

The Roundup

President's Letter

The holidays are fast approaching and with that comes many changes. The weather is getting cooler, daylight savings time has our evenings starting so much sooner, and we are pulling out our extra blankets and warm comforters.

It's this time of year that I truly appreciate Square and Round dancing. These activities give us a reason to get out of our houses and stay active. They allow us to catch up with each other in person. They help keep us connected. They help build our bonds of friendship.

As this year comes to a close, I look back on this year and am just amazed at how much everyone has helped keep square and round dancing going in Nebraska, and helping it grow. We've seen several new dancers and even a new club in Lincoln. There is no denying we have more growing to do, but I believe we are on the right path for that growth, and this is all because each and every one of you continue to come out and dance each week. All of you have shown support for this pastime that means so much to us. As 2026 approaches, I hope we can continue our trend of growth through the year.

Adam Ward
Nebraska Square and Round Dance President



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Northeast Federation

Northeast Federation State Rep Report

Wishing everyone a Very Happy New Year for 2026 and hopefully you had a Blessed Christmas.

Weather Report: Winter seems to have arrived with much variance according to location. From all the fog earlier this fall there should be an abundance of white stuff showing up according to the old adage of 90 days after fog it will snow. With winter weather approaching it is always a good idea to call ahead before traveling to a dance as one never knows about conditions a couple hours, or less, away.

The Northeast Federation sponsored lessons with Jerry Junck as caller/instructor. They were completed October 27, 2025 with a graduation dance. Six new dancers completed lessons and have continued to dance. (see pictures below) Definitely fun to see new faces in the square.

Hope you had a Blessed Thanksgiving and followed the maxim "holidays are for overeating"! Remember that food comas are a great time of relaxation!

Square dancing is still happening up north but with the many events and commitments of the holidays the crowd is sometimes shortened a bit. Hopefully weather will continue to cooperate on dance days but one never knows.

Health issues have been too large of an impact up here as well. Please remember to keep all those impacted in your thoughts and prayers.

Mark your calendar for the Northeast Federation Spring Dance that will be held, Friday, April 10, 2026 (that is first Friday after Easter) with Tony Lund of Sioux Falls calling. Once again it will be held in Hadar, NE. Watch for further details.

Randolph Town Twirlers dance from 2-4 pm at the Randolph City Auditorium:
January 4 – Chuck Veldhuizen; January 18 – Mike Hogan; February 1 – Kenard Swift.

Norfolk Single Wheelers dance from 7:00-9:00 pm at Westridge United Methodist Church:
January 6 – Wayne Lorenzen; January 20 – Kenard Swift; February 3 – Lanny Weakland; February 17 – Lyle Waterhouse

Make sure you check the state website for the latest info on the dance schedule or call before you leave home. Get out and dance so you are warmed up & conditioned for the special events this spring!

Rick & Mary Christensen
Northeastern State Representative



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Southeast Federation

Southeast Federation State Rep Report

Another new year already. Happy 2026 to all!

York Shirts and Skirts dance on January 17 with Darwin Barker calling. They will also dance on February 7, with Ken Marks calling, and on February 21 with Jesse Millsbaugh calling. Come at 7 PM for Plus dancing. Mainstream dancing will follow at 7:30. These dances are at the York Senior Center, 725 N. Nebraska Ave. in York, Nebraska.

The Lincoln Live Lively club will continue to dance on the second Sunday afternoons of each month, from 2:00—4:00 PM, with Lyle Waterhouse calling. There is a new location for these dances. They will be at the New Visions United Methodist Church at 1610 S. 11th St, in Lincoln. Dances are in the basement but there is an elevator if needed. They will dance on January 11 and on February 8.

Lessons will again be held at the same location, on Thursdays, from 7:00-9:00 PM. They will begin January 15 and last through March 26; Lyle will be the instructor. We would love to have you come angel if you have time and would like to help out.

Star City Squares is kicking off the new year with plenty of fun on the dance floor! Our very first graduation dance on November 24 was a huge success, with special thanks to all the callers and dancers who joined us (see pics below). Congratulations to our two new graduates! January and February are packed with great dances: January 12 with Ken Marks, January 26 with Jesse Millsbaugh, and February 9 and 23 also with Jesse. Mainstream dancing runs from 6:30—8:30 pm, followed by Plus from 8:30—9:00 pm, with 2—3 line dances between tips led by Katie Bennett. Dances are held at Ironhide Construction Company, 3301 S 7th St., Lincoln, NE 68502. Lessons start again on February 22, so grab a friend and join us! We'll also host a party night the week before with additional details coming soon. Don't miss the chance to dance, laugh, and make new friends this winter!

Stay connected with the Southeast Federation on Facebook for updates and events! Visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/1WnwRqrARR/?mibextid=wwXlfr> or scan the QR code to the right for easy access.



Roger Hansen and Janet Buck
Southeastern State Representative





Eastern Federation

Eastern Federation State Rep Report

Winter is finally here. Please be careful when going to a dance. Make sure the parking area at the church is safe to walk on.

Amazing 8's has Lanny Weakland and Mike Hogan calling, and Jim Tucker cueing on January 3rd. Mike Hogan returns for the January 17th dance with Jim Tucker cueing. Mike Hogan returns for the January 31st dance with cuer Mike Schrant. February 14th (Valentine Dance) has Lanny Weakland calling and Jim Tucker on the rounds, and February 28 has Mike Hogan calling and Amy Swift cueing. **They have changed their dance time to 7:30 to 10:00.**

Belles N' Beaus Darwin Barker calls and cues the January 9th dance. Iowa caller Bryan Bush is in town for the January 23rd dance with Mike Schrant, cueing the rounds. Another Iowa caller calls the February 6th dance with Jim Tucker cueing. Darwin is back, calling and cueing the February 20th dance.

Crossfire Squares features Lanny Weakland, who calls and cues the dances, except on special occasions. The club will dance on January 13th and 27th and February 10th and 24th.

Heartland Singles has Kenard Swift calling and Amy Swift cueing their January 6th, and January 20th will be Lanny Weakland calling and cueing. Lyle Waterhouse has the mic on February 3rd with Amy Swift. Lanny Weakland returns to call and cue the February 17th dance.

Loess Hills Squares will be hosting Lyle Waterhouse's dance on January 10th. Barry Peck will be the caller for the January 24th dance and Carla Peck will cue the rounds.. On February 7th, Lanny Weakland will be the caller for the night. On February 21st, Bryan Bush will be calling. Amy Swift will be their round dance cuer for the dances, unless otherwise noted. **Remember they dance 7:00-9:30.**

River City Squares "Happy New Year" is the theme for the January 2nd dance, with Jesse Millsbaugh calling and Amy Swift cueing. Lyle Waterhouse will be calling and Darwin Barker cueing the dance on January 16th. January 30th, Darwin Barker and Mike Schrant have the honor of calling and cueing. On February 13th, Barry & Carla Peck will call and cue. Kenard & Amy Swift will call and cue the February 27th dance.

Remember, they have a new dance location, Faith Presbyterian Church, at 8100 Giles Road in La Vista. They also have changed their dance time to 7:30 to 10:00.

The annual "Sweetheart" dance will be held on February 15th from 2:00-4:30 pm at Rockbrook Methodist Church. The OASDC will conduct a general meeting following the dance.

Tom & Jan Robbins
Eastern State Representative



Central Federation

Central Federation State Rep Report

Currently there are no dances scheduled. Stay tuned to the website for when dancing resumes.

Eastern Federation Dance Schedule

JANUARY 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
Cuer
Other info

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend		1	2 River City Sqr <i>Happy New Year</i> Jesse Millspaugh Amy Swift	3 Amazing 8s <i>Dynamic Duo</i> Lanny Weaklend Mike Hogan Jim Tucker
4	5	6 Heartland Singles Kenard Swift Amy Swift	7	8	9 Belles 'N' Beaus Darwin Barker Darwin Barker	10 Loess Hills Sqr Lyle Waterhouse Amy Swift
11	12	13 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	14	15	16 River City Sqr Lyle Waterhouse Darwin Barker	17 Amazing 8s <i>Snowflake</i> Mike Hogan Jim Tucker
18	19	20 Heartland Singles Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	21	22	23 Belles 'N' Beaus Bryan Bush Mike Schrant	24 Loess Hills Sqr Berry Peck Carla Peck
25	26	27 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	28	29	30 River City Sqr Darwin Barker Mike Schrant	31 Amazing 8s <i>Disco Dancers</i> Mike Hogan Mike Schrant
Amazing 8's 7:30pm -10:00pm Rockbrook Methodist Church 9855 W Center Rd Omaha	Belles 'N' Beaus 8:00pm -10:30pm Holy Cross Lutheran Church 4117 Terrace Dr Omaha	Crossfire Squares 7:30pm -10:00pm Rockbrook Methodist Church 9855 W Center Rd Omaha	Heartland Singles 7:30pm -10:00pm Rockbrook Methodist Church 9855 W Center Rd Omaha	Loess Hills Squares 7:00pm -9:30pm The Parlor 116 S 1st St Missouri Valley	River City Squares 7:30pm -10:00pm Faith Presbyterian Church 8100 Giles Rd LaVista	

FEBRUARY 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
Cuer
Other info

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Heartland Singles Lyle Waterhouse Amy Swift	4	5	6 Belles 'N' Beaus Gary Smith Jim Tucker	7 Loess Hills Sqrs Lanny Weaklend Amy Swift
8	9	10 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	11	12	13 River City Sqrs Valentine's Dance Barry Peck Carla Peck	14 Amazing 8s Valentine's Dance Lanny Weaklend Mike Schrant
15	16	17 Heartland Singles Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	18	19	20 Belles 'N' Beaus Darwin Barker Darwin Barker	21 Loess Hills Sqrs Bryan Bush Amy Swift
22	23	24 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	25	26	27 River City Sqrs Disco Kenard Swift Amy Swift	28 Amazing 8s Ready for the Lion & Lamb Lanny Weaklend Mike Schrant
Amazing 8's 7:30pm -10:00pm Rockbrook Methodist Church 9855 W Center Rd Omaha	Belles 'N' Beaus 8:00pm -10:30pm Holy Cross Lutheran Church 4117 Terrace Dr Omaha	Crossfire Squares 7:30pm -10:00pm Rockbrook Methodist Church 9855 W Center Rd Omaha	Heartland Singles 7:30pm -10:00pm Rockbrook Methodist Church 9855 W Center Rd Omaha		Loess Hills Squares 7:00pm -9:30pm The Parlor 116 S 1st St Missouri Valley	River City Squares 7:30pm -10:00pm Faith Presbyterian Church 8100 Giles Rd LaVista

Northeast/Southeast/Central/Western Federation Dance Schedule

JANUARY 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
Cuer
Other info

SUN		MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT	
								1		2		3	
4 Town Twirlers Chuck Veldhuizen		5		6 Single Wheelers Wayne Lorenzen		7		8		9		10	
11 Lincoln Live Lively Lyle Waterhouse		12 Star City Squares Ken Marks		13		14		15		16		17 York Shirts & Skirts Darein Barker	
18 Town Twirlers Mike Hogan		19		20 Single Wheelers Kenard Swift		21		22		23		24	
25		26 Star City Squares Jesse Millspaugh		27		28		29		30		31	
York Shirts & Skirts 7:00pm–7:30pm Plus 7:30pm –9:30pm Main Stream Senior Center 725 Nebraska Ave York, NE		Live Lively Lincoln 2:00pm—4:00pm New Visions Church 1610 S 11th St. Lincoln, NE		Star City Squares 6:30pm—8:30pm MS 8:30pm—9:30pm Plus Ironhide Construction 3301 S 7th St. Lincoln, NE				Single Wheelers 7:00pm -9:00pm *Westridge United Methodist Church 2000 W Norfolk Ave Norfolk, NE **Pufahl’s Barn Norfolk, NE		Town Twirlers 2:00pm–4:00pm City Auditorium 119 N Main St. Randolph, NE			

FEBRUARY 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
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Other info

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Single Wheelers Lanny Weakland	4	5	6	7 York Shirts & Skirts Christmas Party Hop Ken Marks
8 Lincoln Live Live-ly Lyle Waterhouse	9 Star City Squares Jesse Millspaugh	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Single Wheelers Lyle Waterhouse	18	19	20	21 York Shirts & Skirts Jesse Millspaugh
22	23 Star City Squares Jesse Millspaugh	24	25	26	27	28

York Shirts & Skirts
7:00pm–7:30pm
Plus
7:30pm –9:30pm
Main Stream
Senior Center
725 Nebraska Ave
York, NE

Live Lively Lincoln
2:00pm—4:00pm
New Visions Church
1610 S 11th St.
Lincoln, NE

Star City Squares
6:30pm—8:30pm MS
8:30pm—9:30pm Plus
Ironhide Construction
3301 S 7th St.
Lincoln, NE

Single Wheelers
7:00pm -9:00pm
*Westridge United
Methodist Church
2000 W Norfolk Ave
Norfolk, NE

**Pufahl's Barn
Norfolk, NE

Town Twirlers
2:00pm–4:00pm
City Auditorium
119 N Main St.
Randolph, NE

2026 Special Dance Schedule

OMAHA CALLERS/CUERS ASSOCIATION SWEETHEART DANCE

2/15/26 2:00 p.m. All Caller All Cuers

NORTHEAST FEDERATION SPRING DANCE

4/10/26 7:00 p.m. Tony Lund

RIVER CITY SQUARES REGATTA

4/24/26 7:30 p.m. Bryan Bush Amy Swift

SUMMER WEEKEND GET-A-WAY - Johnson, Nebraska

7/17/26 8:00 p.m. Mike Hogan & Lanny Weakland

7/18/26 8:00 p.m. Mike Hogan & Lanny Weakland

EASTERN FEDERATION FALL KICK OFF

8/16/26 2:00 p.m. All Callers All Cuers

RIVER CITY SQUARES LABOR DANCE DANCE

9/4/26 7:30 p.m. Bryan Bush Mike Schrant

NEBRASKA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE WEEKEND

@ York County Fairgrounds—York, NE

9/18/26 7:30 p.m. Tom Manning Mitchell & Chelsea Thompson

9/19/26 9:00 a.m. Tom Manning Mitchell & Chelsea Thompson



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CAMPING: York County Fairgrounds
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Event Starting Times

Friday Evening	7:30 pm
Saturday Morning	9:30 am
Saturday Afternoon	1:00 pm
Saturday Evening	7:30 pm

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Cuer

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In Remembrance...

In Loving Memory of our Loved Ones



don't cry for me please don't be sad
Hold on to the memories of the times we both had
don't dwell on dark thoughts hold on tight to your wishes
Sending you hugs and butterfly kisses

I walk beside you I am there all day long
I am right here but you think I am gone
You don't see me but I can see you
What ever the problems I will help get you through

I am the wind in your hair the sand in your toes
Butterfly kisses that you feel on your nose
I am with you at sunrise and in sunset
But you cant see me is my one regret

I sit right beside you when you are sad
As you look through the photos of times we both had
I watch you sleeping I hold you so tight
Before I go I kiss you goodnight

I will watch over you from heaven above
Forever you will be my one true love
Hold on to your dreams and all your wishes
Sending you hugs and butterfly kisses

By
John f Connor

*God has them in his hands . . . We have them in our hearts.
They will always be remembered!*

What's Cooking

Pineapple Cheese Ball

Ingredients

- 2 (8 ounce) blocks plain cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 (8 ounce) container crushed pineapple, drained
- ¼ cup green bell pepper, finely diced
- 2 tablespoons white onion, finely diced
- 2 teaspoons seasoned salt (such as Lawry's)
- 1 ½ cups walnuts, roughly chopped
- crackers or chopped veggies, for serving



Directions:

- Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese until smooth.
- Add drained pineapple, diced bell pepper, diced onion, and seasoned salt. Beat until combined.
- Shape into a rough ball in the mixing bowl (mixture will be very soft) and refrigerate for about 30 minutes.
- Once chilled, shape into a ball and roll in chopped walnuts.
- Place on serving platter and refrigerate until ready to serve.
- Serve with crackers and fresh chopped veggies.

PECAN PIE BALLS

Ingredients

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 ½ cups pecan halves, finely chopped
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 6 to 8 tbsp melted butter
- ½ cup pure maple syrup



Directions

In a large mixing bowl, combine the graham crackers, brown sugar, maple syrup and the chopped pecans.

Add only enough of the melted butter so the mix comes together and can be rolled into a ball without falling apart

Shape the mix into 1 inch sized balls and set on a tray lined with parchment paper

When all dough is rolled, set the tray into the refrigerator or the freezer for one hour

Melt the almond bark according to package directions

Dip each one of the pecan pie balls into the melted chocolate and place back onto the parchment covered tray

Let sit until the chocolate hardens. ENJOY!!!!

Notes

I placed the pecans into a processor and pulsed them a few times. You want the pieces to be small.

You can save time by purchasing graham cracker crumbs. They are finely chopped

You could use white chocolate, or white almond bark.

If you do not have pure maple syrup, you can substitute Karo syrup

You can roll the balls in sprinkles or in graham cracker crumbs, or you can leave them plain. Let the Holidays guide you, or Football season! Team Colors!!

This recipe will make 3 to 4 dozen pecan pie balls, depending on the size you rolled.

This dessert will be the hit of your next potluck.

Nebraska State Square & Round Dance Association

The Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Association has as its purposes:

- To promote fun and fellowship through square dancing, round dancing, contra, and clogging.
- To coordinate dance activities of member clubs.
- To encourage and assist persons interested in forming new clubs, advise and assist member clubs with their problems, and sponsors' state wide activities, such as the annual state weekend.

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Note from the Editor

Hope everyone had lots of fun, family time and a wonderful Christmas!

Sending prayers to everyone for a safe fall and winter. Merry Christmas to you all!!

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