the door (\$90/couple)

No Split Tickets

For Hotel and Camping information: See back of Flyer or contact Howard & Sandra 903-312-3713

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Mail-in & early registrations must be postmarked by May 15, 2026

Mail registrations & payment to:
Howard & Sandra Rowan
PO Box 2397
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*Dancing Across Texas
Longview 2026*



June 4, 2026 - Trail End Dance
June 5, 2026 - Pre-Festival Dance
June 6, 2026 - 64th State Festival
Business Meeting: June 7, 2026

Festival Chairman
Gary & Linda Carlile
6 Cardinal Ln.
Texarkana, TX 75501
lindacarlile77@aol.com
crgary@aol.com

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620-217-1280 Cell

hahn@southwind.net

Dancer Coordinator

Brenda Mears

Emporia, KS

620-344-2517 Cell

jbmeares1979@gmail.com

West Heights UMC—Family Center, Door D

745 N Westlink Ave.

Wichita, KS 67212

Friday - 6:30 to 10:30 pm

Saturday - 8:30 am to 10:30 pm

Pre-order ribbons on our website:

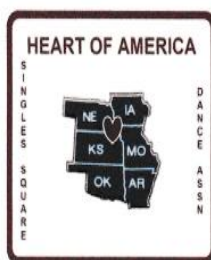
www.kansassquaredancefestival.com

Deadline for ribbon purchase BY MAIL is: May 1, 2026

In order to receive your ribbon(s) via return mail

include a self address stamp envelope

**Host Hotel - Double Tree by Hilton Wichita Airport
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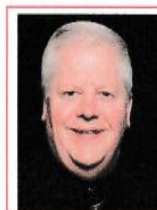
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Dan Sahlstrom, caller and cuer

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7:00 to 9:30 p.m. \$8 donation payable at the door

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

_____ Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to June 15, 2026	\$40.00
_____ Friday & Saturday All Events payable at the door	\$50.00
_____ One Day/Night	\$30.00
_____ Individual Square/Round Dance Sessions	\$15.00

Total individual registration fees enclosed \$ _____

*Dance registration provides a complimentary membership to HASSDA for adults (**18 years of age & up**) from August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.*

(Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Make Checks Payable to: HASSDA Festival 2026

685 Newman Road

Havensville, KS 66432

Festival Contact: Maye Wegner ~785-806-8314 or HASSDA-FESTIVAL@wesquaredance.com

Square Dance Attire Admired, Not Required

Cancellation Policy:

- Full Refund will be given if cancellation notice is received prior to June 15, 2026.
- One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between June 16 and July 1, 2026.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation after July 1, 2026.

All requests for cancellation must be in writing or e-mail to HASSDA Festival Contact.

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Trail-in Dance 8:00-11:00pm

4 Square Dance Halls

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SSD/ Club 50 - DBD

Mainstream - Hex

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Advanced - Hot Hash

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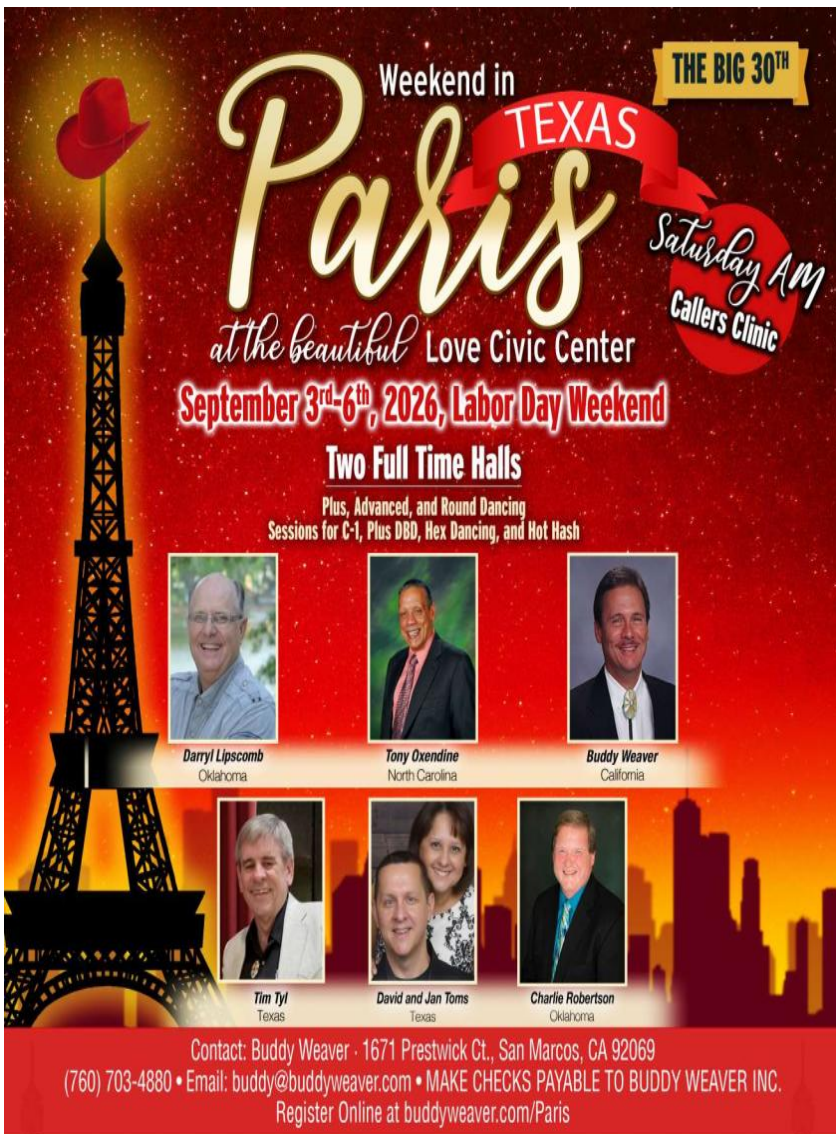
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Name: (Last) _____ His: _____ Hers: _____
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 Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

THURSDAY TRAIL-IN	\$20.00/PER PERSON: _____	NIGHTS ONLY (FRI. OR SAT.)	\$25.00/PER PERSON: _____
ALL FRIDAY SESSIONS	\$45.00/PER PERSON: _____	ALL SAT. SESSIONS	\$45.00/PER PERSON: _____

* FULL DANCE PACKAGE \$70.00 PER PERSON (PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY) _____ (INCLUDES THURSDAY NIGHT)
 * FULL DANCE PACKAGE \$80.00 PER PERSON (AT THE DOOR) (INCLUDES THURSDAY NIGHT) **PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE**

To receive a full refund please notify by phone (760.703.4880) by August 1st, 2026

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SQUARE DANCE WEEKEND

Featuring Callers



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September 18-19-20, 2026
Allemande Hall - 106 Westlake Dr. - Waco, TX
Program for this weekend will be MS-Plus-Adv

Fri. 5:00-5:45 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance
Fri. 5:45-7:00 PM Quick Teach, a few short easy Plus moves
Fri. 7:00-9:30 PM Main Dance – MS using Plus moves previously taught
Fri. 9:30-10:00 PM – Plus, using the full Plus Program list

Sat. 9:30-11:30 AM Plus teach and workshop
Sat. 1:30-2:00 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance
Sat. 2:00-4:00 AM Plus teach and workshop
Sat. 6:00-6:45 PM A1/A2 Advance Dance
Sat. 7:00-10:00 PM Main Dance – MS using Plus moves taught in workshops

Sun. 9:30-11:30 AM – casual Farewell dance

Full weekend package price per person: \$40 pre-register or \$50 at the door

Per session price per person at the door:

Fri. \$10 Sat. Morning \$10 Sat. Afternoon \$10 Sat. Evening \$10 Sun. Morning \$10

For more info or questions contact: Vernon Jones 817-727-6483 vernonjones@prodigy.net

Send pre-registration forms to: 450 E. Bradshaw Rd. Springtown, TX 76082

Make checks payable to BRAZOS BASH - You will receive an email confirming that you are registered

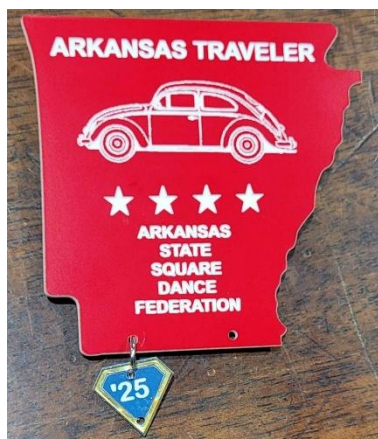
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STATE CONVENTION _____

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.arkansasquaredance.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.

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/festivals are with the **ASSDF Clubs** first, then **non-ASSDF dances/festivals** in Arkansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas). The **National Square Dance Convention**® (NSDC) events are always listed, no matter what state it's 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. The out-of-state festivals will have the first page of their flyers in the full e-Edition, with full info 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 dance listing. You can also find this info on the **ASSDF website** at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/events>

ASSDF Club Special Dances

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 12, 2025 – Heber Springers Christmas Dinner Dance, Rosebud Community Center, 5916 Highway 36 West, Rosebud, AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse. Dinner at 6:30pm, Dance at 7pm.

Dec. 13, 2025 -- Maverick Mixers Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane),

Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Guest Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 13, 2025 – Southern Swingers Christmas Dance, Promenade Hall, 5400 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA. Caller: Joey Duhamel. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 14, 2025 – New Callers Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Tim Tyl and other callers. Callers Workshop at 1pm, Dance at 4pm. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 17, 2025 – Twirling Funtimers Winter/Holidays/Christmas Dance, Lloyd Travis Community Center, Lakeview, AR. Callers: Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2025 – Twirling Lariats Ugly Sweater/Dirty Santa Potluck Dinner and Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 22, 2025 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 23, 2025 – The Arky Cloggers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 24, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 26, 2025 – The Heber Springers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 26, 2025 – Levi's And Lace After Christmas Dance, Lake Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2891 Airport Road, Hot Springs, AR. Callers: Blake and Amanda Throgmartin.

Dec. 27, 2025 – Maverick Mixers After Christmas Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock), AR. Caller: Phil Moorehouse.

Dec. 29, 2025 – Pioneers End Of Year Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Dec. 30, 2025 – The Arky Cloggers are **DARK** tonight.

Dec. 31, 2025 – The Twirling Funtimers are **DARK** tonight.

Dec. 31, 2025 – Guys N Dolls New Years Eve Dance, Behind Gary and Linda Carlile's home, Texarkana, TX. Caller: Nelda Eaton. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 3, 2026 – The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks In 2026 Dance, American Legion Post 128, 9925 Leah Lane (Mann Road and Leah Lane), Mabelvale (Little Rock, AR). Callers: Phil **M**oorehouse, Nelda **E**aton, plus Amanda and Blake **T**hrogmartin. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 16, 2026 – Pioneers Valentine's Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Feb. 28, 2026 – Gateway To The Ozarks Clogging Workshop, Pocahtonas, AR. Clogging Instructors: Lanita Hammett, Shina Morgan, Kaydin Seawel, LaRetha Morrison. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2026

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 elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

March 16, 2026 – Pioneers St Patrick's Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

APRIL 2026

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 elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

May 25, 2026 – The Pioneers are **DARK** tonight.

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

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

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

JUNE 2026

June 8, 2026 – Pioneers Straw Hat Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

AUGUST 2026

Aug. 17, 2026 – Pioneers Hobo Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sep. 7, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

OCTOBER 2026

Oct. 8-10, 2026 – 76th ASSDF Fall Festival, Clinton, Arkansas. Hosted by the Heber Springers. Oct. 8 Trail End Dance Caller: Ken Burke. National Caller: Scott Bennett. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Further details will be announced as soon as possible.

Oct. 12, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Oct. 26, 2026 -- Pioneers Halloween Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 9, 2026 – Pioneers Veterans Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Nov. 23, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

DECEMBER 2026

Dec. 21, 2026 – The Pioneers are DARK tonight.

Dec. 28, 2026 – Pioneers End Of Year Special Dance, Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane, Mountain Home, AR. Caller: Roy Hestand.

Non-ASSDF Special Dances and Festivals

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 4, 2025 – Recycles Ugly Sweater Dance, Tulsa, OK. Caller: Monty Hackler. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 4, 2025 -- Roadrunners Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Charlie Robertson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 5, 2025 -- Kissin' Kuzzins Tis The Season For Dancing Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 5, 2025 -- T-Square Gadabouts Christmas Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 5, 2025 -- Texas Reelers Letter V 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.

Dec. 5, 2025 -- Triangle Squares Toys For Tots Dance, Denton, TX. Caller/Cuer: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 6, 2025 -- Circle 8 Squares 90th Birthday Bash For Jon Jones, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Callers: Jerry Gilbreath, Deborah Carroll-Jones, Vernon Jones, Darryl Lipscomb, Tony Oxendine, and Charlie Robertson. Club Caller: Melton Luttrell. Club Cuer: Walter Brewer. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 11, 2025 -- Double Plus Christmas Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Toby Thomason. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. * **Casual Attire** *

Dec. 12, 2025 -- Fort Worth Squares/Pioneer Squares Friendship Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 12, 2025 -- Stone Steppers New Dancer Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Bill Hinkley. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 13, 2025 -- Circle I Squares 73rd Anniversary Dance, Irving, TX. Guest Caller: Bobby Willis. Caller: Ray Savell. Cuer: Chris Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 18, 2025 -- Roadrunners Love A White Christmas Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Guest Caller: Toby Thomason. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2025 -- Kissin Kuzzins Christmas Dance, Garland, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2025 -- Old Tyme Square Dance Calls Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Vernon Jones. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 19, 2025 -- Texas Reelers Cowboy Christmas Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: Deborah Carroll-Jones and Jon Jones. Cuers: Chris and Maria Farabaugh. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 20, 2025 -- Rebel Rousers Winter Wonderland Dance, Richardson, TX. Caller: Mike Bramlett. Cuer: Christine Hixson. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 -- New Year's Eve GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) Dance, St. Joseph, MO. Caller: Chris Wildhagen. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info. **** Afternoon Dance ** Pulled Pork Sandwiches After The Dance ****

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Double Plus New Years Eve Celebration Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Caller: Scott Bennett. Cuer: Jan Toms. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Log Cabin Swingers New Years Eve Dance, Tool, TX. Caller: Ken Burke. Cuer: David Berling. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Dec. 31, 2025 -- Single Hingers And Mineola Railers New Years Eve Dance, Mineola, TX. Callers: Tim Tyl and K.O. Jeanes. Cuer: Fred Ayres. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 10, 2026 -- Greater Memphis Square And Round Dance Association (GMSRDA) Appreciation and Benefit Dance, Bartlett, TN. Caller: Tim Tyl. Rounds/Lines: Connie Wise. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 15, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Jan. 16-17, 2026 -- General Butler Bash Plus and Advanced Square and Round Dance Weekend, Somerset, KY. Callers: Jack Pladdys, Travis Cook, Dan Sahlstrom, and Tom Davis. Cuer: Elaine Wintrow. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, or on the **ASSDF website**, or go to <https://generalbutlerbash.com/> for more info.

Jan. 24, 2026 -- Mississippi Square And Round Dance Association (MSRDA) South Council Dance, Hattiesburg, MS. Caller: Bubba Mingus. Cuer: Tim Eum. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 6-7, 2026 -- TSquare Gadabouts and Circle 8 Squares 2nd Annual Friendship Let's Go Cruisin' Dance, Fort Worth, TX. Callers: Scott Bennett, Mike Hogan, Wernon Jones, Bear Miller, and Justin Russell. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 19, 2026 -- Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. See the flyer on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

Feb. 20-22, 2026 -- Red River Special Plus Level Dance Weekend, Ardmore, OK. Callers: Jet Roberts and Charlie Robertson. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MARCH 2026

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

March 26, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. 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 elsewhere in this issue, and 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 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 elsewhere in this issue, and 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 elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

MAY 2026

May 14, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. 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 elsewhere in this issue, 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. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and 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.

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 elsewhere in this issue, 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 24-27, 2026 – 75th National Square Dance Convention®, Waco, Texas. More info, as well as a Registration Form are at <https://75nsdctx.com/> and elsewhere in this issue.

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 elsewhere in this issue, 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 elsewhere in this issue, and 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.

AUGUST 2026

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

Aug. 27, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX. Caller: Tim Tyl. 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 elsewhere in this issue, 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. 18-20, 2025 – Brazos Bash Square Dance Weekend, Waco, TX. Callers: Vernon Jones, Ken Burke, and Tim Tyl. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and 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.

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 12, 2026 – Texas Lagniappe Dance, Glenwood (Gilmer), TX.
Caller: Tim Tyl. 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.

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 21-24, 2028 – 77th National Square Dance Convention
®, Daytona Beach, Florida. More info, as well as an Early Bird
Registration form is at <https://77nsdcfl.com/>

Club Reports

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

Arky Cloggers

What a year 2025 has been!

December wraps up another **FUN** year for the Arky Cloggers!
December will be a short month for the Arky Cloggers, but we are
going to pack a lot into it. We will continue to review familiar
routines, but continue to add Christmas themed dances. We will have a

Christmas party on the 9th of December, and then finish up with a performance at StoneBridge Assisted Living Center in Conway.

Before this quarter ends, we will be collecting dog/puppy and cat/kitten food for the Companion Spay And Neuter Center in Greenbrier. We are choosing a new charity every quarter that we can "give back" to the community. We will be taking the last two weeks of December off to spend time with family and enjoy the festivities of the season. There will be **no classes** on December 23rd or 30th.

Classes have been progressing nicely. Our beginner class has already learned three songs and are learning more and more steps each week. The boost class has been a great aid for the dancers. That time slot has provided time for the newer dancers to really polish the more challenging steps. The intermediate/advanced class has continued to learn more and more songs. We have started adding dance formations to some songs. This is an area that we will continue to expand on in 2026.

We look back on 2025, and smile. We embraced learning new steps and routines. We had celebrations and performances all around central Arkansas. We are looking forward to adding more and more in 2026.

When classes start back in January, we will have a birthday party for the Arky Cloggers! January marks the start of our third year! The group has exceeded my wildest expectations! They are some amazing ladies to accomplish so much in such a short time!

It is our hope that you pause to remember the real reason for this season. We want to wish all of you a happy, healthy, prosperous and fun new year. There is a standing invitation for you to stop in and visit us. Our door is always open.

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

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year from the Arky Cloggers!!

Lanita Hammett

Blue Belles And Beaus

Our own Phil Moorehouse will call at 2 special dances to start 2026. First, he'll join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, along with Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance In 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale (Little Rock). A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** with more info.

Then, in early March, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the **Blue Belles And Beaus!!**

Robert and Cheryl Shaver

Guys N Dolls

Our own Nelda Eaton called at the **Twirling Lariats Halloween Dance** on Oct. 31. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, including quite a few dancers in costumes.

Then, she joined fellow caller Phil Moorehouse with the combination **Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance** with the **Twirling Lariats** and **Maverick Mixers** on Nov. 21 and 22. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night...with line dancing between tips...and she finished the Saturday night event with a "Hot Hash" Tip. More of these "combination dances" are likely, when the **Twirling Lariats** and **Maverick Mixers** dance on successive nights...watch The Modern Square and the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events** for updates.

We will have a **New Years' Eve Dance** at Gary and Linda Carlile's place at 6 Cardinal Lane in Texarkana, Texas...on Dec. 31 from 9pm

to midnight. There will be food, fireworks, and fun. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for details.

We normally dance on 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.

The **Guys N Dolls** wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Rhonda Bailey

Heber Springers

We had a square at our **Giving Thanks Dance** on Nov. 14, with 2 photos in the Special Dances e-Edition...yet, it looks like Tom Turkey was the big star, and he would've provided plenty of food to go around!!

Our **Christmas Dance** is set for Dec. 12, with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm and our dance at 7:30pm. Note that we will be **DARK** on Dec. 26 for the Christmas Holiday Weekend.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks In 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at American Legion Post 128, at 9925 Leah Lane in Mabelvale (Little Rock), for the first big dance of the year. Two months later, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

We're hosting the **2026 ASSDF Fall Festival** at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds in Clinton. Ken Burke will call the Trail In Dance on Oct. 8, and we'll also have National Caller Scott Bennett...along with Arkansas' Callers And Cuers. An initial flyer and registration form is

elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**...and more details will be noted as soon as possible.

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!!

Please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/487782943047841> for any updates.

Happy Holidays to all from the Heber Springers!!

Theresa Muth

Levi's And Lace

We had several squares at our special dance on Nov. 1 with national caller Jack Pladdys...several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, along with a nice thank you letter from Jack...who is wanting to do another dance with us sometime next year.

The **Twirling Lariats** brought a square to our Nov. 14 dance, and got their travel banner back. We had 3 squares at the dance, with our own Amanda and Blake Throgmartin calling a fun evening of dancing. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with some videos on our Facebook page.

Several dancers traveled to the combination **Giving Thanks By Giving Back** special dance with the **Twirling Lariats** and **Maverick Mixers** in Little Rock on Nov. 21 and 22. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night. There was no question as to who our callers, Blake and Amanda Throgmartin danced with, as each one had a T-shirt with the other one's name on it, and noting "dance partner"!!!

We were able to dance on Nov. 28 after all, and we're sure folks wanted to eat off all the holiday food. Thank you to Blake Throgmartin and Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin for calling an awesome dance. We had a great time. A big old yellow rock to Ronald Wise for workshopping Plus. And Amanda is teaching so many line dances, which adds to the fun! It was an absolute great dance! The

next night, we went to the **Maverick Mixers**, and stole their travel banner!!

We **WILL** be dancing on Dec. 26, the day after Christmas, so come celebrate yellowrocks under the tree with us. Then, to start the new year off right, our own Blake and Amanda Throgmartin will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Nelda Eaton at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128 in Mabelvale (Little Rock); and several of our dancers are planning to attend the first big dance of 2026. A flyer is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

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 callers Amanda and Blake Throgmartin calling.

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

Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year** from the Levi's And Lace...and remember "**The Reason For The Season**".

Phyllis Keeney

Maverick Mixers

We start off recognizing our veterans, and thank them for their service to their country. A photo in the Special Dances e-Edition recognizes veterans Patti Cummings, Phil Moorehouse, Jerry Short, and Ron Wise.

Several members attended the **Twirling Lariats Halloween Dance**, including our own Phil Moorehouse. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Next, several members were at the combination weekend **Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance** with our club and the **Twirling Lariats**. As the calendar had it, each club danced on consecutive nights...so our own Phil Moorehouse was joined by Nelda Eaton for 2

nights and an afternoon of dancing. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night. We're thrilled that \$1110 in donations was raised, with \$560 going to the Hut Repair Fund, and \$550 going to the local Ronald McDonald House. Numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Then, for **National Square Dance Day** on Nov. 29, we had 3 squares, with our own Phil Moorehouse helping everyone dance off all that holiday food, despite the cool and damp weather outside. At the dance, there was a special presentation to Roger Garner to get to "The Hut Repair Fund". In the days before the holiday, our own Lanita Hammett presented the check for \$550 to Sierah McDaniel of the local Ronald McDonald House. Photos of both "presentations" are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will be traveling with his family the first part of December, so our **Christmas Dance** will have **Special Guest Caller Tim Tyl** on Saturday, Dec. 13. He will stay in town for the **New Kids Christmas Block Party** at our dance location on Sunday, Dec. 14...with a callers workshop from 1pm to 4pm, and the dancing to various callers from 4pm to 6pm...all callers are welcome to join us. Admission is free, with donations going to the Hut Repair Fund. Flyers for both these dances are elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**. Also, we **WILL** dance on Dec. 27, the Saturday after Christmas.

Several dancers plan to attend **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, at our regular dance place on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026. Our own Phil Moorehouse will be joined by fellow callers Nelda Eaton of the **Twirling Lariats** and Guys and Dolls, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin of the **Levi's And Lace**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info.

To swing into spring, 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 is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the **Maverick Mixers!!**

Daryl Stout

Pioneers

First, note that we'll be **DARK** on Dec. 22, 2025 for Christmas Week, but plan to have an **End Of Year Special Dance** on Dec. 29.

We have set up our regular and special dance schedule for 2026. While these are noted in the Special Events Calendar elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**, here is a brief list of our special dances. Our regular dances will be on the non-special dance nights, unless we're **DARK**...those dates are noted later in this report.

First, we start the year with our **Valentine's Dance** on Feb. 16 -- come show your love for this wonderful hobby. In March, our **St. Patrick's Dance** will be on March 16...be sure to wear your green for this one!!

Moving into the summer months, we'll have our **Straw Hat Special** on June 8, and our **Hobo Dance** on August 17. Wear your fancy straw hats for our June 8 special, and your hobo outfit for our **Hobo Dance** (we hope to have hobo stew there as well).

As the hot hash of the "Red Hot" summer goes to cooler fall temperatures (heading to the "Ice Cold" of winter), we'll have a **Halloween Special** on Oct. 26, and our **Veterans Special** on Nov. 9. Then, we'll finish off the year with an **End Of Year Special Dance** on Dec. 28.

Some of the specials might change to Fridays or Saturdays...watch our club report and our Facebook page for updates.

Please note that we will be **DARK** (not dancing) on the following Mondays -- these are noted in the Special Events Calendar elsewhere in this issue, on the **ASSDF website** under **Upcoming Events**, and in the Google Calendar on the **ASSDF website**.

Dec. 22, 2025 (**Christmas Week**)...May 25, 2026 (**Memorial Day**)...Sep. 7, 2026 (**Labor Day**)...Oct. 12, 2026 (**Columbus Day**)...Nov. 23, 2026 (**Thanksgiving Week**)...and Dec. 21, 2026 (**Christmas Week**).

We dance at Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, at 165 Jerry Baker Lane, in Mountain Home, Arkansas from 7pm to 9pm, with the doors opening at 6:30pm.

Please check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/859216584467625> for any other updates. Note that we will likely be **DARK** on dance nights, if winter weather is in the region.

The **Pioneers** wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Becky Hestand

River City Squares

Our Oct 28th **Halloween Party** had a visitor from Southhaven, Miss. Thanks Yvetta, for visiting us (and Bobby)!!! Love all the imaginative costumes. 🥰 — feeling thankful. Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition, with videos on our Facebook page.

Our Nov. 11th **Veterans Dance** had lots of Red White And Blue, Patriotic Songs, and Fun Loving Dancers. We had a "Thank You for Your Service and Yellow Rock Line" for our Veterans. We're so grateful for all of them!! Several photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our newest square dance class is well underway at our regular dance place, the Fort Smith Senior Center, at 2700 Cavanaugh Road, with our own Jay King instructing the potential new dancers. Several

photos from the second night of class are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Jay King will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse and Tim Tyl at the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**, on March 6-7, 2026. A flyer and is elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website**.

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

The **River City Squares** wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Jody King

Southern Swingers

We had good crowds at our Oct. 31 and Nov. 21 **Louisiana Lagniappe** Dances...as well as at our Nov. 8 Thanksgiving Dance...with Tim Tyl calling all 3 dances. Numerous photos are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

Our own Joey Duhamel will do our **Christmas Party** on Saturday, December 13...see the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more information. Our list of special dances for 2026 will be posted as soon as possible.

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.

Happy Holidays from the **Southern Swingers!!**

Carole Baker

Star Steppers

Due to a power outage at our dance place, we were **DARK** on October 27...our apologies for any inconvenience.

Our own Phil Moorehouse will join fellow callers Nelda Eaton, with the husband-wife caller team of Blake and Amanda Throgmartin, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, on Saturday, Jan. 3, at American Legion Post 128 in Mabelvale (Little Rock). It's a great way to start the new year off right, with such a wonderful hobby.

In early March, Phil will join fellow callers Jay King and Tim Tyl for the **Spring Fling on Mount Nebo**. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, 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.

Happy Holidays to our members and visitors from the **Star Steppers**.

Kathy Tankersly

Twirling Funtimers

We had a good crowd, great dancing, and a lot of tasty food at our **Thanksgiving Dance** on Nov. 19. Our final special dance of the year will be on Wednesday, Dec. 17, with our **Winter/Holidays/Christmas Dance**, at our regular dance place, with our own Donna Gellenbeck and Ken Jarman calling. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more info. Many thanks to our own Loree Kant for the great work that she does on the special dance flyers.

Note that we will be **DARK** on Dec. 24 for Christmas week. We hope to have a list of special dances in 2026 in the coming weeks...watch

our club report, the **ASSDF website**, and our Facebook page for updates.

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 with the winter weather season upon us, 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.

Season's Greetings from the **Twirling Funtimers!!**

Anieta England

Twirling Lariats

We had 2 squares at our **Halloween Night Dance**, with our own Nelda Eaton. Several photos are in Special Dances e-Edition; congratulations to the costume winners Blake and Amanda Throgmartin. Our own Mike Lewis was "the blind referee", and Ellen Lewis was the "brownie" (Brown-E). A "shout out" to Ellen for her ad in "National Squares Online" for November, 2025...you can see that ad in the full and compact e-Editions.

We recovered our banner from the **Levi's and Lace** at their Nov. 14 dance...a photo of Phyllis Keeney and Tom Fox with our banner...as well as a group photo, are in the Special Dances e-Edition.

We had a good crowd at our combination **Giving Thanks By Giving Back Weekend Special** with the Maverick Mixers on Nov. 21 and 22, with our own Nelda Eaton joined by fellow caller Phil Moorehouse. There were 3 squares Friday night, and 4 squares Saturday night...with our own Nelda Eaton finishing off the Saturday evening dance with an extra "Hot Hash" tip. Nelda also did several line dances before and during the dance. We are looking at future combination dances, when we and the Maverick Mixers dance on consecutive dance nights; watch our club report, our Facebook page, and the **ASSDF website**, for updates.

Our **Christmas Dinner and Ugly Sweater Dance, with Dirty Santa**, will be on Friday, December 19. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, and on the **ASSDF website** for more details. Photos from that dance will be in the January 2026 e-Edition.

To start the new year, our own Nelda Eaton will join fellow callers Phil Moorehouse from the **Maverick Mixers**, plus Blake and Amanda Throgmartin from the **Levi's And Lace**, at **The Three Amigos M.E.T. Your Kicks To Dance in 2026**, at our regular dance place on Saturday, Jan. 3. See the flyer elsewhere in this issue, on the **ASSDF website**, and on our Facebook page for more information.

We are still looking at a **June Bug Dance** with Tim Tyl on May 30, but it possibly will be a potluck duty square. Many thanks to our own Carolyn Cullins, who provided the scrumptious barbecue sauce and items for many years for this dance. While she has "retired" from this task, her work has been greatly appreciated.

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.

Happy Holidays to all from the **Twirling Lariats!!**

Roger Garner





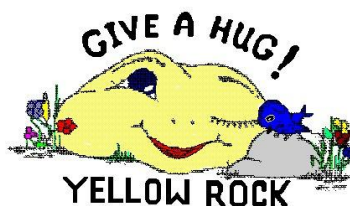
Is your club planning on doing **New Dancer Lessons** (square dancing, round dancing, line dancing, clogging, etc.) soon??

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>

**** No new classes known of at this time ****



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** and the **ASSDF Insurance Chairman** for more information.

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

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 wrong; or if your club is changing their dance dates, times, locations, 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)

DANCING

Sycamore Springs Retirement Center, 165 Jerry Baker Lane

Caller: Roy Hestand

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

Rose Bud

Heber Springers – 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 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) 474-8500 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

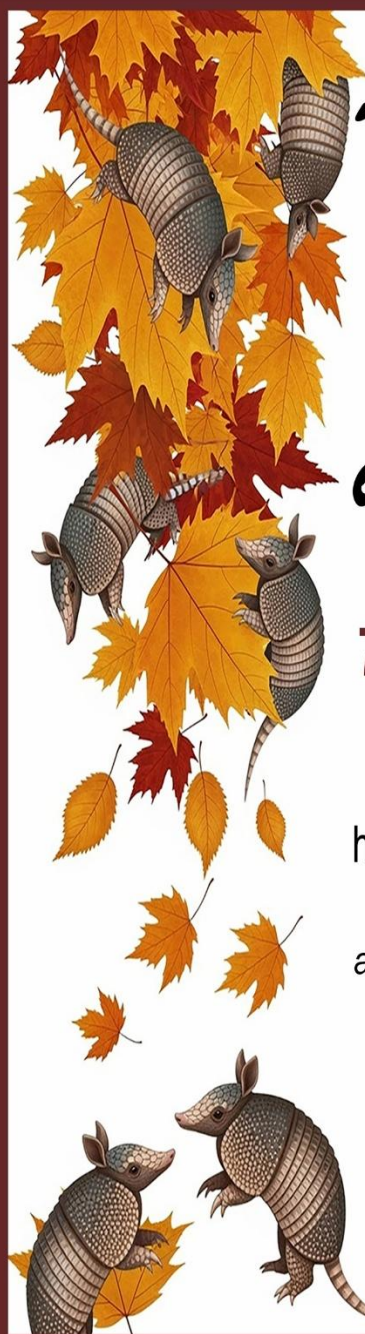
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If Yes is noted, they are available for Special Dances





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& Housing, at thereynolds.heyloillies@gmail.com
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Contact Jerry Fabian, Vice-Chairman for Tours,
at brekatfab@att.net.



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7. Registrations are non-transferable.

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HOTEL & CAMPING INFORMATION ON REVERSE

☐ Check box if you will manage your own accommodation.

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SOLD OUT							
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel) 101 Washington Ave	Across the street from Waco CC	\$164/night	5/29/2026	✓	✓	✓	
Cambria Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$172/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	
Even Hotel 110 S MLK Jr Blvd	6-8 min walk	\$164/night	6/9/2026		✓	✓	✓
Holiday Inn Express 101 Taylor St	6-8 min walk	\$149/night	6/9/2026	✓	✓	✓	
SOLD OUT							
Spring Hill Suites 115 S Jack Kultgen Expressway	2 min drive	\$147/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	✓
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La Quinta 911 S 10th Street	5 min drive	\$159/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	
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Home2Suites 2500 Bagby Ave	7 min drive	\$174/night	6/3/2026	✓	✓	✓	

Don't Delay, Register Today

Rooms for the 75th NSDC are beginning to fill up fast. If you've not registered, go online:
<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>.

What to Expect Next?

Once in the Housing Booking Portal, you will have the ability to book your room at **any of the convention hotels** based on room availability. Reservation confirmations will be sent to the email address used to make the reservation.

Questions?

Please reach out to Phil Henderson, Housing Vice-Chair at 75nsdchousing@gmail.com.

We're Going to Texas, Y'all!



Can my pet stay in my hotel during the 75th NSDC?



The short answer is **YES!** All but two of our hotels allow pets!
See details below:

Hotel	CC Distance	Accept Pets?	Pet Fee	Additional Info
Hilton Waco (Host Hotel)	Connected to Waco CC	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals.
Courtyard (Dance Leader Hotel)	Across the street from Waco CC	Yes	\$0	Please let the front desk know at check-in.
Cambria Hotel	6-8 min walk	No	N/A	No pets are allowed except for service animals
Even Hotel	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$150 deposit	\$75 of the deposit is refundable.
Holiday Inn Express	6-8 min walk	Yes	\$75 deposit	Dogs and cats only ; deposit is non-refundable
Spring Hill Suites	2 min drive	Yes	\$100 deposit	Deposit is non-refundable; dogs only (2 max up to 40 lbs.)
Aloft Waco	5 min drive	Yes	\$0	2 pets max up to 40 lbs.
La Quinta	5 min drive	Yes	\$25/day	Maximum amount of \$75 during entire stay.
Element Hotel	7 min drive	Yes	\$50/day	Maximum amount of \$150 during entire stay.
Home2Suites	7 min drive	Yes	\$75 deposit	Deposit if non-refundable

Questions?

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at 75nsdchousing@gmail.com or call 832-541-3002.

75th National Square
Dance Convention[®]



June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Enjoy having your furry companion with you
at your hotel while at the Convention!

Register for the National Convention online:
<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

75th National Square Dance Convention[®] – Waco, TX
June 24-27, 2026

75th NSDC Launches Hotel Booking Portal and Tour Info for 2026 Convention

75th National Square
Dance Convention®



June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Get ready to celebrate the **75th National Square Dance Convention®** in **Waco, TX, June 24-27, 2026** - a Diamond Jubilee event honoring both the convention's founding in 1952 and America's 250th birthday! Expect exciting festivities including an explosive opening ceremony, a patriotic Friday celebration, and the "Sights and Sounds of Texas" fashion show, plus dancing every day.

To streamline planning, the NSDC has introduced a **new Hotel Booking Portal**, that just launched **July 19**. To access it, complete the **Registration Long Form** to receive your registration number. This number is required to book discounted hotel rooms (\$147-\$174/night) at one of 10 official hotels. You'll receive a confirmation email with portal access and instructions. For questions, contact 75nsdchousing@gmail.com or call Housing Vice Chair Phil Henderson at (832) 541-3002.

Campers can book directly with:

- **Waco Creekside RV Resort** – 15% off cabins, RV spots, and treehouses: wacocreeksideresort.com | (254) 651-3999,
- **Camp FIMFO** – \$55/night: campfimfo.com/waco | (254) 651-3697.

Explore Waco with **self-guided tours** to local attractions like the Magnolia Silos, Dr. Pepper Museum, and Texas Ranger Hall of Fame. A sightseeing guide and transportation information will be provided.

For more adventure, choose from **15 guided tours** via Viator, including:

- Fixer Upper/City Tour,
- Waco Foodie & Wine Tours,
- Brazos River Cruises,
- Ghost Tours & Scavenger Hunts.

Book tours at 75nsdctx.com/tours.

Stay updated at 75nsdctx.com and follow on Facebook: 75th Nationals 2026 or scan the QR Code.

Learn more about Waco at destinationwaco.org.



Your First National Convention?

Attending your first National Square Dance Convention® is a joyful, high-energy experience filled with dancing, learning, and community. Expect multiple dance halls, educational workshops, exhibitions, and social events—all designed to welcome dancers of every level.

What to expect:

Dance variety: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge (C1, C2, C3A), Round Dance (all phases), Contra, Clogging, Line Dance, Youth and specialty styles.

Daily schedule: Dancing runs continuously from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., with after-parties extending to 11 p.m.

Opening events: Trail End dances precede the convention on Tuesday and Wednesday. Look for upcoming flyers. Wednesday begins with The Malpass Brothers concert, country-western dance and BBQ meal followed by the spectacular opening ceremonies and Welcome to Texas.

Closing events: Saturday night features Parade of States and special ceremonies.

Before you go

Register early. Pre-registration ensures access to program books and mobile app schedules.

What to bring

Dance attire (including traditional clothing for evening dances)

Comfortable shoes (bring extras!)

Water bottle, snacks and a small tote

During the convention

Badge, program book (if purchased) and mobile app

Choose your halls. Each hall is designated by dance type and level – check the schedule



daily in the convention mobile app

Workshops: Topics include sewing, club leadership, caller training and many more.

Social and community

Networking – Connect with dancers from across the country and around the world.

Volunteer- Help with setup, registration or hospitality to deepen your involvement.

Vendors and souvenirs: Shop for apparel (dance and other), jewelry and other accessories, badges, quilts, dance shoes and themed gifts.

Square Dance Etiquette

10 tips for a great time:

Arrive on time. Being punctual helps you catch the first tip and keeps the dance floor flowing smoothly.

Dress for the occasion. Choose comfortable shoes and clothing you can move in. Traditional square dance attire is often encouraged, but neat, casual wear is always welcome.

Practice good hygiene. Dancing means close contact—fresh breath, clean hands, and fragrance-free choices make it pleasant for everyone.

Be warm and welcoming. Smile, make eye contact, and greet fellow dancers with kindness. A friendly floor is a happy floor.

Tune in to the caller. Listen closely and follow cues promptly. Avoid chatting during calls so everyone can hear clearly.

Hold your place. Stay in your square and maintain formation. If you get turned around, rejoin smoothly without disrupting others.

Encourage newcomers. Support beginners with patience and positivity. A little kindness goes a long way.

Dance gently. Use soft handholds and smooth movements. Square dancing is about cooperation, not competition.

Show appreciation. At the end of each



tip, thank your partner, the square and the caller. Gratitude is part of the tradition.

Enjoy yourself! Square dancing celebrates rhythm, community, and joy. Relax, laugh, and let the music move you.



WANTED

**Any club or individual who has
experience making square
dance floats or has been in a
parade as a square dancer**

The 75th NSDC Education
Committee has had multiple
requests for a class on
making parade floats and on
parade participation. If your
club or anyone in it is
interested in sharing your
knowledge with others,
please contact Sally
Schmidt at
sbennettschmidt@gmail.com



WE WANT YOU!



75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

EDUCATION PROGRAM

June 24-27, 2026

Waco Convention Center, Texas

Visit Our Website to Register and for Convention Details: www.75nsdctx.com

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The 75th National Square Dance Convention* Education Program needs you! Volunteers are an essential part of a successful education program. Take a break from dancing for an hour or two and consider helping out in one of these areas.



We Want YOU!

☐ **ROOM HOSTS: Education and Sewing Classes (Hilton 3 Rivers Ballroom and Brazos Rooms)**

- Job Description: Introduce the presenter (from bio provided), count attendees, distribute and collect session evaluation forms, initial Leadership Certification Program participation forms.
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM, or Saturday between 10 AM and 2 PM.

☐ **EDUCATION CHECK-IN DESK (Hall outside Brazos Rooms A&C in the Hilton)**

- Job Description: Assist with duties such as passing out presenter and room host packets, printing and collating handouts, answering questions about schedules and room locations.
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday between 9:30 AM and 5 PM, Friday between 9:30 AM and 5 PM, or Saturday between 9:30 AM and 2 PM.

☐ **NEC ARCHIVES ROOM (Lone Star Room 105 in Convention Center)**

- Job Description: Tally visitors, respond to questions about the displays (using provided FAQs).
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 10 AM and 5 PM or 7 PM and 9 PM; or Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM.

☐ **DATA ENTRY (Brazos Room B in the Hilton)**

- Job Description: Enter data and statistics from Education Sessions into an Excel Spreadsheet (such as number of session attendees and results from session evaluation forms).
- Time Commitment: One to two hours on Thursday or Friday between 12 PM and 5 PM, or Saturday between 10 AM and 3 PM.

YES, I would love to help with the 75th NSDC Education Program!

Name _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Check the box above next to each area in which you would be willing to volunteer.

Time(s) Available: ☐ Thursday morning ☐ Thursday afternoon ☐ Thursday evening

☐ Friday morning ☐ Friday afternoon ☐ Friday evening ☐ Saturday morning ☐ Saturday afternoon

Return this form to Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman

E-mail to ekelly1948@yahoo.com

The Many Benefits of Volunteering for the NSDC's Education Committee

Come be part of the Education Team for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX, and volunteer for any position that sounds interesting to you! As a volunteer for the Education Committee, you will:

1. Receive a volunteer ribbon that will let everyone know you are volunteering at the Convention.
2. Receive a copy of the Education and Dance schedules as soon as they are finalized (and before they are published).
 - This will allow you to decide what times you are available to volunteer and allow you to sign up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.
3. Receive an individual volunteer orientation when you pick up your volunteer ribbon at the Education check-in desk.
4. Receive a copy of your volunteer schedule (just like the presenters get) if you have signed up for your volunteer slots before convention starts.
5. Receive a “Thank You” gift from the Education Committee.
6. Receive recognition as a volunteer by having your photos on a “volunteer appreciation wall” near the Education Check-In desk. Your name and/or picture may also be listed on Facebook, the e-Magazine or Website as a member of the “Education Committee’s Volunteer Team.”
7. Be able to start and finish the Leadership Certification Program by serving as a Room Host.
8. Be included in Education Committee Zoom meetings if you are interested.

Please contact Everett Kelly, Assistant Education Chairman, at ekelly1948@yahoo.com, if you are interested in being a volunteer for the Education Committee. Make sure to join us on Facebook for the latest news and events.

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Register today online at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

You can also scan the adjacent QR Code



*Please Join the 75th National Square Dance Convention®
for this Important Educational Roundtable Event*

From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change

Change doesn't happen on paper — it happens in clubs, on the dance floor, and in the community. This roundtable brings together callers and leaders who are already putting the TIPPP Framework into action. Hear real-life success stories from clubs that have made change happen in their local areas and learn practical steps you can take to guide your own dancers and organizations. From navigating the simplified 50-call entry program to using the new teaching order and playbook, panelists will share strategies for building buy-in and helping your dancers thrive. Whether you're leading a small club or part of a large organization, this session offers tools and inspiration to help you carry the Diamond Jubilee spirit forward into a bright future.

Moderators: Ted Lizotte & Teresa Berger, CALLERLAB

TED LIZOTTE

Ted Lizotte is Chairman of the Board for CALLERLAB and has been featured at numerous conventions, festivals and dances both nationally and internationally.

Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling the same year. He began teaching classes in the 1990s and has taught beginner calling classes every year since. He became the club caller for Tech Squares of MIT in 1997 and still teaches their 12-week Crash Course. Known for his smooth-flowing choreography and music usage, he calls Beginners through C1.

In 2017, Ted started his own music label and is the owner and producer of Throw Back Tunes and co-owns and produces TOTL Recordings with Tony Oxendine.

From Manchester, NH, Ted has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1991 and earned Accredited Caller Coach designation in 2020. He has served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors since 2018 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021. He was named CALLERLAB's Chairman of the Board in April 2023.



TERESA BERGER

Teresa Berger grew up in the square dance activity and started calling in 2010. She calls and teaches square dancing through Plus, cues Rounds through Phase III, teaches Line Dances, and records for Rhythm Records.

Teresa is a member of CALLERLAB and a life member of the Indiana Dancers Association (IDA). Teresa currently serves as the Executive Director of CALLERLAB, the International Association of Square Dance Callers, and also as the Executive Secretary for the CALLERLAB Foundation for the Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing.



Attend the Keynote Address by Ted Lizotte at 9 a.m. entitled "It's Been 75 Years: Why Change Now?"

As the NSDC celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, be inspired and energized as we look ahead to the future of our activity. This keynote sets the stage by exploring the motivations behind the Transitional Implementation Phase of the Program Policy currently in progress at CALLERLAB, and what it means for dancers, callers, and clubs.

Thursday, June 25 • 10 a.m. • Waco Convention Center, TX

From Vision to Reality: Success Stories and Strategies for Implementing Change

Introducing the Educational Roundtable Panelists...

JEREMY BUTLER



Jeremy and his wife Jamie live in Virginia Beach, VA. He started calling in 1996. He is the club caller for the Capitol Squares (A2/C1) in Richmond, VA, and The Square Edges (Plus) in Newport News, VA. Jeremy is also a traveling caller and calls for festivals and dances in many places around the country.

He is the current Advanced Program Committee Vice-Chairman, Applications Review Committee Chairman, a member of the Board of Governors in CALLERLAB, and is the Membership Committee Chair for the Virginia State Callers Association.

Jeremy has recorded for both Crown Records and Royal Records and calls the SSD program through C1.

MIKE SEASTROM



Mike Seastrom has been dancing since 1960 and calling since 1963. He lost a bet to his mother who insisted he try square dancing at least three times. The third time he was hooked. He taught his first class in 1963 after borrowing money from his parents to buy a small sound system. He was able to pay them back before the class was over and he's been calling ever since.

He calls and teaches Basic through C-1 programs, prompts Contras, teaches Line Dances, and enjoys dance party events when his schedule allows. Mike currently teaches for the Buckles & Bows Square Dance Club in Thousand Oaks, CA, and teaches the Social Square Dance program, which enables him to teach two classes a year plus a Summertime Funshop of SSD calls.

Calling has given Mike the opportunity to travel extensively in the United States, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan. He said he feels "dancing as a team of eight" is the best recreation in the world. As a recently retired dentist, calling has been an avocation quite different from his "Dr. Mike" side. He added, thankfully, his wonderful wife Lisa, family, and staff have been tremendous support.

SHAWN BROWN



Shawn Brown was introduced to square dancing in 2009 and began calling less than a year later at age 14. In 2011, he called his first National Square Dance Convention* in Detroit, MI.

In 2012, he became a recording artist for Gold Rush Records, becoming one of the youngest recording artists of the time. Today, he is a co-producer for Gold Rush Records, along with his father, Scott Brown.

Shawn works as a local and regional traveling caller, also traveling nationally, calling SSD through A2. He has called in 25 states, and in 2017 he called his first festival as a featured caller in Biloxi, MS, with Lisa Minton and Scott Brown. In 2023, he was blessed with the opportunity to work as a caller coach during the Grand Square International (GSI) Caller School in Mobile, AL.

Shawn joined CALLERLAB in 2011. He has been a presenter on several panels at CALLERLAB and NSDC conventions. He currently serves on the Caller Training, Mainstream, Marketing, and Music Producers committees.

At home, he calls and teaches for Gold Rush Outlaws, Dip N' Dive and Square One (Shawn co-founded Square One in January of 2024 with Matt Williams and Lori Ritchey), while dedicating most of his time to the promotion and preservation of square dancing.

Add the Educational Roundtable and Keynote Address to Your Must-Do List of Events at the NSDC!

Thursday, June 25 • 10 a.m. • Waco Convention Center, TX

Waco's looking for Dance Leaders

DEC. 31, 2025

*is the deadline for Dance Leaders to register for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. Profiles must be submitted by **JAN. 31, 2026***

Dance Leaders go to <https://sdconvention.com> to complete your Dance Leader Profile. Important: you must first sign up for the www.75nsdctx.com to receive a registration number to complete your profile,
Welcome to Waco!



Scan the QR Code
to register



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Exciting news for the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, Texas!

Everyone registered for the convention will get **FREE** access to the official **Convention App**!

The Education Committee wants to make sure you know how to use it, so here's what to expect:



- **Written instructions** will be available in the **April or May** edition of *National Squares e-Magazine*, on the **75th NSDC Facebook page**, and on our **website**.
- The app is expected to go **live in May**. Once it's available, we encourage you to use the instructions to explore all the exciting events, educational sessions, and dance opportunities planned for the **Diamond Jubilee celebration!**
- There will be a **class on how to use the app** on **Wednesday afternoon** before the convention starts, and possibly another on **Thursday afternoon**.
- The **time and location** for these classes will be announced in a future issue of the e-Magazine.

We're thrilled to offer this free perk and can't wait to see you in Waco!



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Register for the 75th NSDC at

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Scan the QR Code to follow us on Facebook for the latest news

We're Going to Texas, Y'all!



Circle Your Wagons in Waco!

Looking for a campsite for the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]?

We have two privately-owned RV Resorts within a short drive from the Waco Convention Center (100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX), along with park options through the Corps of Engineers, and there's FREE parking at the convention center.

1. WACO CREEKSIDE RESORT, 1972 Leroy Parkway, Elm Mott, TX 76640, just 11 miles north of the convention center, (243) 651-3999, info@wacocreekside.com, www.wacocreekside.com. This resort has 50 RV sites available with full hookups. Waco Creekside Resort also has cabins and treehouses, most are 1BR 1BA. The resort has a laundry facility onsite and is pet friendly.

Offers 15% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75th NSDC



2. MAGNOLIA RV RESORT, 3096 New Dallas Highway, Waco, TX, just 8 miles north of the convention center off the I-35 service road, (254) 799-3105, magnoliarvresort@gmail.com, www.magnoliarvresort.com. This resort has 42 full-service sites. Pull-through sites only. Pancake breakfast on weekends. Magnolia RV Resort is pet friendly and has a swimming pool.

Offers 10% discount off standard rates when you mention you are a square dancer with the 75th NSDC

Looking for something more rustic?

There are several Corps of Engineers parks in the Waco area. These are government owned and operated and do NOT offer a square dance discount. The COE does not accept reservations more than 6 months in advance. There is a security gate that locks at 10 p.m. and there is no code. However, you can leave a buddy's car just inside the gate and upon return from After Parties can use the emergency exit to re-enter and then drive buddy's car to campsite. There are a limited number of 50-amp spaces. Not all sites have sewer hookups but there is a sewer dump station. Closest COE parks are Midway Park (2332 W. Hwy. 6, Waco, TX) and Speegleville Park (3400 Over Flow Rd, Waco, TX). For more information, go to www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-8777.

If you have any questions about camping at the 75th NSDC, contact Janet or Jeb Jonas at: NSDC75campers@yahoo.com.



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Scan the QR Code to register today or go to
www.75nsdctx.com/register



Getting to the 75th National Square Dance Convention[®]

Where is Waco? The NSDC's convention city for its Diamond Jubilee is in Central Texas, right along the Brazos River and off Interstate 35. Waco is located halfway between Dallas and Austin. No matter your mode of travel, it's easy to get to Waco!

BY CAR

I-35 runs right through Waco, making it easy to access from major cities like Dallas, Austin and San Antonio.

BY AIR

Waco Regional Airport (ACT) is serviced by American Eagle with flights to/from Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW). Nearby airports are DFW, Dallas Love Field (DAL), Austin-Bergstrom (AUS), and Killeen-Fort Hood (GRK). They all offer connections to Waco via shuttle or rental car. For information on ACT go to <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Airport>. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Rental car availability may be limited as the 2026 FIFA World Cup will be taking place in Dallas during our convention. Make your air and rental reservations early!

BY BUS

Greyhound (www.greyhound.com) serves Waco with intercity routes from across the U.S. The Waco Charter Bus Co., offers group travel options (<https://www.nationalbuscharter.com/-waco-charter-bus>).

BY SHUTTLE

Waco Streak and GoGOWaco provide luxury shuttle service from DFW and Dallas Love Field. Airport Transportation of Waco offers hotel and airport transfers. For details: visit <https://www.waco-streak.com>, <https://www.gogowaco.com>, and <https://airporttransportationofwaco.com/index.html>.

LOCAL OPTIONS ONCE YOU'RE HERE

The Waco Transit System has fixed-route buses. Options include the Baylor University shuttle and MicroDash. You can download the new Waco Transit System App to book and manage rides at: <https://www.waco-texas.com/Departments/Transit-System>.

RIDESHARE AND TAXIS

Uber and Lyft operate throughout Waco and nearby cities. Traditional taxis are available in downtown Waco and at the airport. For information go to: <https://www.uber.com/global/en/r/cities/waco-tx-us/> and <https://www.lyft.com/rider/cities/waco-killeen-tx>.



Scan the QR Code to follow the 75th NSDC on Facebook,
Register for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com>.



Get your dance on at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®



What types of dancing can I enjoy at the 75th NSDC?

- Square Dance: Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Challenge, Specialty
- Round, Contra, Line, Clogging, Youth & Specialty Dance

Watch *National Squares* e-Magazine, Facebook and our website
for dance information for the 75th NSDC

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June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Don't miss the fun! Sign up at
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

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What's to ♥ about the venue for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?

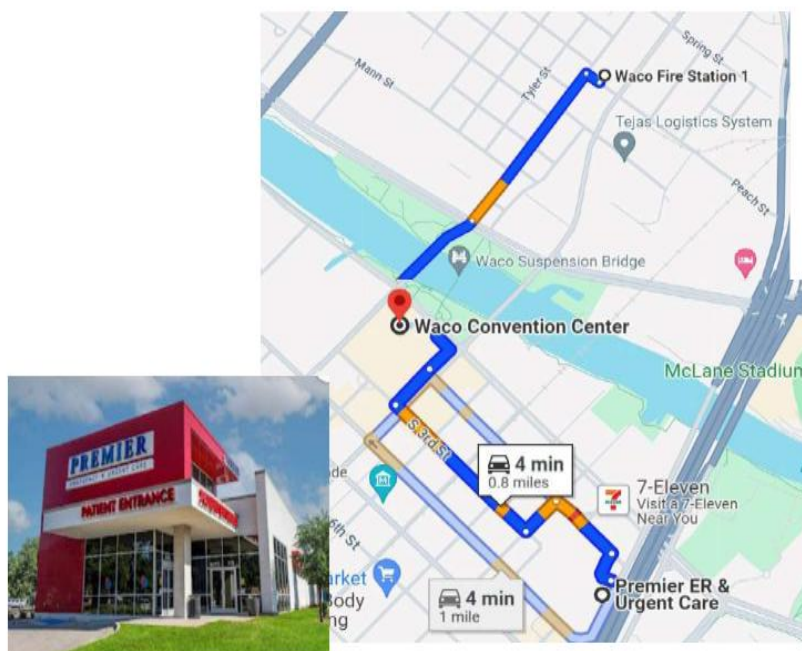


Waco Convention Center *100 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701*

- Location: Close to Waco hotels, restaurants & attractions
- Compact: Convention center is easy to maneuver & laid out for convenience
- Accessibility: With only two levels there are plenty of elevators & escalators, ADA approved ramps, lifts & restrooms, mobility scooters available for rent
- Design: Plenty of natural light & convention restrooms
- Water: Built-in water bottle filling stations in hallways
- Parking: 900 free parking spaces, additional spaces in easy walking distance
- Concessions & Vendors: There will be plenty of concessions, vending food, & a great variety of vendors tailored to dancers & callers
- Dance Floors: Flooring includes bamboo wood, polished concrete, commercial vinyl, modular wood over carpet, & new modular plastic flooring over carpet
- Education & Archives: Education sessions & archives in attached hotel meeting rooms for a conducive learning atmosphere

June 24-27, 2026 • Register today: 75nsdctx.com

Emergency Help is only 4 minutes away



About This Location

Premier ER & Urgent Care in Waco is committed to providing top-quality medical care with a board-certified team of medical professionals. Their in-house lab testing, X-ray services, and pediatric care for infants and children are of the highest standard. **Premier's urgent care services are available every day from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., while the emergency room is open 24/7.** They are in-network with multiple insurance providers and have three other convenient locations throughout central Texas. Premier welcomes all walk-ins without the need for an appointment, making it easy for patients to receive the medical attention they require when they need it.

Premier is the "Official Around-the-Clock Care Provider of Baylor Athletics"

Searching for info about the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?



1. Visit our website at www.75nsdctx.com. It's full of forms, links & great information about the 2026 convention in Waco, TX.
2. Follow us on Facebook for news & events. Scan QR Code for access.
3. Subscribe to & read *National Squares* e-Magazine. Each edition contains the who, what, where & when of the 75th NSDC to be held June 24-27, 2026 in the Waco Convention Center. To subscribe, go to <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> & scroll down to enter your name & email, hit Send. You will be notified each month when the latest edition is released. You can also click on the edition's icon to download a copy from the website.



Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>

Why bring your youth to the 75th National Square Dance Convention®?

*Square dancing is more than just a fun activity – it's a community.
By bringing your youth to the National Square Dance Convention®
you're giving them the opportunity to:*

- Build life-long friendships
- Gain confidence and leadership skills
- Be part of a vibrant, intergenerational tradition

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT THE 75TH NSDC

• **Youth-Focused Dance Sessions:** Square and Round Dance sessions tailored for our youth dancers with energetic callers and cuers who know how to keep the dance floor lively and fun!

• **Skill-Building Workshops:** Opportunities for youth to improve their dancing skills, learn new moves, and even try out calling in a supportive environment!

• **Games and Icebreakers:** We will have organized games and social activities to help youth connect, make friends and have fun!

• **Youth Parade and Performances:** This is a chance for our youth to shine! Enjoy a themed parade and talent showcase to celebrate their energy and creativity!

• **Mentorship and Community:** Older youth and young adult dancers will be on hand to help guide and support younger participants to help create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

We're committed to making this a safe, joyful, and enriching experience for our young dancers.

*So, pack those dancing shoes and get ready for an unforgettable time at the
75th National Square Dance Convention®!*

Have questions or want more details about youth programming?

Contact our Youth Coordinator, Kati Raleigh, at yodelergirl@yahoo.com.

Haven't registered for the 75th NSDC? Sign up at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/>.





OPAL'S OYSTERS



TERRY BLACK'S BBQ



REVIVAL EASTSIDE EATERY



RED HERRING

Bring a Texas-sized appetite to the 75th National Square Dance Convention®

Check out the many restaurants in the Waco Downtown Dining Guide

1424 Bistro

1424 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Alpha Omega Grill & Bakery

929 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Bangkok Royale

215 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701

Barnett's Whiskey House & Restaurant

420 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Bertie's on the Rooftop at Hotel 1928

701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Billy Bob's Burgers

300 S 2nd St Suite 102, Waco, TX 76701

Brazos Bar & Bistro at Hotel Indigo

211 Clay Ave, Waco, TX 76706

Brazos Grille at the Hilton

113 S University Parks Dr, Waco, TX 76701

The Brazos Landing

100 I 35 N Frontage Rd, Waco, TX 76704

Cafe Cappuccino

100 N 6th St #101, Waco, TX 76701

Cajun Craft

601 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706

Casa Do Brasil

1001 Webster Ave, Waco, TX 76706

Cha Community

1001 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Clay Pot Restaurant

416 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Cricke't's Draft House & Grill

211 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701

D's Mediterranean

1503 Colcord Ave, Waco, TX 76707

DiamondBack's

217 Mary Ave, Waco, TX 76701

George's Restaurant & Bar

1925 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

Harvest on 25th

112 N 25th St, Waco, TX 76710

Health Camp

2601 Circle Rd, Waco, TX 76706

Hecho En Waco Mexican Cuisine

300 S 6th St b, Waco, TX 76701

Jake's Texas Tea House

613 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Jasper's BBQ

105 Clifton St, Waco, TX 76704

Jorge's Cantina

4225 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710

J-Petal & Poké Waco

315 S Univ. Parks Dr #120, Waco, TX 76701

Kim's Diner

2600 W Waco Dr, Waco, TX 76710

Kitok Restaurant

1815 N 18th St, Waco, TX 76707

La Fiesta

3815 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76710

Magnolia Table

2132 S Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX 76706

Maria Mezcaleria

724 Austin Ave Ste 102, Waco, TX 76701

Milo All Day

1020 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Ninfa's

220 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76701

Opal's Oysters

228 S 8th St Suite B, Waco, TX 76701

Pignetti's

401 S 3rd St, Waco, TX 76706

Pivovar Brewery & Restaurant

320 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701

Portofino's Italian Restaurant

725 Austin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Red Herring at Hotel Herringbone

319 S 4th St, Waco, TX 76701

Revival East Side Eatery

704 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704

Sagrado Cocina and Bar

215 S Univ. Parks Dr Ste. 107, Waco, TX 76701

Sasce's Southern Style Eatery

719 S 11th St, Waco, TX 76706

Segovia Wine Bar + Tapas

300 S 6th St Suite F, Waco, TX 76701

Schmaltz's Sandwich Shoppe

105 S 5th St #2102, Waco, TX 76701

Shorty's Pizza Shack

1712 S 12th St, Waco, TX 76706

Slow Rise on the Brazos

1620 N M.L.K. Jr Blvd, Waco, TX 76704

Southern Roots Brewery

219 N 8th St, Waco, TX 76701

Street Dog Cafe

406 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704

Teriyaki Park

220 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701

Terry Black's BBQ - Waco

228 S 8th St, Waco, TX 76701

The BLVD Steakhouse at Cambria Hotel

110 S MLK Jr Blvd, Bldg A, Waco, TX 76704

The Brasserie at Hotel 1928

701 Washington Ave, Waco, TX 76701

The Olive Branch

215 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76701

Tony DeMaria's Bar-B-Que

1000 Elm Ave, Waco, TX 76704

Tru Jamaica

937 Taylor St, Waco, TX 76704

Twisted Root Burger Co.

801 S 2nd St, Waco, TX 76706

Union Hall - Food Hall

720 Franklin Ave, Waco, TX 76701

Vitek's

1600 Speight Ave, Waco, TX 76706

For info about the 75th NSDC's city of Waco, go to <https://destinationwaco.org>

Specialty Restaurants

IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

Waco has a number of eateries which feature menu options.

ALPHA OMEGA GRILL & bakery

- Veggie and vegan gyros and appetizers.
- 929 Franklin Avenue

BAKED BLISS

- Wide range of gluten-free options, from bacon-cheddar scones to blueberry muffins to shortbread.
- 1114 North 15th Street

BANGKOK ROYAL

- A literal ton of veggie and vegan Thai options on the menu.
- 215 South University Parks Drive
- THE BLASIAN ASIAN
- Order tofu as your protein for veggie/vegan option
- 720 Franklin (Union Hall)

CAFE CAPPUCCINO

- 100 North 6th Street / 903 Hewitt Drive / 1101 Richland Drive

CHEDDAR BOX

- 601 Webster Avenue

CLAY POT

- 416 Franklin Avenue

CURRY UP & WOK THIS WAY

- Features two vegan curry options and a vegetable stir fry!
- 720 Franklin Avenue (Union Hall)

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IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries



D'S MEDITERRANEAN GRILL

- Vegetarian and vegan options.
- 1503 Colcord Avenue

FREEBIRDS WORLD BURRITO

- Featuring veggie protein and Beyond Meat protein.
- 120 North New Road

GEORGE'S RESTAURANT

- 1925 Speight Avenue / 1201 Hewitt Drive

HAT CREEK BURGER COMPANY

- All sides, from french fries to fried pickles, are gluten-free. GF bun available.
- 103 Archway Drive (off of Highway 84 in Woodway)

HARVEST ON 25TH

- Variety of vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options.
- 112 North 25th Street

J-PETAL

- All their crepes are gluten-free.
- 315 South University Parks Drive, Ste 120

MOD PIZZA

- Offering loads of vegetarian options for pizza, as well as a "gluten-friendly" crust, made on the same serving line as gluten-unfriendly crusts.
- 1015 S North (I know) Jack Kultgen Expressway

OLIVE BRANCH CAFE

- 215 South 2nd Street

POPPA ROLLO'S PIZZA

- Gluten-free crusts (that don't taste like gluten-free crusts).
- 703 North Valley Mills Drive / 1201 Hewitt Drive #214

continued.

IT'S WACO Y'ALL!

Gluten Free, Vegan, and Vegetarian Eateries

SAFFRON

- Plenty of vegan and vegetarian options!
- 2305 Marketplace Drive

SLOW RISE SLICE HOUSE

- Vegan Cheese and Gluten-Free / Cauliflower Crusts available.
- 7608 Woodway Drive

TERIYAKI PARK

- 220 South 2nd Street

TERRY & JO'S FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Waco natural groceries? Whether you like sandwiches or burritos, Terry & Jo's the place for vegan and gluten-free whether for something in-store or to-go.
- 1121 Speight Avenue

TOM'S BURGERS

- Offers gluten-free buns
- 6818 Sanger Avenue

TORCHY'S TACOS

- 801 South 5th Street

TWISTED ROOT BURGER COMPANY

- Veggie and Vegan Burger options
- 801 South 2nd Street

VITEK'S

- It's not really vegan, or vegetarian, but gluten-free some options.
- 1600 Speight Avenue



<https://www.wacowise.com/veggievggf>

Support Live Music in the Contra Hall!

75th NSDC

Waco

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76th NSDC

Loveland

gofundme



Funds are collected by Contralab and transferred to the NSDC during the convention. For more info contact Lissa at ContralabFinance@gmail.com or 210-627-5940

What is Round Dance?

Many square dancers also enjoy round dancing, so you'll find plenty of round dance sessions at the 75th National Square Dance Convention®. If you're new to round dancing, here's a quick introduction:

Round dancing is a form of choreographed ballroom dance, where couples move in a counter-clockwise circle around the floor. Every step is pre-written on a cue sheet and called out in real time by a cuer, allowing all dancers to stay in sync.

Popular round dance rhythms include two step, waltz, foxtrot, cha-cha, rumba, tango, and salsa. Each dance figure is assigned a difficulty level by Roundalab, the international organization that sets standards for round dancing.



CHRIS MALPASS *The* TAYLOR MALPASS

MALPASS BROTHERS

LONELY STREET

★★★★★
 "They're as REAL as grits and gravy..."
 -Randy Owen - *Alabama*

★★★★★
 "Just when I thought real country music might be lost, I heard
 The Malpass Brothers, and they renewed my faith that the
 music will survive!"
 -Gene Watson

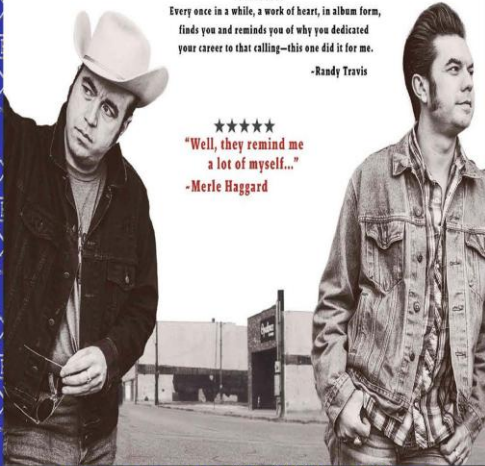
★★★★★
 "If I could purchase only one more recording in life,
 I'd lay down my money for the next Malpass Brothers recording..."
 -Jeannie C. Riley

★★★★★
 "...their music is as slick as the hair they comb..."
 -Marty Raybon - *Shenandoah*

★★★★★
 Every once in a while, a work of heart, in album form,
 finds you and reminds you of why you dedicated
 your career to that calling—this one did it for me.
 -Randy Travis

★★★★★
 "Well, they remind me
 a lot of myself..."
 -Merle Haggard

**APPEARING
AT THE
75th NSDC**





Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

Waco Convention Center
100 Washington Avenue
Waco, Texas

PUBLIC WELCOME!
This is a show you will truly enjoy!
Dinner is included.
Information-361.779.3479 or 361.463.7222

Tickets
General \$45

Scan to reserve

Note: Premium Seating is SOLD OUT, but General Seating Tickets are still available for the Wednesday Night Event.

The 75th National Square Dance Convention® Presents

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Ted Lizotte

Implementation of the Proposal

The International Association of Square Dance Callers' proposal introduces a simplified program structure, including a newly-defined, entry-level program and streamlined path forward for modern square dancing, according to a press release by CALLERLAB.

DATE:
Thurs., June 25, 2026

TIME:
10-11 a.m.

LOCATION:
McLennen Room #3

Hailing from Manchester, NH, Ted is Chairman of the Board for CALLERLAB and has been featured at numerous conventions and festivals both nationally and internationally.

Ted learned to square dance in 1988 and began calling the same year. He began teaching classes in 1990s and has taught beginner calling classes every year since. He became the club caller for Tech Squares of MIT in 1997 and still teaches their 12-week Crash Course. Known for his smooth-flowing choreography and music usage, he calls Beginners through C1.

In 2017, Ted started his own music label and is the owner and producer of Throw Back Tunes and co-owns and produces TOTL Recordings with Tony Oxendine.

Ted has been a member of CALLERLAB since 1991 and earned Accredited Caller Coach designation in 2020. He has served on the CALLERLAB Board of Governors since 2018 and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021. He was named CALLERLAB's Chairman of the Board in April 2023.

Make plans to attend this important keynote address during the 75th NSDC in Waco, TX!

Register online at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/> or scan QR Code



HELP US SWING THE GHOST RIDERS INTO WACO, TEXAS FOR A NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION® TO REMEMBER!

Dancers from all over the world will commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the National Square Dance Convention® in the Waco Convention Center on June 24-27, 2026. And what's a big celebration without the electrifying energy of the Ghost Riders Square Dance Band?

This fantastic live band brings excitement to our conventions. Their music, accompanied by enthusiastic callers, keep dancers swinging and swaying all evening long, but we need your help to make it happen. Donate today to help cover the band's travel and lodging expenses. Every contribution, big and small, helps bring the magic of live music to the dance floor.



TO DONATE, GO TO:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/ghostriders-band>

Note: there is a slide bar at the bottom where you can give GoFundMe a "tip" for their services. It is defaulted to a percentage but can be set to zero.

Thank you for your support, all donors are eligible for a grand prize drawing!

ORGANIZATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

TOPIC: Implementation of the Proposal

Explore how the new program format being implemented by the International Association of Square Dance Callers (CALLERLAB) will benefit callers, dancers, clubs & more

DATE:
Thursday,
June 25, 2026

TIME:
11:15 a.m.
-12:45 p.m.

LOCATION:
McLennen Room #3
Waco Convention Center

Register for the 75th National
Square Dance Convention®
<https://75nsdctx.com/register/>
or scan the QR Code



We're Going to Texas Ya'll!!

Find the Sparkle

Education Sessions are a valuable part of the **National Square Dance Convention®** experience. They're a great way to **rest your feet** between dances and **learn something new!**

Just like diamonds come in many cuts and colors, our education sessions offer a variety of topics to explore. For the **75th NSDC in Waco**, we're organizing these sessions into **four main categories** to help you find what interests you most.

Stay tuned for more details on each category and the exciting sessions planned!

Dancer Leadership 📖 Classes designed to help dancers build their leadership knowledge and skills to be effective club & association leaders.	Current & Future Callers 🎵 Sessions organized by CALLERLAB to support new and experienced callers continue to hone their craft.
Publicity and Promotion 🎵 Sessions to help promote and market your club and events via traditional and social media.	Potpourri ❖ Classes on a variety of other topics of interest to dancers, leaders, callers and cuers, travelers, and more!

Dancer Leadership Classes

Here are a few of the classes aimed at helping current and prospective club and organization leaders build their knowledge and skills:

- 📖 Toolkit for Club Leaders
- 📖 How to Build a Sustainable Club
- 📖 Are You Prepared? Emergency Plans at a Dance
- 📖 Negotiating Caller Contracts
- 📖 Solo Dancers: Can They Save Square Dancing?
- 📖 Spice Up Your Dances, Liven Up Your Club
- 📖 Who's Insured at Your Dances?

Continue your education at the
75th National Square Dance Convention®
Register at <https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>



June 24-27, 2026
Waco Convention
Center, Texas

75th NSDC's Leadership Certification Program

Interested in being a leader or learning to be a better one? Then the Leadership Certification Program is for you! The program can easily be completed during a single National Square Dance Convention® (NSDC) but you can take up to four years to finish. Upon completion you will receive a Certificate of Completion and a LCP dangle to proudly wear on your badge.

The Leadership Certification Program (LCP) consists of two mandatory classes, four core sessions, and two electives for a total of eight hours. There are around 43 hours of dancing and other activities during any NSDC so, if you start and finish the LCP, you will still have around 35 hours to enjoy everything the Convention has to offer. However, if you are someone who loves taking classes, you can take as many as you wish as long as you get the basic number of each category completed.

The Mandatory Sessions include the Bid Session and the Keynote address. The Bid Session is an exciting presentation given by a state that wants to host an upcoming National Square Dance Convention®. The presentation highlights many of the attractions in that city as well as providing information about the proposed venue. The second mandatory class is the Keynote Address given by a prominent member of the square or round dance community and addresses a timely and pertinent issue within the community. The Keynote Speeches can be so inspiring that participants leave with the knowledge they can make a difference.

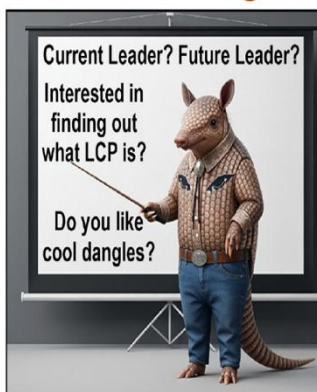
Core Classes provide the participants with knowledge for effective administration of a square dance club or organization. These classes include insurance, using social media effectively, how to become a 501c3 organization, educational/informational pamphlets and videos available to clubs, various support organizations such as United Square Dancers of America (USDA), ARTS, and CALLERLAB as well as important topics of the current year.

Elective Classes cover a wide range of topics. Previous electives included seminars to help new callers build their skills, how to recruit and retain dancers, a slide presentation on the next year's convention, as well as seminars on making colorful and effective flyers, competition and exhibition square dancing, and histories of contra and square dancing.

We are offering many new classes during the 75th National Square Dance Convention® in Waco, TX. They are in the planning stage at this time so check the monthly e-Magazine, Facebook, or the 75th NSDC website, www.75nsdctx.com, to see the new classes we have to offer.



Questions about the LCP or any of the Education classes can be sent to either the Assistant Education Chairman who is also in charge of the LCP, Everett Kelly at ekelly1948@yahoo.com, or Education Chairman, Brooke Peters, at kbrokepeters@gmail.com. Sign up for the NSDC's Diamond Jubilee at <https://75nsdctx.com/register/> or scan the QR Code.



75th National Square Dance Convention® Education Program
Everything that glitters is not gold (or diamonds) - It's Education!

**Current and
Future
Leaders**

**Leadership
Certification
Program
(LCP)**

**Clubs &
Associations**

Would you like to build your skills to become a better leader?

*Are you interested in enriching your knowledge about the operations
of dance clubs and organizations?*

Do you need resources to support and promote dancing in your area?

*Do you need opportunities to exchange ideas with others about
issues and challenges facing our activity?*

The Leadership Certification Program may be for you!

- Sign in and pick up an LCP worksheet at the Education Check-in table
- Attend **Eight (8)** Education Sessions at a National Square Dance Convention®
 - 2** **Mandatory Sessions** (Bid Session and Keynote Address)
 - 4** **Core Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
 - 2** **Elective Sessions** (select from a range of Education Classes)
- Have the volunteer room host in each class initial your worksheet.
- Turn in your worksheet at the Education table to get your completion certificate and dangle! (You have up to four years to complete the program.)
- Go back and apply your new skills and knowledge within your club or organization!



*The more classes you take,
the more diamonds in your bag!*

Sign up for the 75th National Square Dance Convention®

<https://75nsdctx.com/long-form-registration/>

June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center, Texas

Let's Celebrate!

Wear your Red, White & Blue in honor of our Nation's 250th Birthday during a special event
Friday, June 26, 2026 at 6:30 pm!



The NSDC's Diamond Jubilee coincides with America's 250th Birthday! Help us mark these important milestones.

75th National
Square Dance Convention®
June 24-27, 2026 • Waco Convention Center
Register for the NSDC at <https://75nsdctx.com>



You Don't Want to Miss
This...

*Sights and Sounds
of Texas*

It Ain't Your Mama's

**FASHION
SHOW**

**Saturday
June 27
1:30 pm**

**75th National Square
Dance Convention[®]**



June 24-27 2026

DIAMOND JUBILEE



Fixer Upper and City Tour

\$85 per person
Sunday to Saturday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Waco has some great sights from TV shows, but if you don't know the area well you could miss out on finding some of them. This Waco Sites and TV Highlights Tour takes you to areas filmed on shows like Fixer Upper, Wood Work, and others. Plus, you'll also see areas like East Waco and Cameron Park, and pop into neighborhoods worth seeing up close. During the trip, enjoy a local coffee or ice cream and receive a coupon booklet.



Haunts and Legends Mobile Ghost Tours

\$39 per person
Sunday to Saturday
6:00 pm or 8:30 pm

Come along on a 2 hour spooky tour of Waco, where you'll be driven to see the city's famous haunts and hear the legends behind them from your guide. From the city's founding in 1849, there have been several incidents to prove legendary, including the tornado of 1953, the Red Light District, and Historic Cameron Park. Learn all about the haunts and legends of Waco, experience the haunts first-hand, and maybe communicate with spirits.

75th NATIONAL Square Dance Convention® Tour Brochure

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:
75nsdctx.com/tours

Book ahead so you and your friends have a spot!

Note: Fees, cancellations, and starting locations are determined by the individual tour operators. Credit card payments are made directly to the tour operator.

Also listed on the 75nsdctx.com website are many self-guided tours.



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Sunset Horseback Ride with Scenic Views

\$169 per person
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat
4:30 to 6:30

Saddle up for a true Western experience on this sunset horseback ride down a trail leading you to a warm campfire. This 2 hour, 15 minute outdoor adventure in Waco gets you beautiful views of Central Texas during your trail ride. Once you reach the scenic overlook, enjoy some s'mores, cowboy-themed games by the campfire and take some time to soak in the scenery.



Waco Foodie Tour

\$74 per person
Wednesday to Saturday
12:00 or 4:30

Learn about Waco's culinary scene on this foodie tour that lasts for 2 hrs, 30 mins. Taste several regional foods and sample an award-winning alcoholic beverage.



Waco Wine Tours

\$125 per person
Friday to Sunday
11:30 am

Discover the vineyards and wineries of central Texas with this wine tasting tour. Enjoy being driven around to different wineries for guided tours and wine tastings.



Horseback Riding on Scenic Texas Ranch

\$89 per person
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & Sat
9:00 am or 11:00 am

This Waco horseback riding experience on a Texas Ranch is something everyone will love. You'll ride horseback through the ranch lands with some authentic cowboys, while taking in beautiful views of the farmlands, the surrounding area and the Brazos River. Beginners are welcome as there will be a lesson at the start of your 1 hour, 30 minute adventure.

IT'S WACO, Y'ALL!



THE SILOS



The Silos are a familiar sight in Waco, made famous on the *Fixer Upper* TV show. Currently the Silos are closed to the public but there are wonderful shops on the grounds.

Check out the 75th NSDC tours which highlight The Silos and more! Tours available daily Sunday, June 21, 2026 through Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Fixer Upper and City Tour

\$85 per person
Sunday to Saturday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Guided tour reservations are open. You must sign up at:
75nsdctx.com/tours

75th National Square Dance Convention[®]



June 24-27 2026
DIAMOND JUBILEE

The latest updates on the **75th National Square Dance Convention[®]** (NSDC) can be found on their Facebook page, which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/979459187111872/user/100094911386448>

You can also get updates from the latest issue of **National Squares Online** at <https://nsdcnec.com/national-squares-e-magazine/> -- which is published annually from August through May, with the latest info from the upcoming **National Square Dance Convention[®]**. Just click on the desired issue(s) once you're there...they are in **PDF** format.

75th National Square Dance Convention[®]



The e-Edition is released on the Sunday, after the last Saturday of the month, prior to the month of issue. If the last Saturday of the month is the last day of the month, then the 1st day of the month, of the month of issue, is the release date.

You can download the e-Edition (full or compact)), as well as photos from recent Club Special Dances, at the **ASSDF website**, at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>.

Note that a **PDF viewer is required** to view these files, and the **Special Dance Photos** files noted can be rather large.

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.

Due to **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 Dance Photos from late **October through November, 2025**, downloadable at <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>, which were obtained from emails, Facebook pages, plus ASSDF club and special dances from the **River City Squares, Levi's & Lace, Twirling Lariats, Maverick Mixers, Heber Springers, Southern Swingers, Arky Cloggers**, as well as the **Oklahoma Square Dance Federation**,

Thanks go to Elaine Cox, Jeff Riddle, CorBen Geis, Patricia Joanna Kennedy, Jody King, Ginny Short, Mike Lewis, Phyllis Keeney, Ted Hofmeister, Carole Baker, Lynn Brown, Lanita Hammett, Mike Lewis, Theresa Muth, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin, and to Daryl Stout for the photos.

With the winter season upon us, several winter weather safety reminders from the **National Weather Service** are toward the back of the Special Dances e-Edition. Full Arkansas weather data, forecasts, as well as any watches, warnings, and advisories are at <https://www.weather.gov/lzk>

You can download the full, compact, or Special Dance e-Editions from <https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square>