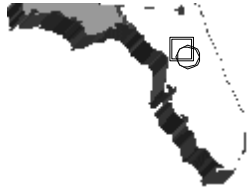


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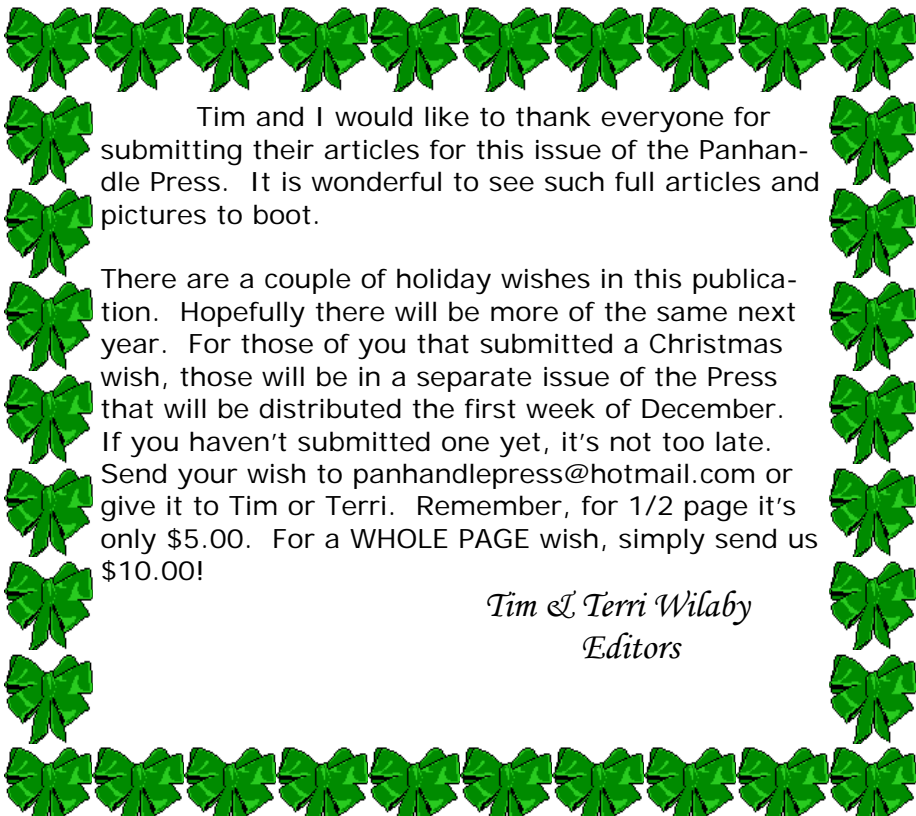
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Tim and I would like to thank everyone for submitting their articles for this issue of the Panhandle Press. It is wonderful to see such full articles and pictures to boot.

There are a couple of holiday wishes in this publication. Hopefully there will be more of the same next year. For those of you that submitted a Christmas wish, those will be in a separate issue of the Press that will be distributed the first week of December. If you haven't submitted one yet, it's not too late. Send your wish to panhandlepress@hotmail.com or give it to Tim or Terri. Remember, for 1/2 page it's only \$5.00. For a WHOLE PAGE wish, simply send us \$10.00!

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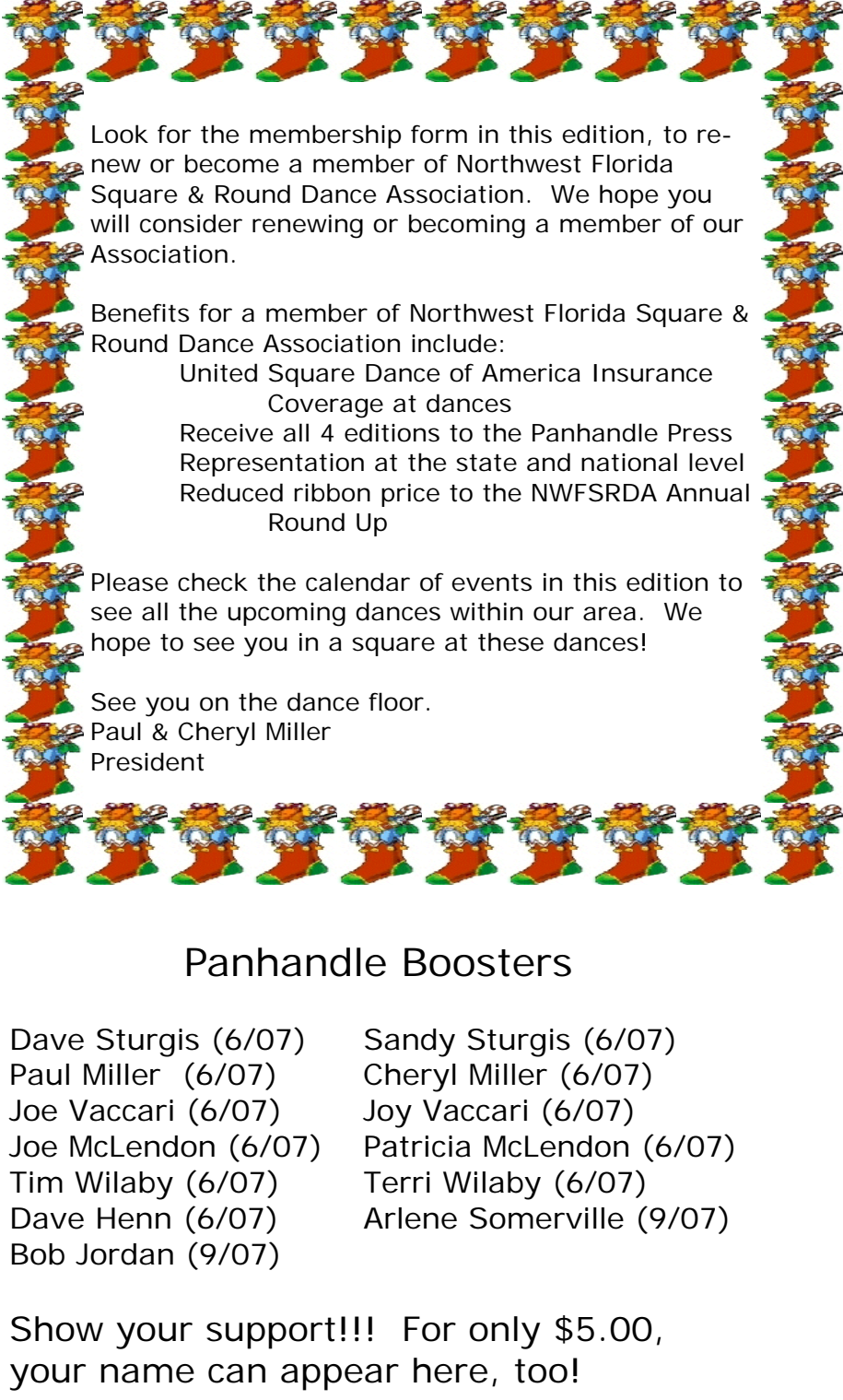
President's Corner

Hey Northwest! Paul & I invite you to dance with us at Northwest Florida's 33rd Annual Round Up on October

26th & 27th, at the DeFuniak Springs Community Center.

Yes, it's that time again, a weekend of fun, fun and more fun. Northwest callers Ted Kennedy, David Muller, Bob Poyner and Willis Simmons will entertain you throughout the weekend. Sandy Sturgis will be cueing rounds. The cost of this weekend of fun is \$10.00 per person for Northwest members. Yes, \$10.00, and you get to dance Friday evening, Saturday afternoon & evening, your choice; Mainstream, Plus or A-1/A-2. And to really keep you on your feet we will have rounds between plus tips both nights and a Saturday afternoon Round Dance Workshop! If you haven't purchased your ribbon yet, you can purchase them at the Round Up when you arrive. Don't want to wait in line? You can get your ribbons from us or one of the NWF Board Members. We will be traveling to clubs selling ribbons along with renewing memberships and registering new members. Remember to look in this edition for the flyer on the Round Up.

Reminder to our members & non-members: Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association will have our 4th quarter Association meeting at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 27th. Come join us and see what exciting information we have for our members. We will find a fun way to install your upcoming 2007-2008 Northwest Board Members.



Look for the membership form in this edition, to re-new or become a member of Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association. We hope you will consider renewing or becoming a member of our Association.

Benefits for a member of Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association include:

United Square Dance of America Insurance
Coverage at dances

Receive all 4 editions to the Panhandle Press
Representation at the state and national level

Reduced ribbon price to the NWFSRDA Annual
Round Up

Please check the calendar of events in this edition to see all the upcoming dances within our area. We hope to see you in a square at these dances!

See you on the dance floor.

Paul & Cheryl Miller
President

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Seaside Squares

2008 SPECIAL DANCES AT RAGON HALL

PENSACOLA, FL

944-0322

Charlie Polk Memorial Dance, March 10
 Sunday Afternoon, 2:30 - 5:00 P.M.

17TH Annual Spring Fling, April 18 & 19

July Jamboree, July 18 & 19

Seaside Squares 45th Anniversary, August 16 & 17

New Year's Eve Dance, December 31



West Coast Association VIP Dance
Cuers Jimmy & Carol Griffin
Caller Sam Dunn
Photos courtesy of John Occhipinti



54th Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention



Square and Round Dance Clubs in Florida Celebrate in 2008!

We are looking for outstanding, loyal volunteers who have given "above and beyond" service to your square and/or round dance activity! Possibly someone has been

President for many years, or Treasurer forever, or always picks up the key and returns it for the club dance hall?

The 2008 Fashion Show for the Florida Square Dance Convention intends to honor our outstanding workers in our hobby. Please consider your club, how it functions, and if you have a person or couple to recommend, we'd like to know it. We will invite them to participate in our *Celebration*.

We can be contacted by snail-mail at: 15 Matricaria Ct., Homosassa, FL 34446 or e-mail: flspence@earthlink.net or by phoning: (352) 382-0336.

We need their name(s), address, telephone, e-mail, club affiliations and a brief summary of the reason for your nominations for this "celebrity" position in the fashion show.

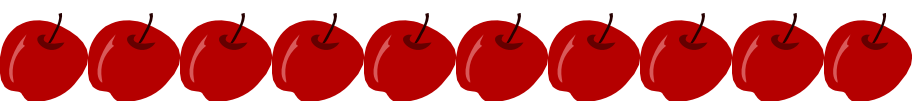
Thanks you in advance for your effort in supporting this theme in our **2008 Florida State Square and Round Dance Convention**.

Squarely yours, Bob & Maria Spence
Fashion Show Coordinators - 2008



Happy 5th Birthday, Arnie.

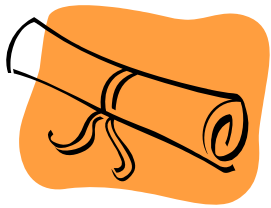
Glad to have you with us!



Thank you
Bob & Ann

Poyner for teaching
Arnie to dance.

Arlene "Arnie" Somer-
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- 7:00-8:00pm Early Rounds
- 8:00-10:30pm Dance

Saturday Morning & Afternoon:

- 10:30am-12:00pm Rounds -
Curt & Tammy Worlock
- 1:00-2:00pm Line Dancing -
Pat & Joe Seelhoefer
- 2:00-4:00pm Square Dance workshop
with Northeast Callers

Saturday Evening:

- 6:30-7:45pm Early Rounds
- 7:45pm Grand March
- 8:00-10:30pm Dance
- 10:30pm Las Vegas Review
Afterparty

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DUES RENEWAL TIME

As Round-up time approaches, I must remind you that it is time to renew your Northwest Association membership. The annual renewal dues for current members are \$8.00 per person. New membership dues are \$12.00 per person. Since your dues include insurance, four issues of the Panhandle Press, and half-price admission to the Round-up, Northwest membership is a bargain.

A Membership Application Form is included in this issue of the Panhandle Press. If you are a current member, you will need to fill it out and submit it with your renewal dues only if there has been any change in your address, phone number, e-mail address, etc. since last year. If there has been any change, please fill out the form so that we can keep our records current. Otherwise, you can mail or give me your renewals without the form.

The admission cost for the Round-up is \$10.00 per person for both nights for NWF members. We will be using ribbons for admission tickets. These can be purchased in advance to save time at the door. You can also help to save time at the door if you have paid your membership renewal, made out to NWFSRDA, in advance.

It is very important that both individual and club memberships be renewed by December 1, so that we can accurately prepare our insurance reports in a timely manner.

Thank you for your cooperation. See you at the Round-up!

Dave Henn
Treasurer

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
NORTHWEST FLORIDA SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE
ASSOCIATION, INC.

Name _____ Date _____
(As it should appear on the badge, if a new member)

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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Couples: \$16.00

New membership

Singles: \$12.00

Couples: \$24.00

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Mail to: David Henn, 31 Redwood Circle, Pensacola, FL 32506
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Individual membership entitles you to:

1. A Northwest Florida Association badge
2. One year's subscription to Panhandle Press newsletter
3. Half-price admission to the annual Northwest Association Round-up in October
4. Accident medical insurance
5. Representation at state and national levels.

A decorative border consisting of a repeating pattern of black canoes with white oars, arranged in a slightly overlapping, horizontal line along the top and bottom edges of the page.

Canoe Squares

Summer heat has not dampened Canoes' enthusiasm for square dancing. Participation has been great, thanks to our visitors and dedicated club members. Caller, Bob Poyner keeps us moving with DBD classes and new calls. Please come join us on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Hobbs Middle School in Milton.

Bob and Anne were away on Monday, June 25th. Canoes enjoyed the calling and jokes of Dave Muller. Thanks Dave for a good time.

Canoes love those months with five Mondays. June 30th was our pot luck supper night. The food was fantastic. It's a good thing everyone danced afterwards. Instead of gaining five pounds, we gained three. Bring a dish and come join us on the fifth Monday in October at 6:30pm.

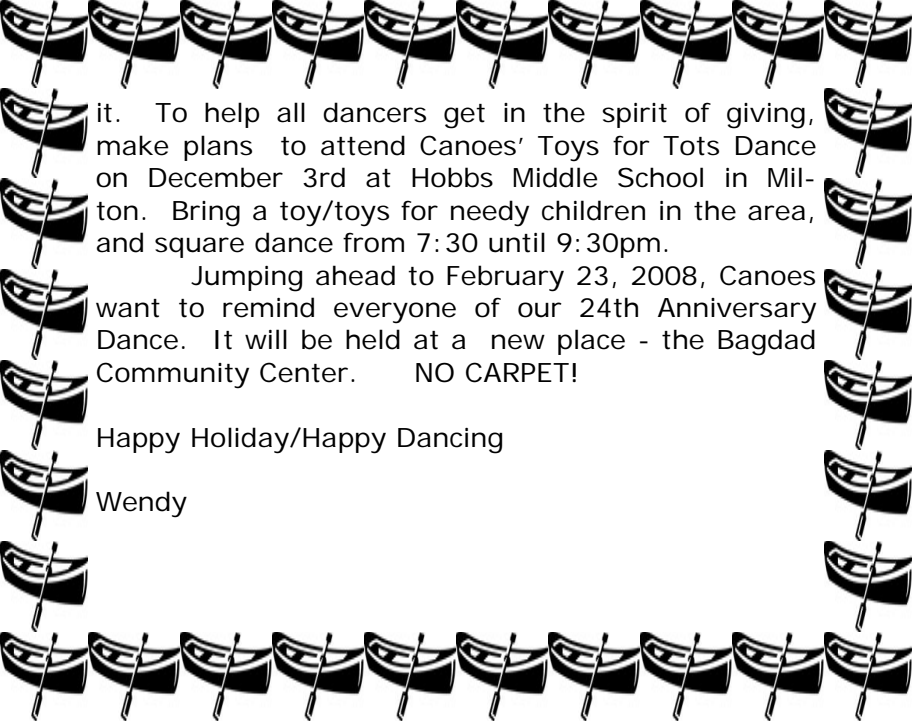
Several members danced at Berry Hill Manor, an assisted living facility on June 18th, and again on July 16th. The residents loved the music and square dancing. Muriel Jones was the organizer, and Bob called.

Many Canoes observed birthdays and anniversaries over the summer. Canoes want to extend a special congratulations to Fred and Joyce Collum who recently celebrated sixty-one years of marriage.

Summertime is travel time. On August 10th and 11th, Muriel Jones, Roger Kaushyager, Bob and Sandra Jordan, and Jerry and Debbie Eubanks attended the 44th Annual Festival of Riches Square Dance Celebration in New Iberia. Ted Kennedy and Ken Burke called while Sandy Sturgis cued rounds. Closer to home, members traveled to Daphne, Alabama to reclaim our banner from Spanish Twirlers. Everyone had a fun time. We didn't mind that the banner was not there.

The Northwest Florida Roundup is fast approaching. Canoes' nomination for Dancer of the Year has been chosen. Be sure to attend and see who it is.

The Holidays will be here before we know



it. To help all dancers get in the spirit of giving, make plans to attend Canoes' Toys for Tots Dance on December 3rd at Hobbs Middle School in Milton. Bring a toy/toys for needy children in the area, and square dance from 7:30 until 9:30pm.

Jumping ahead to February 23, 2008, Canoes want to remind everyone of our 24th Anniversary Dance. It will be held at a new place - the Bagdad Community Center. **NO CARPET!**

Happy Holiday/Happy Dancing

Wendy

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Yellow Rockers Sq Dance Club
Every Monday 7:30-9:30 PM
Jax Heights Elementary School
Jacksonville, FL

Northwest Association Clubs

Agape Squares

Caller: Berlon Graham, Mondays, 7:30—9 PM
Niceville First UMC Life Center, 214 South Partin
Drive, Niceville, FL

Canoe Squares

Caller: Bob Poyner, Mondays, 7:30—9:30 PM
Hobbs Middle School, 5371 Glover Lane,
Milton, FL

Capital Twirlers

Caller: Elmer Sheffield
Cuer: Fran Soos
1st, 3rd, & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM
Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 North Monroe,
Tallahassee, FL

Dance-A-Rounds Round Dance Club

Cuer: Bill Bovard, Wednesdays, 7—9 PM
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,
Panama City, FL

Defuniak Springs Dance Club

Grand Square Rounds

Cuer: Sandy Sturgis, Sundays, 3:30—5:30 PM
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,
Panama City, FL

Highsteppers

PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Boulevard,
Fort Walton, FL

Panama City Square and Round Dance Club

Pensacola Twirlers Square Dance Club

Caller: Patty Ping, Tuesdays, 7—9 PM
Bayview Senior Center, 2000 Lloyd Street,
Pensacola, FL

Sandpipers Square Dance Club

Tape Leader: Jerry Fowler, Mondays, 7—9 PM
Dancing to tapes with occasional visiting callers
PASARDA Hall, 17 Industrial Boulevard,
Fort Walton, FL

Seaside Squares

Caller: Various, Fridays, 7—9 PM
Ragon Hall, 2600 Stratford Road, Pensacola, FL

Swinging Squares

Caller: Jack White, Ernie Griffin, Bob Poyner,
Dave Muller, Tuesdays, 7—9:30 PM
Cuer: Early rounds—Sandy Sturgis, between
squares—Bill Bovard
Grand Square Hall, 1105 Bob Little Road,
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President: Betty Kearney (850) 763-4100

Building Manager: Wes Forbes (850) 265-5673

Sunday—Grand Square Rounds

Beginner Class 2:00—3:30p

Intermediate Dance (Cuer Sandy Sturgis) 3:30—5:30p

Monday—Bop & Shag Dance Club

Lessons 6:45—7:30p

Dance (Contact Bruce Fertal) 7:30—9:30p

Tuesday—Swinging Squares

Early Rounds (Cuer Sandy Sturgis) 7:00—7:30p

Squares & Rounds (Contact Dave Richards) 7:30—9:30p

Caller: Jack White 1st & 3rd week

Ernie Griffin 2nd week

Bob Poyner 4th week

Cuer: Bill Bovard

Wednesday—Dance-A-Round Round Dance Club

Intermediate rounds (Cuer Bill Bovard) 7:00—9:00p

Friday—Ballroom/Line Dancing

Ballroom teach and dance 6:30—8:30p

Line Dancing (Prompter Bill Bovard) 8:30—9:30p

Saturday—Saturday Ballroom Dance

Instruction and Practice 7:00—7:30p

Dancing (Contact Al Land) 7:30—9:00p

Sandy Sturgis (850) 265-9488

Bruce Fertal (850) 522-6569

Dave Richards (850) 784-6983

Bill Bovard (850) 784-7780

Dave Muller (334) 393-6557

Al Land (850) 763-1179

IMPORTANT NOTES: Visitors are always welcome. All clubs occasionally cancel—please contact the person listed to verify. Grand Square Hall is owned and operated by dancers of the Panama City Square and Round Dance Association, a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving our square and round dance heritage.

Holidays

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New Years

April Fools Day

Labor Day

Hanukkah

Presidents Day

Easter

Halloween

Valentines Day

Memorial Day

Thanksgiving

St Patricks Day

July Fourth

Christmas



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
*****START*****
(July/August 2007)
ADVANCED EMPHASIS CALL
TRAIL OFF



Bill Harrison, Advanced Committee Chairman, is pleased to announce TRAIL OFF has been selected as the Advanced Emphasis Call for the period of August thru December 2007.

STARTING FORMATION:

Tandem Couples, Box Circulate, or Tandem Dancers in a Z (e.g. from a wave after the Ends Fold)

DEFINITION:

Lead dancers, turning toward the center of the formation, walk in an approximate wide semicircle to become the far ends of a four-dancer line. Trailing dancers step forward as necessary and walk in a small semicircle around the center point of the starting formation to become the centers of the forming line.

For Tandem Couples each couple must begin their semicircles by crossing paths. The dancer on the right has the right-of-way so the Beau allows the Belle to cross in front (Half Sashay).

For Box Circulate and Right or Left-Hand Z formations, the semicircular path of each leader goes around the other trailer. Each trailer moves forward as necessary to the centerline then Trades with the other trailer (using the same hand as the handedness of the formation).

The four dancers in each of the given starting formations always adjust to end in the same four-dancer line. Each dancer will have turned half (180 degrees) to end facing the opposite direction from which they started. TRAIL OFF, including all necessary adjustments, is danced as one continuous motion that cannot be fractionalized.

TRAIL OFF from Tandem Couples will end in a One-Faced line.

TRAIL OFF from a Box Circulate or from a Right-or Left-Hand Z will end in a like-handed Two-Faced Line.

Notes: Everyone can Roll after a TRAIL OFF.

For the four dancers, the center of the ending formation is the same as the center of the starting formation; however, square breathing adjustments may reposition the whole line.

TRAIL OFF may be thought of as a "Cross" Peel Off. This helps motivate the Belle in front of the Beau dance action.

When the trailers start facing in the same direction, their dance action feels like a left shoulder Partner Trade.

TIMING: 6

DANCE EXAMPLES:

HEADS Pass The Ocean, Extend, Explode The Wave, Single Wheel, Dixie Style To An Ocean Wave, Boys Trade, Girls Fold, TRAIL OFF, Couples Circulate, Chain Down The Line, Pass Thru, Wheel & Deal, Centers Square Thru 3/4, Allemande Left

SIDES Wheel Thru, Slide Thru, Touch 1/4, TRAIL OFF, Cross Over Circulate, Cast A Shadow, Mix, Extend, Right & Left Grand

HEADS LEFT Wheel Thru, LEFT Touch 1/4, Split Counter Rotate 1/4, Triple Scoot, TRAIL OFF, Cast A Shadow BUT THE Center Boys Cast 3/4, Right & Left Grand

SIDES Touch 1/4 & Roll, Split Square Chain Thru, ENDS DO YOUR PART TRAIL OFF, CENTERS Swap Around, All Cast Off 3/4, Cross Over Circulate, All Hinge, Centers Trade, All Cast Off 3/4, Pass Thru, Half Tag, Right & Left Grand.

HEADS Pass Thru, Separate Around One To A Line, Touch 1/4 & Ends Roll, Centers TRAIL OFF, CENTER BOYS Single Hinge, BOYS DO YOUR PART Hourglass Circulate, CENTER DIAMOND Cut The Diamond, Spin The Windmill Outsides Go As You Are Circulate 3 Positions, All Single Hinge, Right & Left Grand

These last three sequences are difficult. Please become familiar with these by pushing your checkers through these three sequences (or use some other means to become familiar with the choreography) before you call them.

SIDES Pass The Sea, Chain Reaction, Split Counter Rotate 1/4, TRAIL OFF, Cross Over Circulate, LEFT Turn & Deal & Roll, Slip, All 8 Circulate once and one half, Right & Left Grand.

The Dancers Have To Understand About “Square Breathing” in these last two sequences.

HEADS Square Chain Thru, Pass Thru, Right Roll To A Wave, TRAIL OFF (Ends In Tidal Two Faced Lines), AS COUPLES Swing Thru & AS COUPLES Roll, Double Pass Thru, TRAIL OFF & Boys Roll, Split Square Thru 3, Everybody Zig, Triple Scoot, Transfer The Column, Right & Left Grand

SIDES Fan The Top, Scoot & Weave, Switch The Wave, Couples Circulate, TRAIL OFF (Ends In A LEFT-Hand Tidal Line), AS COUPLES Crossfire, In Roll Circulate, 3/4 Tag The Line, Right & Left Grand



CONVENTION FACILITIES

57th National Square Dance Convention® will be utilizing three great facilities – the Hyatt Regency Wichita Hotel, Century II Convention Center and the Broadview Hotel.

The Hyatt Regency Wichita and Century II Convention Center are connected allowing you to walk from one to the other and never go outside. In this area, Sew & Save has been scheduled. The Broadview, where most of the Round dancing has been scheduled, is just across the street from Century II. The three air-conditioned facilities are beautiful and spacious. There are eight ballrooms for dancing and many meeting rooms.

Century II Convention Center is huge. The Convention Hall, with a stage, has 35,000 square feet. For special events, there are 5,244 seats. Scheduled for this hall is Plus dancing and After Parties.

Exhibition Hall, with a stage, has 45,000 square feet. Scheduled for this hall is Mainstream dancing with the Ghost Riders, a live band, and After Parties.

Expo Hall will have the Vendors, Ways & Means, two dance areas, a food court, 57th NSDC Registration and future National Conventions' registrations. Through the connecting lobby, there are numerous meeting rooms, Round dancing and an area for the Showcase of Ideas and Showcase of Publications. The total floor space of Century II Convention City is 201,900 square feet.

As you can see, there will be plenty of room for everyone. We look forward to seeing you in Wichita in 2008 for the 57th National Square Dance Convention®.

RV CAMPING

Come and camp with us at beautiful Lake Afton, the 57th National Square Dance Convention® official campground. Shady, grassy campsites with a view of the lake are available. All campsites have electricity only. Water is available to refill your tanks. For your convenience, there are two dump stations to empty your waste tanks. There is a grocery/convenience store and bait shop on site. Passes for the Express Bus Service to the Convention Center are available on the full Registration Form. Beginning Wednesday, a free bus ride to the Convention Center to pick up your Convention Packet will be furnished. A bus pass will be required to return on the bus.

FASHION SHOW

"Promenade In The Park" is the theme of the 57th NSDC Fashion Show. The review of fashions begins at 1:00 PM, on Saturday, in the Concert Hall. Sit back in theatre-style seats in an air-conditioned theatre and enjoy watching dancers from across the U.S.A. show off their latest fashions.

DO YOU HAVE A PURPLE RIBBON?

Every dancer completing a full Registration Form is sent a "Purple Ribbon" with their confirmation. Those of you wearing red ribbons have pre-registered. Now, you need to upgrade your Registration by completing the full Registration Form. A full Registration Form was mailed to you. If you haven't received a full Registration Form, you may print one from the Convention Web Page www.57nsdc.co, take one out of numerous publications, or pick one up at a dance in your area. Send us your completed full Registration Form and we will replace your "tired, frazzled, worn-out" red ribbon with a "Spanking Brand New Purple One."

If you have questions, please contact the 57th Registration Office at: phone 785-266-3106, fax 785-215-6684, e-mail Registration@57nsdc.co, or US Mail 57th National Square Dance Convention[®], P.O. Box 5790, Topeka, KS 66605-5790.

YOUTH PROGRAM

The Youth Committee is busy putting together a schedule of events that should keep the younger set busy, yet challenged. The Youth Trail End Dance, for the 57th National Square Dance Convention[®] on June 25, will be an event Youth and their family won't want to miss. It will be not only a "get-acquainted activity," but a night in which parents, family and friends will be allowed to dance in a single hall with their Youth. Youth Programming includes three days of dancing, workshops, line dancing, badge dances and fun activity tips. The hall opens each day at 10 AM and closes each evening at 10 PM. An After Party will follow each day's activities and provide another hour and a half of fun with top callers and leaders for the Youth. The Special Activities Committee has developed many games with prizes. The activities should be both fun and rewarding.

Be sure to include your Youth in these exciting events when you visit Wichita, Kansas, from June 25 through 28, 2008, to Promenade On The Prairie. Please visit the Web Page www.57nsdc.co for information and registration forms.

EDUCATION

"Experience Education on the Prairie"

PANELS – Topics for dancers

SEMINARS – Topics for dance leaders

CLINICS – Dancing Styles and Techniques

ORGANIZATIONS – Dance organization leaders discuss their thoughts and approach to challenges.

SEW & SAVE – Seminars, demonstrations, Mini-show & Tell, Repair & Tracing Rooms, Custom Dresses, Door prizes and Sew & Save Book. There will be a craft/wood tracing and a relaxing area game room for the non-sewing spouse.

Panhandle Press Doghouse

The following clubs and halls are in our doghouse for not submitting an article in time for this publication:

Dance-A-Rounds
Sandpipers
Pensacola Twirlers
DeFuniak Springs Dance Club



Don't let your club miss out on having their say in our Association press. Get your articles in early. *Don't forget the pictures!!!!*

Callers & Cuers: You're next!!!! Send us your dance cards or wind up here!

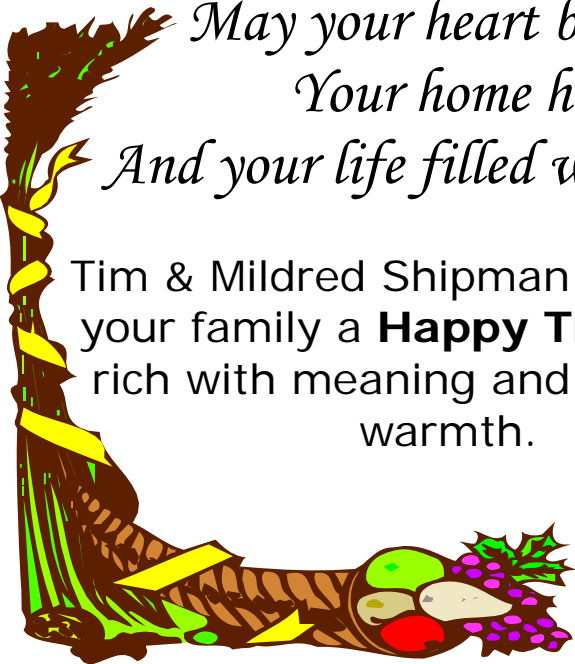


HAPPY HALLOWEEN

TIM & TERRI WILABY
PANHANDLE PRESS EDITORS

*This Thanksgiving,
May your heart be content,
Your home happy,
And your life filled with blessings.*

Tim & Mildred Shipman wish you and
your family a **Happy Thanksgiving**,
rich with meaning and blessed with
warmth.






Swinging Squares—Panama City

Harvest Festivals and Halloween with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner...a turn of the calendar lets us know it's finally fall!

Our club began the season by selecting Joe and Julie Gray as this year's nominees for "Northwest Florida Dancer of The Year." The winner will be announced during October's annual Fall Roundup. Ever since they joined our beginner's class in the fall of 2004, the couple has been enthusiastic dancers. As soon as they graduated, Joe and Julie began traveling to dances in Northwest Florida and beyond. They love the annual Florida Festival and have attended every year since 2005. At this year's "Follow the Bird" event they were part of the decorations committee. This year, the couple has served as Vice Presidents of the club. We congratulate this deserving couple!

Fall is traditionally the time for starting our beginner's class. This year is no exception.

Thanks to David Sturgis and Joe McLendon, we have a slick, full color brochure that promoted the class and square dancing. Newspaper articles, radio Public Service announcements, a live early morning TV demo at the hall, two early morning TV guest appearances plus articles on several local



public info web sites promoted our free Open House. Oh yes, for the first time, we also offered information via an email address...squaredancepc@bellsouth.net.

The PR campaign paid off because we had the most successful "Open House" in recent memory. Almost two squares of guests began lessons with Dave Muller on the stand. Best of all, many regular club members came out to "Angel" .

There was an air of enthusiasm during the dance and many smiles as they left the hall. It was an exciting night!



Come join us any Tuesday when you are in Northwest Florida at Grand Square Hall, 11th and Bob Little Road. Call Joe and Patricia McLendon, (850)769-4218. You can also check out www.floridadance.com or email us at squaredancepc@bellsouth.net.

Betty Kearney
Swinging Squares PR Chairman

Northwest Callers/Cuers

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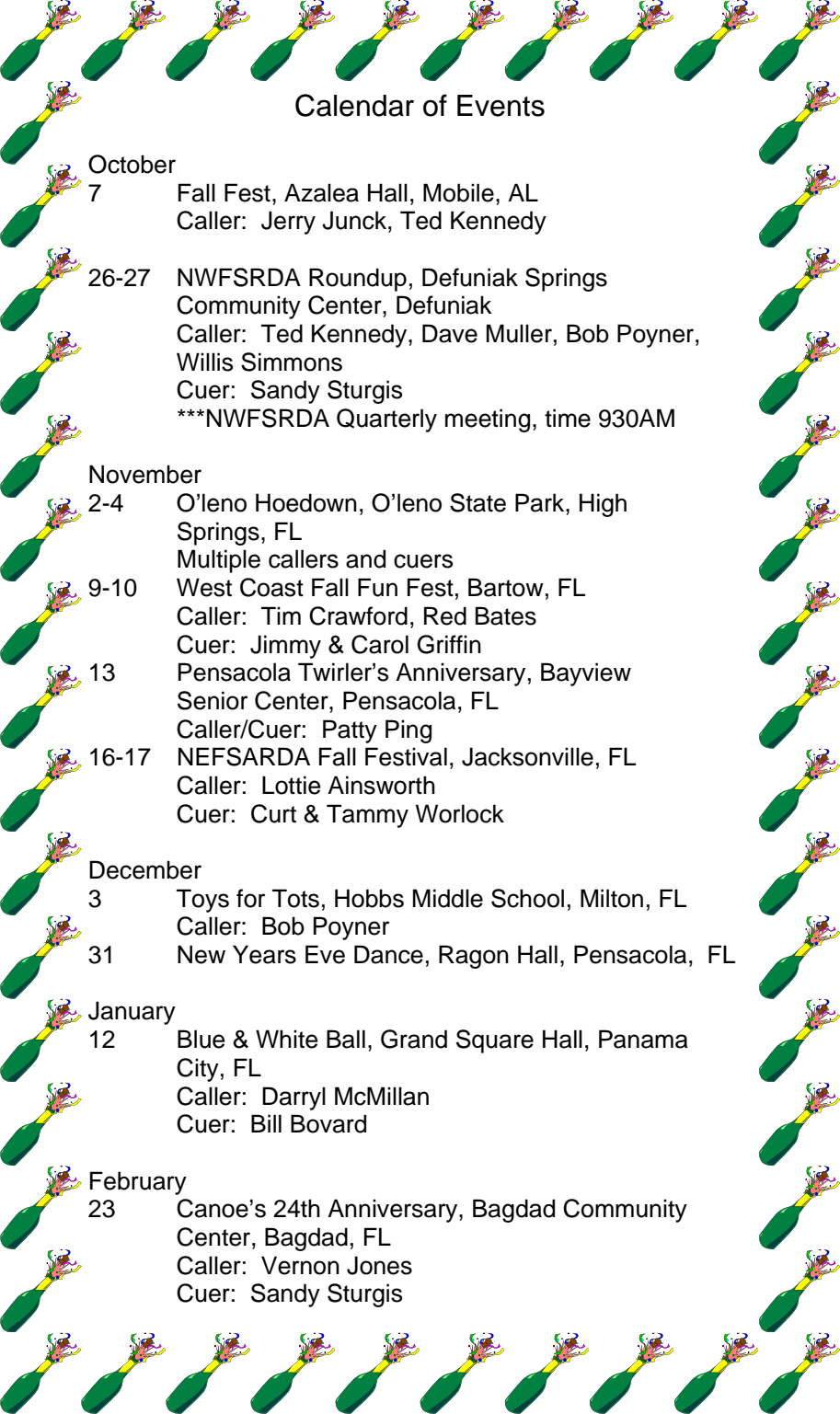
Bill Van Hoesen

Chuck Myers

Jack White

Rich Stepro

Willis Simmons



Calendar of Events

October

7 Fall Fest, Azalea Hall, Mobile, AL
Caller: Jerry Junck, Ted Kennedy

26-27 NWFSRDA Roundup, Defuniak Springs
Community Center, Defuniak
Caller: Ted Kennedy, Dave Muller, Bob Poyner,
Willis Simmons
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis
***NWFSRDA Quarterly meeting, time 930AM

November

2-4 O'leno Hoedown, O'leno State Park, High
Springs, FL
Multiple callers and cuers

9-10 West Coast Fall Fun Fest, Bartow, FL
Caller: Tim Crawford, Red Bates
Cuer: Jimmy & Carol Griffin

13 Pensacola Twirler's Anniversary, Bayview
Senior Center, Pensacola, FL
Caller/Cuer: Patty Ping

16-17 NEFSARDA Fall Festival, Jacksonville, FL
Caller: Lottie Ainsworth
Cuer: Curt & Tammy Worlock

December

3 Toys for Tots, Hobbs Middle School, Milton, FL
Caller: Bob Poyner

31 New Years Eve Dance, Ragon Hall, Pensacola, FL

January

12 Blue & White Ball, Grand Square Hall, Panama
City, FL
Caller: Darryl McMillan
Cuer: Bill Bovard

February

23 Canoe's 24th Anniversary, Bagdad Community
Center, Bagdad, FL
Caller: Vernon Jones
Cuer: Sandy Sturgis

This month's USDA article is focusing on our Youth Square Dancers. Here is an excerpt from the document "A Step By Step Guide To Establishing And Maintaining A Youth Square Dance Group." This document can be found at the USDA website:

<http://www.usda.org/educ.htm>

At the bottom of the page, look for article B-Y02.



YOUTH SQUARE DANCE TRAINING AID AVAILABLE

A Youth Square Dancing Training aid is available through United Square Dancers of America. The video is being distributed free of charge. This aid is the culmination of many years of planning by the Youth Committee of USDA and is meant for use by anyone interested in teaching youth to square dance - callers, teachers, youth workers such as 4-H, Girl or Boy Scouts, church groups, etc.

Home school has become a very large part of the American way of life. "We have had several Home School parents tell us that this is a perfect way to have a 'social activity' for the Home School students," says Alitia Becker, Youth Advisor. "With square dancing they can have something fun to do with friends at home, church or community center. It is clean entertaining and promotes many desirable skills, such as listening to instructions. After hearing this I highly recommend a square dance class for Home School youth!"

We have all personally experienced youth who have come to a square dance class so shy they could hardly carry on a conversation, or even look up. None of them want to touch hands right at first, but soon get over this and the transformation is like watching a personality bloom.

Many hours of work and fun went into making a video (which has now been converted to CD format). Spearheaded by John and Alitia Becker, USDA Youth Advisors, and Lottie Ainsworth, caller from Louisiana, they set out to teach a group of 10 youth ages eight to seventeen from a youth church group in Eros, Louisiana.. An instruction sheet accompanies each CD containing information vital to making this teaching tool user-friendly. Instead of taking

hours of planning the lessons and working on the program, it is just not necessary with the CD. Credits go to Sonya Savelle/Rocking M Records, Mark Clausing/PMDO Records, and Tony Oxendine/Royal Records for allowing their music to be used in the CD.

To order your copy for use by your club, association, youth group or teacher, contact: John and Alitia Becker, USDA Youth Advisor, 7547 Westlake Rd, Sterlington, LA 71280 (318) 665-9085
E-mail: usda.youth.advisor@usda.org

Paul & Cheryl Miller, USDA Representative
Florida Federation of Square Dancers

NEW!!!

Not a member of Northwest Florida Square and Round Dance Association? You can still receive the Panhandle Press! For only \$5.00 per year, receive the Press via email! What?! Not computer savvy? Don't worry, you can still receive the Press by standard mail for only \$10.00 per year.



Happy Thanksgiving

Tim & Terri Wilaby



CEREMONIES

We look forward to greeting and entertaining our many guests at the 57th National Square Dance Convention® Ceremonies with a friendly Kansas “Welcome.”

Wednesday, June 25, at 5:00 PM, the

Opening Ceremony will begin with bagpipers “gathering” dancers and spectators, leading them to an outdoor amphitheater. Following the ceremony and ribbon cutting, if you have reservations, you will proceed directly to our Century II Convention Center for a delicious BBQ dinner and special event with the Prairie Wranglers, performing classic Cowboy Music.

Thursday, June 26, at 10:00 AM, is the Anderson Tree Dedication just across the river from Convention Hall in a very visible area. Lanny Weakland will be our MC and call a square dance tip after the ceremony. We’d like to have several squares for this event to show the public our activity.

Friday, June 27, will be the “California Special.” Since this will be their Invitational Skit presentation, we will feature a Californian as MC, one singing the National Anthem, one giving the invocation and a California group performing an exhibition. Please come, enjoy and support the 58th National Square Dance Convention® in Long Beach, California.

Saturday June 28, will be the Parade of States and Closing Ceremony, both will be outdoor events. The parade can hold as many participants as wish to walk a short 0.4 of a mile. You will be entertained by exhibition groups, a world class fiddle player and his son, and the announcement of the awarding of the 61st National Square Dance Convention® in 2012 to the hosting city.

You don’t want to miss any of the Ceremonies, which will enhance YOUR Convention experience, provide many memories and add to a fun-filled, exciting week. Plan to participate and enjoy. Allow us to show you why “Prairie People Make The Difference.” We want you to come to Kansas in June 2008.

FIRST EDITIONS

Be sure to order your 57th National Square Dance Convention® Program Books, Round Dance Syllabus, Contra Syllabus, Clogging Syllabus, and “*Sewing Across The Prairie*” Save and Sew Book when you register. These items, as well as “*Promenade of Prairie Cooking*” Cookbook, Tour Ticket, Bus Pass and the Wednesday Night Special Ticket, may be ordered on the long Registration Form. If you have already registered (*and we hope you have*) but didn’t order any items, just check the your selections and mail in an “Amended Registration Form.” Please mark the second Registration form “Amended.” This is the FIRST National to be hosted by Kansas. Therefore, the Program Book, Cookbook, Sew & Save Book and various Syllabi are First Editions – collect each one!

BUY A BUS PASS

**“Park Your Car At The Hotel Free
& Leave The Driving To 57th NSDC”**

A GREAT SEW & SAVE

The Sew and Save Committee has a wide variety of activities planned for you on the Second Level of the Convention Center near the Hyatt Hotel, in meeting rooms 210 B & C. You will find patterns to trace, crafts to make and take, demonstrations, seminars given by talented presenters, and a Mini Show and Tell. After each of our seminars and demonstrations, we will have door prizes to give away.

While your sewing partner is busy, visit our lounge to relax. There will be daily newspapers to read, puzzles to work, various patterns to trace off, a TV with a VCR and card games. GUYS – you won't want to miss this area!! We might even have door prizes for you, too.

Don't forget the Sew and Save Repair Room if you need to mend an article of clothing while at the Convention. Our handy volunteers will have you back on the dance floor in a “wink of the eye.”

Attend the 57th National Square Dance Convention® and check us out. We are going to have a great Sew & Save area with many items for raffle, excellent semi-narians and a “top-of-the-line” men's lounge.

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL EVENT

“Promenade On The Prairie” invites you to the Wednesday Evening Special Event, June 25, in Convention Hall, at the Century II Convention Center. Following a traditional prairie Bar-B-Que Dinner, the Prairie Wranglers will offer the best entertainment with classic cowboy music from the silver-screen era. The dinner will commence serving at 5:45 PM, with the Prairie Wranglers entertaining at seven. You have a choice to either enjoy a barbeque dinner and the show for \$25.00 per person or just the show for \$15.00 per person. Advance reservations are required. The space is limited and the sale of tickets is going well. Order today on the Registration Form to be sure to have tickets to this “once-in-a-live-time” event. We're looking forward having you join us for Great Food & Super Cowboy Music

HOUSING

The 57th National Square Dance Convention® has nearly 2000 hotel rooms under contract for our visiting dancers. As of September 1, approximately 63% of these rooms have been blocked or assigned. You need to go through the Convention's Registration & Housing Committee to reserve one of the available rooms at a very reasonable rate. The hotels listed on the back of the Registration Form can not accept requests for reservations from dancers calling directly.

The CORRECT METHOD to request your housing is to use the Registration Form. Our committee and the Wichita Convention & Visitors Bureau are ready and waiting to help you receive the type of accommodations you prefer.

Reminder: All requests for block or group housing are due September 15, 2007. Unfilled Block rooms will be released January 2, 2008.



Agape Squares—Niceville

Our club continues to polish our plus calls in preparation for Round Up in October. Members of our club introduced square dancing to a local church during their "Old West" dinner event. This opened the door for former dancers and those interested to attend our Open House events during September. We are inviting the community to try out modern square dancing in preparation for starting our Fall 2007 mainstream class. Our local paper has taken an interest in the Club and gave our Open House front page exposure along with advertising our Open House.

Our caller, Berlon Graham, continues to bless church youth events across the South by exposing teenagers to the basic calls.

In the last Panhandle Press, we shared our story of a couple who started dating through square dancing with a proposal on the dance floor. This summer we had the pleasure of witnessing Les and Suzy Morrill being wed on July 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The wedding was on the water and was followed by a square dance with friends and family. The event was a great success with many expressing interest in learning America's folk dance.

We look forward to seeing our friends and fellow square dancers from the frozen north as they return as "snow birds." If there are any others that may arrive, please feel free to join us on Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. We dance upstairs in the Community Life Center at First United Methodist Church in Niceville, Florida.

Hope to see you all in a square soon;
David & Kennie Underwood
850-897-8891



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GRAND SQUARE ROUNDS

Grand Square Rounds meets in Panama City at the beautiful Grand Square Hall. We dance on Sunday afternoons with beginning lessons starting at 1:30 and ending at 3:30. At 3:30 we have a short workshop on intermediate figures or dances. At the conclusion of the workshop we dance Phase 2 thru 4 until 5:30.

We've spent most of this summer concentrating on Jive figures and have learned several fun dances. Starting October 7, the beginner's rhythm will switch to Waltz and the intermediate dancers will begin learning Single Swing.

Occasionally, because of our travel schedule Grand Square Rounds is dark, so to be on the safe side, give us a call at 850-265-9488 or email us at:

finallyquilted@aol.com

to confirm we'll dance that day. You're all invited to come and dance. We have a great time and think you will too.

Sandy & David Sturgis



KANSAS WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The "Big Blue Sky," dramatic sunsets, and great variability in temperature and precipitation are all-important aspects of the Kansas' personality. The continental climate produces rapid temperature extremes. It is a common saying in Kansas,

"If you don't like the weather, just wait five minutes. It will change."

With an elevation of a little over 1,300 feet above sea level, June in Wichita, the 57th National Square Dance Convention® host city, is pleasant to warm with moderately steady winds and relatively low humidity. The average June temperature is 76 degrees. The average high is 93 degrees and the average low is 63 degrees. Annual rainfall is around 29 inches, with 70 percent occurring between April and September.

There has been assurance from the "Powers To Be" that during June 25-28, 2008, there will be no rain and the daytime temperature will not get out of the 80's. You may still want to bring or plan to buy a Sunflower Umbrella at the 57th National Square Dance Convention® Ways & Means. Not only will the umbrella keep you dry, it will be great shade from the sun and a wonderful keepsake of the super time you will have at the 57th National Square Dance Convention® in Wichita.

BUCKLE & BOLO



The collector series of the 57th National Square Dance Convention® belt buckles is offered in two tone (*silver and gold*) colors and in an antique brass finish. The buckles are individually numbered as a collector's series. Available is a matching two-tone

bolo. What a fantastic gift for the person who loves to collect items from a National Square Dance Convention®! Order today on the 57th Registration Form.

RV & CAMPING

Lake Afton, a 750-acre camping site, 15 miles southwest of Wichita, has sites to accommodate any size and type of rigs. Shaded by large established trees, most of the sites have electrical hook-ups. The sites will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. If your group wishes to camp together, you must arrive together. Air-conditioned, modern buses will provide service between Century II Convention Center and Lake Afton Park for campers purchasing a Bus Pass.

Register now to secure your site. Check the 57th National Square Dance Convention® Web Page (www.57nsdc.com) for information and a reservation form. We are looking forward to making your stay pleasant as you "Promenade On The Prairie."

"NATIONAL SQUARES MAGAZINE"

This fine publication is dedicated to provide detailed information about the upcoming convention. If you plan on attending a National Square Dance Convention®, this magazine is a must for fine turning your plans for a fantastic "Promenade On The Prairie" and trip to Kansas. It's only \$7 for four issues. Visit our Web Page (www.57nsdc.com) for a subscription form.

REGISTRATION

We think you would look good with a Purple Ribbon!

1,020 dancers, who pre-registered for the 57th National Square Dance Convention[®], have not submitted a full form to convert their registration. The full Registration Form verifies your personal data and your hotel or camping choices, as well as your order for Ways & Means items, Tickets, Bus Passes, etc.

If you are not registered, a full Registration Form is needed to complete the registration process. The quicker your form is mailed the better your chances are of receiving your housing choices. Once the processing is completed, a confirmation letter and Purple Ribbon will be mailed.

If you didn't order Ways & Means items, Tour Tickets, Wednesday Night Special Tickets, Bus Passes, etc., when you mailed your Registration Form, the items may be ordered by mailing a second (*Amended*) Registration Form. It would be very helpful if the Registration Form is marked "**AMENDED.**" The sooner your order is received the better the chances are that the items will be available.

We have distributed thousands of Registration Forms. If you do not have a full form, check square dance publications or download a form from the 57th National Square Dance Convention[®] Web Page (www.57nsdc.com).

Retire those old, frayed red ribbons and receive a "fresh, new Purple one."

"EXPERIENCE EDUCATION ON THE PRAIRIE"

The Education Committee's plans are for you to truly "Experience Education On The Prairie." Thursday, June 26, tour the Showcase of Ideas, located on the Balcony of Exhibition Hall, to view displays from Local, State and National organizations. This is a great place to gather new ideas and trade pins. Adjacent to the Showcase will be the Publications Display and a display of Convention Program Books dating back to the first National Square Dance Convention[®]. The Program Books can only be seen at National Conventions.

Beginning Thursday morning, the Panels and Seminars will be held in meeting rooms, on the Second Level of the Convention Center near the Hyatt Hotel. Knowledgeable and exciting panelists and seminarians from the square dance community have been secured. Attend Clinics to learn unique dance steps and styling techniques from our activity's best instructors. At the Organizational Roundtable, organization's leaders will discuss the best methods to spread the good news about square dancing.

Earn a Club Leadership Certification (CLC) certificate and dangle by attending the four Core Courses, Keynote Speaker, and any two other CLC electives of your choice. You will "enjoy" the discussions and your feet will "enjoy" the rest.

Check the 57th National Square Dance Convention[®] Web Page (www.57nsdc.com) for more details. You will truly "Experience Education On The Prairie" in Wichita, June 25-28, 2008. Hope To See You There!

Capital Twirlers

Our summer has been hot and many have been vacationing or ill, but our dancing has been cool and we have managed to have fun.

In the last issue of the Panhandle Press we mentioned that Elmer honored us by introducing us to one of his new dances. We really liked it! Titled "Ain't No Thing", the dance was presented at the National Convention. Elmer reports that by now he expects the record to be on sale. Many of his records have made the top charts and we are hoping this will be another great hit.

Elmer is also calling some of his oldies. It is fun and interesting to hear the difference in bands, recording and music. Through it all Elmer is always great. Our club feels extra special having him as our caller. Plus Elmer keeps our dancing interesting with new moves and practicing old ones we may have forgotten. Most of all tho, he makes it fun and lively.



Our cuers Fran and Jim are still keeping busy too. Upcoming events include workshops and dancing in Fontana; Dixie Round Council; Holiday Dance News Eve in Myrtle Beach and Georgia Annual Festival in Blairsville; and they already have a date in 2008 at the Ohio Dance Convention. We think they are always helping us improve and enjoy round dancing.

Birthday celebrations were in order in August. Charles Garmon turned 90 and danced the entire evening.....squares and rounds both. Congrats also go to Jim Myers who turned 89. These gentlemen are an inspiration to us all. It is great to still enjoy life so much. See, we always knew that dancing, music and friends do help keep us young, right? In fact, Pete said they so inspired her that she intends to really keep dancing as she continues to recover from her injuries.

Several of our club members and friends have been ill and unable to dance. In fact, shingles seems to be getting to many of us. Hope all will be returning soon and that we will all be healthy for the holidays.

Our annual Christmas party is planned for December 17. This is always a great time to meet with all our old and new friends for a terrific evening of food, talk and DANCING, what else? So, if any of you feel like joining us, please do. Bring a covered dish, be ready to eat by 6 p.m. Remember, we are at the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe Street. Who knows what surprises will be in store? If instructions are needed on how to find us, just phone the Senior Center at 850 891-4000.

Happy holidays and hope to see ya soon.

Rose Blackburn



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Why You Should Return The Full (*Long*) Registration Form?

First, the full Registration Form (*Sometimes referred*

to as the Long Registration Form) should be completed and returned to confirm that you will be attending the 57th National Square Dance Convention®. A Convention Name Badge will be made for you and placed in your Convention Packet. The Name Badge is your admission to every Convention activity, NOT the ribbon.

Secondly, the full (*Long*) Registration Form is where the Program Book, Syllabus, Cookbook, Sew & Save Book, *National Squares* Magazine, Bus Pass, Tour Reservations, and admission to Wednesday's Special Event may be purchased. Camping fees may be paid, also.

Third and most important, if you wish to stay at one of the Convention hotels listed on the back of the form, you must register through the 57th National Square Dance Convention® Housing Bureau and indicate your preferences on the full Registration Form. The quicker the 57th NSDC Housing Bureau receives your completed full Registration Form with your hotel choices, the more likely you are to receive your first selection. Remember, Bus Passes are only available to registered dancers who have booked housing through the 57th NSDC Housing Bureau.

If you haven't converted your pre-registration by returning the full Registration Form, please do so as soon as possible. It will guarantee reservations and Convention booklets to help you enjoy the Convention, confirm your attendance, and help secure a hotel selection of your choice.

If you have questions, please contact the 57th NSDC Registration office by phone at 785-266-3106, fax at 785-215-6684, e-mail at Registration@57nsdc.co, or

by US Mail at 57th National Square Dance Convention[®],
P.O. Box 5790, Topeka, KS 66605-5790.

WARM UP DINNER & DANCE

The RV & Camping Committee has planned a truly unique event for Tuesday evening, June 24. There will be a BBQ Dinner and Old-Barn Dance to benefit the Kings Achievement Center (*Boys Home*) at the Center adjacent to Lake Afton. They will offer hayrack rides from the dinner to the dance and around the Center. Dress is CASUAL. The super fun callers for the dance will be "The California Gang," Ben Goldberg, Phil Farmer, Bill Silver, Rod Shuping, and Skip Stanley. Advance tickets are required for the dinner. A flyer/registration form is available on the 57th NSDC Web Page at www.57nsdc.co. The dinner and dance is open to all dancers. It's a Pre-Convention Warm-Up Event you don't want to miss – Delicious Food and Super Dancing!

BUS PASSES

Parking around the Century II Convention Center is limited and fees are generally required. Securing an available parking slot would require early arrival and could be a considerable walking distance. Bus Passes are strongly recommended.

Bus Passes are ONLY available to registered dancers who have booked their housing needs through the Convention. We cannot bus dancers from non-participating hotels and other campgrounds.

Mark "Bus Pass" on your full (*Long*) Registration Form. Park the car at your 57th NSDC hotel free and leave the driving to 57th NSDC! It saves the "feet" for super dancing!

HOUSING

The 57th NSDC Registration & Housing Committee has been very busy obtaining affordable hotel rooms for our Convention attendees. The list of hotels is on the back of the full Registration Form or can be found on

the 57th NSDC Web Page at www.57nsdc.ne. We ask that you make four choices of hotels to better assist us in accommodating your wishes.

The four hotels nearest the Century II Convention Center were blocked out or filled very quickly with early registrants. All of the hotels are less than seven miles from Century II. All have free parking for their registered guests.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

James (Jim) Maczko, the 57th NSDC Keynote Speaker, is one of the nation's foremost square dance leaders.

Jim, a founding father of the United States Dancers of America (*USDA*), was recently honored for 50 years of service to square dancing.

Attending almost every National Convention since his first in 1956, Jim is one of the founders of the Alliance of Rounds, Traditional and Square Dance and served as its first Chairman of the Governing Board.

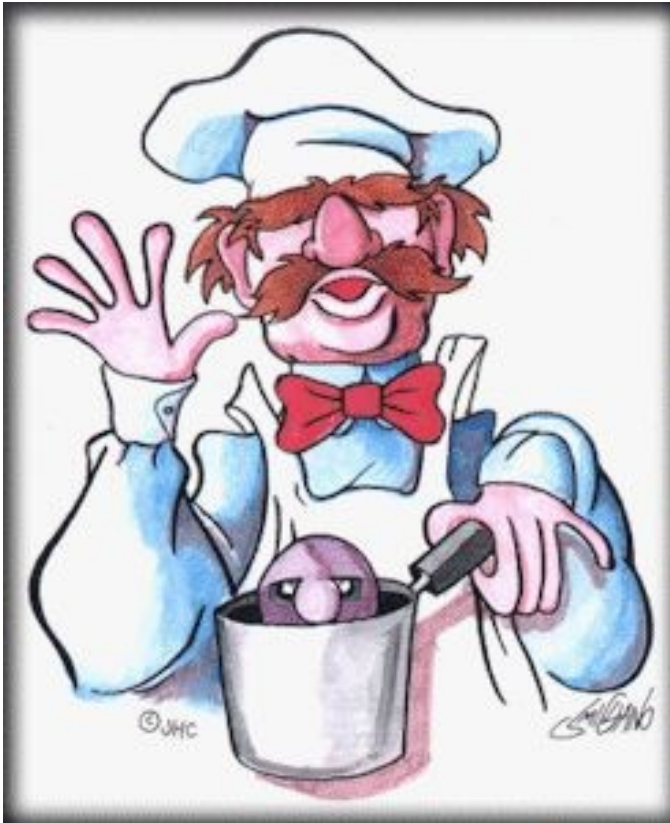
Considered one of the foremost experts on the history and development of square dancing and its off-shoots, Jim's interesting bridge from Square Dance history to present dancing is one you won't want to miss. Be in the Mary Jane Teall Theater, Thursday, June 26, at 6:00 PM for Jim's "Experience of Education On The Prairie!"

DANCE HALLS

There will be eight square dance halls and three round dance halls. In addition, there will be halls for Contra, Clogging, Country & Western, Lines and a super, great Youth Program.



Northwest Florida Square & Round Dance Association



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Panama City Square and Round Dance Association

When life gives you lemons...make lemonade ...or serve Bar-B-Que!

That's what the Board of Delegates decided to do when our "astronomic" insurance premium came due and ...one of our remaining twenty-year old air conditioners decided the hot summer weather was too much!

We catered pulled Bar-B-Que pork. Club delegates, who comprise the board, signed their groups for paper products, salads, veggies and desserts and we had a fund raising event! Bill Bovard graciously said yes when asked to provide music and MC the event. He did a great job of including every dance style into the evening. Almost one hundred dancers came, made a contribution at the door, ate, danced and had a wonderful time. It was the perfect opportunity for everyone to experience the kind of dancing each club offers. The night raised over \$1900!!!

Since we could lose our last twenty-year plus AC any time, and the insurance payment will come due again next year, a series of fund raising activities is planned. All Northwest Florida dancers will want chances to win the quilt crafted by cuer Sandy Sturgis, who is also a master quilter. "Opportunity" tickets are available from any Grand Square Hall dancer. Our "lemons" have turned into dollars thanks to Grand Square Hall dancers.



This month's USDA article is from the USDA Publications and Educational Materials. Do you know who your Club Delegates are? Ever wonder what they do? Ever thought, "Hey, I'd like to do that!" Well, read on...



CLUB DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES INTRODUCTION

Most clubs are organized in a basic club format with officers or leaders performing their duties in a very similar manner. Clubs may use different titles for their leaders but the duties and responsibilities are basically the same.

The following is a list of typical duties and responsibilities for a position that may meet the needs of most clubs but may require some variation or tailoring depending upon the type and organization of the club.

CLUB DELEGATE

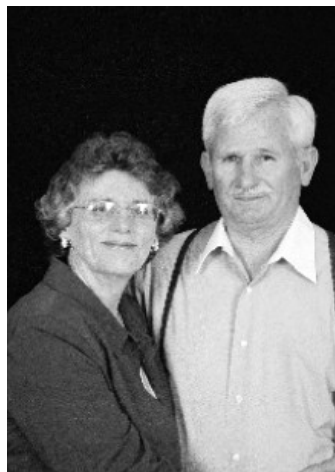
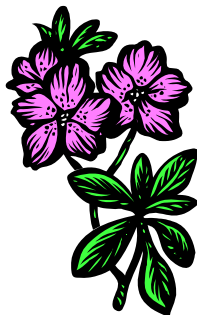
1. Responsible for the interchange of information between the Club and the area Association.
2. Attend and actively participate in all the area Association and Club meetings.
3. Represent the Club, vote for the Club and express the club's position on Association functions and operations.
4. Volunteer and accept on behalf of the club any responsibilities, appointments, or any obligations deemed necessary in the best interests of the association and the Club.
5. Disseminate all information and data to the club Board of Directors obtained at the Association meetings.
6. Be thoroughly familiar with the constitution, by-laws, Policies, procedures and operations of the Club and the Association.
7. Support area and state square dance organizations, festivals, activities, conventions, etc.
8. Participate in all club functions.
9. Assist in the preparation of the dance facility at least 30 minutes prior to start of function.
10. Assist in the set up of chairs, tables, banner, bulletin board, literature display, etc., to be completed 15 minutes prior to start of the dance or activity.
11. Set an example for other officers and Club members to follow to include; dress, badge, promptness, enthusiasm, knowledge of the square dance community activities, etc.
12. Perform other duties as assigned by the President.

You can find this tri-fold at <http://www.usda.org/trifold/IS05603.pdf> . You can find many other interesting articles at <http://www.usda.org>.

Paul & Cheryl Miller, USDA Representatives
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CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

SQUARE DANCE MONTH

WHEREAS, square dancing is one of the oldest recreational heritages of the American people; and

WHEREAS, this folk art has enjoyed a sustained and widespread popularity through the centuries, and interest is still intense today; and

WHEREAS, folk and square dancers are an integral, important and expressive part of American art and culture; and

WHEREAS, square dancing eased the danger and hardships of life on the frontier; and

WHEREAS, the outgoing social exercise of this wholesome physical and old-time cultural activity offers a valuable antidote for the tensions and pressures created by the conflicts of modern American life; and

WHEREAS, the various square dance associations throughout the United States and Canada, including the Florida Federation of Square Dancers and the Florida Callers Association, will celebrate the month of September as *National Square Dance Month*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing September 2007 as *Square Dance Month*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 30th day of July, in the year two thousand seven.




Governor



EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE "Experience Education On The Prairie"

At the 57th National Square Dance Convention® in Wichita, there will be many opportunities to enhance and advance your knowledge of square dancing. While learning ways to be a better club leader

and member, you will acquire proven ideas to use for recruiting and keeping your club healthy. You will have an opportunity to view publications giving you information and ideas from across the United States and around the world. Learn about the latest trends in square dance apparel as you gain valuable knowledge in using art to make outstanding outfits.

A Clinic is a learning experience with a chance to enhance and improve dancing skills. Following by audience participation, dance leaders will conduct demonstrations, exhibitions and discussion of their topics. Clinics will be offered each day of the Convention on square, round and line dancing, clogging, contra and country western.

A Seminar has one or more persons involved in conducting a presentation. A Panel has a group of 3-4 persons discussing a specific topic. Many organizations have been contacted for their input – CALLERLAB; ROUNDALAB; CONTRALAB; National Square Dance Campers Association; the Alliance for Round, Traditional, and Square Dance (ARTS); and United Square Dancers of America (USDA). Encourage your square dance caller to attend one of the Seminars designed for callers presented by CALLERLAB. In our air-conditioned rooms, the informative seminars and panels offered daily are excellent breaks from dancing – Rest your feet and gain knowledge.

As you can see, the 57th National Square Dance Convention® will have a great variety of Clinics, Seminars and Panels for you to choose to gain information.

2008 FASHION SHOW

The 57th National Square Dance Convention® Fashion Show is scheduled for Saturday, June 28 at 1:00 PM. It will be presented on a Broadway-sized stage in an air-conditioned, luxurious theater. Because of the design of the theater seating, there will not be a "bad seat" in the house. Everyone will have a great view. To insure an up-close seat, we recommend that you come early. There will be entertainment prior to and during the show. In a park setting, our Fashion Show will be filled with fun, movement and color.

Some models, agreeing to show off their creative talent of beautiful costume design and sewing ability, have been selected but others are needed. If you know of any person who has a flair for beautiful square dance costumes and would enjoy sharing, please send their name and a picture to Jon & Rosemary Ware, Fashion Show Vice-Chairman, 3725 SE 31st Street, Topeka, KS 66605 or e-mail randjware@aol.com.

RV & CAMPING

The 57th National Square Dance Convention® official campground at beautiful Lake Afton awaits you. The RV & Camping Committee is busy laying out the sites to accommodate all sizes and types of rigs.

The Warm-Up Dance and Barbeque Dinner on Tuesday, June 24, are proving to be a popular event. Have you made a reservation? Check the 57th Web Page www.57nsdc.com for more information and a Reservation Form.

CAR PARKING

Dancers driving to Wichita and staying at any of the contracted hotel-motel facilities are encouraged to purchase a bus pass. Remember, you park free of charge at our hotels.

Wichita is experiencing major downtown construction. Currently, many buildings are being razed and parking lots are being removed to make room for an entertainment arena. The Century II Convention Center does have parking; however, this is a metered lot. There are 10 -hour, 4-hour and 2-hour meters available on a first-come basis. Purchasing a bus pass will alleviate this situation and stress.

BUS SERVICE INFORMATION

During the 57th National Square Dance Convention®, the bus service will be provided by VILLAGE TOURS & TRAVEL. This is a Wichita company that has provided bus service and tours all over the country. Their drivers are local and know the Wichita area very well. All buses are air-conditioned with very comfortable and spacious seats.

There will be a direct route from our camping facilities at Lake Afton to the Century II Convention Center. A free bus ride from Lake Afton to the Century II to pick up your registration packets will be provided. You will need to have a bus pass to return to the campground. Bus service will be provided to all of our contracted hotels for the convenience of our attending dancers. Our contracted hotels provide free parking to their guests.

We encourage you to purchase a bus pass, only \$40.00 for the entire convention. Don't be stressed out from dealing with downtown traffic and parking. Ride a bus and arrive fresh and ready to dance.

REGISTRATION

Registrations and conversions continue to arrive. If you have not registered, now would be a great time to mail your registration form. If you have previously pre-registered, please upgrade (*convert*) your Pre-Registration using the full Registration Form. You will receive your purple ribbon and your Convention Badge will be printed. Remember, you must have a Convention Badge to be admitted to our 57th National Square Dance Convention® in 2008.

CELEBRATE DANCE IN 2008

Hope you have heard our theme by now for the 2008 Florida State convention. Hope you feel as we do that DANCING is a wonderful way to celebrate life. Now think about our activity - Square & Round dancing. We are staying physically and mentally active, we are socially active – meeting people and making lasting friendships with those from all walks of life and around the world. OK – OK, you all ready know this, but are you telling everyone you know. It is surprising to me how many people don't know that Square & Round dancing is available in most places around the US and many places around the world. We used to be one of those people about 21 years ago. If we can get some new dancers to the classes this Fall, they could be ready to come to the next Florida State Convention and see how much fun we can have. Check your local callers & cuers dance lesson schedules and carry it with you. When you encounter someone that could be interested in learning, be ready to give them the information of where to go for lessons. How about offering to give them a lift to the first class and you could angel?

We were lucky enough to be able to go to the National Square & Round Dance Convention in June and wore our 2008 Florida State Convention outfits and badges. A lot of people took notice and we took the opportunity to then invite them to come to Florida next May.

We or some of our committee members will be trying to get around the state, and some outside the state, to promote the 2008 Florida State Convention. If you see us at a dance, come say 'Hi', and let's square-up.

Ann Slocum, Publicity Chairman



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The United Square Dancers of America held its Board of Directors Annual Meeting during the National Square Dance Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina on June 27, 2007. We will cover only a small portion of the meeting and reports in this edition. And we will continue to cover other reports throughout the year. Remember the USDA web site has a vast collection of information. Please visit it at <http://www.usda.org>.



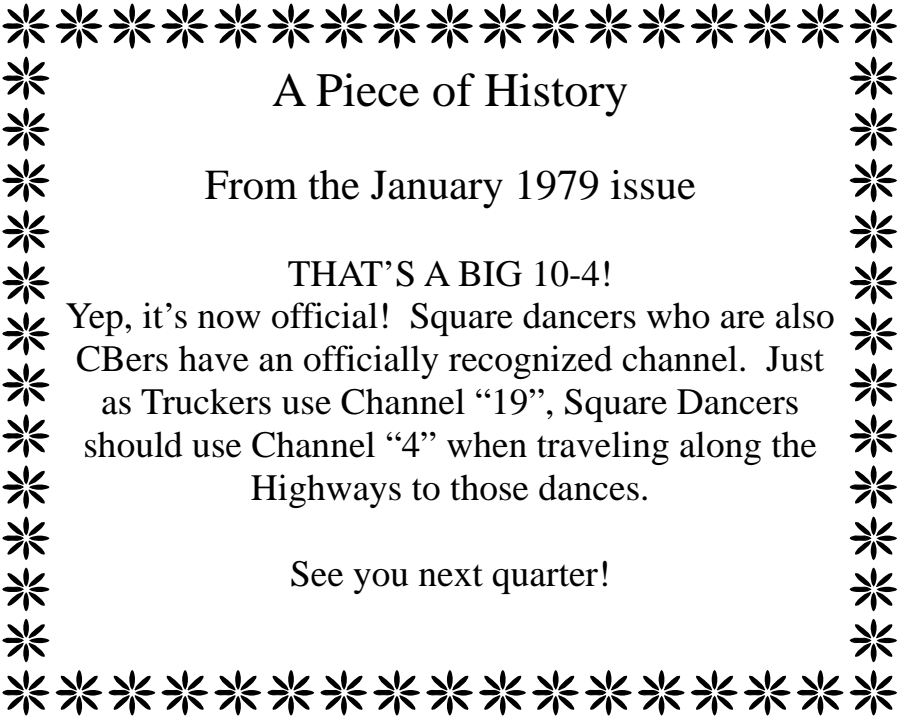
Youth dancing is one of our favorite areas. The USDA Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship was awarded to Ashley Parker of Monteca, California. Also, the Trifold for competition dancing is now available and there are web sites listed that have a great deal of information about organizations which presently have competition round and square dancing for youth. The web site link is <http://www.usda.org/youth.htm>.

Your Florida Delegates have been doing our job! Reports from the Prescription Card Program Chairman showed that Florida was in the top 5 states in prescriptions filled. Tom & Miriam James took a positive approach to this USDA Program. I will publish the report in the upcoming months. If you are anxious to read it, you can read it on the www.usda.org website. Paul & I took on the USDA Online Shopping Mall and are very proud that Florida Federation organization showed 4 usages out of 8, from the report dates of September 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. Total commission earned for this period was \$15.79. Jim Weber, Mall Administrator, brought before the delegates a discussion to allow square dance apparel vendors the opportunity to have a link on the USDA Shopping Mall, for a fee of \$25.00. No commission will be earned on the sales at the square dance apparel shops but it will be a convenience for our dancers. The delegates voted to allow the vendors to participate on the Shopping Mall. To use the Dancers Online Shopping mall please visit <http://usda.fundlinkllc.com>.

Please look for upcoming articles as we continue to update you on the United Square Dancers of America.

Congratulations to our Florida Federation Parliamentarian, Charlie & Val Newsome, for an outstanding job on the Florida Showcase of Ideas Display. It was outstanding!

Paul & Cheryl Miller, Florida USDA Delegates



A Piece of History

From the January 1979 issue

THAT'S A BIG 10-4!

Yep, it's now official! Square dancers who are also CBers have an officially recognized channel. Just as Truckers use Channel "19", Square Dancers should use Channel "4" when traveling along the Highways to those dances.

See you next quarter!



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