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Convention in 2025. Register ages 20 and 21. ISDC in WACO Texas with the form on page 15. Or register for both on-line! Thank you for supporting these teams working hard to provide you a great experience.

Attend conventions or festivals around the country! Many of these are listed on page 29.



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENTS

# ELLERY AND KAREN GULBRAND

"Don't count the days, make the days count'!" -Mohammad Ali-Sunshine, azure sky and warm temperatures have moved into the North! Of course, with that we leave behind snow, but pick up the warm weather tasks of planting, mowing lawn, watching the backyard wildlife, and even sometimes basking in the sun. Yes, we do switch to shorts and soak up some sunshine rays occasionally.

With the busy summer bringing out our family activities, graduations, picnics, birthdays and the like we must strategically allow time for the square dance world. As we travel to club dances, festivals, and fundraiser dances we find positive comments



regarding square dance classes and other square dance activities are on the rise. We attended the Iowa State Square Dance Convention which was a big success with good dancers, great callers, and great fun. As we write this report, we are working toward an awesome 2024 National Square Dance Convention® in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our hope is that each square dancer takes an interest in searching and finding out more information about United Square Dancers of America. We are all here to answer questions, educate and enjoy the "Fun Art" of square dancing while putting happy smiles on dancer's faces.

We ask all dancers to take note of the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Scholarship Program. Young square dancers who are pursuing higher education could benefit from this opportunity. The program is open to youth who are currently in their senior year of high school, or a first-year student in college. Please encourage them to obtain the needed information from usda.org and apply prior to the deadline of February 1, 2025.

A big and wholehearted "thank you" to the USDA Executive Committee along with all the square dancers promoting square dancing to keep the "Fun Art" of square dancing alive and growing.

Our heartfelt hope is to see you on the square dance floor somewhere, sometime, when the caller says, "Square Em Up"!

Sincerely and God's Blessing, Ellery & Karen Gulbrand USDA President

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." -Maya Angelou-

# A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS



# ART AND LILLY HARDIN

Lazy days of summer are here. The leaves on the trees are starting to come out. The tulips and the daffodils are blooming. It's time to rake the yard and put down some new seed and fertilizer so the last of the spring snow will soak the ground and inspire the wildflowers and grass to grow.

The mountains are beautiful this time of year. Snowcapped peaks against a royal blue sky with green trees in the foreground. Nature around here is beautiful. Who cares if your afternoon walk is detoured by a moose and her calf along the river, or your morning coffee is interrupted by the brown bear that decides to take a stroll on your deck. It's even OK if your evening dip in the hot tub is delayed by the deer having her calf next to the adjacent tree. Living in paradise is so cool, and wonderful.

Summer is also time for travel, adventure and festivals. All kinds of festivals; art festivals, music festivals, farmer's markets, and square dance festivals. There's the planning, the preparations, the packing, the driving or the flying. Then there's the adventure. New places, new activities or fun activities you already know. Meeting family and old friends and making new friends. Then there's challenging yourself to hike higher, bike farther, or dance longer.

Our biggest adventure planned for this summer will be the 73<sup>rd</sup> National Square Dance Convention® in Milwaukee where we look forward to seeing all of you on the dance floor. We are coordinating our drive out with some friends so that we can share adventures along the way. After the convention we will travel to Michigan and Missouri to see old friends and family. We look forward to hiking in the upper peninsula and seeing Houghton Lake.

We are also planning some hiking trips to Rocky Mountain National Park as well as attending the Colorado State Festival and the Tennessee State Festival. Maybe we will see some of you there.

We hope everyone enjoys a fun summer filled with your favorite people and activities.

See you soon!

Art and Lilly Hardin

**USDA NEWS Editors** 

# EVENTS IN THE WESTERN REGION Nina Grigsby Western Region VP

#### WESTERN REGION REPORT

Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

Happy Spring showers, May flowers, and Summer planning to our USDA officers, committee members, and all our affiliates, associations, and clubs! There are more special dances/activities and festivals for the year ahead planned by several of our Western region affiliates and clubs that I hope everyone will take an opportunity to attend during your many travels.

Here are a few upcoming special dances and festivals that I am sure you will enjoy:

April 12 – 14, 2024 – "Strawberries Galore", Santa Maria Fairpark, Santa Maria, CA

April 19 - 21, 2024 - "Spring Fling", Farthest North Square & Round Dance Center, Fairbanks, AK

May 14 – May 16, 2024 – "New Mexico Square & Round Dance Festival", Civic Center, Truth or Consequences, NM

May 24 – 27, 2024 – "Montana State Square & Round Dance Festival", Cedar Hall at MetraPark, Billings, MT

Details of more amazing events are posted on these affiliate websites:

Alaska Square and Round Dance Federation
Square & Round Dance Association of Southern Arizona
California Council of Square Dancers
Colorado State Square Dance Association
Hawaii Square Dance Federation
Idaho State Federation of Square & Round Dance Clubs, Inc
Yellowstone Square Dance Council
Las Vegas Square and Round Dancers
New Mexico Square and Round Dance Association
Oregon Federation of Square and Round Dance Clubs

We also hope to see you all at the 73rd National Square Dance Convention in Milwaukee, WI, Jun 26 – Jun 29, 2024.

Hope to see you soon and dance with you sooner!

Nina Grigsby

# EVENTS IN THE PLAINS REGION Mark and Bina Krebsbach, Plains Region VP

#### PLAINS REGION REPORT

Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin

Greetings from the top of the continental US, where life is cleaner and greener. Square dancing is alive and well here in the Plains Region. State festivals and conventions started in April and will continue into November.

In April, Bina & I traveled through and danced in the 15 of the North Eastern states, then made it back to the North Dakota State Festival on the 26 & 27th of April. A good time for all with 10 squares dancing. We will continue to travel when we can. Please let us know when your festivals or conventions are, we will attempt to come visit you. Hope to see you in Milwaukee.

Continue to Live Lively, God's Blessings, As Ever Square Dancers Mark & Bina



## **ETIQUETTE OF THE SQUARE DANCE**

Eight hearts beating together shall be United in passions most purity

Around the square with movements as one Keeping intime till the tip is done

Good spirits lie within the call

As devotion captures the dancers all

Square dancing partners around the ring Anticipating the caller will sing

Gentlemen with eloquence gently twirl

To the satisfying delights of every girl

Ladies gracefully promenade the ring
With great care their partners attentively swing

Men act as gentlemen who are gentle and kind And women are ladies with elegance in mind

Keep your touches soft and respectfully
As some dancer experience pain you see

Square dancing is good for the body and soul

Just keep on dancing and your life will be whole

Esoteric Proactive Divergent Norwegian Mark Krebsbach





# **EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION**Scott and Sandy Ebright, Central Region VP

#### CENTRAL REGION REPORT

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia

Well, it seems that summer arrived early this year! To us this means the National Square Dance Convention! This year the 73rd NSDC will be held in Milwaukee, WI.

If you are reading this at the Milwaukee convention, that is awesome! We hope that y'all will attend the USDA Annual Meeting on Wednesday at 1pm. In addition, USDA will be leading several classes. Also, look for more USDA educational materials at our Showcase of Ideas booth.

Speaking of NSDCs, if you have not purchased your tickets for future NSDCs, please do so as soon as possible. You may not realize it but early ticket sales are an essential part of providing the seed money needed to put on a NSDC and greatly impact the ongoing planning process. Also, dancers benefit from an early bird discounted rate; the earlier you register, the better.

In fact, we highly recommend buying future NSDC tickets as soon as the new location is official. This announcement is usually during the current year's closing ceremony for the NSDC 3-4 years later. Inevitably, when we suggest this someone says, "I am not sure I will be alive in 4 years!" Our answer to that is to grin and say, "Do not worry. If you pass away, the tickets are totally refundable. Besides, I believe buying advance tickets helps dancers live longer because they have something to look foward to."

Likewise, the state convention "season" is just around the corner. In our humble opinion the Tennessee State Convention kicks off the Central Region season. Please consider getting your tickets to these conventions:

Tennessee (01-04 Aug)
Michigan (15-17 Aug)
Florida (17-18 Jan 2025)
Alabama (23-24 Aug)
Mississippi (tentatively 07-08 Mar 2025)
Kentucky (05-07 Sep)
Georgia (01-02 Nov)

Indiana (08-10 Nov)

Florida (17-18 Jan 2025)

Mississippi (tentatively 27-08 Mar 2025)

Ohio (02-03 May 2025)

We are still hoping that North Carolina and West Virginia will be able to get their state conventions going again, soon.

As always we want to remind everyone of the many programs offered by USDA. Go to the website and watch, or join, a webinar. Pick up a digital pamphlet to read. Encourage a young square dancer to apply for our scholarship program.

See y'all on the dance floor!

IHS, Scott and Sandy Ebright USDA Central Region Vice Presidents CentralVP@usda.org

# USDA INSURANCE COORDINATORS NOTES Elizabeth Sanders

Greeting Everyone,

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 73rd NSDC in Milwaukee, WI. It is going to be a great convention.

Now that the rush is over, I will be keeping limited hours between now and October 1. Saturday and Sunday's I am off; emails will be checked Monday thru Friday and phone calls will be answered if I am at home. If I do not answer, please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as I can.

I will not be available by phone from June 21nd thru July 1st as I will be attending the 73rd NSDC in Milwaukee, WI. I will present two (2) educational sessions on "How to be an Insurance Coordinator". The sessions will be Thursday, June 27 at 2 pm and Friday, June 28 at 11 am. Please check the schedule for room assignments and to make sure there are no last minute changes to the location and time.

Did you know that USDA has a Youth Scholarship program? Did you know about the Centennial Award Program? For more information on both programs and many more that USDA offers check out our booth at the "Showcase of Ideas" exhibit at the 73nd NSDC.

As always, you can call or email me with questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Sanders
USDA National Insurance Coordinator
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sqdanins@gmail.com or insurance@usda.org
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# A Wheelchair Demo!

# By Judy Taylor

On May 15th, some Littleton, Colorado, dancers happily entertained about 30 residents of Littleton's Cherrelyn HealthCare Center; the dancers were members of the Mountaineers Square Dance Club. The Caller, Todd Albright, and his Cuer wife Melody, came in from Aurora, and did a marvelous job of putting on a show. After a few regular tips, Melody and four couples showed them what Round Dancing is all about.

Then Todd unknowingly was challenged by the dancers to call a SLOW patter for a square with wheelchairs! Four "pushers" and their volunteer wheelchair residents were the right hand dancer, and four "regulars" were the left hand dancers. In addition to all the frivolity, Todd learned some new patter, and fortunately for everyone, he didn't call "Spin-Chain-Through", or "Allemande Thar". All went off with such fun, especially when "Jim" hung on too long on a quick Allemande Left, and about pulled "Claudine" right out of her wheelchair! I know we'll be called upon to do this again, but we won't ever be able to repeat such a fun demo.





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Holiday Inn/NW AR Convention Center, 1500 S 48<sup>th</sup> St Springdale AR 72762



Host Hotel - Holiday Inn, 1500 South 48th Street, Springdale, AR 72762

Rates: Single King w/Sleeper Sofa or Double Queen - \$110.00 (1 or 2 guests) \$120.00 (3 guests) \$130.00 (4 guests)

For reservations by Phone 479-751-8300 (Be sure and refer to Code: HASSDA-2024)

BREAKFAST INCLUDED WITH RATES LISTED ABOVE ~ RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 15, 2023

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# AUGUST 15, 16 & 17, 2024

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Additional Information and REGISTRATION FORM WWW.Squaredance-michigan.com

### Chairpersons:

Sandy McIntire 734.735.1342 George Ferguson 734.890.1275 2024miconv@gmail.com



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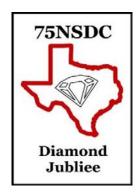


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# October 18-19, 2024

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# Featured Caller:



Ken Burke Mainstream & Plus

# Squares and Rounds by both Featured and Local Callers and Cuers

- \* Friday: 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
- \* Saturday: 9:00 am to 10 pm with lunch & dinner breaks
- \* Sunday Doins' Dance: 9-11 am (extra donation fee)

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#### For more information:

Website: www.Festival.SquareDanceMissouri.com

Rev. 11/08/2023

TICKETS	<u>Before</u> Sept. 18, 2024:
	Cost x # = Amt. Due
All events	\$35.00 x=
Friday eve.	\$13.00 x=
Sat. day+eve	\$25.00 x=
Sat. after 6 pm	\$15.00 x=
TICKETS	After Sept. 18, 2024:
	Cost $x \# = Amt. Due$
All events	\$42.00 x=
Friday eve.	\$16.00 x=
Sat. day+eye	\$32.00 x =

 No refunds after 10/1/2024; \$5.00 charge for refunds prior to 10/1/2024.

Sat. after 6 pm \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_=\_\_\_

- Dancers 16 and under are free
- Snack Bar Available
- Square Dance Attire is appreciated at Evening Sessions

Arkansas State Square Dance Federation Fall Festival

# TWIRLING UNDER THE STARS

Hosted by Levis and Lace, Maverick Mixers, Star Steppers, and the Twirling Lariats

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Come early for the Trail End dance October 10th, at the same location, with three Arkansas callers from 7pm - 10pm, \$10 per person at the door



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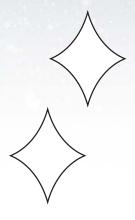
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Ken Burke



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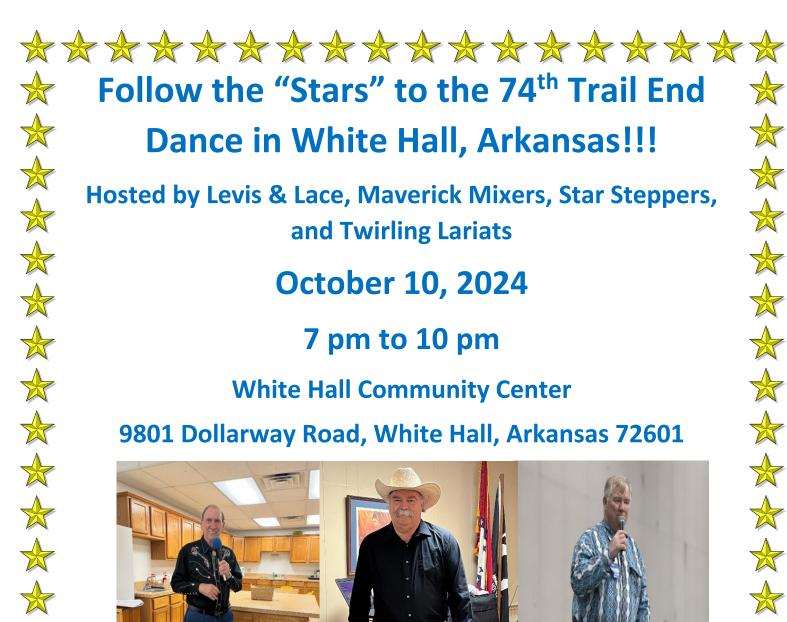
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Tickets (per person) \*18 & Under free with adult\*

Full Weekend (early registration) \$30 x \_\_\_\_ = Friday only \$20 x \_\_\_ =

Full Weekend (after 10/01) \$35 x \_\_\_ = Saturday only \$20 x \_\_ =





Gene Gancarczyk, Joey Duhamel, and Phil Moorehouse

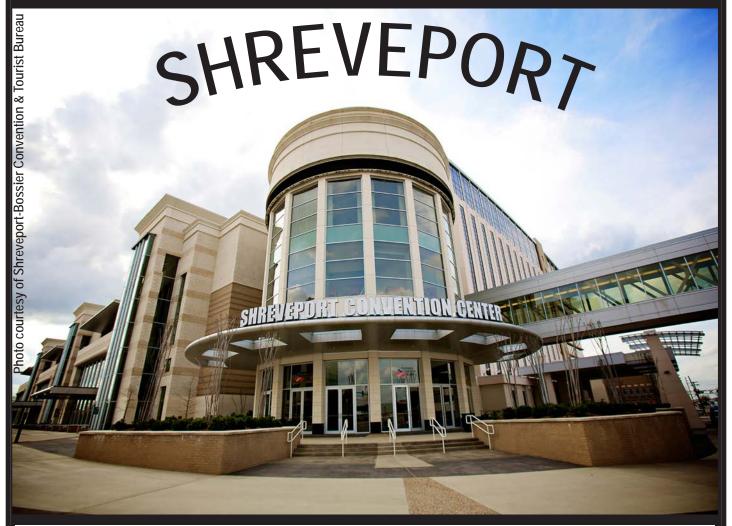
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**Questions call Rick Gesing (870-883-1363) or Sheila Gesing (512-968-4876)** 

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# 74th National Square Dance Convention® June 25-28, 2025



Visit our website, www.74thNSDC.com, for registration and general information, Join our Facebook group, https://www.facebook.com/groups/750145379807873/ for the latest events and details

Come 'Dance on the Wild Side' with the 74th NSDC



# 74th National Square Dance Convention® Shreveport Convention Center - June 25-28, 2025 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana Come Dance on the Wild Side Register online at 74nsdc.com

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- Please PRINT legibly to ensure accuracy of information.
- If you have already PRE-REGISTERED using our short form, please enter names in the appropriate space for each badge and enter \$0 (zero) in subtotal by each name already registered to avoid duplicate charge. ∸. ഗ ფ

E-mail address will only be shared with the NEC Check if you do not want your email shared.

First Name & Last Name for CONVENTION BADGES

Subtotals

- If not pre-registered, enter registration fee for each dancer and correctly calculate amounts in the subtotal lines, then calculate and enter the total 4.
- Registration fees: Adult \$70; Youth ages 5-17 by 6/25/2025 \$35.00 Under 5 Free. 2

Prices will increase May 1, 2025 - Adult: \$85 - Youth ages 5-17: \$42.50.

- Persons 3-5 circle Adult or Youth. \*\*Only need birthday of Youth. Registrations are non-transferable.
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Program Book & Daily Schedules (\$25 after 4/30/2025)

Magnet for Badge (pins provided free)

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prior to NSDC's

74th

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Security Code:

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**GROUP CAMPING** requests must be received by January 2, 2025. Everyone that is part of the group must fill in Group Name and Group Leader Name. **To camp together, best to** arrive together.

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Your confirmed campground may assess a one-night penalty fee for cancellations received less than 72 hours of arrival, including early departure. On-line registration available. All site reservations will be coordinated through RV & Camping Vice-Chairman with this form. For further information see web site: www.74nsdc.com.

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# **USDA - Centennial Award Program**

As the world's largest square dance association, the Executive Committee of USDA is proud to provide a "Centennial Awards" program for dancers 100 years old.

The qualified recipients will be given a nice framed "Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation" signed by the President of USDA and the Vice President of their Region. They will also receive a "United Square Dancers of America Centennial Award" lapel pin. This award will be presented to them by a member of the Executive Committee at a dance attended by the recipient when possible. Should the recipient be able to attend the USDA Board of Directors meeting the day prior to the National Convention, USDA will pay their Convention Registration.

Finally, our USDA NEWS will honor them in a special "Feature Article" about them. When available we also include pictures of their receiving their awards from the USDA representative.

#### Qualifications:

We have tried to keep the qualifications for earning the Centennial Award simple. The most difficult part is reaching the age of 100. That is the number one criteria on the list of qualifications. Once you have met the age requirement you are well on your way.

Requirement number two is that you are still active in the square dance community. This does not require that you still dance, but you must still attend dances on a regular basis and be involved in the club in some way. This may be sitting at the front table and welcoming dancers as they come in.

Requirement number three is that you must have a minimum of five years membership in your club.

Once you have qualified for the Centennial Award, you must notify USDA by completing the Qualification

Form and send to:

Ed & Lynda Willis P.O. Box 7524 Wilmington, North Carolina 28406-7524 (H) 910.616.3639; (C) 910.616.3639 E-Mail: Centennial@usda.org



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# **Proudly Presents Our Webinar Series**

# Beyond the Dance Floor

**Dancing** — We all miss dancing! The great news is, as a community we've been adapting to "the new normal". It's been wonderful to see callers and cuers set up virtual dance events. Online groups have been set up to discuss returning to dancing and what precautions need to be taken. IAGSDC even transitioned their International Convention into a "home edition" with virtual dancing and live online activities. Happily, in some areas of the country, clubs are cautiously and carefully beginning to dance again, but there is still more to do.

The United Square Dancers of America — USDA — your National dancers' organization, is proud to present a monthly series of web-based programs via *Zoom* to support clubs on the business and marketing end of our activity. The programs will be used to introduce more dancers across the country to who/what USDA is, the programs and services we provide, and a way to keep square and round dancing in the forefront of people's thoughts even if they aren't able to get together on the dance floor.

**Beyond The Dance Floor** – It takes a lot of effort and organizational skills to keep our favorite activity alive and USDA is here to help. From bylaws to event planning, club officer duties, promotion, communications, newsletters, youth and handicapable programs – this series is designed to help groups across the country build and grow your clubs.



**Workshops** are scheduled to last 90-minutes to allow plenty of time for questions & answers, plus we will welcome input from participants. Our complete schedule is listed on the subsequent pages.

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# For more information or to check on scheduling updates, please contact us at:

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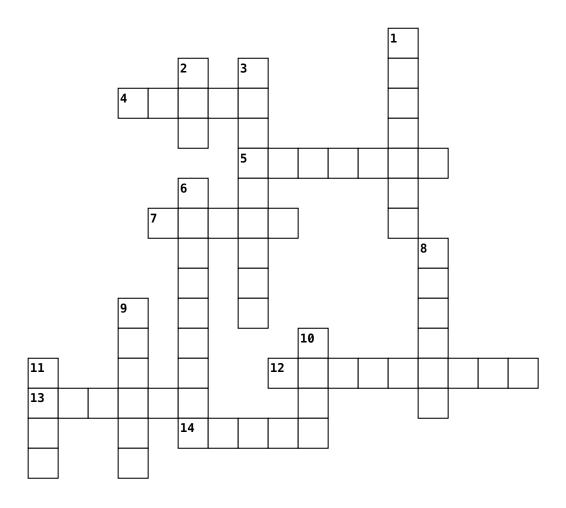
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# check it out at

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# National Square Dance Convention



#### Across

- 4. a popular dance form
- 5. an activity associated with NSDCA
- 7. the number of calls in basic square dancing
- 12. International association of square dance callers
- 13. four couples
- 14. something square dancing is not

#### Down

- 1. dance in a square make a circle of \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. what we came here for
- 3. a big part of the NSDC
- 6. locate 73rd NSDC
- 8. uses 30 square dance calls
- 9. can be done from a box or a column
- 10. common formation
- 11. World's largest square dance organization

# A tribute to Carolyn Cook. She was taken from us too soon.

LIFES A DANCE, DO YOUR BEST....THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT SHE DID!! Carolyn S. (Lanfair) Cook, 76, formerly of Martinsville Indiana, passed away June 6th, 2024, in Austin Texas.

Carolyn was born on October 12, 1946, to Arthur and Ruth (Thacker) Lanfair. Carolyn's love for dance started out at Mary Kersting Moore School of Dance learning hulu and clogging. Her love for dance continued throughout her life as she square danced across the states with her husband, John L. Cook. Carolyn and John were married on June 12, 1971.

Besides Carolyn's love for dancing, she loved elephants, and probably had enough to populate a small planet. She also loved spending time with her family.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Andrea Cook, of Austin Texas; son, John Cook, of Dunkirk Indiana; and bonus son Andy Wenzel of Florida; one brother, Ron "Spanky" Lanfair; one sister, Vicky (Lanfair) Littell both of Martinsville Indiana; as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents as well as a sister Crolla(Lanfair) Butler and one daughter Melody Jean Robinson Taylor.

A celebration of Life service will be held at a date and time yet to be determined. I believe if she had anything left to tell us it would be this: "You have only one life to live so do it DANCING!!"

By Christy Haines

John and Carolyn at the 72nd National Square Dance Convention , Mobile, AL



# 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nebraska State Square and Round Dance Weekend September 20-21, 2024

# Adams County Fairgrounds, Hastings, Nebraska

#### **THEME**



WEEKEND COLORS: FALL/AUTUMN

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**CAMPING:** Adams County Fairgrounds

Register online at Campspot.com

# **Event Starting Times**

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

REGISTRATION <u>Deadline for advanced registration and refund</u> is September 1, 2024 (Please print clearly) Questions? 402-659-4444 or bobwbarb@cox.net

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Jul 19-20 **38th Illinois Square and Round Dance** Convention Get Up & Dance

Sheraton Suites, 6501 Mannheim Rd, Rosemont, IL

Register at: <a href="https://example.com/linearing-new-register">ILSDC.dance</a>

Email: <a href="mailto:illinois2024convention@comcast.net">illinois2024convention@comcast.net</a>

July 24-27 **51st Diamond Lake Square Dance** 

Festival, Diamond Lake Resort

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 $\underline{DiamondLakeFestival.com} \ or \\$ 

Email: Stars Medford @gmail.com

July 26-27 HASSDA FESTIVAL

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www.HASSDAFestival.WeSquareDance.com

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PeachPromenadeGJ@gmail.com

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Penn Harris Trademark by Wyndham

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Websites: PSRDF.org or PAFABFALLFEST.com

Barb MacDonald <u>bmacd@zoominternet.net</u>

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for more information:

P16 www.FestivalSquareDancMissouri.com

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Chairman: Wayne & Debbie Miller

dmiller0331@gmail.com or 904-891-7016

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Fredericton Inn, New Brunswick, CA

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cmr.belanger@@outlook.com

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830 Green Street NE, Gainesvile, GA 30501

Register at: www.gssda.org

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French Lick Springs Resort

8670 West State Road 56, French Lick, IN 47432

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May 23-25, 2025 **72nd Golden State Round Up** 

Lodi Grape Festival Fairgrounds 413 Lockeford St., Lodi, CA 95240

Register at: www.NCSDA.com

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