

Street Swing Partner Dance

Intro to Street Swing
together and apart, 'round and 'round, and away we go

The Play Circle – Why (Purpose), What (Principles), How (Practice)*
Connecting dance and daily life, swing and the street.

Why Purpose

Engage life as play.

Play is defined as **imaginative interaction**.

Play is an attitude rather than an activity.

Emphasize process over performance.

What Principles

Swing In the midst of life filled with multiple options, discover **connections**.

For dance, **incorporate** different styles.

Street In the midst of life defined by change increasing exponentially, look beyond technical solutions to **adaptive** solutions.

For dance, employ **improvisation**.

Partner In the midst of life characterized by changing roles, recognize **interdependence** and influence the interaction.

For dance, engage in greater **mutuality**.

Dance In the midst of life bombarded with competing messages, tune into the rhythms of life and **interpret** accordingly.

For dance, let the music **guide** you on what to do.

How Practice

Arthur Murray meets Contra Folk in the Google Age.

Arthur Murray – Stride and glide through life centered and collected.

Contra Folk – Embrace natural rhythms of life.

Yin and Yang

Circle of existence

Life as a journey

Google Age – Intuitive

Live your life with imagination and improvisation.

Recapture the spirit of Jazz Dance in the Ragtime Era for the Google Age.

*Adaptation of [Simon Sinek - The Golden Circle - TedTalks 2009 - YouTube](#)

Prose Poetry 11

Old Time Dances

clarity

The band leader announces a
foxtrot, waltz, or polka, so
I do not have to guess the step.
Each set contains a certain
amount of songs, so
I do not have to ask,
“One more?”

mixers

She was overheard to tell
a group of woman friends
of how a man asked her
on the dance floor if
she was interested in marriage.
She replied that she changed
her last name twice and
didn't want to do it again, so
after a circle schottische
and a waterfall,
I asked her if she'd met a man
she liked. “Not enough
to change my last name!”
she replied emphatically.

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[The Rhythm Playboys - Home](#)

The Rhythm Playboys – old time variety, western swing
“Celebrating Over 50 Years of Entertaining”

<http://www.rhythmplayboys.com/>

[Images for Rhythm Playboys](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuoiPeGMBmc> Rhythm Playboys.Osseo,Wis - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WYDZN23XYg> Rhythm Playboys – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT-h4gSTbq4> Rhythm Playboys - YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3J_lpNpPV_c The Rhythm Playboys Band. – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiDq2-3tkSs> Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 13 2008 Rhythm Playboys Band – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrnA-blRtOQ> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 2008 #4 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUJWspH2fOI> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI PF July 08 #6 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCDun345B5U> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 08 #7 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HIUOeO4d24> Ellsworth WI Polkafest Act 2 Rhythm Playboys July 13 2008 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FHRkIOHB34&feature=youtu.be> black mountain rag – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnCZz8GsSo8> From the Southwest Polka Party to Laughlin Nevada – YouTube

[Images for Rhythm Playboys - YouTube](#)

[Mixer dance - Wikipedia](#)

A mixer dance, dance mixer or simply mixer is a kind of [participation dance](#) in a [social dance](#) setting that involves changing partners as an integral part. Mixing can be built into the dance choreography or can be structured to occur more randomly. Mixers allow dancers to meet new partners and allow beginners to dance with more advanced dancers. Some people may take advantage of mixers to assess dance skills of other persons without fear of being stuck with a poor match for an entire dance.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixer_dance

[Images for Mixer dance](#)



wunnerfull, wunnerfull!

When the band leader
announced a mixer waterfall,
I thought of Lawrence Welk.

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[Lawrence Welk - Wikipedia](#)

Lawrence Welk (March 11, 1903 – May 17, 1992) was an American [musician](#), [accordionist](#), [bandleader](#), and [television impresario](#), who hosted *The Lawrence Welk Show* from 1955 to 1982. His style came to be known to his large number of [radio](#), [television](#), and live-performance fans (and critics) as “champagne music”. In 1996, Welk was ranked #43 on TV Guide’s 50 Greatest TV Stars of All Time.^[1]



Welk with Norma Zimmer in 1961

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence_Welk

[Images for lawrence welk](#)

charmin

And here all along,
I thought the song was
about toilet tissue.

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CHARLIE WALKER – Don't Squeeze My Sharmon Lyrics

*Did you hear what happened last Saturday night
While dancin' and drinkin' we all got half tight
This sweet thing named Sharmon was a dancin' with me
When up stepped her boyfriend and he hollered at me.*

*Please don't squeeze my Sharmon, don't hold her so tight
You'd best keep my warning it's my last one tonight
She's soft and she's gentle and as sweet as can be
And if Sharmon needs squeezing then leave back to me.*

<http://www.release.lyrics.com/f11c/charlie-walker-don%5C't-squeeze-my-sharmon/>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJtLPRvSq_I Charlie Walker - Don't Squeeze My Sharmon - YouTube

Mr. Whipple - Wikipedia

Mr. George Whipple is a fictional supermarket manager featured in television commercials and print advertisements that ran in the United States and Canada from 1964 to 1985 for Charmin toilet paper. In unvarying repetition, Whipple scolds customers (who were mostly women in those days) who "squeeze the Charmin," while hypocritically entertaining such actions himself when he thinks no one will notice. The character and catchphrase were created by John Chervokas. The very first commercial set the tone of the advertising campaign. Mr. Whipple is seen looking off-camera at a female customer, commenting that first she's squeezing the grapefruits, then she's squeezing the melons, and then (in a classic comic "triple") when she gets to the Charmin, that's the last straw, and he walks over to her and utters his famous plea "Please don't squeeze the Charmin!" for the first time.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, a competing grocer named Mr. Hoffmeier came along, who encouraged his customers to squeeze the Charmin, and scolded Whipple on his hypocrisy. In 1986, the lyric "You better squeeze all the Charmin you can when Mr. Whipple's not around" was included in the "Weird Al" Yankovic song "Dare to Be Stupid". By the late 1980s, Mr. Whipple was encouraging customers who weren't buying Charmin to squeeze it. One commercial featured him using a fishing rod to place the product in a skeptic's shopping cart.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mr._Whipple
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dick_Wilson
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk%3AMr._Whipple
[Images for Mr. Whipple](#)



Mr. Whipple

all in the family

One by one, the band leader
invited his brother to play the drums,
his nephew to play the fiddle, and
two friends of the family to play
the fiddle and the guitar.

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The 12 Most Beloved Family Bands - Baeble Music

We all love a good family band with some mom, dad, and sibling rivalry love. It's a different kind of adoration for family bands -- they just seem so wholesome and loving, it's hard not to fall head over heels in love with them! The idea of families making music together is inspirational, and makes us feel like we could even make a band with our siblings... But then we try and realize we have no musical talent whatsoever. So that's why we jam to these guys instead, and live vicariously through them!

<https://www.baeblemusic.com/musicblog/11-20-2017/the-12-most-beloved-family-bands.html>

[Images for Beloved Family Bands](#)

Bach family - Wikipedia

The Bach family was of importance in the history of music for nearly two hundred years, with over 50 known musicians and several notable composers, the best-known of whom was [Johann Sebastian Bach](#) (1685–1750).^[1] A family genealogy was drawn up by Johann Sebastian Bach himself in 1735, his 50th year, and completed by his son [Carl Philipp Emanuel](#).



Johann Sebastian Bach and his sons Carl Philipp Emanuel, Johann Christian, Wilhelm Friedemann, and Johann Christoph Friedrich

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bach_family

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Bach_family

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Bach_family

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johann_Sebastian_Bach

[Images for Bach family](#)

dance card

She asked me to save a circle schottische and a polka for her. When I related going to a ballroom dance many years ago, and learning that dancers actually called each other during the week to get on dance cards, she shook her head and said, "I don't like to have to think."

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Dance card - Wikipedia

A dance card or *programme du bal* (also known by its German-language name, *Tanzkarte*) is used by a woman to record the names of the gentlemen with whom she intends to dance each successive dance at a formal ball. They appear to have originated in 18th century, but their use first became widespread in 19th century Vienna, especially at the massive balls during Fasching before Lent.

An actual dance card is typically a booklet with a decorative cover, listing dance titles, composers, and the person with whom the woman intended to dance. Typically, it would have a cover indicating the sponsoring organization of the ball and a decorative cord by which it could be attached to a lady's wrist or ball gown. From the 19th century until World War I, dance cards for the elite of Austria-Hungary were often very elaborate, with some even incorporating precious metals and jewels.

In modern times the expression "dance card" is often used metaphorically, as when someone says "pencil me into your dance card," meaning "find some time to spend with me". Conversely, someone's "dance card is full" implies that even though they may be interested, they have no time for another person.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dance_card

[Images for Dance card](#)

Set 1 Dance Order and Engagements		Set 2 Dance Order and Engagements	
Dance	Engagement	Dance	Engagement
Foxtrot	_____	Waltz	_____
Waltz	_____	Foxtrot	_____
Slow Swing	_____	Rhumba	_____
Cha Cha	_____	West Coast Swing	_____
Foxtrot	_____	Slow Dance	_____
Rhumba	_____	Foxtrot	_____
Slow Swing	_____	Cha Cha	_____
Tango	_____	Slow Swing	_____
Slow Dance	_____	Samba (Salsa)	_____
Waltz	_____	Rhumba	_____
Slow Swing	_____	Foxtrot	_____
Slow Dance	_____	Fast Swing	_____
Rhumba	_____		
Foxtrot	_____		
Fast Swing	_____		

get out much?

"I see you're out today,
too, then," I said to her.
"Dancing the waltz beats
staying home and
looking at the four walls,"
she replied.

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just like yesterday

As the band played
A White Sport Coat,
she told of dancing
to the song at the prom
in '57 and '58.

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[Marty Robbins - A White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation\(1957\) - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhA5tOwmMCQ>
[Images for Marty Robbins - A White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation\(1957\) - YouTube](#)

A White Sport Coat - Wikipedia

"A White Sport Coat (and a Pink Carnation)" was a 1957 rock and roll song with words and music both written by [Marty Robbins](#). It was recorded January 25, 1957 on the Columbia label & released on March 4, 1957.^[1] The arranger & recording session conductor was Ray Conniff, an in-house conductor/arranger at Columbia. Robbins had demanded to have Conniff in charge of the song after his earlier hit, 'Singing the Blues', had been quickly eclipsed by the Guy Mitchell version scored & conducted by Conniff in October, 1956.

Robbins recalled writing the song in about 20 minutes while being driven in a car.^[2] He is said to have had the inspiration for the song while driving from a motel to a venue in [Ohio](#) where he was due to perform that evening. During the course of the journey, he passed a high school, where the students were dressed ready for their [prom](#).^[citation needed]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_White_Sport_Coat
[Images for A White Sport Coat](#)



count to six

He related that all these years
he danced polkas and waltzes but
just now was learning
to dance the two step.

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How to Do the Country Two Step: 14 Steps (with Pictures) - wikiHow

There are two dances called the two step, one of which is the Country Two-Step! With roots in swing dancing, it is the most popular country dance styles in partner dancing. There are many variations to the Two-Step, but the most basic follows a simple pattern that beginning dancers can pick up quickly!

<https://www.wikihow.com/Do-the-Country-Two-Step>
[Images for Country Two Step](#)



heeeere's dolly

She got up on the stage and
sang a few numbers with the band.
During the waterfall mixer, I told her
she reminded me of Dolly Parton.
She said, "I don't know what
you were looking at." Then
she added, "Dolly probably
looked like me at one time, but
most likely had boob jobs."
I responded, "Dolly can sing in 9 to 5,"
to which she responded, "That she can."

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Dolly Parton - 9 To 5 (Official Video) - YouTube



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbxUSsFXYo4>
[Images for Dolly Parton - 9 To 5 - YouTube](#)

barn dance

*Spring, summer, winter, fall
September is the best of all.
We'll clean the barn
From wall to wall,
Ready for dancing
Again this fall.
There will be music,
There will be fun.
We're having a barn dance,
Hope you can come.*

Sunday, September 21, 2014, 1-5pm

[names]

[address]

Strum, Wisconsin

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bounce

The wooden floor buckled up
in places, so that it put
a bounce in my step whether
I planned on it or not.

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[How Do I Fix a Buckled Hardwood Floor? - Ask.com](#)

If your hardwood floor is buckling because it wasn't installed properly, it may have to be reinstalled. However, if the problem is moisture, the first step to fixing it is to find the source of the moisture. Then, once that is taken care of, you can place heavy objects on the buckled wood to try to make it lay flat.

<http://www.ask.com/question/how-do-i-fix-a-buckled-hardwood-floor>

[Images for Fix a Buckled Hardwood Floor](#)

alley cat

An older couple sat a table
listening to the music
most of the afternoon, but
when the band played Alley Cat,
they got out on the floor.
He wiggled his hips, and
they traveled about a
dozen steps before
returning to their table where
he put his farmer's cap back on.

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[The Alley Cat Song - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0YwxIL1QR8>

[Images for Alley Cat Song - YouTube](#)

long set

The band must have been
In the Mood, because
they played, not two or three,
but four and five swing numbers
in a row. Fortunately,
I was dancing with the right woman,
so that it turned out to be the best
part of the afternoon.

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[The Glenn Miller Orchestra -- \(1941\) In the Mood \[High Quality Enhanced Sound\] - YouTube](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vOUYry_5Nw

[Images for The Glenn Miller Orchestra -- \(1941\) In the Mood - YouTube](#)

double nickel

Fifty-five years is
a long time
to play together.

The father died, and
the boy took over.
The fiddle player
is eighty-nine
and still going strong.
In addition to their
old time variety music,
I just can't get enough
of that western swing.

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Sat. Aug 3 Join us for the 55th Anniversary Dance Party of the Rhythm Playboys, Palladium Ballroom, Osseo, WI 2-6
Sun. Aug 4 55th Anniversary Dance Party of the Rhythm Playboys, Palladium Ballroom, Osseo, WI 1-5

<http://www.rhythmplayboys.com/>
[Images for 55th Anniversary Dance Party of the Rhythm Playboys](#)

[Rhythm Playboys founder's son keeps band going strong | Lifestyles](#)

The Rhythm Playboys have been around for 53 years, but you'd never know it from looking at bandleader Ryan Herman. Him leading the Rhythm Playboys — which still boasts two original members — is almost like Justin Bieber fronting the Rolling Stones. Herman, whose day job is teaching second grade in the Eleva-Strum School District, is in his mid-30s but probably could pass for a decade younger, in part because of his ever-present grin.

Herman's father, Ralph, was a dairy farmer in rural Osseo when the Rhythm Playboys got started. He played accordion with the band for half a century, playing his last show only two days before his sudden death in February 2008. Ryan Herman joined the band 15 years ago and with his father's passing the front man role became his by default. "I didn't really want that job, but it happens," he said.

Herman has to be among the busiest musicians in the region. Between shows with the Rhythm Playboys and a constant stream of solo appearances, he said he performs about 25 times a month. On July 22 alone, he played three shows, then started the long drive to Denver for a show there.

The Rhythm Playboys have a reputation as a top-notch polka band, and that's no surprise. The band won a bunch of Wisconsin Polka Music awards in 2009, including Band of the Year and, for Herman, Personality of the Year.

But Herman said there's more to the Rhythm Playboys than just polka. He considers it a dance band, and on any given night they'll play waltzes, two-steps, foxtrots, swing, old-time country and more.

"All of it is danceable," Herman said. "If it's not a beat that they can dance to, we don't play it."

http://lacrossetribune.com/courierlifeneews/lifestyles/rhythm-playboys-founder-s-son-keeps-band-going-strong/article_43389fe8-b938-11e0-91a4-001cc4c002e0.html
[Images for Rhythm Playboys founder's son keeps band going strong](#)

[Bob Wills: Home](#)

Western swing

<http://bobwills.com/>
[Images for bob wills](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=363Nlp3w050> Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Cotton Eyed Joe - YouTube
[Images for Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - YouTube](#)

woman from iowa

She and her husband,
together with another couple,
had driven five hours
from a neighboring state
for the two-day polka dance.
During the circle schottische,
she said to me, "We need
more young dancers like you.
There aren't many of us
left in Iowa."

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what time is it?

Almost all the time, I put my pocket watch
on a belt loop in order to keep track of the time, but
this time I forgot, and, of all times to forget,
I planned to leave around 9pm in order

to arrive in time for a 9:30pm dance.
I couldn't locate any clocks and
only one watch on the left hand
of the guitar player so that
I could look at his watch
only during the break.
Fortunately, the band
started on time at 7pm
and broke on the hour
so that after two sets
I knew it was time
to take off.

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The Joey Johnson Band
<https://www.joeyjohnsonband.com/>
<https://www.joeyjohnsonband.com/videos>
<http://www.reverbnation.com/thejoeyjohnsonband#>
[Images for Joey Johnson Band](#)



less is more

Jumping up and down and
swaying from side to side
may seem like the thing to do,
especially when a person
is under the influence, but
isn't always the
best use of energy.

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Less is more - Wikipedia

Less is more may refer to:

"Less is more", a phrase from the 1855 poem "Andrea del Sarto, called 'The Faultless Painter'" by Robert Browning.
The phrase was adopted by the architect Ludwig Mies van der Rohe as a precept for minimalist design.

A phrase sometimes used to describe the Unix command line utility **Less**, which provides similar functionality to **More**.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Less_is_more
[Images for Less is more](#)

pink sweater

She kept looking out onto the dance floor
from the other room, and one of the men
at her table even tried to drag her onto the floor
to no avail, but she must've relented
because I looked to my left and there
she was in the hold of a man
swaying to the right and
swaying to the left while
picking her feet up and
putting them down.

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variety band

The older guy took the lead on his accordion
for the polkas and waltzes, while
the younger guy took the lead on his guitar
for the '50s and '60s songs.

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pitch that beer

After each song,
the band sang
Ein Prosit and
asked the patrons
to raise their mugs.

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Bill Koncar

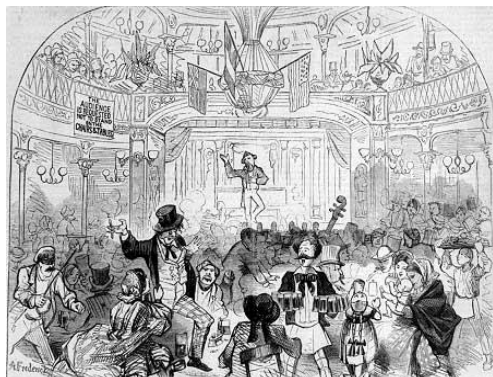
The Bill Koncar Band plays a variety of music including polkas, waltzes, fox trots, swing, Latin rhythms, (including rhumbas, cha chas, tangos & sambas), and class rock & pop tunes.

<http://www.billkoncar.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/BillKoncarBand>
[Images for BillKoncarBand](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL30lzmq46I> Beautiful Accordion Music..!! - RoseAnn Polka!! - The Bill Koncar Band
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrvr_p4WR-0 Lichtensteiner Polka - Bill Koncar - Kaiserlich Bomischen - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QdCyheE57k> Blue Skirt Waltz - Beautiful Accordion Music!! - Bill Koncar Band!!!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gd32dNI_FVc My Darling Ann Waltz - Bill Koncar - Accordion Musik - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJC81eBHyE> Just Because Polka - Bill Koncar - Karaoke (Sing along!!) - YouTube

Ein Prosit - YouTube

Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX5QNZtQXX4>
[Images for Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit!](#)



sumo wrestlers

Two young men -
each seemingly standing
taller than six feet and
weighing in excess of
three hundred pounds –
put their drinks down and
tried to polka together.
It was unclear

who was leading and
who was following.

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Sumo | National Geographic - YouTube

In Sumo wrestling, bigger is better. #SumoWrestling #Japan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxhKb-zZoWE>

[Images for Sumo wrestling - YouTube](#)

The funniest SUMO Wrestlers in JAPAN - YouTube

Sumo is traditional sports in JAPAN. They are the funniest SUMO Wrestlers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egxFBV9J3ag>

[Images for funniest SUMO Wrestlers in JAPAN - YouTube](#)



take me to the tango

She danced once to old time music
when she lived in a small town, but
when she moved to the big city,
she took up the Argentine Tango.

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The Top Notchmen - Facebook

Top Notchmen – old time variety

<https://www.facebook.com/events/roosters-roadhouse/the-top-notchmen/154518968250239/>

[Images for Top Notchmen](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nQIZFV-JN4> Echoes In The Hills Waltz – Top Notchman - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bB9DR0uZYnk> Top Notchmen It ain't gonna rain no more Polka - YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ve5CNOA8_C4 Top Notchmen - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uebf19fMkjA> Top Notchmen Mexican Joe Polka - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vGNfeogI0II> Who Let The Door To Heaven Open? – Top Notchmen - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luQ4-CnMGxQ> Texas Two-Step Music – Top Notchmen - YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZF9Ual_V8M Top Notchmen I ain't be Right since I've been Left - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwXTYj5Lxug> Top Notchmen Finale Great Bend KS PF 08162008 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpnjxzlI2qU> Top Notchmen Sun Valley RV Resort, Mesa AZ 012909 - YouTube

[Images for Top Notchmen - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkq3VOCqjio> Funtime Polka: Goodtime Dutchmen and Top Notchmen - YouTube

<https://www.pbs.org/video/top-notchmen-richie-yurkovich-polka-6lqvre/>

Tango Society of Minnesota | Argentine Tango in the Heartland

There is Argentine Tango somewhere in the Twin Cities every night of the week. Please see our [featured Events page](#) for a sampling of tango dance events. Find a complete listing of events on our [calendar](#).

<http://www.mntango.org/>

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[Argentine tango - Wikipedia](#)

Argentine tango is a **musical genre** of simple quadruple **metre** and binary **musical form**, and the **social dance** that accompanies it. Its lyrics and music are marked by *nostalgia*, expressed through melodic instruments including the **bandoneón**. Originating at the ending of the 19th century in the suburbs of **Buenos Aires**,^[1] and Montevideo, Uruguay, it quickly grew in popularity and spread internationally. Among its leading figures are the singer and songwriter **Carlos Gardel** and composers/performers **Francisco Canaro**, **Juan D'Arienzo**, **Osvaldo Pugliese**, and **Ástor Piazzolla**.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Argentine_tango

[Images for Argentine tango](#)



[Argentine Tango 50 steps. Basic to Advanced steps - YouTube](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQDByeCCZxw>

[Images for Argentine Tango 50 steps. Basic to Advanced steps - YouTube](#)

hockey mom

A woman
asked me

*What is the difference
between a pit bull
and a hockey mom?*

When I replied that
I didn't know,
she said,

Lipstick!

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[Pit bull - Wikipedia](#)

Dog attack risk

See also: *Dog attack and Fatal dog attacks in the United States*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pit_bull

[Images for Pit bull](#)

life goes on

His wife used to play the drums, and
he played the accordion, but
that was many years ago, and
now he continues to play, but
life isn't quite the same after
she died of cancer with the
children still at home

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Quotes | Ella Fitzgerald

"Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong."



<http://www.ellafitzgerald.com/about/quotes>

[Images for Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong.](#)

bucket list

When he was growing up,
he helped on the farm,
his family got groceries
at the corner store, and
they went dancing at the
neighborhood dance hall.
Only once a year did
they go to the bigger town
some twenty miles away.
Now that he is retired and
remarried after his first wife
died, he and his new wife
want to go places while
they still can.

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last time

The previous Sunday
at the end of the afternoon
when I asked her to dance
a polka, she nodded no,
so, I thought she didn't
want to dance with me,
but when I asked her
to dance the following time,
she stated that on
the previous occasion
she was tired and
not up to a polka.

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The Rhythm Playboys - Home

The Rhythm Playboys – old time variety, western swing
“Celebrating Over 50 Years of Entertaining”

<http://www.rhythmplayboys.com/>

[Images for Rhythm Playboys](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuoiPeGMBmc> Rhythm Playboys.Osseo,Wis - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WYDZN23XYg> Rhythm Playboys – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT-h4gSTbq4> Rhythm Playboys - YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3J_lpNpPV_c The Rhythm Playboys Band. – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiDq2-3tkSs> Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 13 2008 Rhythm Playboys Band – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrnA-blRtO0> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 2008 #4 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUJWspH2fOI> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI PF July 08 #6 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCDun345B5U> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 08 #7 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HIUOeO4d24> Ellsworth WI Polkafest Act 2 Rhythm Playboys July 13 2008 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FHRkIOHB34&feature=youtu> black mountain rag – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnCZz8GsSo8> From the Southwest Polka Party to Laughlin Nevada – YouTube
[Images for Rhythm Playboys - YouTube](#)

as close as it gets

The Sunday before Shrove Tuesday
was pretty much like any other
old time dance, although when
the band played a swing set,
the dancers got more excited so that
it got to about as close
as it's going to get to
a Mardi Gras celebration.

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dribble

Drops showed on the floor
all the way from the bar
to a table on the other
side of the dance floor.
Over the course of the afternoon,
her husband brought,
not just one or two, but
three mixed drinks for her.

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came with the folks

An adult daughter sat in the back seat
of the car driven by her parents.
Another woman clued me in to the fact that
the young woman was willing to dance.
When I asked her for a polka,
She said, "I'm not very good at the polka,"
but danced with me anyway.
When I said "thank you" afterwards,
She replied, "You're welcome."

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janesville

She seemed like a dancer
who would go on a bus trip
to a polka fest, so I asked her
if she went to Janesville
to which she responded,
“The best part was that
there was 22 hours of dancing.”

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PolkaFest - Janesville CVB - Events

Polka Fest
March 28 to 29, 2014
12:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Moose Club
2701 Rockport Road
Janesville, WI 53548
Web: Moose Lodge

For more information, call the Moose Lodge at (608) 752-0809. Tickets are \$12 per day.

Start practicing your hops and skips, polka fans, so you are ready for this annual event that includes waltzes, 2 steps and more! Open to the public, the fest features several bands, including Barefoot Becky and Ivanhoe Dutchmen, Zweifel Brothers, Rhythm Playboys, Molly B – Squeezebox.

<http://www.janesvillecvb.com/events/p/item/475/time/7407/month/3>
[Images for PolkaFest - Janesville CVB](#)

Polka Fest in Janesville, WI - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zG80z8ksn8>
[Images for Polka Fest in Janesville, WI - YouTube](#)



snowmobiler

He stood in front of the stage
dressed for winter with heavy boots
and pretended like he was directing.
I said to the woman with whom
I was dancing, “I hope he has
a designated driver,” to which
she responded, “I don’t think
he’s traveling on the roads.”

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honky tonk

A man and a woman both wore t-shirts
with the title Nashville on them, and,

sure enough, the two of them had returned from dancing and listening in the city where venue after venue offered music from early till late. At one of the venues, someone asked them where they were from since they danced so well. When they said Wisconsin, the local offered that some of the best dancers seem to come from the Upper Midwest.

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Guide to Downtown Nashville's Top 5 Honky Tonks & Nightclubs

When the night lights of Music City are calling, you've just got to pull on your boots and hit the streets. Believe us, we understand! That's why we've created a list of our favorite Downtown Nashville honky tonks, clubs, and venues for live music. While there are plenty of venues located throughout the city, we're focusing this particular guide on those located on or near Broadway and Honky Tonk Row so that you'll be able to just walk the streets and pop in and out of the locations that sound like your kind of place? Ready to go honky tonking? Read on ...

<http://www.vacationsmadeeasy.com/NashvilleTN/articles/GuidetoDowntownNashvillesTop5HonkyTonksNightclubs.html>
[Images for Downtown Nashville's Top Honky Tonks & Nightclubs](#)

pleasantville

For many years I had watched her dance with another man moving quickly around the floor, but word had it that he became depressed and now stuck to himself. She accepted my invite to dance and afterwards suggested I dance with the women friend who came with her. She hailed from a township where the band leader lived and followed the band.

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mix it up

The band offered a mixer during the third set, where the men line up on one side, and the women on the other, and meet in the middle to dance up the floor. Many of them kept on dancing, while couples came out on the floor

and danced together, so that
I suggested to the woman
with whom I was dancing
and another pair next to us,
"Maybe we should have
a snowball," to which
the man said, "Good idea,"
and we switched partners.

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Mixer dance - Wikipedia

A mixer dance, dance mixer or simply mixer is a kind of [participation dance](#) in a [social dance](#) setting that involves changing partners as an integral part. Mixing can be built into the dance choreography or can be structured to occur more randomly. Mixers allow dancers to meet new partners and allow beginners to dance with more advanced dancers. Some people may take advantage of mixers to assess dance skills of other persons without fear of being stuck with a poor match for an entire dance.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixer_dance
[Images for Mixer dance](#)



write and read

A couple sat at a table by themselves
looking at a pocket calendar
filled with written notations.
I remarked, "You sure must be
planning to go to a lot of dances."
She replied, "A lot of them
are doctors' appointments."
I quipped, "When doctors' appointments
outnumber dance dates,
life becomes out of balance."
She recommended, "Read
University of Success
by Og Mandino." At the end of the afternoon,
each individually came by to say,
"Good to see you. Hope you come back."

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Og Mandino's University of Success: The Greatest Self-Help Author in the World Presents the Ultimate Success Book by Og Mandino

This amazing volume contains a complete course on how to succeed - taught by fifty world renowned experts - and will advance you, lesson by lesson, into the world of exceptional achievement.

<http://www.amazon.com/Og-Mandinos-University-Success-Mandino/dp/0553345354>
<http://vimeo.com/channels/463714> Og Mandino's University Of Success Book Review on Vimeo
[Images for Og Mandino's University of Success](#)

sweatin' to the oldies

She and others went to the polka fest at Willard the day before. "Eight and a half hours of sweat. We couldn't take another day of it, so we came here today instead," she explained.

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invite

She wanted me to go to Mollie B's Polka Party at Medina. "There's even a bus leaving from La Crosse and picking up people on the way," she stated. When I found out it was on a Thursday, I thought of the poster that reads, "I like work, but it sure interrupts my day."

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hop polka dancer

The young woman knew how to do the hop polka about as well as I've ever seen, so when she came over to me to dance, I knew I couldn't dance the hop like she did, so I led turns and spins in the line of dance from the promenade position.

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Bill Koncar

The Bill Koncar Band plays a variety of music including polkas, waltzes, fox trots, swing, Latin rhythms, (including rhumbas, cha chas, tangos & sambas), and class rock & pop tunes.

<http://www.billkoncar.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/BillKoncarBand>
[Images for BillKoncarBand](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL30lzmq46I> Beautiful Accordion Music...!! - RoseAnn Polka!! - The Bill Koncar Band
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrvr_p4WR-0 Lichtensteiner Polka - Bill Koncar - Kaiserlich Bomischen - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9QdCyheE57k> Blue Skirt Waltz - Beautiful Accordion Music!! - Bill Koncar Band!!!
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gd32dNI_FVc My Darling Ann Waltz - Bill Koncar - Accordion Musik - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fJC81eBHyE> Just Because Polka - Bill Koncar - Karaoke (Sing along!!) - YouTube

How do you do the hop polka - Answers

Standing on the balls of your feet, hop up on one foot and land on that same foot. Then take three small steps. Repeat, starting with the other foot.

https://www.answers.com/Q/How_do_you_do_the_hop_polka
[Images for How do you do the hop polka](#)

How to Dance a Polka - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y846w6PUmCw>
[Images for How to Dance a Polka - YouTube](#)



not too close

Normally a man keeps an appropriate distance in dance frame and allows the woman to set the social distance, but when the woman is amply endowed, that's not always possible.

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keep the christmas lights on

It was the Friday after Ash Wednesday, but colored lights with the greenery still twinkled.

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GRETCHEN WILSON LYRICS - Redneck Woman - A-Z Lyrics

*'Cause I'm a redneck woman
I ain't no high class broad
I'm just a product of my raising
I say, 'hey ya'll' and 'yee-haw'
And I keep my Christmas lights on
On my front porch all year long*

<http://www.azlyrics.com/lyrics/gretchenwilson/redneckwoman.html>

[Images for GRETCHEN WILSON LYRICS – Redneck Woman](#)



Gretchen Wilson

elvis for the occasion

As long as the polka dancers comprised the majority, the band played polkas, but when the parents and kids came out on the floor, the band played Blue Suede Shoes and Nothing but a Hound Dog.

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Elvis Presley - Blue suede shoes HD - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uke1B0FpIz8>
[Images for elvis presley - blue suede shoes - YouTube](#)

elvis presley-hound dog - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzQ8GDBA8ls>
[Images for elvis presley-hound dog - YouTube](#)



Elvis Presley

no guest singers here

His hips and knees were shot, so
he couldn't dance the polka like
he used to, but he could sing.
When he asked the band,
he was told that house rules
prohibited guests from
coming up on the stage,
so, he contented himself
with singing along while
sitting at the table.

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keeping the spark alive

They talked so excitedly with each other that
I guessed they must be dating each other.
When she walked out of the room,
I complimented him, "You two look good together,"
and then asked, "How long you been dancing together?"
to which he replied, "About twenty years."

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oktoberfest every weekend

The band played
 In Heaven there is No Bear,
 My Wife She Got Drunk and I Had to Take Her Home,
 Roll Out the Barrel,
as well as numerous other drinking songs.
Between sets they asked
the patrons to hoist their mugs and sing
Ein Prosit, ein Prosit der Gemutlichkeit
Eins, Zwei, Drie – G'suffa!

Zickesacke zichezacke hoi hoi hoi, Prost!

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Oktoberfest: Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7Y3GhbfBuU>
[Images for Oktoberfest: Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit - YouTube](#)

men are from mars

She wore leopard slacks,
a low-cut blouse, and
a smile on her face.
He wore jeans,
a turtle neck, and
a straight face.
She leaned forward
across the table, while
he sat at an angle with
his arms crossed.
She occasionally looked
out at the dance floor, while
he looked sidewise at her.

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<http://mspmag.com/locations/Mario-s-Keller-Bar-at-Gasthof/>
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Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus: The Classic Guide to Understanding the Opposite Sex by John Gray (Author)

The most well-know, long-lived, and tried-and-tested relationships guide ever, the phenomenal #1 New York Times bestseller *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus* is now available for the first time ever in trade paperback. In this classic guide to understanding the opposite sex, Dr. John Gray provides a practical and proven way for men and women to improve their communication by acknowledging the differences between their needs, desires, and behaviors. No other relationship guide on the market will give you the same level of evidence-based insight sure to help you strengthen and nurture your relationships for years to come.

<http://www.amazon.com/Men-Mars-Women-Venus-Understanding/dp/0060574216>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Men_Are_from_Mars,_Women_Are_from_Venus
[Images for Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus](#)



another one

She ran into his arms and
gave him a warm embrace
so that they danced polkas
and waltzes through the night.

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why all the security?

The patrons seemed pretty tame when I arrived at 7:30pm, so I wondered about the serious looking muscular, young men with SECURITY on the back of their shirts at the establishment on University Avenue, but when 10:30pm rolled around, and the young people began streaming in looking like they had been already imbibing and then engaging in rammy behavior, I understood why all the security.

10 Characteristics All Security Guards Should Possess

The best security is the kind that goes unnoticed to the majority of people entering a business, and that eliminates possible problems before they become threats. Technological expansion has provided numerous tools to assist, but the right people are still the most important aspect of a company's security team. Knowing what characteristics to look for in security guards is essential.

<https://aegis-ps.com/2014/10/10-characteristics-all-security-guards-should-possess/>
[Images for Characteristics All Security Guards Should Possess](#)

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who's in charge here?

A man's exasperated voice from a neighboring table could be heard to say,
"No matter what I do,
you're leading the dance!"

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The Joey Johnson Band

<https://www.joeyjohnsonband.com/>
<https://www.joeyjohnsonband.com/videos>
<http://www.reverbnation.com/thejoeyjohnsonband#>
[Images for Joey Johnson Band](#)

Why do Women back-lead on the Dance Floor and is it Ever OK?

Back leading is a term for the habit of some follows to lead themselves through dance moves the leader has nothing to do with. If the leader has any skill, this is the kind of behavior that causes him to mark that follower off his list for future dances, or hire a dance teacher for her. If, on the other hand, he has no skills, well that's probably why she's doing it. Followers back lead for a variety of reasons. Sometimes because her partner is leading and she wants to dance, so she leads herself in self-defense. Sometimes it's because she doesn't know how to follow and doesn't realize that following is a skill that can be learned. And sometimes, in rare cases, it's because I told her to do it.

<http://www.stepsontoes.com/2013/08/why-do-women-back-lead-on-the-dance-floor-and-is-it-ever-ok/>
[Images for Why do Women back-lead on the Dance](#)

Antonio Banderas - Take the Lead - Tango scene - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6VvR3hkePI>
[Images for Antonio Banderas - Take the Lead – Tango scene - YouTube](#)

The Mary Tyler Moore Show S03E03 Whos In Charge Here- - video
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6umhet>
[Images for The Mary Tyler Moore Show – Who's in Charge Here?](#)

who needs men?

The two most accomplished women dancers
sat together and danced most numbers together.
I thought of asking one or the other but
thought better of it and didn't ask.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls
TOM BRUSKY POLKA BAND
AUGUST 7TH 4PM-7PM
<http://www.ho-chungaming.com/blackriverfalls/>
[Images for ho chunk casino black river falls entertainment](#)

Tom Brusky Band

The Tom Brusky Band is versatile polka-variety ensemble comprised of talented, award-winning musicians...
<http://www.tombrusky.com/>
<http://www.tombrusky.com/band.html>
<http://www.tombrusky.com/polkabandmilwaukee.html>
[Images for TOM BRUSKY POLKA BAND](#)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Brusky
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nf2dZp_9K88 Tom Brusky Band- Glass Slipper Polka - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9IISD4r-Vhl> Tom Brusky Band- Cheese & Crackers Polka – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBnvBoIMPo> Tom Brusky Band- Sammy's Polka – YouTube
[Images for Tom Brusky Band - YouTube](#)

do your best

A man sat by himself while
looking ahead at a table
full of unattached women.
I went up to him and told him
that it looked like he had
his work cut out for him.

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[Images for Pines Ballroom and Bar - Bloomer, WI](#)

The Top Notchmen - Facebook

Top Notchmen – old time variety
<https://www.facebook.com/events/roosters-roadhouse/the-top-notchmen/154518968250239/>
[Images for Top Notchmen](#)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nQIZFV-JN4> Echoes In The Hills Waltz – Top Notchman - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bB9DR0uZYnk> Top Notchmen It ain't gonna rain no more Polka - YouTube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ve5CNOA8_C4 Top Notchmen - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uebf19fMkJA> Top Notchmen Mexican Joe Polka - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGNfeogI0II> Who Let The Door To Heaven Open? – Top Notchmen - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luQ4-CnMGxQ> Texas Two-Step Music – Top Notchmen - YouTube
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZF9Ual_V8M Top Notchmen I ain't be Right since I've been Left - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwXTYj5Lxug> Top Notchmen Finale Great Bend KS PF 08162008 - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpnjxzlI2gU> Top Notchmen Sun Valley RV Resort, Mesa AZ 012909 – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkq3VOCqjio> Funtime Polka: Goodtime Dutchmen and Top Notchmen – YouTube
[Images for Top Notchmen - YouTube](#)
<https://www.pbs.org/video/top-notchmen-richie-yurkovich-polka-6lqvre/>

don't forget me

She asked me early in the afternoon if
she could go out with me onto the floor
for a circle schottische, and then
reminded me on more than one occasion.

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back at it

She grew up dancing
but married a man
who wasn't interested.
When he died,
she went dancing again.
Like riding a bike when young,
it came back to her when old.

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waterfall

After the band announced the mixer,
a woman said she imagined herself
taking off her clothes and
standing under the water.

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deer in the headlights

She danced her whole life, while
he hadn't danced before.
She looked impatient seated, while
he looked scared that she might
actually get him out on the floor.

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Deer in the Headlights - Idioms by The Free Dictionary

Someone caught in a state of paralyzing surprise, fear, or bewilderment. Likened to the tendency of **deer** to freeze in place in front of an oncoming vehicle. Often used in the phrase "like a deer in the headlights."

<https://idioms.thefreedictionary.com/Deer+in+the+Headlights>
[Images for Deer in the Headlights - Idioms](#)



alone or together

One man sat at a table by himself as did I, while
another man sat at a table with eight women.

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<https://www.facebook.com/OsseoPalladium/>

[Images for Osseo Palladium dance and event hall](#)

[The Rhythm Playboys - Home](#)

The Rhythm Playboys – old time variety, western swing
“Celebrating Over 50 Years of Entertaining”

<http://www.rhythmplayboys.com/>

[Images for Rhythm Playboys](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuoiPeGMBmc> Rhythm Playboys.Osseo,Wis - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9WYDZN23XYg> Rhythm Playboys – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KT-h4gSTbq4> Rhythm Playboys - YouTube

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3J_lpNpPV_c The Rhythm Playboys Band. – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiDq2-3tkSs> Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 13 2008 Rhythm Playboys Band – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrnA-bIRtO0> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 2008 #4 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AUJWspH2fOI> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI PF July 08 #6 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCDun345B5U> Rhythm Playboys at Ellsworth WI Polkafest July 08 #7 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HIUOeO4d24> Ellsworth WI Polkafest Act 2 Rhythm Playboys July 13 2008 - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6FHRkIOHB34&feature=youtu.be> black mountain rag – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnCZz8GsSo8> From the Southwest Polka Party to Laughlin Nevada – YouTube

[Images for Rhythm Playboys - YouTube](#)

play by ear

Ask him to listen to a song a few times,
and he will play it back for you.
Put a sheet of music in front of him,
and he will only be confused.

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keep calm

A man came up to me after the first set and said,
“That’s the calmest I’ve ever seen you on the dance floor!”

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Keep Calm and Dance On

sunday only

The ticket taker said, "We missed you Friday and Saturday."
Some of the other dancers said the same, while one asked,
"Where were you?" and added playfully,
"You gotta get your priorities straight."

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day and night

While the band played Help Me Make It through The Night,
I said to the woman with whom I was dancing,
"I just want to make it through this afternoon."

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[Images for Osseo Palladium dance and event hall](#)

[Elvis Presley-Help me make it Through The Night. - YouTube](#)

Lyrics

And it's sad to be alone

Help me make it through the night

I don't want to be alone

Help me make it through the night

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwgFmM0krb8>

[Images for Elvis Presley-Help me make it Through The Night. - YouTube](#)

don't give up

The couple had been dancing the better part of the weekend
so that by Sunday afternoon they were hanging
onto each other and moving slowly around the floor.

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[Images for Osseo Palladium dance and event hall](#)

[They Shoot Horses, Don't They? \(film\) - Wikipedia](#)

Robert Syverton (Michael Sarrazin), who once dreamed of being a great film director, recalls the events leading to an unstated crime. In his youth, he saw a horse break its leg, after which it was shot and put out of its misery. Years later, in 1932 during the [Great Depression](#), he wanders into a [dance marathon](#) about to begin in the shabby La Monica Ballroom, perched over the [Pacific Ocean](#) on the [Santa Monica Pier](#), near [Los Angeles](#). He is recruited by MC (Master of Ceremonies) Rocky ([Gig Young](#)) as a substitute partner for a cynical malcontent named Gloria ([Jane Fonda](#)), when her original partner is disqualified because of an ominous cough.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/They_Shoot_Horses,_Don't_They%3F_\(film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/They_Shoot_Horses,_Don't_They%3F_(film))

[Images for They Shoot Horses, Don't They? \(film\)](#)



keep going

A woman came around the circle schottische and said,
"I'm pooped. I didn't realize I'd be this tired
after dancing Friday, Saturday, and now today."

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have your people talk to my people

A woman came up to me
and said that another woman wanted to dance with me
and asked me to ask her to dance.
I asked the other woman to dance, and she asked me if
the first woman asked me to ask her.

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Marlin Zimmerman BAND | Facebook

Big Band & Ballroom Dancing, along with Polka, Fox Trot, Cha Cha, Tango, Two-Step
<https://www.facebook.com/MarlinZimmermanBand>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2EE dai8o2c> Marlin Zimmerman Big Band Music – YouTube
[Images for Marlin Zimmerman BAND](#)

overheard

Members of an old time band
were hauling in their instruments.
One man asked another,
“How’s it going today, then?”
The other man replied,
“Tired and slow, but otherwise okay.”
He must have gotten his mojo back,
though, because the band played
some peppy swing and ragtime
in addition to waltz and polka.

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to nap or not

Sometimes, while dancing on a Sunday afternoon,
I’ll quip to a woman with whom I am dancing,
“Beats staying home and taking a nap.”
But, occasionally, when there are precious few
with whom to dance, I say to myself.
“It might have been better
to stay home and take a nap.”

Allison’s Steakhouse - Abbotsford Wisconsin - Club | Facebook

The Hayes Boys will be here Sunday Nov 3rd!! Polka! Polka! Polka!
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Allisons-Steakhouse/318034644911>
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Wisconsin Polka Music - Hayes Boys

The Hayes Boys' music library consists of polkas, waltzes, schottisches, big band and modern music.
<http://www.wisconsinpolkamusic.com/hayesboys.html>
<http://www.hayesboysorchestra.com/index.html>
[Images for Hayes Boys Orchestra](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KXkX2j89d4> THE HAYES BOYS ORCHESTRA - "ROMY'S LANDLER" - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mU3LPSjFdJ4> THE HAYES BOYS ORCHESTRA - BARN SWALLOW POLKA - YouTube

Sunday Afternoon Naps! | Facebook

Sunday Afternoon Naps! 908 likes. Everyone deserves a Sunday afternoon nap!
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sunday-Afternoon-Naps/119814612081>
[Images for Sunday Afternoon Naps](#)



hang on tight

Just when I think I've seen about
every dance hold there is to see,
I noticed a couple doing a waltz
in which the woman grabbed
the back of the man's shirt
with her left hand and
squeezed it into a ball.

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young guy

She came over to where I was sitting and asked,
"Are you a dancing man?" I said, "Yes."
She added, "You look like the only guy
around here under the age of 70.
My friend and I were hoping
you'd dance with us."

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leave the husband at home

The couple used to go dancing together, but
she recalled how they were the last to arrive
and the first to leave. Then his legs
became paralyzed after a medical procedure
and for the last fifteen years
she's gone dancing by herself.

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[04 Hauser's Hotshots - It's 4 in the Morning Waltz - YouTube](#)

The Hauser's Hotshots are a fun group of guys. The band is made up of two sets of brothers, three Hauser's and 2 Wian's, and they are great musicians and know their music.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSbqs6-5RTE>

[Images for Hauser's Hotshots - It's 4 in the Morning Waltz - YouTube](#)

callouses

Her hands told me
she didn't work in an office.
She told me she worked

at a pizza factory since '77,
milked cows for 20 of those years, and
lived at home with her mother.
She gradually grew tired of working 7 days a week
and finally took off Sunday afternoons to waltz and polka.

[Silver Dome Ballroom - Home | Facebook](#)

Performance & Event Venue in Neillsville, Wisconsin

<https://www.facebook.com/Silverdomeballroom>

[Images for Silver Dome Ballroom - Neillsville, WI – Event Venue](#)

[Karl Hartwich and The Country Dutchmen - QTH.com](#)

KARL HARTWICH and The COUNTRY DUTCHMEN – Old Time Variety

<http://rhs.qth.com/brueggenband/karlhh.htm>

<http://www.wisconsinfolks.org/hartwich4.htm>

[Images for Karl Hartwich and The Country Dutchmen](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AM8-gV1O9ZY> Karl & The Country Dutchmen – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhXUof-zvpM> Crazy-Karl Hartwich & the Country Dutchmen – YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhZxa8S5YDU> Karl and the Country Dutchmen: Chicken Polka - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7G3ePbjf8w> Karl 's Country Dutchmen perform at Humboldt Iowa "Midwest Polka Fest"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvJdOrk0ufQ> St. Louie Polka - Karl's Country Dutchmen - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogAL16y30L0> Karl & The Country Dutchmen "The Dizzy Chap Polka" - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uh0HTrmZKAs> Potter's Polka by Karl & The Country Dutchmen – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6h1yXrNgDAA> Because Your Blue Eye's Blink Polka - Karl's Country Dutchmen - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyUwwaZjRvA> Karl & The Country Dutchmen plays St Louis Polka – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTPjRz9gbfo> Karl and the Country Dutchmen - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BC3nkC2y3ll> Karl & The Country Dutchmen plays The Anniversary Polka – YouTube

[Images for Karl & The Country Dutchmen - YouTube](#)

[Tombstone \(pizza\) - Wikipedia](#)

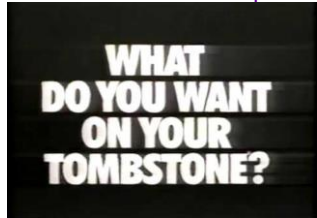
History

Tombstone was founded in Medford, Wisconsin, United States, by Pep Simek, his brother, Ron Simek, and two other individuals in 1962.^{[1][2]}The name came from *The Tombstone Tap*, a tavern owned by the Simeks which was located across from a cemetery.^{[1][3]}

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tombstone_\(pizza\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tombstone_(pizza))

[Images for Tombstone \(pizza\)](#)

[Tombstone Pizza Ad- Special Order \(1992\) - YouTube](#)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKspf06XuaQ>

[Images for Tombstone Pizza Ad- Special Order \(1992\) - YouTube](#)

dance quote

Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

Dave Barry

[Dave Barry Quotes - BrainyQuote](#)

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/d/dave_barry.html

[Images for Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.](#)

vienna or village

Another dancer told me

there is a big difference

between the waltzes

danced in Vienna and

in the villages of Austria.

I was more used to the latter

and less used to the former,

so, I took lessons

in order to, at least,

look presentable

skating and swaying

to The Beautiful Blue Danube

on the crowded floor.
But I cut loose
when the floor cleared
as the University Symphony
Orchestra played the
Thunder and Lightning Polka.

Viennese Ball, University Centers, UW-Eau Claire

The 39th Annual Viennese Ball

<http://www.uwec.edu/centers/vball/>

<https://www.facebook.com/UWECVball>

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_CTYymbbEL4&list=RD_CTYymbbEL4&start_radio=1&t=0 Mix – Johann Strauss II – The Blue Danube Waltz – YouTube

[Images for Johann Strauss II - The Blue Danube Waltz - YouTube](#)



thunder and lightning

Dancers crowded the floor
for the Viennese waltzes but
vacated the floor for the polkas.
Fortunately, a woman agreed
to dance a polka with me, and
we made the most
of an open floor.

Viennese Ball, University Centers, UW-Eau Claire

The 39th Annual Viennese Ball

<http://www.uwec.edu/centers/vball/>

<https://www.facebook.com/UWECVball>

[Images for Viennese Ball, University Centers, UW-Eau Claire](#)

Thunder And Lightning Polka - Johann Strauss II - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7vtUPoUGK4>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qESekH-Z1E&list=RD-qESekH-Z1E&start_radio=1&t=0 Mix – Johann Strauss II –

Thunder and Lightning Polka – YouTube

[Images for Thunder And Lightning Polka - Johann Strauss II - YouTube](#)



so much for traveling

At first, I resented the fact
we were boxed in on all sides
on the packed village polka floor
at the Viennese Ball.
But, then, I remembered,
"If you can't get out of it,
then get into it!"
So, we swayed in place
to a one-and-two
and three-and-four
moving ahead ever sooo sloowly.
When the Dorf Kapelle band leader
asked for requests,
the college kids yelled in unison,
"Who the Hell is Alice?"

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Dorf Kapelle

Dorf Kapelle brings you the finest in authentic folk music of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, & the Czech Republic.

<http://dorkapelle.com/>

[Images for Dorf Kapelle](#)

Who the Hell is Alice? Dorf Kapelle - YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy1biX2xlZo>

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dance quote

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.

Alan Watts

Dance Quotes - BrainyQuote

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/keywords/dance.html>

[Images for The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.](#)

groupies

They wore Leon Olsen shirts,
clapped, yelled, and otherwise
carried on during the course
of the Sunday afternoon
to make sure the band
didn't become lackadaisical,
not that that would have been
a problem since many of the rest
of the 187 dancers in attendance
were doing much the same.

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[Images for Leon Olsen Show at Ellsworth Polka Fest - YouTube](#)



hold it together

During the middle of
the band's rendition of
I Fall to Pieces by Patsy Cline,
I pretended to crumple to the floor.
The woman behind us exclaimed,
"Don't do that to us old people!"

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[Images for Pines Ballroom and Bar - Bloomer, WI](#)

[I Fall To Pieces - LEON OLSEN SHOW - New Ulm Minnesota USA! - YouTube](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mlGtK3tZ1Y>

[Images for I Fall To Pieces - LEON OLSEN SHOW](#)

tippy toes

Her hair had grayed, and
she styled it differently
so that I didn't recognize her.
But when I looked at the way
she danced on her toes
I knew she was the one
I remembered from before.

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what was the first clue?

Leon Olsen started out with a waltz,
then a polka, followed by a two-step.
He kept up that rotation pretty much
the whole Sunday afternoon.
Then he donned
a muy grande sombrero
and proceeded to play

Spanish Eyes
as part of a Latin set.

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Elvis Presley - Spanish Eyes - YouTube
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlyXFyR9JBQ>
[Images for Elvis Presley - Spanish Eyes - YouTube](#)



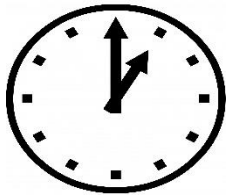
back in 15

Many other bands break
and say that they'll be
"back in a few minutes," but
dancers are left to wonder
what that means.

Give Leon Olson credit.
He starts right at 1pm,
breaks on the hour,
returns on the quarter hour,
and ends right at 5pm.

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Bar gigs - how long does your band break for? | TalkBass.com
15 minute break every hour
Newwavefrank - Jul 30, 2009 - Salt lake City, UT
<https://www.talkbass.com/threads/bar-gigs-how-long-does-your-band-break-for.697914/>
[Images for how long does your band break for?](#)



rhetorical question

"So, I see you chose
dancing over Country Fest?"
I asked several women during
the course of the afternoon.
The answer I received was
unanimous and unequivocal.

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Great performances, good fun highlight Country Fest - Leader-Telegram

CADOTT — Mark Kruger sat in his lawn chair Sunday afternoon with a cowboy hat atop his head and a wide grin across his face. The sound of guitar chords and “check, check” echoed across the bandstand as employees for the 27th annual Country Fest tested equipment on the main stage.

“It’s on the bucket list,” said Mark Kruger, 53, of Rochester, Minn., when asked why he attended Country Fest 2013.

http://www.leadertelegram.com/news/front_page/article_ef94ec46-e204-11e2-a570-001a4bcf887a.html
[Images for Great performances, good fun highlight Country Fest](#)

happy independence day!

Leon Olsen acknowledged
the upcoming Fourth of July
at the end of the
Sunday afternoon dance
and asked everyone to form
a large circle with the vets
in the middle whereupon
he led a singing of
God Bless America.

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Kate Smith: God Bless America (The Hollywood Palace) - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzG6vIE6BGc>
[Images for Kate Smith - God Bless America - YouTube](#)

only by dancing

He carried a measuring device
to tell steps, miles, and calories.
In three hours, he’d traveled 4.5 miles
and expected to cover 6 miles
by the end of the afternoon.
He went on to explain that
at a recent polka festival
he traveled 20 miles one day
and another 20 miles the next day.

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Pedometer - Wikipedia

A pedometer is a device, usually portable and electronic or electromechanical, that counts each step a person takes by detecting the motion of the person’s hips. Because the distance of each person’s step varies, an informal calibration, performed by the user, is required if presentation of the distance covered in a unit of length (such as in kilometers or miles) is desired, though there are now pedometers that use electronics and software to automatically determine how a person’s step varies.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pedometer>
[Images for pedometer](#)

snippets

When she came to me in the rotation
during a circle schottische,
I said, “It looks like you’ve been getting some sun.”
She said, “It comes from working outside.”

I replied, "I suppose you have more time now that you're retired from Fleet Farm."
She nodded and moved on.

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Pride & Prejudice (3/10) Movie CLIP - Elizabeth and Darcy's Dance (2005) HD - YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9SXvUdM_iw
[Images for Pride & Prejudice - Elizabeth and Darcy's Dance - YouTube](#)



you all come back now!

The new proprietor
stood at the door
at the end of the
Saturday afternoon dance and
thanked each and every one
for coming.

Mill Road Banquet Center - Local Business | Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/millroadbanquetcenter>
[Images for Mill Road Banquet Center Galesville](#)

Orange Blossom Special Band - Home | Facebook
Classic Country
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Orange-Blossom-Special-Band/168204823199071>
[Images for Orange Blossom Special Band](#)

end of the season

I had not been to the ballroom
for many years but
decided to drive down
on a Sunday afternoon,
even if I arrived late.
As it turned out,
it was the last dance
before the summer break.
Dancers filled the floor
for the barefoot
band leader from Iowa.

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<https://www.concordiaballroom.com/>
[Images for Concordia Ballroom | La Crosse, WI Banquet Hall and Reception Facility](#)

Barefoot Becky
German-style polka, Czech music, country, big band
<http://www.barefootbecky.com/>
[Images for barefoot becky](#)
<https://www.pbs.org/video/barefoot-becky-the-ivanhoe-dutchmen-vttpdb/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZJ5dMCiJmQ> Barefoot Becky & The Ivanhoe Dutchmen – YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qI_Ea7cYnHY Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen-Humboldt, Iowa – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVXT7kyMS0c> Barefoot Becky & Ivanhoe Dutchmen-Humboldt 2016 – YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQ7JvVsCF_Y Why Polka-Barefoot Becky & the Ivanhoe Dutchmen – YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-P_ycfWfBk In The Mood-Barefoot Becky & The Ivanhoe Dutchmen – YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_P93uSCh51w Barefoot Becky plays Out Behind the Barn at Polka Lover's Club Golden CO 1-20-2013 – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Du3aHrRzIqc> Barefoot Becky Red Raven Polka 1-22-2012 Golden CO – YouTube
[Images for barefoot becky youtube](#)

clap those hands

It had been a while since
I had done the circle schottische,
and, when I forgot to clap my hands
halfway through the movement,
I almost got my left hand clapped.

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[The Circle Schottische - Chmielewski Fun Time "Live" V.F.W. Senior Dance Cloquet, Minn. – 7/19/2017 - YouTube](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpduYH6dU0>
[Images for Circle Schottische - Chmielewski Fun Time](#)

good times at old time dances

I recognized her before she recognized me.
After all, it had been more than ten years.
I recalled some of the dances we did, while
she recalled other dances.

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faster

She had been married for 61 years, but
he died and now she danced on her own.
I asked her to dance a polka, and
she said dancing slower was
harder than dancing faster.
I took her at her word, and
we spun around the floor.

[Concordia Ballroom | La Crosse, WI Banquet Hall and Reception Facility](#)
2nd Annual Polka Fest
Polkas, Waltzes and Foxtrot from Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen and Leon Olsen Band.
<https://www.concordiaballroom.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/concordia-ballroom-la-crosse/second-annual-polkafest/649359788868689/>
[Images for Concordia Ballroom | La Crosse, WI Banquet Hall and Reception Facility](#)
<https://wecnmagazine.com/events/2nd-annual-concordia-ballroom-polkafest/>
<https://events.time.ly/22agtu1?event=31462582> 2nd Annual Polkafest @ Concordia Ballroom - Time.ly Commander
https://lacrossetribune.com/entertainment/concordia-ballroom-to-host-mid-summer-polka-fest/article_81277166-e0f0-59cc-9882-6e710af6d0ab.html

Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen

Our band plays a variety of Polka music including Dutchmen, German, Czech style, Polish Style and Slovenian style
along with a variety of country, big band, swing, and 50's and 60's music.

<http://www.garysrd.com/>
[Images for Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen](#)
<http://www.garysrd.com/videos.html>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCkqYrRJYnk> Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen (Wisconsin) 2017 - Full Video – YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUok1KOxo0c> Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen (2017) - Memories Waltz - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ro42teAIP3I> Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen - Gary's Polka! - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulZCK8hmOOc> Wisconsin's Concertina Kid - Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen - Essig Polka!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uY4YooJySLE> Gary's Ridgeland Dutchmen (2010) - Full Video - YouTube
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different starts

She said she had danced her whole life

of some 80+ years, while

I said I started when I was 40.

She said that no matter when one starts

the important thing is to dance.

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end of the line

She lamented how the

Ellsworth Polka Fest ended after many years
and Galesville flooded out.

I related how the Palladium in Osseo

suffered the roof collapse in a snowstorm

and, also, how I was told that very afternoon

the last dance at the Pines was coming up.

She bemoaned that Chatfield had been sold

and the lot used for a convenience store.

She further figured dancing at the ballroom

could keep going only about five more years.

I said I was going to keep dancing

to old time music while I could.

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Historic Venue

The Concordia Ballroom has served the La Crosse area since 1891. Conveniently located on La Crosse Street, it's the perfect reception hall for your next event!

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Ellsworth's Polka Fest features 7 bands, 2 dance floors – Twin Cities

The 40th annual Polka Fest in Ellsworth, Wis., features seven bands and two wood dance floors.

Camping, food, refreshments are available. 5-9 p.m. Friday, July 10; noon-8 p.m. Saturday, July 11; noon -8 p.m. Sunday, July 12. \$13-\$11; pressenter.com/-7/8epolka.

<https://www.twincities.com/2015/07/05/ellsworths-polka-fest-features-7-bands-2-dance-floors/>
[Images for Ellsworth's Polka Fest](#)

[PDF]Springtime Music & Polka Festival - The Rhythm Playboys

2017----THE 59TH YEAR OF THE RHYTHM PLAYBOYS!!!!!!!

Sat. May 6 Springtime Polka Fest, Palladium, Osseo, WI 3-5 & 7-9

<https://www.rhythmplayboys.com/upload/Ryan%20and%20RPB%202017%20feb.%209%20update.pdf>
[Images for Springtime Music & Polka Festival - The Rhythm Playboys](#)

Osseo Palladium dance and event hall - Home | Facebook

The Palladium in Osseo, pictures taken 3/20/19

Not open for business.

Sorry and Thanks to all that have supported us.

<https://www.facebook.com/OsseoPalladium/>
[Images for Osseo Palladium dance and event hall](#)

Dance Schedule - The Rhythm Playboys

Sat. May 4 Springtime Music & Polka Festival, H0-Chunk Casino, Black River Falls, WI Noon-8 (w/Karl, Denny)

alternating with Brian & the Mississippi Valley Dutchmen, festival runs all weekend

Sun. July 28 Pines Ballroom LAST DANCE PARTY, Bloomer, WI 1-4:30 (w/Karl, Denny &?) The Pines Ballroom will no longer be holding old time dances, come out one more time for the LAST DANCE at the Pines, for over 85 years the Pines has hosted old time dancing, be part of history and have one more day of fun memories in Bloomer.

<https://www.rhythmplayboys.com/Dance-Schedule.html>
[Images for Dance Schedule - The Rhythm Playboys](#)

polka at casino

As ballrooms discontinue polka,
some casinos offer polka.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls

TOM BRUSKY POLKA BAND

AUGUST 7TH 4PM-7PM

<http://www.ho-chungaming.com/blackriverfalls/>
[Images for ho chunk casino black river falls entertainment](#)

last dance

The concertina player said
he'd been playing at the Pines
since 1979, and
it didn't seem right
to be the last dance.
He and the band played
Happy Trails for the last number.

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The Pines Dance Hall and Tavern is a community gathering center in Bloomer, Wisconsin that was built in 1933. The Pines was opened by brothers Herman and Martin Johnson just after the repeal of Prohibition (The 18th Amendment) in the early 1930's, and the tavern enjoyed incredibly high popularity immediately after its opening. The Pines hosted many local and touring dance bands during the 1930's, including the then-legendary Whoopee John Wilfarht of Minnesota, who allegedly drew almost 1500 fans to the ballroom's 150'x 50' dance floor. Additionally, it was during this time that the ballroom established itself as a community center by hosting men and women's softball teams, roller skating events, car shows, even professional wrestling in addition to being the perfect place for weddings, anniversaries, and other large parties for the community.

The Pines was purchased by Albert and Bernice Schwab in 1950, bringing the property into the hands of Schwab family, where it has been now for over half a century. The ballroom is currently in the hands of Brian Schwab, who inherited it from his father Chuck. On Sunday afternoons it is primarily used for Polka dances, and the hall is commonly booked for weddings on Saturdays; in fact, it's not unheard of for the ballroom to be booked solid on Saturdays for years in advance for wedding receptions. Furthermore, the ballroom and tavern are used on a regular basis as a gathering spot for local community folks where they can have a beer and enjoy each other's company. (gathered from: "Audio Tape Summary and Interview, Chuck Schwab." Chippewa Valley Museum "County Places" Project, Jim Leary, July 2000.)

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[PDF]Pines Ballroom to hold - The Rhythm Playboys

The Pines Ballroom, of Bloomer, Wisconsin, has announced they will be discontinuing their regularly scheduled monthly old-time dances. Their last old-time dance will take place on Sunday, July 28, 2019, featuring music by the Ryan Herman & Karl Hartwich Band with music from 1:00-4:30 PM. While the Pines Ballroom will still be available for weddings, anniversaries and special events, the Pines management has decided to discontinue the decades old tradition of old-time dancing in part due to lack of participation. For generations, the Pines Ballroom has been a social hub of the Bloomer community, a place to gather and enjoy friendship, food and refreshments and some great music over the years. Many memories have been made on the 50' x 150' wood dance floor. Brian Schwab, current owner of the Pines Ballroom is the 3rd generation to run his family business, which he took over from his father, the late Charles Schwab; who bought out his parents in the 1970's. The Pines Ballroom has been a regional cultural center since it's opening in 1933 after the repeal of prohibition. They have hosted a variety of social events and some of the all-time greats in the old-time music industry including the Whoopee John Band. You are invited to join the party one more time for the last regularly scheduled old time dance to be held at the Pines Ballroom, bring your friends and come out and re-live memories of when old-time music was king. If you have never attended the Pines, this is your chance to experience a part of Northern Wisconsin history. The Pines Ballroom would like thank all of the dancers that have supported live music over the years, many life-long friends have been made while sharing a dance at the Pines.

<https://www.rhythmplayboys.com/upload/last%20pines%20pdf.pdf>

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For decades, people headed to The Pines Ballroom and danced to music created in the 1940s and 1950s, from fox trots to polkas to waltzes.

But as fans of the music have aged, the number of people turning out to dances has dwindled, and this Sunday will be the final old-time music event at the Bloomer dance hall.

https://www.leadertelegram.com/news/front-page/bloomer-dance-hall-to-hold-final-old-time-music-event/article_d4366ae2-c603-5a69-bf65-8efb1c0e7873.html

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BLOOMER, Wis. (WEAU) -- A 70-year Sunday tradition came to an end today in Bloomer. Old Time Dance has been happening every Sunday at the Pines Bar and Ballroom since the 1940s.

However, due to a declining number of dancers, the owner of pines ballroom decided it was time to end the event. Owner Brian Schwab says typically about 40 people have been attending the dances. But Sunday, about 150 people came to the final Old Time Dance.

He says this isn't the end of the pines ballroom, just the Sunday dance.

The ballroom will continue to host weddings, banquets, and other community events.

<https://www.weau.com/content/news/One-last-dance-at-The-Pines-513321721.html>

<https://www.weau.com/video?vid=513323812> Last Old Time Dance at the Pines Ballroom (7/28/19) – WEAU

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[Roy Rogers - Happy trails - YouTube](#)

Lyrics

Happy trails to you,

Until we meet again.

Happy trails to you,

Keep smiling until then.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqw_yprN_-w

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