

The Roundup

President's Letter

Hopefully the winter cold is behind us and the warmth of spring shows up soon. We are still finalizing details for the State Dance in York, and I'm grateful for all of those who have stepped up to help out. This really is a group effort and I appreciate everyone's willingness to assist.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to talk to some dancers who are hoping to return to Square Dancing. As our lives change, sometimes things happen and we need to step away from certain activities. I myself was in this situation until recently, so getting to talk to others and help them find a club has been an exciting opportunity for me. I'm not sure how best to reach out to former dancers, so any thoughts or ideas you may have, I welcome your guidance and support.

I'd like to share some exciting news. In past newsletters, I have mentioned that I have been in talks with some various groups about potentially doing demonstrations or workshops. Many 4th grade classes in Nebraska have an event called Pioneer's Day in the Spring. This year, 4th grade students in my local school district will get to experience Square Dancing as multiple workshops will be run throughout the day. Based on feedback, I am hoping to reach out to other school districts and see if they might be interested in something similar for their schools.

If any of you have any thoughts or ideas on other ways we can reach out to communities to help introduce Square and Round Dancing, please do not hesitate to reach out to me as we all want this wonderful part of our lives to grow and reach others.

Adam Ward
Nebraska Square and Round Dance President



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The next meeting of the State General Membership board will be set and announced for the officers.

When Federation or State Representative Officers change PLEASE provide the Roundup Editor with their names, address, phone, and email address so I can keep the information current.



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Northeast Federation

Northeast Federation State Rep Report

Weather Report: Once again this year, SNOW – what’s that? Did manage to have some very cold days, but now having mostly warm and warmer. No moisture to speak of.

March and April will be your last chance to dance with Town Twirlers in Randolph, NE until fall comes around due to their summer vacation. But remember that Single Wheelers of Norfolk still dance the 1st and 3rd Tuesday the entire summer! And the June-July-August bonus is dancing at “The Barn”! Come experience this unique venue that Delmer Pufahl master minded.

April brings the Northeast Federation Spring Dance. This year the featured caller is Tony Lund of Sioux Falls, SD on Friday, April 10, 2026 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location is once again at the Hadar Community Building, 202 S.3rd Ave, Hadar, NE which is a short 6 miles north of Norfolk on highway 81 and 1 mile west on highway 13. The theme is “Bee Happy – Bee Healthy - Square Dance”. Remember the day is the first Friday following Easter!

Health (and maybe age) continue to impact too many of our dancers. It is so fun and exciting to see the younger dancers who completed lessons this fall continue to carry us forward. One of our new couples even welcomed a brand new generation with a baby girl in January!

Federation dances are:

Single Wheelers of Norfolk – March 3, 2026 with Wayne Lorenzen; March 17, 2026 with Mike Hogan calling 3.141592(pie) night & wearing of the green; April 7, 2026 with Kenard Swift; April 21, 2026 with Jerry Junck to celebrate Dan & Diane Svitak’s wedding anniversary.

Town Twirlers of Randolph – March 1, 2026 with Jesse Millspaugh; March 15, 2026 with Tony Lund; April 19, 2026 with Jerry Junck . No other dances until next fall.

Check the state website for schedule of dances of other clubs and special dances across the state.

Again Don’t Forget to mark your calendars as it is time for
Northeast Federation Spring Dance – Friday, April 10, 2026 with Tony Lund calling.

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Southeast Federation

Southeast Federation State Rep Report

Spring will be here soon and with it, many opportunities to get out and meet up with friends and dance away many happy hours.

York Shirts and Skirts will dance on Saturday, March 7, with Ken Marks calling. They will also dance on March 21, with Jesse Millsbaugh calling. Come at 7 PM for Plus dancing. Mainstream dancing will follow at 7:30. In April the Spring Dance will be on Sunday, April 19, from 2:00-5:00, with Lanny Weaklend as the caller. There will be a meal following the dance. Come for what is sure to be a fun time. 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 March 8 and on April 12. Jesse Millsbaugh will call the March dance, in Lyle's absence.

Star City Squares

The past couple of months have brought some truly great dancing to Star City Squares, including the pleasure of welcoming visitors from the Chicago area. It's been wonderful sharing our floor with dancers near and far, and the energy has made for some memorable evenings. As we head into spring, we're excited about what's coming up and invite everyone to spring into the dance with us over the next few months.

Dances are held at Ironhide Construction, located at 3301 S 7th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska, on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Our evenings begin with Mainstream dancing from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, followed by Plus dancing from 8:30 to 9:00 PM, with line dances included throughout the evening for added fun. Wayne Lorenzen will be calling on March 9th, while Jesse Millsbaugh will be calling on March 23rd, April 13th, and April 27th. As the weather warms and spring arrives, it's the perfect time to dust off those dance shoes, spring up to dance, and enjoy great music, friendly faces, and lively squares.



Lincoln Area Square Dance Club Lessons

Calling all angels! Be an Angel—Invite a Friend!

The Lincoln-area square dance clubs will be hosting lessons for the community this season, and this is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, family, neighbors, or coworkers to give square dancing a try. Lessons kick off on February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30 PM with a FREE party dance, making it an easy and welcoming introduction for new dancers. Below is the full lesson schedule, including dates and locations.

Spring is the perfect season to grow our dancing community, and your invitation could be just the thing that helps someone discover a new hobby, new friends, and a whole lot of fun.

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 for easy access.



Roger Hansen and Janet Buck
Southeastern State Representative

Eastern Federation

Eastern Federation State Rep Report

Hoping your holidays were merry and bright, we're excited to be back to our cherished pastime. I am writing this prior to our annual Sweetheart dance, so I will report on that next time.

Amazing 8's will dance on March 14th with Lanny Weaklend and Jim Tucker on rounds. Lanny returns on March 28th, and the cuer will be Mike Schrant. On April 11th, Mike Hogan calls, and Jim Tucker will accompany him on the rounds. Lanny Weaklend returns on April 25th and Ron Stairs will be their cuer.

Belles & Beaus will feature Lanny Weaklend, both calling and cueing, on March 6th. Darwin Barker and Jim Tucker will entertain on March 20th. There will be no dance on April 3rd (Good Friday). Mike Hogan calls the dance on April 17th, and Ron Stairs cues the rounds.

Crossfire Squares Plus has Lanny calling and cueing March 10th & 24th and April 7th & 21st.

Heartland Singles has Lincoln caller Jesse Millsbaugh calling on March 3rd, with Darwin Barker on the rounds. On March 17th, Lanny Weaklend calls and cues. Kenard & Amy Swift will call and cue the March 31st dance. Lanny returns to call and cue on April 14th with Jerry Junck calling on April 28th with Ron Stairs cueing.

Loess Hills Squares have Wayne Lorenzen calling and Amy Swift cueing their March 7th dance. The Iowa State Convention is available for dancers to attend, so they cancelled the March 21st dance. The April 4th dance is also cancelled for Eastern. Dancing returns on April 18th with Jesse Millsbaugh and Amy Swift.

River City Squares has Allen Hahn calling on March 13th with Mike Schrant cueing the "St Patrick's Day" dance. Gary Smith and Mike Schrant will entertain the crowd on March 27th. On April 10th, Wilma Randall will call with Ron Stairs, cueing the rounds. The club's annual "Regatta" will be held on April 24th, featuring Bryan Bush and Amy Swift.

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.

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2026 SWEETHEART DANCE



2026 Queen & King
Mary Miller & Walt Smith

Callers & Cuers and spouses for the dance
Carol & Lanny Weaklend, Amy & Kenard Swift, Gloria Borgstahl & Mike Schrant,
Tracey & Wayne Lorenzen, Jean & Darwin Barker and Jesse Millspaugh



Winners of the cash raffle
\$100 Teri O'Brien
\$75 Ed Rose
\$50 Karen Palik

There were 40 registered dancers plus the caller and cuers



There were lots of raffle prizes to take a chance on.

There were plenty of snacks for the dancers to enjoy, provided by the callers and cuers.



Eastern Federation Dance Schedule

MARCH 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
Cuer
Other info

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Heartland Singles Jesse Millspaugh Darwin Barker	4	5	6 Belles 'N' Beaus Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	7 Loess Hills Sqrs Wayne Lorenzen Amy Swift
8	9	10 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	11	12	13 River City Sqrs <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Allen Hahn Mike Schrant	14 Amazing 8s <i>St Patrick's Day</i> Lanny Weaklend Jim Tucker
15	16	17 Heartland Singles Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	18	19	20 Belles 'N' Beaus Darwin Barler Jim Tucker	21 Loess Hills Sqrs NO DANCE
22	23	24 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	25	26	27 River City Sqrs Gary Smith Mike Schrant	28 Amazing 8s <i>Spring Dance</i> Lanny Weaklend Jim Tucker
29	30	31 Heartland Singles Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend				
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	

Eastern Federation Dance Schedule

APRIL 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
Cuer
Other info

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Heartland Singles Lyle Waterhouse Amy Swift	1	2	3 Belles 'N' Beaus NO DANCE	4 Loess Hills Sqrs NO DANCE
5	6	7 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	8	9	10 River City Sqrs Wilma Randall Ron Stairs	11 Amazing 8s Over the Rainbow Mike Hogan Jim Tucker
12	13	14 Heartland Singles Lanny Weaklend Lanny Weaklend	15	16	17 Belles 'N' Beaus Mike Hogan Ron Stairs	18 Loess Hills Sqrs Jesse Millspaugh Amy Swift
19	20	21 Crossfire Squares Lanny Weaklend Mike Hogan Lanny Weaklend	22	23	24 River City Sqrs Reggatta Bryan Bush Amy Swift	25 Amazing 8s The 60's Lanny Weaklend Ron Stairs
26	27	28 Heartland Singles Jerry Junck Ron Stairs	29	30		
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Northeast/Southeast/Central/Western Federation Dance Schedule

MARCH 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
Cuer
Other info

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Town Twirlers Jesse Millspaugh	2	3 Single Wheelers Wayne Lorenzen	4	5	6	7 York Shirts & Skirts Ken Marks
8 Lincoln Live Lively Lyle Waterhouse	9 Star City Squares Wayne Lorenzen	10	11	12	13	14
15 Town Twirlers Tony Lund	16	17 Single Wheelers Mike Hogan	18	19	20	21 York Shirts & Skirts Jesse Millspaugh
22	23 Star City Squares Jesse Millspaugh	24	25	26	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

Northeast/Southeast/Central/Western Federation Dance Schedule

APRIL 2026

Club
Theme
Caller
Cuer
Other info

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Single Wheelers Kenard Swift	8	9	10	11
12 Lincoln Live Live-ly Lyle Waterhouse	13 Star City Squares Jesse Millspaugh	14	15	16	17	18
19 Town Twirlers Jerry Juncik	20	21 Single Wheelers Jerry Juncik	22	23	24	25
26	27 Star City Squares Jesse Millspaugh	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

2026 Special Dance Schedule

YORK SHIRTS & SKIRTS SPRING DANCE—York Nebraska

4/19/26 7:00 p.m. Lanny Weaklend

NORTHEAST FEDERATION SPRING DANCE—Hadar, Nebraska

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

RIVER CITY SQUARES REGATTA— LaVista, Nebraska

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

EASTERN FEDERATION MEMORIAL DAY DANCE—Papillion, Nebraska

5/23/26 Weekend Mike Hogan & Jack Pladdys Ron Stairs

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SUMMER WEEKEND GET-A-WAY - Johnson, Nebraska

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

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

EASTERN FEDERATION FALL KICK OFF—Omaha, Nebraska

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

RIVER CITY SQUARES LABOR DAY DANCE—LaVista, Nebraska

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





BEE HAPPY - BEE HEALTHY SQUARE DANCE



Northeast Nebraska Square Dance Federation
Spring Dance

Friday, April 10, 2026
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Caller Tony Lund

Hadar Community Building
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Donation \$8.00



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St. Martha Episcopal Church, 801 Magnolia Ave, Papillion NE

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FRIDAY, MAY 22—TRAILS IN DANCE

Belles N Beaus Club hosting — Rockbrook Methodist Church, 9855 West Center Rd, Omaha NE – Sue Dellere, caller

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

9:00 am to 10:00 am – Registration
 10:00 am to 12:00 noon – Dancing
 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm – Lunch Break
 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm – Dancing
 5:00 pm to 7:15 pm – Dinner Break
 7:15 pm to 10:30 pm – Dancing
After Party at host hotel, bring your own snack & drink

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

9:30 am to 10:00 am – Registration
 10:00 am to 12:00 noon – Dancing
 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm – Lunch Break
 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm – Dancing
 5:00 pm to 7:15 pm – Dinner Break
 7:15 pm to 10:30 pm – Dancing
ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

HOTEL

Fairfield Inn & Suites (host hotel)
 465 Olson Dr., Papillion NE
Special rate \$114.00 plus tax
 Mention: Memorial Weekend Square Dance
 Breakfast bar available
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12th Annual
Memorial Weekend Square Dance
 May 29-30, 2027
 Mike Bramlett

Send to:

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Memorial Weekend Square Dance Registration

REGISTRATION FEE	Advance	At the Door
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<input type="checkbox"/> One Day Only <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	\$25.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Evening: \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Evening: \$10.00		

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Deadline for advance registration and refunds: May 15, 2026
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Lanny Weakland and Mike Hogan

July 17 – 18, 2026

33 Years

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Dance Schedule

Friday, July 17	8:00 – 10:30 pm	Mainstream dance with designated Plus tips & Rounds
Saturday, July 18	Morning	Free to explore the area or sleep in
	1:30 – 4:00 pm	Workshop ... Hot Hash ... ?? ... FUN ... Casual
	8:00 – 10:30 pm	Mainstream dance with designated Plus tips & Rounds

Weekend Package

\$50 couple / \$25.00 single

Individual Sessions

\$20 couple / \$10 single

No need to pre-register



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September 4, 2026

7:30 pm to 10:00 pm

There will be a half hour of Mainstream DBD following the dance.

3rd Annual

Labor Day (weekend) dance

FEATURING

Bryan Bush

and Mike Schrant



8100 Giles Road, LaVista, Nebraska

**55th Annual Nebraska State
Square and Round Dance Weekend
September 18-19, 2026
York County Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska**

THEME



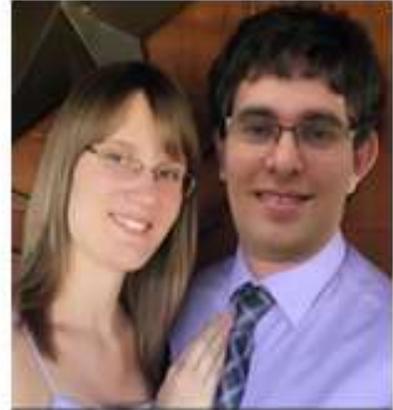
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FEATURED CALLER



TOM MANNING, IOWA

FEATURED CUER



**MITCHELL & CHELSEA THOMPSON
FIRESTONE, COLORADO**

Find hotel accommodations at:

www.squaredancene.org/convention/lodging.php

CAMPING: York County Fairgrounds
<http://www.yorkcountyfair.com/campsites/>

Event Starting Times

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

**REGISTRATION
(Please print clearly)**

Deadline for advanced registration and refund is September 1, 2026
Questions? Gale Barnhill: 402-745-0375 or mc_barn@yahoo.com

Suggested donation – per person

	<u>Advanced</u>	<u>Door</u>
All Events	\$40.00	\$45.00
Friday evening	16.00	18.00
All Saturday	25.00	30.00
Saturday evening	16.00	18.00
Youth (under 16)	½ price	½ price

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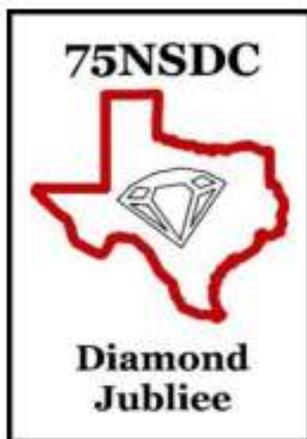
CALLERS & CUERS WISHING TO PERFORM MUST COMPLETE & SEND PAYMENT BY JULY 1, 2025

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">♪ Classes designed to help dancers build their leadership knowledge and skills to be effective club & association leaders.	Current & Future Callers <ul style="list-style-type: none">♪ Sessions organized by CALLERLAB to support new and experienced callers continue to hone their craft.
Publicity and Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none">♪ Sessions to help promote and market your club and events via traditional and social media.	Potpourri <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Classes on a variety of other topics of interest to dancers, leaders, callers and cuers, travelers, and more!

Social Media and Publicity Classes

Here are a few of the classes designed to help clubs and dance leaders promote events and their clubs in general, with an emphasis on tapping into the power of Social Media:

- ♪ Social Media Across Generations
- ♪ Facebook and Instagram Basics
- ♪ Using Facebook Events to Promote Square Dancing
- ♪ Create Attention-Getting Flyers
- ♪ Marketing Your Club
- ♪ Advertising & Marketing in 2026 and Beyond



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June 24-27, 2026
Waco Convention
Center, Texas

In Remembrance...

In Loving Memory of our Loved Ones

Edward Lenz

January 21, 1939 - January 5, 2026

Edward Lenz was born January 21, 1939 in Boone County, Ashland, Missouri and came from humble beginnings, the 3rd born of what would be a family of 6. He moved a few times with family, and ended up in Omaha/Bellevue NE area, where he resided until his passing on January 5, 2026.



Ed attended Pleasant Hill Grade school and graduated from South High School in 1957, while a senior there was a sign posted on the bulletin board by Oscar Airhorn looking for someone interested in “cabinetry” for \$34.00 a week, Eds father encouraged him to get into carpentry, that skill progressed to Parsons Construction and then he heard the Union Carpenters Local 253 were being paid \$2.00 an hour, and decided to pursue that, he was hired to work for Peter Kewitt for 14 years, working on projects like Nebraska Furniture Mart, Southroads Mall, Omaha Power Plant, Woodmen of the World Tower and the Smokestack in Nebraska City, among other big name projects.

Ed joined the Army in 1962 where he served as Military Police until his honorable discharge in 1967, he was a member of the American Legion and VFW, LaSalle Club, and Omaha Sports Club.

Ed was a square dancer with Heartland Singles square dance club and even called a dance or two. He was an avid sports fan, but also a player. He bowled, played softball, played league and recreational pool with Omaha Sports Club at Big Johns Billiards and worked out with his 90+ brother in law at Planet Fitness. He played darts, loved stock car races, music, dancing, and singing, his favorite artist, Hank Williams Sr. Ed played acoustic and steel guitar and was asked to play back up for Eddy Arnold band in Nashville, by a friend of his, but when told they'd have to be in Nashville the next night by 8:00, he turned him down, because he had a softball tournament that day! Almost a star! Ed also enjoyed aviation, and used his private pilot's license for many adventures.

Ed loved to eat, his favorite he said was liver and onions, he loved buffets he met with his friends regularly at different venues, Ed was a long time member of St. Agnes Church in Omaha and later Assumption Parish.

Ed often wondered what his life would have been like if he chose to marry, but he wasn't to know for sure, he is deeply loved by multiple nieces and nephews and their children. He was the sweetest man, who never complained, who would always help out someone in need.

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

What's Cooking

Easy One Pan Dinner

Ingredients

- 1 box cheesy garlic toast
- 6-8 slices cheddar cheese
- 1 lb ground beef
- Seasonings to your taste
- 1 jar of your favorite marinara sauce
- 1 pkg mozzarella cheese

Directions:

- Place garlic toast in bottom of 9x13 pan
- Place cheddar cheese over toast.
- Brown hamburger and season to your taste
- Add marinara sauce to hamburger and stir
- Spread hamburger mixture over cheddar cheese
- Spread mozzarella cheese over hamburger

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until cheese is melted.



Campfire S'mores Nachos

Ingredients

- ◆ 1 sleeve graham crackers broken into segments
- ◆ 16 snack size Hershey's milk chocolate bars broken into segments
- ◆ 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
- ◆ 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- ◆ 14 full-size marshmallows



Directions

Make a bed of charcoal in either a barbecue grill or a campfire pit with a grate. Allow the bed of charcoal to burn to a nice bed of coal. While you are waiting for the charcoal, put together the s'mores nachos.

Generously spray an 8x8 disposable baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Layer ½ of the broken graham crackers in the bottom of the prepared pan.

Sprinkle ½ of the miniature marshmallows over the broken graham crackers.

Sprinkle ½ of both varieties of the chocolate layer.

Repeat the layers of miniature marshmallows, chocolate and graham crackers.

Place the full-size marshmallows on top of the second layer.

Tear a piece of foil large enough to cover the baking pan. Generously spray the side of the foil that will be against the marshmallows. Cover the pan with the foil.

Place the foil-covered pan on the grate over the barbecue grill of the campfire grate. Allow the s'mores to cook for 8-10 minutes. Turn the pan 180° halfway through the cooking time. Be sure to keep a close eye (or nose) on the s'mores to ensure they do not burn. Remove the pan from the grate, and then remove the foil. Serve while nice and warm.

If you do not have a barbecue grill or are not able to go camping, you can make these Campfire S'mores Nachos in the oven. Put all the ingredients together as instructed above. Preheat the oven to 450°F. Bake uncovered for 5-6 minutes, or until marshmallows are browned, and the chocolate is melted.

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.

On The Computer

Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Association
squaredancene.org

Colorado State Square Dance Association
coloradosquaredance.com

Colorado Round Dance Association
crda.net

Iowa State Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs
iowasquaredance.net

Kansas Square Dance Association
kansassquaredance.com

Square Dance Federation of Minnesota, INC
squaredanceminnesota.com

Missouri Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs
squaredancemissouri.com

South Dakota Square Dance Association
sdsquaredance.com

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Note from the Editor

It was great to see everyone at the Omaha Callers & Cuers Association Sweetheart Dance. We had a four squares on the floor during the entire dance, lots of great snacks and raffle prizes. Congratulations to the king and queen Mary Miller and Walt Smith, and the winners of the money raffle. Look forward to seeing everyone on the dance floor at all the club dances.

Amy & Kenard Swift
Roundup Editor

