



# Be iN ouR Squares

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NEWSLETTER

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Our May 9th dance closed out our season with 4 squares on the floor. There was lots of island themed music and cool refreshing treats on the refreshment table, not to mention colorful attire on the dance floor.

This month not all of our health news has been good. On April 23rd, Perry Nichols passed away. Cindi is planning a celebration of life at a later date when her son, who lives in Viet Nam, can get home. Our hearts go out to her, as well as prayers for strength and peace. I have encouraged her to reach out to all of us as her square dance family for anything she needs. Leann is doing very well and we hope to see her on the dance floor just as soon as she feels the knee is strong enough. Cheryl has had several "minor" procedures and tests and we hope she'll soon be able to join us, as well. Dennis has been coming around and giving dancing a try at lessons a little. He's testing the waters and hoping to be back on the dance floor soon.

Lessons are moving right along. We extended the open nights for an extra week since we had 2 couples who were unable to get there sooner due to medical problems. Unfortunately, they weren't able to be there the 4th week either, so we're moving on. I think when everything settles down, we will have 9 students. That's fantastic and I'm very excited about this class.

The Kansas State Festival will be in Wichita this year with fan favorite, Tim Tyl, as the featured caller. This will be the first time in decades that it hasn't been held in Salina. Make plans now to attend and secure your housing.

The Missouri State Festival will be in Cape Girardeau this year. I know it's a long way, but there are a lot of things to do in the area if you wanted to take a couple extra days. If you think you will be going, you will want to reserve your room now as rooms are limited. If something happens, you can always cancel. That's better than sleeping in your car if you don't get a room.

Several of you were able to attend Denise's play and she was very grateful for the support. From all reports, it was a great success and I'm sorry we were unable to attend.

For those of you who remember Jordan Ohl, I have some exciting news. Miss Jordan is engaged to be married. The lucky guy is Elliot Crabtree. The date they have chosen is 5/25/25. It's going to be a small private ceremony, however, if you would like to send your congratulations, cards can be mailed to: 1010 SW Marge Ct, Topeka, KS 66615. Elliot is a balloon pilot so that's an interest they have in common. We wish them all the luck in the world and many blissful years ahead.

I talked to Carol Hershey about our June pot luck. We decided since Memorial Day falls on May 26th, we'll try June 1st. Please put it on your calendars. Carol will provide pulled pork and I will try to bring a couple different styles of bbq sauce in case you want to add that. I hope you will all be able to attend. We will have a lot to discuss at this one. We are hosting the NW District dance so will need to do some organizing. Would you like to set up a selfie station? Give it some thought. We will need people to organize donations for silent auction and door prizes; someone to set up the refreshment table and make sure the refreshments are placed on the table. Be sure the beverage containers are full. Possibly someone to sell pot of gold tickets or help with check in. I'm hoping we will have a good attendance at this function as that's when the district announces the winner of the Friendship Visitation program and I am hopeful that we will be victorious again. We will also need to discuss and plan themes for next season, so bring your ideas. If you want to do a club trip, we need suggestions on that, too. I miss the trips we've taken in the past and would love to see us do that again.

As usual, I will be inviting our students to join us. Hopefully some of them will be able to attend. This would be a great opportunity to get to know them. Some of those in our class are there because the person who brought them to lessons belongs to a club that isn't giving lessons. They probably won't join us, but I'm confident they will visit us so we want to be sure they feel welcome, not just at lessons but any time we get together.

The Crosstrailers dance will require you to use a different door for this dance only. Also the bbq portion of their anniversary dance has been indefinitely postponed.

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TO:

*Next Dance:*  
**Summer Specials**

*Happy Birthday and  
Happy Anniversary  
From your friends at  
BNR Squares*

It's time to turn your NW District visitation cards in. Our picnic would be the perfect time to exchange them for the new card. I'm not going to schedule a lot of visitations this summer so that you can enjoy your summer. I do want to point out the special dance in Maysville on the 31st. Dan Preedy will call 2 sessions. Total for the entire day will be \$15 per person and that includes the meal during the break. Dan called at MO State a couple years ago and we enjoyed him very much.

I want to thank each of you for the support you give our visitation program. I'm sure you get tired of hearing it, but I firmly believe if you want visitors, you must visit. You guys do a stellar job of that. Even when we have to cancel a visit or don't necessarily have a specific visit scheduled, you go out on your own and that keeps our club name front and center at other clubs. Thanks for that.

**Past Visitations**

04/19 Crosstrailers 3  
04/25 Ramblers 3  
04/26 Harmony Dancers 3  
05/03 Pistols 'n Petticoats (MS) 6  
05/10 Shooting Stars 2

**Future Visitations**

05/17 Crosstrailers 75th Anniversary 9  
05/31 Maysville Wranglers - Dan Preedy  
06/6-7 KS State Festival Wichita  
06/21 Crosstrailers Doug McCart  
7/11 Mike Hogan  
07/13 3rd Annual Minktacular  
07/25 Lanny Weaklend

**Future Themes**

Please bring your ideas for next year to  
our June pot luck at Carol Hershey's.

**Special Dances**

*(those in blue sponsored by us)*

06/6-7 KS State Festival Wichita  
07/11 Mike Hogan  
07/13 MINK Ladies  
07/25 Lanny Weaklend  
07/26 NW District

We only have 2 special dances this summer and they are both in July. Mike Hogan will be here on July 11th and Lanny Weaklend on July 25th. Our format at summer specials is a little bit different. We dance Plus from 7:30-8pm and Mainstream from 8-10pm. Attire is casual if you wish. While these dances are sponsored by the club for insurance purposes, they are not technically club dances so everybody pays at the door. That being said, if you find it in your heart to come early and help with the set up, it would be greatly appreciated.

I want to thank you all for all you do for the club and for me, especially Leann who coordinates a lot of the business of the club. Also, Dan Robinson who does a great job as Co-Caller of the club, and the unsung heroes who are our delegates to HOA and NW District, Claude and Kelly. It goes without saying that John has to be on that list, as well. There's so much that you all do that you don't get thanked for in the moment but please know, every little thing you do is much appreciated.

*Lynn*