

Heart of America Singles Square Dance Association June BLAST 2025

It Is Not Too Late to Register!!

July 15 is fast approaching. That is the cut-off for discounted registrations. No worries...we will still welcome registrations after that date, but if you want to save \$10.00 AND would prefer to not stand in line at the entry door, we can still get you your ribbon if you register by July 15. Woot, Woot!

The following hotels have offered minimal discounts for HASSDA festival attendees: (Tell them that you are with HASSDA): Comfort Inn and Suites, Hampton Inn by Hilton and LaQuinta Inn and Suites.

Also...there is a carnival in town these same dates. It might be difficult to book a room if you wait much longer!

And...Campers: The Carnival in town that weekend will be held at the fairgrounds. It will be difficult to find a camping spot there. You may want to check out one of the other campgrounds

Please remember to bring your own (labeled with your name) water bottle to the festival. Water fountains will be available, but not water jugs or glasses.

Remember....The Saturday Night dance is ALWAYS themed with Red, White and Blue colors.

Please Plan to attend
the General Meeting,
Saturday, Aug. 8
11:00 - Noon

If you currently have a display board,
please bring it so that we can update it
for next year's festival. This allows us to
have 18 boards in use to publicize our
2026 festival.

SOCKS OR NO SOCKS??

Currently, your board is exploring locations for the HASSDA Festivals in 2027 and 2028. One location that we have found is absolutely beautiful and near a lot of attractions. We feel very positive about this location except for one drawback...It has carpeted floors.

You may already know that convention venues are rarely using hard surface flooring anymore and are opting for a very low, dense carpet instead. It is cheaper to replace if it gets damaged.

Minnesota has been using a location with carpeted floors for the last several years. They have had no complaints per Dan Sahlstrom and his 85+ year old mother!

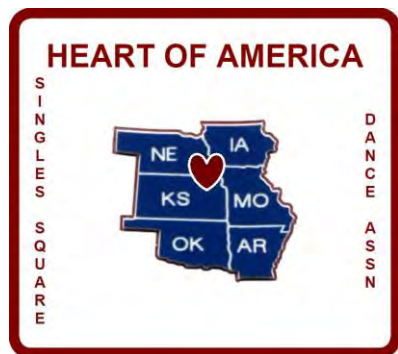
Participants may want to prepare for this by wearing leather soled shoes or wearing DanceSocks or some other method. We could have these for sale at the dance for our cost (around \$12.00).

So here is the question:

If the venue that we choose for the 2027 and 2028 HASSDA Festival has carpeted floors, would you avoid attending at that site?

Please Plan to attend the General Board Meeting on Saturday, Aug 9 at 11:00 in Hall C to cast your vote.

IMPORTANT: All positions on the board are always open for new nominations. The nominations and the election of new board will be made at the Saturday 11:00 General Meeting at the Festival. Nominee's must be present at the meeting, or a signed/dated letter from them accepting the nomination must be received at the meeting from a nominee that could not attend the meeting. **Remember, even though you have to be single to hold an office on the Board, ALL members (single and married) have voting rights on who is elected. So PLEASE plan to attend the General Meeting.**



HASSDA FESTIVAL

AUGUST 8-9, 2025

ESU MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

1331 MARKET STREET

EMPORIA, KANSAS

www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com

All Wood Floors!

3 LEVELS OF DANCING!

Mainstream

PLUS

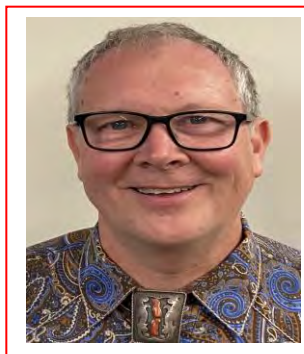
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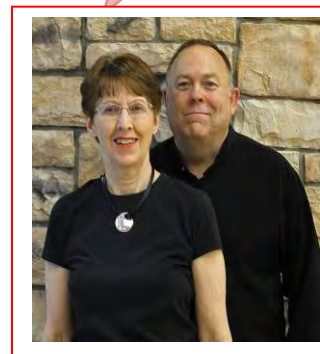
MIKE BRAMLETT



ERIC HENERLAU



CURT BRAFFET



CAROLYN & TONY
AHART, cuer

TRAIL END DANCE

Curt Braffet, caller and Betty Skillet, cuer

August 7, 2025 (Thursday night)

Sacred Heart Parish Hall

101 Exchange Street, Emporia, KS

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

Sponsored by Bluestem Swingers



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Individual registration - please check appropriate blanks:

_____ Friday & Saturday All Events Prior to July 15, 2025	\$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, 2025 to July 31, 2026.**

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

Make Checks Payable to: HASSDA Festival 2025

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 July 15, 2025.
- One-half Refund will be given for cancellation between July 15 and August 1, 2025.
- No Refund will be given for cancellation after August 1, 2025.

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

New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Youth ☐ (under 18 = ½ price)

LODGING		
<u>Hotel/Motel</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
America's Best Inn & Suites	3181 W US Hwy 50	620-342-7820
Best Western	2836 W 18th Ave	620-342-9700
Budget Host Inn	1830 US Hwy 50	620-343-6922
Comfort Inn & Suites	2921 W 18th Ave	620-341-9393
Diligent Trailers Camping	1521 Rd 175	620-342-6456
Econolodge	2511 W 18th Ave	620-343-7750
Eleven Boutique Hotel	3021 W US Hwy 50	786-709-3415
Emporia Inn	2630 W 18th Ave	620-343-1240
Emporia RV Park & Campground	4601 W US Hwy 50	620-343-3422
Gufler Bed & Breakfast	612 W 12th Ave	970-582-0207
Hampton Inn by Hilton	2900 Eaglecrest Drive	620-412-9040
Holiday Inn Express	3007 W 18th Ave	620-343-1111
Knights Inn	3183 W US Hwy 50	620-342-7822
La Quinta Inn & Suites	2930 Eaglecrest Drive	620-342-4445
Lyon County Fairgrounds Camping	2700 W US W Hwy 50	620-343-5347
Mainstay Suites	2602 Candlewood Drive	620-343-7756
Super 8	2913 W US Hwy 50	620-342-7567
Travel Inn & Suites	3032 W US Hwy 50	620-208-6663

THURSDAY ~ August 7, 2025			
7:00 - 9:30 PM	Trail End Dance with Curt Braffet and Betty Skillet – Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 101 Exchange Street, Emporia, KS		
FRIDAY ~ AUGUST 8, 2025			
Time	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C
9:00 - 11:30 AM	INTRO TO HEX SQUARES with Eric Henerlau	CLOSED	ROUND WORKSHOP
	MAINSTREAM / PLUS / ROUNDS (ALTERNATING)		
1:00 - 4:00 PM	Eric, Curt, Mike and Carolyn		
SUPPER BREAK			
	SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS	PLUS/PLUS DBD**	ADVANCE
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Curt Braffet/Carolyn Ahart - MIXER PROGRAM	Mike Bramlett (Plus)	Eric Henerlau
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Mike Bramlett/Carolyn Ahart	Eric Henerlau (DBD**)	Curt Braffet
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Eric Henerlau/Carolyn Ahart	Curt Braffet (Plus)	Mike Bramlett
10:00 - 10:30 PM	Eric, Curt, Mike and Carolyn	CLOSED	CLOSED
SATURDAY ~ AUGUST 9, 2025			
Time	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C
	INTRO TO HEX SQUARES	INTRO TO PLUS DBD**	INTRO TO ROUNDS
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Eric Henerlau	Curt Braffet	Carolyn Ahart
	INTRO TO PLUS	INTRO TO ADVANCED	ROUNDS WORKSHOP
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Curt Braffet	Mike Bramlett	Carolyn Ahart
<u>HASSDA GENERAL MEETING, 11:00 to Noon – Location HALL C</u>			
LUNCH BREAK			
	SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS	PLUS/PLUS DBD**	ADVANCE
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Mike Bramlett/Carolyn Ahart	Eric Henerlau (DBD**)	Curt Braffet
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Curt Braffet/Carolyn Ahart	Mike Bramlett (Plus)	Eric Henerlau
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Eric Henerlau/Carolyn Ahart	Curt Braffet (Plus)	Mike Bramlett
SUPPER BREAK			
6:00 - 6:45 PM	Callers & Cuer will be available for pictures with dancers ~ Remember Saturday Night is always Red, White and Blue night at HASSDA!		
	SMOOTHIE*/ROUNDS	PLUS/PLUS DBD**	ADVANCE
6:45 PM	ANNOUNCEMENTS	CLOSED	CLOSED
7:00 - 7:10 PM	Eric, Curt, Mike and Carolyn	CLOSED	CLOSED
7:10 - 8:00 PM	Mike Bramlett/Carolyn Ahart - MIXER PROGRAM	Eric Henerlau (Plus)	Curt Braffet
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Eric Henerlau	Curt Braffet/Carolyn Ahart (DBD**)	Mike Bramlett
9:00 - 10:00 PM	Curt Braffet	Mike Bramlett/Carolyn Ahart (Plus)	Eric Henerlau
10:00 - 10:30 PM	Eric, Curt, Mike and Carolyn	CLOSED	CLOSED
* SMOOTHIE PROGRAM WILL BE 3 MAINSTREAM 1 PLUS WITH 1 ROUND BETWEEN SOME TIPS			
**PLUS DBD (DANCING BY DEFINITION) WILL BE ALTERNATING SESSIONS WITH PLUS LEVEL			