

HEART OF AMERICA SINGLES SQUARE  
DANCE ASSOCIATION  
April 2026

# MORE HASSDA 2025



## ARE NEW CALLERS NEEDED?

A year ago, a group of callers began to meet in Tulsa, OK, once a month. It isn't always the same group because callers have lessons or dances that sometimes take them in another direction. The group of experienced callers are a great resource for new callers. New callers never know what gem of knowledge they will find. Recently some of them were asked about the need for new callers and both Oklahoma caller, Shane Greer, and Missouri caller, Jay Wright, agree that new square dance callers are needed. Shane said new callers are needed due to natural attrition just like new dancers are needed. Jay points out that many of our callers have been calling a long time and will one day want to retire.

According to Shane, new callers come from new dancers. There has been a struggle for many years to get new dancers so the caller pool has declined. He believes the best way to get new callers is to regularly find new dancers and then support the ones that appear interested in learning to call. Shane invites them to call at his dances and works with them to help them learn. He tries to pass along how he calls. Shane is a teacher and loves teaching new dancers, experienced dancers, and new callers. Over the years he has invited new callers to his home for caller workshops. As new callers become proficient at their calling, he has invited them to do lessons for him, fill in for his dances when he has to be gone, and invited them to call with him at special dances.

Jay pays attention to his dancers and then encourages any that show an interest in learning to call. In the past year he has worked with three different guys who are showing three different levels of interest. He has loaned equipment to all three, suggested music for them to practice, and set up sessions with himself and other callers to help them along the way.

When asked what dancers can do to increase the number of callers, both Shane and Jay agree, be kind to new callers and remember when you were a new dancer. Square up for them every time they step to the mic no matter where they are in their learning level. New callers are nervous, trying their best, and they need kindness, understanding, and support just like new dancers.

The main thing this writer wants you to understand is that you can make a difference. Encourage someone that you think would make a good caller. Dance to new callers so they can gain experience. Encourage them to keep trying. Make a difference.

## New Caller Spotlight Jeff Riddle



I know you are a newer square dancer. What made you decide to try square dancing?

I stepped down from being fire chief in June 2023 and Jennie was in a job she didn't like when she heard the ad on the radio she asked if I would go to the lessons. I had no idea it would be 18 weeks but I was trying to make her happy. I wasn't really interested, was sure I wouldn't be any good at it (based on previous attempts at other dancing), and certainly didn't expect to have fun. About 3 weeks into lessons, I told Jennie "We are doing this".

How long had you been dancing when you became interested in trying to learn to call?

It was during the first set of lessons that I was singing along with a song during a break that someone said "you'd make a good caller". I was having fun but began to look at the age of the callers and the number of dances they each called and figured that if this was going to continue then they needed more callers.

What do you find is the best thing about calling?

Making sure people will be able to dance, I enjoy it and we can't dance without a caller.

What do you find is the hardest thing about calling?

I have always been musical and like to change lyrics to match what I am doing. Changing a song that I already know to a different beat structure and making it mean something to the dancers instead of just whimsical. I am currently working on my SD vocabulary, I know what things mean but the calls do not roll off the tongue yet.

What is the biggest roadblock you have found to becoming a caller? Are there other roadblocks?

Work and the non-square dance parts of my life.

What can callers do to help you learn and become a caller?

Our callers have been very supportive and offered mic time and coaching, but my schedule makes this harder.

What can dancers do?

Keep dancing, smile, be patient (ours are great!).

Is there something you can do to help other new callers?

Not sure at my current level but dance to them.

Do you see a need for new callers?

Definitely need more callers. We have callers driving 100 miles each way for dances and while I love to dance to them that doesn't seem optimal.

Is there anything else you would like to share that I have not asked?

We have met lots of wonderful people in our short time square dancing, truly great people.

The university dining hall was open during meal breaks at the 2025 festival. Many dancers dined there and liked it. You may want to try it and save a trip off campus during the 2026 festival. It will give you more time to dance to the new callers who will be calling during meal breaks. Watch for more information about which hall for the new callers. New callers really will appreciate the opportunity to call for you and hear your words of encouragement. They are the future of square dancing.

Why not get a square together and show them that HASSDA loves to dance and supports new callers???

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**For Information Contact:**

**Jerry Junck (402) 980-2446 Junck@aol.com**

## *About The School:*

The school combines expert classroom presentations addressing, music, choreography, presentation skills, teaching, singing call techniques, and much more. There will be plenty of "on mike" time for each student. I take pride in providing quality instruction for the new, or the beginning caller. In addition, there will be training sessions and exercises designed to enhance the knowledge of those callers wishing to expand their current level of expertise. Whether experienced, or just starting out, the instruction will be tailored for each student, at their level of expertise. The goal is to provide an enjoyable, yet educational, experience to enhance your skills at teaching, calling, and entertaining dancers. The bottom line is that the *Kaw Valley Caller's School* is for you!!!

### *Enrollment is limited-Please register early!*

The cost of the school will be \$350.00 per student. Partners are encouraged to attend at no additional cost. Tuition covers the full cost of the program and printed syllabus. The fee does not include lodging or meals. Upon receipt of your application, and a \$50.00 deposit (fully refundable until June 15, 2026), you will be provided information as to what to wear, what to bring, and how to prepare to get the most out of the school as time approaches.

### *The facility:*

The *Kaw Valley Caller's School* will be held in Croco Hall, located at 6115 SE Highway 40, Tecumseh, KS. My sincere thanks to Dana and Donna Schirmer for their efforts in securing a location for the school and promoting the event. Should you need lodging, please contact Dana for motel or campground information.

Dana Schirmer  
(785) 554-7221

E-mail: [ddscaller@gmail.com](mailto:ddscaller@gmail.com)

### *The Kaw Valley Caller's School Registration Form:*

Clip and send this form with a \$50.00 deposit to:

**Jerry Junck - 908 Brooke Drive - Wayne, NE 68787**  
(402) 980-2446 E-Mail: [jerryjunck47@gmail.com](mailto:jerryjunck47@gmail.com)

Caller's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Years of Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects of most interest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: [Tony@TonyOxendine.com](mailto:Tony@TonyOxendine.com) for more info. Do it now!

# HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR HASSDA FESTIVAL 2026?

HASSDA Festival 2026 host hotel will be LaQuinta Inn & Suites. The link below will reserve the room for three nights, July 9-11 at the rate of \$109 plus tax. You can adjust the check in or check out day if you don't want the three days. If you have problems making the reservation you may call them at 620.412.2763. The group code is HASSDA. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve as there are other events happening in Emporia that weekend.



La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham  
2930 Eaglecrest Drive  
Emporia, KS 66801

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/52864?checkInDate=07/09/2026&checkOutDate=07/12/2026&groupCode=HASSDA>



Remember to bring a water bottle to the festival. There are water fountains located in the facility.



# HASSDA FESTIVAL

**July 10-11, 2026**

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Dan Sahlstrom, caller and cuer

JULY 9, 2026 (Thursday night)

Anderson Building on Lyon County Fairgrounds

Hiway 50 & Industrial Road, Emporia, KS

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

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 donation enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(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](mailto: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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## LODGING

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Econolodge	2511 W 18th Ave	620-343-7750
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Super 8	2913 W US Hwy 50	620-342-7567
Travel Inn & Suites	3032 W US Hwy 50	620-208-6663

## HEART OF AMERICA SINGLES SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL

### THURSDAY – JULY 9, 2026

7:00 - 9:30 PM Trail End Dance with Dan Sahlstrom – Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, Highway 50 & Industrial Road, Emporia, KS

### FRIDAY – JULY 10, 2026

Time	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C
9:30 - 11:30 AM	CLOSED	INTRO TO HEX SQUARES with Dan Sahlstrom	ROUND WORKSHOP/ Mitchell Thompson
1:00 - 4:00 PM	CLOSED	MAINSTREAM / PLUS / ROUNDS (ALTERNATING) Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED
<b>SUPPER BREAK</b>			
	<b>SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS</b>	<b>PLUS/PLUS DBD**</b>	<b>ADVANCE</b>
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Tim Tyl/Mitchell Thompson - <i>MIXER PROGRAM</i>	Nick Hartley (Plus)	Dan Sahlstrom
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson	Dan Sahlstrom (DBD**)	Tim Tyl
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Dan Sahlstrom	Tim Tyl	Nick Hartley
10:00 - 10:30 PM	Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED	CLOSED

### SATURDAY – JULY 11, 2026

Time	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C
	<b>INTRO TO HEX SQUARES</b>	<b>INTRO TO PLUS DBD**</b>	<b>INTRO TO ROUNDS</b>
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Dan Sahlstrom	Tim Tyl	Mitchell Thompson
	<b>INTRO TO PLUS</b>	<b>INTRO TO ADVANCED</b>	<b>ROUNDS WORKSHOP</b>
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Tim Tyl	Nick Hartley	Mitchell Thompson
<b>HASSDA GENERAL MEETING, 11:00 to Noon – Location HALL C</b>			
<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>			
	<b>SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS</b>	<b>PLUS/PLUS DBD**</b>	<b>ADVANCE</b>
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson	Dan Sahlstrom (DBD**)	Tim Tyl
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Tim Tyl/Mitchell Thompson	Nick Hartley (Plus)	Dan Sahlstrom
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Dan Sahlstrom/Mitchell Thompson	Tim Tyl (Plus)	Nick Hartley
<b>SUPPER BREAK</b>			
6:00 - 6:45 PM	<i>Callers &amp; Cuer will be available for pictures with dancers ~ Remember Saturday Night is always Red, White, and Blue night at HASSDA!</i>		
	<b>SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS</b>	<b>PLUS/PLUS DBD**</b>	<b>ADVANCE</b>
6:45 PM	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED
7:00 - 7:10 PM	Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED	CLOSED
7:10 - 8:00 PM	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson - <i>MIXER PROGRAM</i>	Dan Sahlstrom (Plus)	Tim Tyl
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Dan Sahlstrom	Tim Tyl/Mitchell Thompson (DBD**)	Nick Hartley
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Tim Tyl	Nick Hartley/Mitchell Thompson (Plus)	Dan Sahlstrom
10:00 - 10:30 PM	Dan, Tim, Nick, and Mitchell	CLOSED	CLOSED

\* SMOOTHIE PROGRAM WILL BE 3 MAINSTREAM 1 PLUS WITH 1 ROUND or LINE BETWEEN SOME TIPS

\*\*PLUS DBD (DANCING BY DEFINITION) WILL BE ALTERNATING SESSIONS WITH PLUS LEVEL



Plans are underway for the 2027 & 2028 HASSDA Festivals at the Riverfront Community Center in Leavenworth, KS.

<https://www.leavenworthks.gov/parksrec/page/riverfront-community-center>

HASSDA Festivals will be  
July 29-31, 2027 and July 27-29, 2028.

Soon we will be looking for a facility for the 2029 & 2030 Festivals. Does anyone know of a great, reasonably priced facility suitable for the HASSDA Festival? Are there any clubs that would like to host the festival in their area? Contact a board member for more information.



## Why do dancers keep coming to the HASSDA Festival year after year once they have tried one festival?

We wanted to find out so we asked. Meet Missouri square dancer, Sharon Glen.

Sharon took square dancing lessons in 1972. She was single and wanted something to do besides bowling. She now dances up to Advance level.

Sharon thinks she heard about HASSDA at a SSDAUSA (Single Square Dancers USA) dance that she attended.

She is not sure when she attended her first HASSDA Festival, but she knows that she was coming to the HASSDA Festival by 2000 by looking at her collection of HASSDA ribbons. She was also at HASSDA in 2001 when Monty Hackler signed her Century Club book. Her first signature in the book was Ken Burke in 1999 and she had filled 2 ½ books before she stopped collecting callers' signatures in 2014.

She likes to go to HASSDA because she likes to see the people that she only sees once a year at the festival and also, it is usually the only time she gets to dance Hex.

You can see in the picture that she has also helped promote the HASSDA Festival.

Sharon registered at the 2025 HASSDA Festival for the 2026 Festival and was drawn from those early entries to receive her 2026 Festival registration free of charge so she will see you in a square at this year's festival.

If you would like to share why you like the HASSDA Festival please send an email to [HASSDA-newsletter@WeSquareDance.com](mailto:HASSDA-newsletter@WeSquareDance.com).

## Who is out promoting HASSDA? Send us a picture to share.



Maye Wegner, President; Judy Tucker, Oklahoma Coordinator; and Vivian Frost represent HASSDA at the Oklahoma Central District's Circulate to Claremore dance.



Judy Tucker and Vivian Frost represent HASSDA at the Northeast Oklahoma Square Dance Association (NEOSDA) Festival.



Janet Morey, Vice-president and Vivian Harden represent HASSDA at the Iowa State Festival.



Maye Wegner, Janet Morey, Carol Hershey, and Kelly Bockover represent HASSDA at the Heart of America Federation dance in Kansas City.

# HASSDA Website

[www.HASSDA.WeSquareDance.com](http://www.HASSDA.WeSquareDance.com)

# HASSDA Facebook

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HB1927 made it legal in Texas for most people 21 or over to carry a handgun in a holster without a permit openly and/or concealed unless specific signage states otherwise. Penal code 46.02 is amended to make it lawful for most people aged 21 or over to display a handgun if it is carried in a holster. A person who removes their handgun from its holster in public may be guilty of a crime under 46.02 (a-1) or (a5). Individuals choosing to carry should review the laws in other states through which they may be traveling and those pertaining to public transportation (i.e. airlines) they may be using.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In case of an emergency the first call is to 911. The fire department is less than 1 mile from the convention center with a maximum travel time of 3 minutes. Someone should plan to meet the emergency response team at the entrance. The upper-level entrance (Hilton level) is on Franklin Ave. The lower-level entrance (Courtyard by Marriott level) is on Washington Ave.

### EMERGENCY HANDBOOKS

Emergency handbooks will be on the stage in each of the dance halls and at the front table in all speaker/education rooms.

### AED DEFIBRILLATORS

AED Defibrillators are located on the upper and lower levels along with Stop Bleed kits and basic emergency/first aid kits. When you arrive at the convention center make note of their locations. On the lower level they can be found near the bottom of the escalators. On the upper level they are located outside Chisholm Hall.

### FIRST AID STATION

The First Aid station will be located in the upper-level lobby area. Basic first aid supplies will be available to handle minor cuts, bruises, blisters etc. Ice bags will be available for slightly sprained ankles. A limited supply of OTC medication will be available for purchase at the 75<sup>th</sup> Ways and Means table.



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Feeling under the weather? Emergency and walk-in medical services are only 4 minutes away from the convention center. Premier ER & Urgent Care in Waco is open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The emergency room is open 24/7. Address: 221 S Jack Kultgen Expy, Waco, TX 7670. Website: <https://www.premier.care>.

### PHARMACIES

Need a pharmacy? The CVS Pharmacy is 5 minutes from the convention center at 820 S. Fifth St., Waco, TX. Phone: (254) 296-0175. Others nearby include – H-E-B Pharmacy, approximately 7 minutes away, 801 N. IH-35 Bellmead, TX, Phone: (254) 799-0253; and Walgreens, approximately 11-14 minutes, 4100 Bosque Blvd, Waco, TX, Phone: (254) 751-7215.

### PET EMERGENCIES

The Texas Animal Medical Center at 4900 Steinbeck Bend Road, Waco, TX, is approximately 8-10 minutes from the convention center should you have a pet emergency. Phone: (254) 753-0901.

### MONEY MATTERS

The Waco Convention Center is primarily a cashless venue, accepting credit cards, debit cards and mobile payments like Apple Pay or Google Pay for services. Bring a card for payments at concessions or vendor booths as it is designed to speed up transactions. You may still want to bring a small amount of cash for your travels, tipping, etc.



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Looking for fun, useful projects to complete during dance breaks at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®? Visit the Sew and Save rooms in the Waco Convention Center and complete a variety of Make & Take projects.

## BLUEBONNETS

Make a bluebonnet dangle or necklace with beads.

## BOLO TIES AND PINS

What says Texas more than boots and bolo ties? We aren't making boots but the Sew and Save Committee is giving you the opportunity to make your own Texas Bolo Tie or decorative pin. We have all sorts of little Texas related do-dads along with some bling for you to choose from. Your one-of-a-kind bolo will be a great reminder of the wonderful time you have in Waco at the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®.

## BOOT NOODLES

In this workshop, participants will be given all the supplies and instructions to complete a set of two Boot Noodles. These wonderful creations will keep your boots standing tall for years to come.

## TURTLE CHARMS

In this class you will create a little turtle charm that actually moves. You will put a pin through a donut bead and turtle bead, then attach them to jump rings, so that the turtle glides off and on the donut bead – as if it is resting on a life preserver and then moving off for a swim.

## LAST CHANCE MAKE & TAKES

If you missed one of the Make and Takes, or if you want to make another item you already made, come to this class and use the remaining supplies to make whatever you want, and you will receive a different dangle and a charm bracelet on which you can put your dangle and other charms.

*Make sure to check the 75<sup>th</sup> NSDC Schedule for class times and locations.*



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**June 24 - CLOSED**  
**Thursday, June 25 -**  
**Friday, June 26**  
**10 am to 10 pm**  
**Saturday, June 27**  
**10 am to 9 pm**

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Shop these amazing vendors who have signed up for the 75<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention<sup>®</sup> in the Waco Convention Center. The vendor area will be closed Wednesday, June 24 for setup and will open Thursday, June 25. Find a new skirt, petticoat, dance shoes, western shirt, a one-of-a-kind bolo or custom piece of jewelry, pick from a selection of convention-themed badges or create your own, browse items for your home and more!

**Missouri State Festival**  
**Hunting for the Dance**  
 Hosted by the Southwest District  
**October 23 & 24, 2026**  
 Glendale Christian Church  
 2110 S Blackman Rd, Springfield, MO




**Featured Caller**  
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**Featured Cuers**  
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Mainstream, Plus, Advanced, Rounds  
 Three Large Halls  
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To register online, go to [www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com](http://www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com)  
 Or send completed form and payment to:  
 Gaylynn Crosby, 3597 W Sexton St, Springfield, MO 65810  
 Checks payable to Missouri Federation  
 Phone 417-773-7339 or email [cgcrosby@hotmail.com](mailto:cgcrosby@hotmail.com)



**June 5 & 6 - 2026**  
**"Swing & Sway"**



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 Brenda Mears  
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**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](http://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 & Best Western Plus Wichita West Airport Inn**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 His \_\_\_\_\_ Hers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Kansas Dancers Please Check Your District:  Blue  Gold

**Out of State callers wishing to be programmed, check here \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Deadline to be programmed is February 15, 2026.**  
**All callers and cuers must be licensed to call/cue at this event.**

**Pre-Purchased Ribbon (Per Person)**

All Sessions	# Adult	\$35.00	# Youth	\$5.00
Friday Night Only	# Adult	\$15.00	# Youth	\$2.00
Saturday All Sessions	# Adult	\$30.00	# Youth	\$4.00
Saturday Night Only	# Adult	\$20.00	# Youth	\$3.00

**Ribbon at the Door (Per Person)**

All Sessions	Adult	\$40.00
Friday Night	Adult	\$18.00
Saturday All	Adult	\$33.00
Saturday Night	Adult	\$23.00
Total Amount Included: \$ _____		
(check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check		

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 To avoid delay, make certain your address is easy to read.  
 To pay with a credit card, go to our website: [www.kansassquaredancefestival.com](http://www.kansassquaredancefestival.com)  
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**Brenda Mears, 402 Exchange, Emporia, KS 66801-3818**  
 E-mail: [jbmears1979@gmail.com](mailto:jbmears1979@gmail.com)

**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

Find hotel accommodations at:  
[www.squaredance.org/convention/lodging.php](http://www.squaredance.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**      **Deadline for advanced registration and refund is September 1, 2026**  
 (Please print clearly)      Questions? Gale Barnhill: 402-745-0375 or [mc\\_barn@yahoo.com](mailto:mc_barn@yahoo.com)

**Suggested donation - per person**

	Advanced	Door
All Events	\$40.00	\$45.00
Friday evening	15.00	18.00
All Saturday	25.00	30.00
Saturday evening	16.00	18.00
Youth (under 16)	1/2 price	1/2 price

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

**Make checks payable to: 2026 NSSRD**  
 Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope  
 Mail to: 55<sup>th</sup> Nebraska State Dance  
 PO Box 333  
 McCool Junction, NE 68401

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_      HIS FIRST \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_      HER FIRST \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_      YOUTH(S) \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_      EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERATION:  Central  Eastern  Northeast  Southeast  (state)

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

Caller  Mainstream  Plus  B/M/ASCAP licensed through \_\_\_\_\_      Cuer Level: \_\_\_\_\_      Available  Saturday morning  Saturday afternoon (please enclose copy of license)

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

Send flyers from our six-state region or surrounding states that you wish to share to [HASSDA-Newsletter@WeSquareDance.com](mailto:HASSDA-Newsletter@WeSquareDance.com)

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*A Day Of*

# PLUS DBD

Caller: Charlie Robertson

Saturday  
 October 31, 2026  
 OKC Swing Dance Club  
 4361 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St Unit 400  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73112



Events Schedule: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Plus Workshop / Dance  
 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch on your own  
 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Plus Workshop / Dance

Price: \$25 Per Person

For more information or to register, Contact  
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~ Advanced & Challenge Square Dance ~

\$10 per session or \$25 all day

10am - Noon  
 Break for Lunch on your own

2pm - 4:30pm  
 Break for Dinner on your own

6:30pm - 9pm

Darryl Lipscomb Jim Howard Mike Bramlett

Date	Location	Location
November 28, 2026	OKC Swing Club 4361 NW 50th St	OKC Swing Club 4361 NW 50th St
	Schedule	405-570-0799
	10:00 - 12:00	
	2:00 - 4:30	
	6:30 - 9:00	

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Your HASSDA Newsletter Editor wants your help updating the list of Single Square Dance Clubs and Single-friendly Clubs. Some clubs may have closed and there may be new clubs in the six HASSDA states and surrounding states. According to some, clubs used to be single or couples and the two didn't seem to mix with one another. In the Tulsa area it seems like all clubs welcome single dancers even though they are not designated as such. Please let us know if this is the case in your area. Send your club's name, when you dance, where you dance, level of your dance, caller name, and a contact person and phone number so a visitor to your town can call and make sure you are dancing before they drive there. Also, if you have flyers for special dances that are at least a couple of months out that would be great. Please send your email to [HASSDA-Newsletter@WeSquareDance.com](mailto:HASSDA-Newsletter@WeSquareDance.com). Look for your next HASSDA Newsletter in June.

