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Clogging Heroes

The Western New York Clogging Association has organized the wildly successful Nickel City Clogging Festival for nearly 30 years





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The theme of this year's annual Nickel City Festival (held in April in Buffalo, New York) was "Super Heroes."

Several workshop goers and instructors alike came to the fun dance dressed as their favorite super heroes. Some went all out, with costumes, face paint and lots of super hero charisma on display. It was a fun time, as gave everyone a chance to feel a little super power, if every pretend.

Hero is a word we assign great respect and nobility to. We extoll the virtues of our heros and model their behavior. We see them as exceptional.

I have had my fair share of clogging heroes. I remember the first competitions I attended and my first workshops, and my awe in seeing the talent of those who helped shape our dance form.

I've been very blessed in my personal life to travel and to have extraordinary opportunities to meet notable people, and to even call some friends.

But the heroes that have touched me most deeply are those who don't wear capes or scale tall buildings, but still perform incredible feats.

I've seen those who light up when they are on the dance floor, letting the electricity of dance take them away from their handicaps, adversities, pain and struggles to a moment of grace and joy.

I've seen a Mom who puts out a spread of homemade sandwiches, treats and games in a fun picnic spread in the corner for her children at an event while others go out to eat at high priced restaurants.

I've seen teachers and directors who quietly waive fees to ensure that every child has an opportunity to dance and have outfits and entry fees.

I've seen Fathers stand in the back of auditoriums or recital halls with teary eyes, as they get a rare chance to attend an event and see the talent and passion of their children.

In his first inaugural address in 1981, President Ronald Reagan remarked "Those who say that we're in a time when there are no heroes, they just don't know where to look."

Clogging has provided us an amazing family of exceptional people who can teach us many lessons on heroism.

Look around you, and look in the mirror. Heroes are all around us and inside all of us. Unleash your powers great and small. You may be surprised at who thinks of you as a hero.

Happy Clogging!

Jeff Driggs, Editor

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Events are listed by date and category and are recognized by the following symbols:

(W) = Workshop, (C) = Competition, (D) = Dance Only, (T) = Training Seminar (P) = Performance, Exhibitions or Concert

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Jul 2015

Jul 17-18, 2015

Double Toe Jam (W,P)
Waco, TX
Inst: TBA

Waco Convention Center
Info: info@doubletoejam.org
doubletoejam.org

Jul 24-26, 2015

Aussie Clog (W)
Redland Bay
Brisbane
Australia
Info: Olive Borovsky
+07 3345 3066
oliveclogging@optusnet.com.au
cloggingaustralia.com

Aug 2015

Aug 7-8, 2015

Mississippi Clogging Extravaganza (W)
Pearl, MS
Instructors: Joel Harrison from ALL THAT!
Clyde Muse Center
Info: Angie Miller
(601) 906-2882
msclogextravaganza.com

Aug 14-15, 2015

Sunshine State Clogging Jamboree (W)
Daytona Beach, FL
Instructors: TBA
Info: Jeff Wood
850-386-1263
wood@talstar.com
Naomi Pyle
812-579-6979
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net

Sep 2015

Sep 11-12, 2015

Clogging & Folk Festival (WP)
Mountain View, AR
Inst: TBA
Info: 870-269-3851
ozarkfolkcenter.com

Sep 11-12, 2015

Florida Clogging Council State Convention (W)
Melbourne, FL
Instructors: TBA
Eau Gallie Civic Center
Info: <http://floridacloggingcouncil.weebly.com>

Sep 11-13, 2015

19th Australian Clogging Association National Clogging Convention (W)
Central Coast
New South Wales
Australia
Inst: Sherry Glass Cox
Info: 2015enquiries@gmail.com
2015programming@gmail.com
cloggingaustralia.com

Sep 18-19, 2015

Fontana Clogging Jamboree (W,P)
Fontana Village, NC
Inst: Jeff Driggs, Naomi Pyle, Scotty Bilz, Chip Summey, Barry Welch, Matt Sexton, Rob & Melissa Pack
Fontana Village Resort
Info: Jeff Driggs
304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
Naomi Pyle
812-579-6979
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net
fontanaworkshop.com

Oct 2015

Oct 24, 2015

OktoberClogFest Workshop (WP)
Columbus, IN
Inst: Jeff Driggs, Naomi Pyle & more TBA
Donner Center
Info: Naomi Pyle
812-579-6979
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net

Nov 2015

Nov 7, 2015

Appalachian Stomp (W)
Purcellville, VA
Carver Community Center
Inst: Blake Bartlett Dunn
Info: Mary Smith
info@BRTC.us
AppalachianStomp.com

Nov 7, 2015

The Great Texas Hoedown (W)
Blanco, TX
Inst: Andy Howard
Info: Buster Green
830-980-3600
clogger@thegreenshomepage.com
Glen McCrary
214-455-1716
glenem72@cs.com
www.texas-clogging.com

Nov 13-15, 2015

Hickory Hoedown (W,C)
Hickory, NC
Info: AJ & Jill Kirby
Hickory Metro Conv. Ctr.
828-396-2052
simscountrycloggers@yahoo.com
clognc.com

Nov 25-28, 2015

29th Annual C.L.O.G. National Clogging Convention (W)
Thanksgiving Weekend
Location TBA
Info: David & Susan Phillips
678-889-4355
clog@clog.org
clog.org

Competitions

For more information on sanctioned competitions, visit the major sanctioning organization's websites at:

ACHF = America's Clogging Hall of Fame
achfclog.com
CCA = Clogging Champions of America
ccaclog.com
NCHC = National Clogging and Hoedown Championships
clog.org
CAD = Cadence
clogcadence.com

Jul 2015

Jul 10-12, 2015

CCA Youth Leadership Retreat
Location TBA
Info: ccaclog.com

Jul 11, 2015

Power All Star Challenge (C)
(NCHC) (CAD)
Woodstock, GA
Woodstock High School
Info: Ryan Rickard
(770) 639-7285
ryanrickard@comcast.net

Jul 19, 2015

Fusion Fest (C)
(NCHC)
Newton, NC
Info: Stefanie Grubbs
336-918-6269
thefusionfest@gmail.com

Jul 25, 2015

Orange County Clogging Competition (C)
(ACHF)
Orange, VA
Orange County High School
Info: Allen & Kim Snow
540-222-6372
orangecloggersva@gmail.com
com

Jul 24-25, 2015

Southwest US Clogging Championships (C)
(NCHC)
Scottsdale, AZ
Info: Matt & Colleen Pearson
623-670-8271
azpride2@hotmail.com
azpride.com

Aug 2015

Aug 1, 2015

Summer Fest Competition (C)
(ACHF)
Easley, SC
Easley High School
Info: Dianne Loftin
864-277-0553
dloftin01@gmail.com

Aug 15, 2015

Bluegrass Clogging Competition (C)
(CCA)
Morehead, KY
Info: Scott & Dena Dobson
sdobson@bluemarble.net
ccaclog.com

Aug 15, 2015

Wilson County Fair (C)
(NCHC)
Lebanon, TN
Info: Grace Pack
615-449-3821
gpack33@aol.com

Aug 22, 2015

Sound FX Clogging Championships (C)
(ACHF)
Lincolnton, NC
James W. Warren Citizens Center
Info: Dianne Loftin
864-277-0553
dloftin01@gmail.com
or Quinn Stansell
704-418-8047
qstansell@carolina.rr.com

Sep 2015

Sep 11-12, 2015

North Carolina Mountain State Fair Clogging Competition (C)
(ACHF)
Fletcher, NC
WNC Ag Center
Info: Dianne Loftin
864-277-0553
dloftin01@gmail.com

Sep 19, 2015

Magic Feet Ultimate Challenge (C)
(ACHF)
Info: Kody Shaw
336-431-0628
or 336-954-9001
magicfeetdanceco@gmail.com

Sep 26, 2015

Dance Matrix (C)
(CCA)
Bristol, TN
Info: Matt Sexton
mattsexton@silhouettesinc.com
Lynne Ogle
ccalynne@aol.com

Oct 2015

October 10, 2015

Deep South Dance Off (C)
(CCA)
Athens, GA
Morton Theatre
Info: Heather Kohberger and Blake Dunn
dance@cloggingconnection.com
cloggingconnection.com

Oct 23-25, 2015

ACHF Annual World Championships (C)
(ACHF)
Info: Jimmy Loveless
301-884-5830
Ellis Perry
919-484-0623
Dianne Loftin
864-277-0553
achfclog.com

Nov 2015

Nov 7, 2015

CCA Mountain Classic (C)
(CCA)
Columbus, NC
Polk County High School
Info: Rhonda Wallen
rwallen543@charter.net
Lynne Ogle
ccalynne@aol.com
ccaclog.com

Nov. 14, 2015

Fall Classic Clogging Championships (C)
(CCA)
Lexington, Kentucky
Kentucky Thoroughbred Center
Info: Jeff Driggs
304-610-6254
ccajeff@aol.com
Naomi Pyle
812-343-3285
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net
cloggingcontest.com

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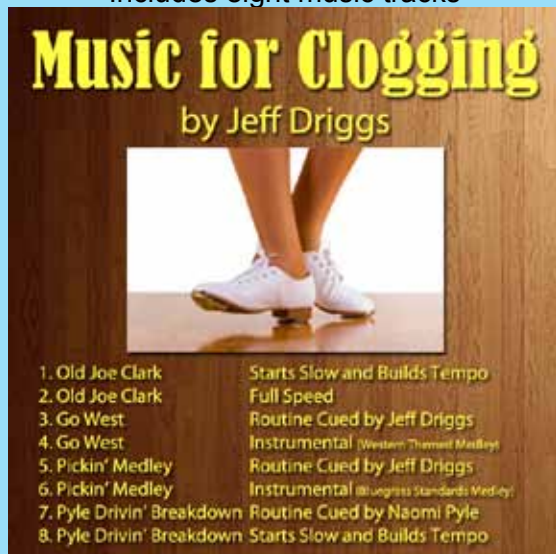
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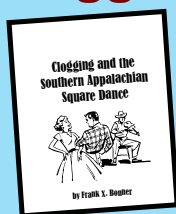
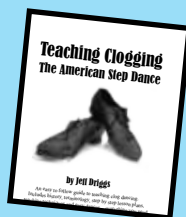
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2015 Sanctioned Events

April 11, 2015 – Southern Junction Clogging Championships

Piedmont, SC Event Location: Wren High School Auditorium
 Contact: Gwen Davis – 864-299-8601 – gwen@southernjunctioncloggers.com

April 25, 2015 – Appalachian Clogging Classic

Clyde, NC Event Location: Haywood Community College Auditorium
 Contact: Dianne Loftin – 864-277-0553 – dloftin01@gmail.com

May 16, 2015 – Beach Blast

Rocky Point, NC Event Location: Cape Fear Middle School
 Contact: Jessica Larson – 910-604-0879 missjessica@dancerscornerstudio.com

June 6, 2015 – Mars Hill University Championships

Mars Hill, NC Event Location: Moore Auditorium
 Contact: Danielle B. Plimpton, Bailey Mountain Cloggers
 828-689-1113 – dbuice@mhu.edu

June 20-21, 2015 – Carolina Fusion's Summer Shindig

Lexington, NC Event Location: Edward C. Smith Civic Center
 Contact: Stefanie Grubbs – 336-918-6269 – stefaniegrubbs@gmail.com

June 27, 2015 – ACHF Judges Training

Location TBA Contact: Jimmy Loveless 301-884-5830 jloveless@melwood.org

July 25, 2015 – Orange County Clogging Competition

Orange, VA Event Location: Orange County High School
 Contact: Allen & Kim Snow – 540-222-6372 – orangecloggersva@gmail.com

August 1, 2015 – Summer Fest Competition

Easley, SC Event Location: Easley High School
 Contact: Dianne Loftin – 864-277-0553 – dloftin01@gmail.com

August 22, 2015 – Sound FX Clogging Championships

Lincolnton, NC Event Location: James W. Warren Citizens Center
 Contact: Dianne Loftin – 864-277-0553 – dloftin01@gmail.com
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September 11-12, 2015 – North Carolina Mountain State Fair Clogging Competition

Fletcher, NC Event Location: WNC Ag Center

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September 19, 2015 – Magic Feet Ultimate Challenge

Contact: Kody Shaw – 336-431-0628 or 336-954-9001
 magicfeetdanceco@gmail.com

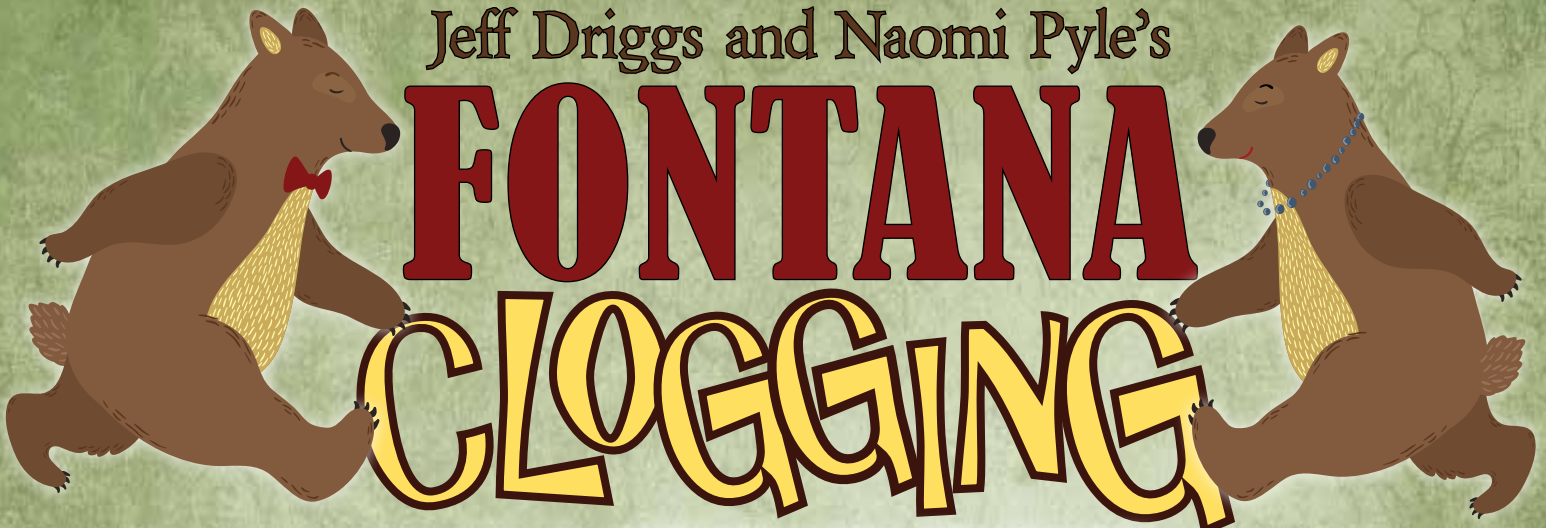
October 23-25, 2015 – ACHF Annual World Championships

Contact: Jimmy Loveless 301-884-5830 – Ellis Perry 919-484-0623 – Dianne Loftin 864-277-0553

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For info, contact Naomi Pyle (812) 579-6979 naomi_p@sbcglobal.net

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7:00 - 7:30 pm Registration

7:30 - 10:00 pm Fun Dance

Enjoy easy teaches, fun routines, old-time squares and more featuring the clogging staff.

10:00 pm - 11:30 pm Social at the Grill

Join the staff and the band at the Wildwood Grill for live music, fellowship and a late night bite! If you are a musician or singer, bring your instrument or a music track and share your talents with your fellow cloggers. The lodge pool will also be open late.

Sat., Sept. 19, 2015

8:00 - 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am - Noon Workshops

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7:00 - 8:00 pm Bluegrass Concert

Featuring the return of the Grass Stains from West Virginia (featuring Jeff's brother Bill on banjo) and Drew Williams from Nashville!

www.thegrassstains.com

www.drewandlacey.com

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9:00 - 10:30 pm Fun Dance

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There are a variety of housing options at Fontana Village. Special rates have been set for the clogging jamboree. You can look at the rooms and amenities at www.fontanavillage.com and click on "Accommodations." Some rooms offer a lower rate for those who come in early or stay late. 10% NC Sales tax applies to all rooms. The village will fill up, so reserve early! See the web for the special clogger rates!

To reserve accommodations, call

800.849.2258

Cut Off Date for special rates is August 7, 2015.

Note the early rate cut-off date... be sure to call early to make sure you get a room before the village fills up!

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Fontana Jamboree Registration Form

Please complete the form below and return it with your check, money order or credit card information to be registered. You will be mailed a confirmation and packets will be held for pickup at registration at the event.

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Instructors/Directors: register 10 or more dancers and get your ribbons for free!

Name _____

Team/Studio _____

Your Address _____

City _____ ST/Prov _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone(s) _____

email _____

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UPER CLOGGERS!

**The Nickel City Clogging Festival
Super Hero Volunteers Perform Amazing "Feets"**

By: Barbara Elko

Super Heroes, the 2015 Nickel City Festival's theme, best describes Johanna Healy and all the super volunteers involved putting this event together. Johanna and her helpers seem to possess superpowers . . . keen hearing, extraordinary vision, perpetual energy, and a powerful passion to make Nickel City Festival the best it can be. Thank you for this truly amazing workshop!

Once again, there were an abundance of talented instructors. Those attending had the rare opportunity to take classes with Gary Larson. He is a magnificent, inspiring instructor. He conveys his love of dance in every move he presents. Gary not only guides the dancers' feet, he gently encourages facial expressions, arm and hip movements - - he wants everything moving! During Friday's fun dance he actually had dancers crawling around on the floor, lying on their backs, kicking their legs in the air, speaking a foreign language, and making some very strange noises. This guy is one of a kind!

Jeff Driggs was a standout! Yeah, his choice of songs and routines were great, but that is a given. What caught everybody's attention was



his incessant humor throughout the entire weekend. His teach to “Brave Boys” packed the hall. Jeff had help teaching this one. Nathan Ballard (who has been visiting the USA from Australia this year) and Matt Koziuk (of Florida) easily cued their section. Every stage needs a little “eye candy” and this role was given to Michigan’s Shane Gruber. It was a fast paced Celtic song, and tons of fun! Sadly, we said good bye to Nathan. He will be returning to Australia, but said he’ll be back.

Who has more funk than Naomi Pyle? NOBODY. Her routine to “Up Town Funk” was just another example of this lady’s boundless skills. This class was a blast! No doubt many clubs will be adding this routine to their program.

Chip Summey taught several country routines, all of which the dancers enjoyed. He is still struggling with the correct pronunciation of the word “right” but with that wonderful smile who cares about his funny southern accent? He demonstrated yet another creative way to do a pull back. How many does that make?

Andy Grammer must have written the song “Honey I’m Good” with cloggers in mind, it is such great music. Jeff Driggs, Matt Koziuk, Missy Shinoski, Naomi Pyle, and Judy Waymouth all had routines to it. All five classes were in the same time slot so you had to choose. Groups decided to split up to get as many as they could, ‘cause they were all great routines.

Bekka Gunner, a young enthusiastic instructor,

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Photos: **Left Page Top:** Backwoods Cloggers Lady Bugs

Left Page Center: Backwoods Cloggers

Left Page Bottom: Michigan’s Shane Gang are always crowd pleasers!

Right Page Top: Horseshoe Cloggers

Right Page Center: Stompin’ ‘Em Cloggers Ninjas!

Right Page Bottom: The Tensation Cloggers always present a great high energy routine.



Nickel City Clogging Festival

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offered an advance teach to “Dangerous” and also an intermediate teach to “Cheerleader.” She is a gifted, personable dancer, and we will see more of this young lady!

Herb Brock taught two classes - - one bluegrass and the other Irish. Herb continues to fill classes. His jovial personality guarantees dancers a good time.

Shane Gruber had several teaches but only one had the dancers singing all

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A “Nickel” for your thoughts:

Nickel City Festival goers share their comments on the event.

Stacey Watkins: An amazing weekend!!!! A very big “Thank you” to everyone involved in making our clogging weekend always a great memory. We had tons of fun and cannot wait for next year to do it all over again!

Jessica Forsyth: Thank you Hanna, and the rest of the WNYCA staff, for another great year in the books. This year marks 25 years we older girls of Stompin’ Em Cloggers (formerly 4H Country Cloggers) have clogged together. It’s more than just the dancing, but the memories that you all make for us each and every year.

Paul Melville: Always heard how large the Nickel City Festival was and it did not disappoint me. The venue is huge and I love the size of the rooms and numbers of instructors. Very well organized!

Nathan Ballard: I had an awesome time meeting so many new dancers and fun catching up with many dancers I met along this journey in other areas of the country! I’m lovin’ this festival. The workshop element is super friendly, and I can’t wait to come back from Australia and spend time here again!

Samantha Wil: Just want to say thank you to all the Amazing instructors that made the Nickel City weekend possible! What an outstanding workshop - - I immensely enjoyed every bit of it. With a very relaxed and open feel, I learned bunches, and was refreshed by the different perspectives offered by various teachers. After my first time this year, I plan to be back again! See everyone next year!

Morgan Hudson: So blessed to be here at the Nickel City Festival. Awesome dancers - - great location - - and so much energy!! Clog on!!

Hanna Healy: We want to say our thanks again to all who clogged the weekend away with us! Every year the spirit of cloggers leaves me awestruck!



Photos: **Top:** Barb Elko (author of this article) channeled her inner hero and joined in the Nickel City Fun with other cloggers enjoying the event’s theme.

Bottom: The TNT Cloggers perform during the Saturday evening exhibition show for hundreds of event participants!



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weekend - "Bossa Nova Baby." A great routine to a catchy tune.

It is physically impossible to make all the classes, but the fact the dancers return to this workshop every year is testimony to the fabulous instructors and the entertaining routines they bring. Thank you, your ideas keep us on our toes.

Friday night the Super Heroes all showed up at the fun dance. Superman, Batgirl, Spiderman, Iron Man, Captain America, Wonder Woman - - you get the picture. Hands down, Morgan Hudson had the best costume. He came as the Hulk, and was down-right scary! He even started making a transformation while cueing the fun dance, his green makeup started melting. Great job, Morgan!

Saturday evening demos were fantastic. The Stompin' em Cloggers blew everyone away with their Ninja Turtles Costumes! I am not sure how they were able to dance with the large heads they were sporting. One word sums up Tensation's acapella - - just sensational! All Reel Drive, the trio from Judy's School of Dance, were absolutely beautiful to watch. The Backwoods Lady Bugs, a young group of Super Girls, put on a good show. The Shane Gang superheroes had some great original costumes; Super Mom, Super Hot Flash, and Super Plumber to name a few. Most impressive was Rhonda's Foot Stompers. A technical problem delayed the start of their music so the six young ladies were left just standing there waiting. Shortly after they started their routine a technical problem stopped the music. These young gals, without missing a beat, continued to dance their entire routine without music. The audience encouraged them by singing the song, and

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Photos: **Top:** Just for Fun Cloggers (Captain America and his Wonder Women) Herb Brock steals the show!

Center: Australian clogger Nathan Ballard enjoyed the event, one of the last he attended during his USA visit.

Bottom: Instructor Morgan Hudson as the Hulk and fellow cloggers as their favorite superheroes.



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clapping. Great job, Rhonda's Foot Stompers!

Hands down, the Just for Fun Cloggers stole the show. Captain Herb and his Wonder Women were on FIRE! The ladies shimmied wildly and Captain Herb broke into a sweat while dancing to "Fireball." This wacky bunch had the audience laughing start to finish!

The festival came to a close Saturday evening with all the instructors on stage dancing to "Rocky Top," which truly had the stage rocking. It was a tribute to the recent passing of the legendary Joann Gibbs, who among many other things co-wrote "Rocky Top." Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family, and her many friends

Well now it is time for Kerri Orthner to start counting the days until next year's Nickel City Festival. The dates are April 14, 15, 16, 2016. This will be the 30th anniversary of the festival, and they are planning on celebrating with a great Sock Hop!



Photos: **Top:** Rhonda's Foot Stompers perform at the Saturday evening exhibition show at the Nickel City Clogging Festival.

Bottom: A room filled with happy cloggers enjoy a class by one of the super instructors!



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Illinois clogger's rhythmic ride to clogging success

by Julia Evelsizer, Bloomington, Illinois
Pantagraph

Normal, Illinois. (AP) - Seventeen-year-old Stephen Auten double-steps his feet while walking through grocery store aisles. He taps his toes while he's studying for school. He clicks his heel during violin practice.

These beats are no nervous tic. He's practicing steps for competitive clogging routines. Auten has won more than 10 grand championships in national clogging competitions.

"Clogging is more than just a hobby to me," said Auten. "It's fun and it's good exercise. I like that it's different from other sports like football and basketball."

Clogging is the American folk dance similar to tap dancing, using complicated steps to stomp in time to music. It's a fusion of cultural dances brought from Irish, English and Scottish immigrants to the Appalachian Mountains.

While the word "clog" may suggest a clunky wooden shoe, the metal-tipped footwear closely resembles a white dress or jazz shoe.

Auten tried these shoes on for the first time in 2006, when a family friend asked if Stephen and his sisters would like to try clogging lessons with the local group, Sugar Creek Cloggers. The four of them decided to join.

"We had seen clogging at Silver Dollar City and we thought it would be fun to try out," Auten said.

His parents, Julie and James, were happy to see their four children take up the activity together. At age 8, Stephen was the youngest member of the group.

"There were quite a few grandmas in the group when he started," said Julie. "But it's definitely something people of all ages can take part in."

In 2008, Stephen began competing in regional and national championships. By 2014, he had taken home grand championship trophies from competitions hosted by Clogging Champions of America qualifying events in Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana. Each performance is usually ranked by age, gender and overall.

In each competition, he dons his signature hat, a fedora.

"I have over 25 fedoras," said Stephen. "Each one is special and I wear one every time I perform."

While Stephen performs with Sugar Creek Cloggers at events and festivals, he clogs solo at competitions, performing in two divisions: challenge freestyle and a capella.

"In challenge freestyle, you go on stage and the judges play a song. You have 32 beats to freestyle a routine along to the music," he said. "When you perform a capella, the judges turn their back to the stage and just listen. The only sound is your feet — no music."

While the traditional clog dance is still popular at many folk festivals and re-enactment shows, Stephen and other cloggers his age are part



of the world of contemporary clogging.

"The fact that clogging has become more contemporary has drawn more young people to the small community," said Julie. "The groups clog pop music now."

Contemporary clogging also got a boost in recent years from the clogging group "All That." Based out of Myrtle Beach, S.C., the group of nine is deemed one of the best male clogging groups in the world, competing on "America's Got Talent" and performing in Austria, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Hong Kong and Japan.

In 2013, the group started a competition called the "All That Challenge." They posted clogging steps online to be learned and recreated on video and submitted for judging. Out of more than 100 submissions, Stephen and nine others were chosen to perform at the Carolina Opry in Myrtle Beach, S.C., alongside All That. Stephen also was selected in the 2014 challenge.

Mike Curtis, a member of All That, said the group believes Stephen is one of the most talented solo cloggers in his age group.

"Stephen has exceptional sound. The footwork we posted online is not easy, but he does the steps right and doesn't fake anything," said Curtis.

In 2013, when All That was asked to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, they needed a few extra feet to substitute for them at the Carolina Opry. Stephen was one of the first

cloggers they called.

"We are extremely picky about who fills in for us," said Curtis. "With Stephen, we don't have to worry about him. He always learns the steps the right way."

Stephen, a home-schooled high school junior, plans to continue clogging when he heads off to college.

"I've been looking at Mars Hill University in North Carolina. They have an awesome group called the Bailey Mountain Cloggers, who have won a lot of competitions," said Stephen.

His parents hope Stephen's love for clogging will continue to flourish.

"He has never had a personal instructor; he has only worked with Sugar Creek Cloggers. So who knows if he's met his potential," said Julie. "Ideally, as a mom, I'd love to see him go to college during the day and be a part of the clogging theater shows in the evening."

Stephen is currently an instructor for Sugar Creek Cloggers, but he has bigger plans for his future clogging path.

Stephen hopes to perform on stage and turn it into a career.

"Many theaters require dancers to be at least 18, so a lot of things will open up for him once he's that age," said Curtis. "The fact that he is as good as he is proves that his future is bright. He projects well to the crowd and he is the epitome of a great kid."



Photos:

Opposite: Champion clogger Stephen Auten with his winning trophy at the World of Clogging Event held in Ohio over Memorial Day Weekend. (AP Photo/The Pantagraph, Carlos T. Miranda)

Left:

Stephen Auten with members of the ALL THAT percussive clogging group. Stephen was one of a handful of dancers who auditioned for and earned an opportunity to perform with the group in a show at the Carolina Opry in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



Cloggers in the SPOTLIGHT

Pitch Perfect

Our country (and our family of cloggers) is blessed with many military veterans who have so many stories to tell but perhaps none as many as two brothers, Jim and Ross Kimmerly of Ohio, who were honored by the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday, June 6 as part of the team's Military Appreciation Day, held in conjunction with the 71st anniversary of the D-Day Invasion.

It was a "Battery of Brothers" as the pair from were given the honor of throwing out one of the ceremonial first pitches before the Reds-Padres game, with Jim as the pitcher and Ross behind the plate. The two performed the task flawlessly before a sellout crowd at Great American Ball Park.

Jim Kimmerly, who lives in Manchester, Ohio, stays quite active at 92 and is well known for his performances with the Fancy Free Cloggers, of West Union, Ohio. Jim has competed with the group both as a duet with director Evie Poe, and with the team in shows and competitions. He was honored by the Clogging Champions of America organization for his contributions to the art of clogging and for being such an inspiration to so many.

He served in the United States Navy from 1940-1946 and was a survivor of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Jim's brother Ross Kimmerly resides in Withamsville, Ohio and also served in the United States Navy, from 1943-1946 and was part of the June 6, 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy that is considered by most historians as the turning point event of World War II.



Photos: 92-year old World War II veteran Jim Kimmerly, right, fires out the first pitch before the Saturday, June 6 Cincinnati Reds game as part of Military Appreciation Day. Kimmerly's battery mate for the day and on the receiving end of his throw was his brother Ross, a W.W. II veteran himself.

Brothers Russ and Jim Kimmerly enjoy the game following their pitch and ovation.

Photos from Cincinnati Reds Organization

Clogging, You Say? One of Actress Jennifer Garner's Many Talents



From People Magazine

What do clogging and playing the spoons have in common? They're both among Jennifer Garner's slew of hidden talents.

And those aren't the only secret skills the actress and mom of three has up her sleeve.

"Besides clogging? Besides playing spoons? Besides playing saxophone?" Garner responded when pressed about her hidden talents.

At a N.Y.C. film premiere, the 43-year-old star jokingly remarked about the many talents that her Southern roots offered. "Anything hillbilly I can do," she laughed. On a serious note, Garner is fiercely protective of mountain culture and the Charleston, West Virginia, native lights up talking about her home state, where her mom and younger sister, Susannah, still live. She visits often to see family and work with the nonprofit Save the Children. "I'm happy to be anywhere in the state," Jen says. Among her favorite local treasures are the Vandalia Gathering, a traditional music and dance festival held each May on the grounds of the state capitol complex, where "bluegrass plays from under every tree" and cloggers tap out rhythms on a plywood stage at the state capitol grounds.

"I would not trade growing up in West Virginia for anything," Garner said.



FOOTNOTES

James L. Whitney



Clogger James L. Whitney, 72, passed away in June at his home in Scottsburg, Indiana.

A retired forklift driver and a self-employed contractor, Jim was a fixture at clogging events throughout the Midwest, and was known for his warmth, style and energy on the dancefloor. Jim knew almost every fun dance routine there was.

The founding member of the Hoosier Edition Cloggers, Jim also enjoyed restoring old tractors in his spare time.

Cloggers everywhere took to social media to mourn the loss of this special man, who leaves many family, including three daughters and a son, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Well known clogging instructor Trevor DeWitt helped to organize a clogging celebration for Jim Whitney that was held Saturday, July 18 at Light's Dance Barn in Scottsburg, Indiana.

Jim will be missed.





Dear Future Husband

By Meghan Trainor

Easy Intermediate – Line – Left Lead

Choreo: Kellee Ramirez, CCI – West Sacramento, CA - kcllogs34@gmail.com

Sequence: Wait though the slow part then 8 more

A, B, C, A*, A*, B, C, A*, A*, B, C, A*, A*, End

Part A (32 Beats)

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| (8) Clogover Loop | DS(ots)–DS(xf)–DS(ots)– Loop S(b) –DS(ots)– DS(xf) – DS(ots) – RS |
| (4) 2 Heel Struts | Htch – RS – Htch - RS |
| (4) Fancy Double | DS – DS – RS - RS |

Repeat all of the above on opposite foot

Part B (32 Beats)

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|------------------|--|
| (8) Cowboy | DS – DS – DS – Br Lift – DS(xf) – R(b) S – R(b) S – R(b) S |
| (4) Chug-a-lug | DS – Br Sl (1/2L) – (p) S – Dr Sl |
| (4) Over the Log | S(f) S(f) – (p) Clap – S(b) S(b) – (p) Clap |

Repeat all of the above to face the front

Part C (32 Beats)

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| (4) Slur Vine Brush ½ L | DS(ots)–Slr S(xb)–DS(ots)– Br Lift (turn ¼ L) |
| (4) Triple | DS – DS – DS - RS |
| (8) 2 Flatlanders | Dbl Lift(b) – Br Lift – DS – RS - Dbl Lift(b) – Br Lift – DS – RS |

Repeat all of the above to face front

Repeat Part A*turn ¼ each Fancy Double **A*, B, C, A*, A*, B, C, A*, A***

End (9 Beats)

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| (8) 2 Slur Vines | DS(ots)–Slr S(xb)–DS(ots)–RS |
| (1) Stomp | Stomp |

Abbreviations

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| (b) – back | (xf) – Cross in Front | RS - Rock Step |
| (f) – forward | Br - Brush | Sl – Slide |
| (ots) - out to side | DS - Double Step | Slr - Slur |
| (p) - pause | H – Heel | |
| (xb) - Cross in Back | HTch – Heel Touch | |

Friday Night Eric Paslay

Intermediate
Left Lead

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Choreo: Michelle John-Smith
Clear Lake, CA 4/2014

WAIT: 16 Beats

INTRO:

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|-----|---|----------|--|
| (4) | - | 2 Basics | DS-RS |
| | | 2 | |
| (4) | - | 1 Baby | DS-DS(xif)(flange back foot)-(p)Htch-Htch Sl |

PART A:

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|-----|---|-------------------------|---|
| (8) | 1 | Triple Crazy Chug (for) | DS-DS-DS-DrgSl(chg)-RS-DS-RS-DrgSl(chg) |
| (8) | 2 | Swivel Stamps | DS-Htch(toe out)Sl-Tch(heel out)Sl-Sta Sl |
| (8) | 1 | Triple Crazy Chug (bac) | |
| (4) | 1 | Strut Basic | (p)Htch-RS(xif)-DS-RS |
| (4) | 1 | Vine | DS-DS(xib)-DS-RS |
| (8) | 2 | Chug-a-lugs | DS-Kk Sl(1/2L)-(p)St(b)-DrgSl(chug) |

PART B:

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|------|---|---------------------------|---|
| (8) | - | 1 Rougie Vine | DS-DS(xib)-Toe Toe(xif)-Sl(Lt)St-DS(xib)-
Toe Toe(xif)-DS-RS |
| (4) | 2 | 1 Slur Vine ½ | DS-Slr(1/2 Lt)StDS-RS |
| (4) | - | 1 Mt. Goat/Joey Toe Slide | DS-Toe(f)Toe(b)-Toe(s)Toe(f)-Toe(b)Sl |
| (12) | 3 | Stomp Doubles | (p)Sto-DS-DS-RS(1/4 Lt on each) |
| (4) | 2 | Stomps Pause | (p)Sto-(p)Sto(face front)-(p)(p)-(p)(p) |

BRIDGE:

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| (16) | 2 | Double Whiplash | DS-DS(xf)-Sl S(xb)-Drg S(f)-Sl S(xb)-Drg St-DS-RS |
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PART C:

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| (8) | - | 1 8 ct. Cross Toe Heel | DS-Toe Hl(xf)-Toe Hl(xb)-Toe Hl-Toe Hl(xf)-
Toe Hl(xib)-Toe Hl-Toe Hl |
| (4) | 2 | 2 Flea Flickers | DT(ots)-DS(xib) |
| (4) | - | 1 Rock Forward/Back | DS-Rk(f)St-Rk(f)St-Rk(f)St (back 2 nd time) |

PART B:

BRIDGE:

PART D:

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|-----|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| (8) | 4 | Cross Touches | DS-Tch(xif)Sl |
| (8) | 2 | Indecision | DS(f)-Hl (sn)Hl (sn)-DS-RS |
| (4) | 4 | Drag Steps (back) | Drg St |

PART B:

END:

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|-----|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| (4) | 1 | Brush & Turn | DS-Br(1/4 Lt)Sl-DS-RS |
| (4) | 1 | Baby | |
| (4) | 1 | Brush & Turn | (½ Rt) |
| (4) | 1 | Baby | |
| (4) | 1 | Brush & Turn | |
| (4) | 1 | Baby | |
| (4) | 1 | Triple | DS-DS-DS-RS |
| (4) | 1 | Indecision | |

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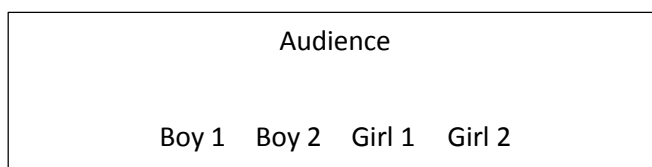


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Begin standing in a line. No one is holding hands. You are not standing by your partner yet.



Wait 8 counts and start with your left foot.

Dance the sequence 3 times through (A-B-C-D, A-B-C-D, A-B-C-D)

PART A

Footwork	Movement
Pump Touches DS – BR/DR – UP/SL – TCH(xif) – LIFT/H – TCH (ots) – LIFT/H L R / L R / L R R / L R R / L &a1 & 2 & 3 & 4 DS – BR/DR – UP/SL – TCH(xif) – LIFT/H – TCH (ots) – LIFT/H R L / R L / R L L / R L L / R &a5 & 6 & 7 & 8	None
Mountain Goat DS – RS (xif) – RS (ots) – S/H – LIFT/SL L RL RL R/L L / R &a1 &2 &3 & 4	Boy 1 and Girl 1 move slightly forward, creating two windowed lines
Fancy Double DS – DS – RS – RS	None
Pump Touches DS – BR/DR – UP/SL – TCH(xif) – LIFT/H – TCH (ots) – LIFT/H L R / L R / L R R / L R R / L &a1 & 2 & 3 & 4 DS – BR/DR – UP/SL – TCH(xif) – LIFT/H – TCH (ots) – LIFT/H R L / R L / R L L / R L L / R &a5 & 6 & 7 & 8	None
Mountain Goat DS – RS (xif) – RS (ots) – S/H – LIFT/SL L RL RL R/L L / R &a1 &2 &3 & 4	Boy 2 and Girl 2 move forward past couple number 1. There are still two windowed lines.
Fancy Double DS – DS – RS – RS	None

PART B

Footwork	Movement
4 Basics DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS	Basic 1: Couple 2 takes inside hands Basic 2: Couple 2 raises their hands into an arch; Couple 1 begins to move forward under the arch Basic 3: Couple 2 continues moving back; Couple 1 turns ¼ left Basic 4: Couple 2 brings the arch down and lets go of hands; Couple 1 turns ¼ left (The couples are now facing each other.)
2 Push-offs DS – RS – RS – RS, DS – RS – RS – RS	Everyone moves to their left and right
4 Basics DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS	Basic 1: Couple 1 takes inside hands Basic 2: Couple 1 raises their hands into an arch; Couple 2 begins to move forward under the arch Basic 3: Couple 1 continues moving back; Couple 2 turns ¼ left Basic 4: Couple 1 brings the arch down and lets go of hands; Couple 2 turns ¼ left (Everyone should be facing the back now.)
2 Push-offs DS – RS – RS – RS, DS – RS – RS – RS	Everyone moves to their left and right.

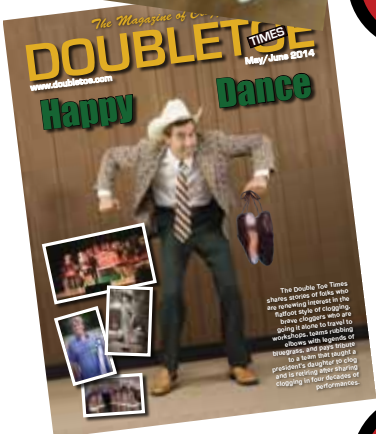
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Footwork	Movement
2 Basics	Turn to face your partner and square up your set.
12 Basics	Right and Left Grand (There is one basic for each movement: take right hands, pull past, turn ¼, repeat 3 more times) BOYS WILL TAKE HANDS WITH BOYS & GIRLS WILL TAKE HANDS WITH GIRLS DURING THIS PROCESS.
2 Basics	Unfold into a line so everyone is facing forward. (Your order is now: Boy 2, Boy 1, Girl 1, Girl 2)

PART D

Footwork	Movement
6 Basics DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS	Basics 1 & 2: Couple 1 does a California Twirl; Couple 2 does the basics but doesn't move Basics 3 & 4: Couple 1 moves straight ahead (toward the back of the stage); Couple 2 moves in (girl moves left and boy moves right) Basics 5 & 6: Couple 2 does a California Twirl; Couple 1 does the basics but doesn't move (Everyone should be facing the back now.)
1 Charleston DS – TCH – H – TH – RS	None
4 Basics DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS, DS – RS	Basics 1 & 2: Both couples do a California Twirl to the front. As your hands come down, let go. Basics 3 & 4: Couple 2 spreads out; Couple 1 moves forward into their original line positions
2 Triple Brushes DS – DS – DS – BR/UP; DS – DS – DS – BR/UP L R L R R L R L	Each dancer turns in an independent circle.

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