Photos From Recent Special Dances

The MODERN SQUARE

ARKANSAS STATE SQUARE DANCE FEDERATION

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The Club Special Dance photos will be placed in a separate file each month, as will photos from recent **ASSDF Fall Festivals**.

Club Special Dances In The Last Month

Please email these assdfmodernsquare@gmail.com – please let me know who took the photos, as I want to give them credit, especially if they come from the club Facebook groups.

Due to **space limitations**, **photo quality**, or **page formatting**, I **can't** use all of them sent in, or from Facebook); but you can view them (and videos, where available) on the various Facebook pages (including the **Arkansas Square Dance** page, **The Three Amigos** page, the **Fall Festival** page, and the **Square Dance Events** group). Also, note that **not everyone** is on Facebook.

Special Dance Photos from late **October through November, 2025**, downloadable at https://www.arkansassquaredance.com/the-modern-square, which were obtained from emails, Facebook pages, plus **ASSDF** club and special dances from the **River City Squares**, **Levi's & Lace**, **Twirling Lariats**, **Maverick Mixers**, **Heber Springers**, **Southern Swingers**, **Arky Cloggers**, as well as the **Oklahoma Square Dance Federation**.

Thanks go to Elaine Cox, Jeff Riddle, CorBen Geis, Patricia Joanna Kennedy, Jody King, Ginny Short, Mike Lewis, Phyllis Keeney, Ted Hofmeister, Carole Baker, Lynn Brown, Lanita Hammett, Mike Lewis, Theresa Muth, Amanda Hargrove-Throgmartin, and to Daryl Stout for the photos.

While it's past Thanksgiving, some turkey humor…along with several timely **Winter Weather Safety** reminders from the **National Weather Service** are toward the back of this issue.

ASSDF President Tom Fox, making a “fashion statement”, and being “in the pink” at the **75th ASSDF Diamond Jamboree Fall Festival**. Thanks to John Hofmeister for setting this up.

Next, several photos from the **Twirling Lariats Halloween Night Dance**. See their club report for details.

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Next, several photos from the **River City Squares Halloween Dance**.

boot SCOOTIN' boogie
If you stumble, make it
Tomato
SOUP

boot SCOOTIN' boogie

Life's
A

SCOOTIN'
30th
ANNIVERSARY

Dance like no one is watching...

Life's
boot SCOOTIN' boo

Life's
A dance
boot SCOOTIN' boog

dance

dance
boot SCOOTIN' boogie
If you stumble,

boot SCOOTIN' boogie

A dance boot SCOOTIN' boogie

time. I'm here ... good, time
dance!

Coffee Bar
freshly brewed
served daily

I'm here FOR A good time
nce!
EXIT

Next, several photos from the **Louisiana Lagniappe** Dance on Oct. 31 at the **Southern Swingers**, with Guest Caller Tim Tyl.

HILTON

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Grand
MUMMY

Next, a note from National Caller Jack Pladdys, who called at the **Levi's And Lace Special Dance** on Nov. 1, 2025:

Hi Everyone,

I can't express how thankful I am for all you did for me. It was a great time, and your group is very special. Please pass on my most sincere thanks.

Looking forward to another chance to come back. If there is a better time of year for me to work on 2026 or 2027, let me know and I get started on it.

Thanks,

Jack

www.jackpladdys.com

And, here are several photos from the **Levi's And Lace Special Dance** with Jack Pladdys.

Next, a photo from the **Arky Cloggers** At Pioneer Village for **Pioneer Days** in early November…a **Thanksgiving Throwback** from 2024 at the **Arkansas Cornbread Festival** with 2 of the **Arky Cloggers**, and a photo from one of their recent classes.

Lanita Pettey Hammett
NOV 9, 2024
The Arkansas Cornbread Festival was a BLAST!!! These ARKY CLOGGERS know a thing or two about CORNBREAD!

Next, a photo of the Veterans at the **Maverick Mixers Honor Our Veterans Dance** on November 8, 2025. From left to right, Jerry Short, Phil Moorehouse, Patti Cummings, and Ron Wise. We extend a very hearty **THANK YOU** to all our veterans!!

Next, several photos from the **Southern Swingers Special Dance** on Nov. 8 with Guest Caller Tim Tyl.

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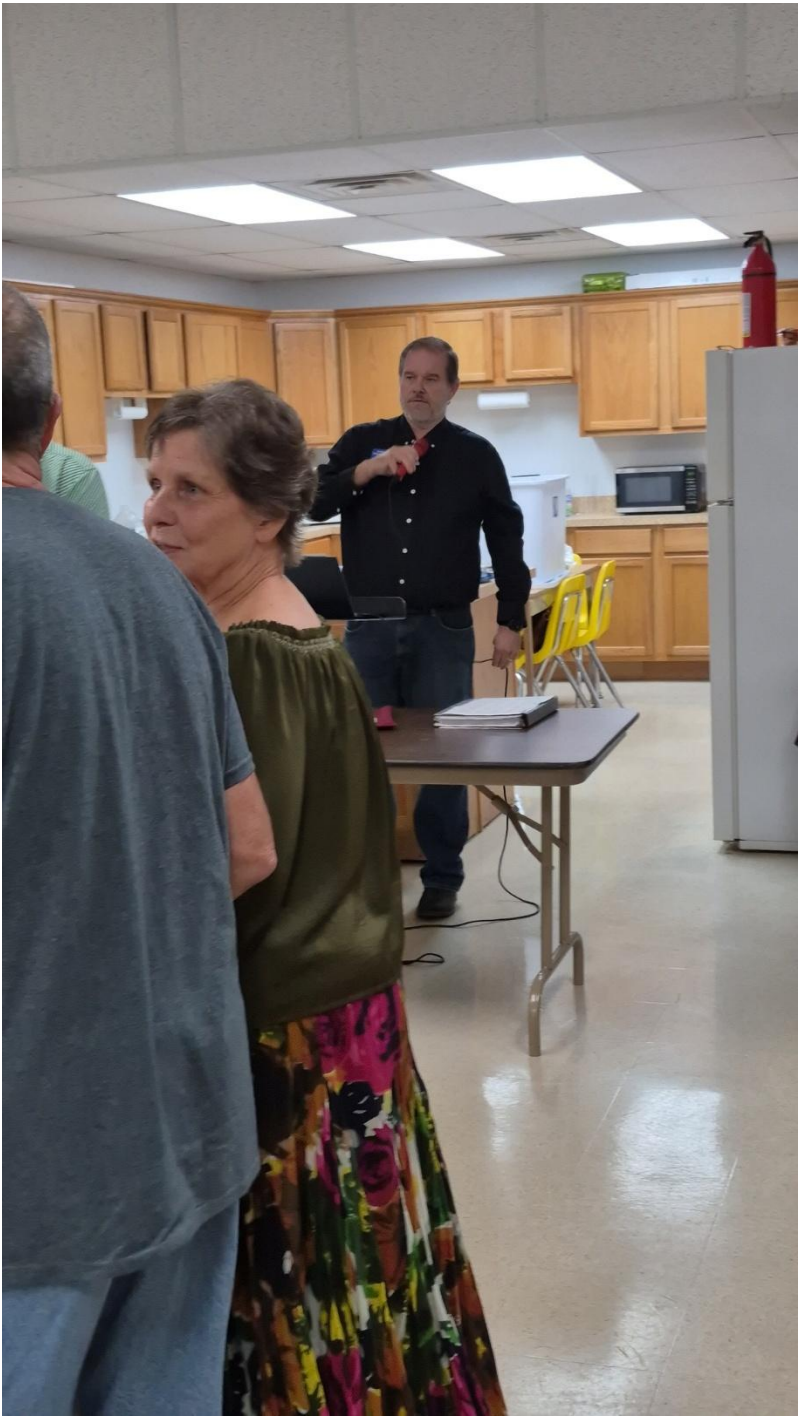
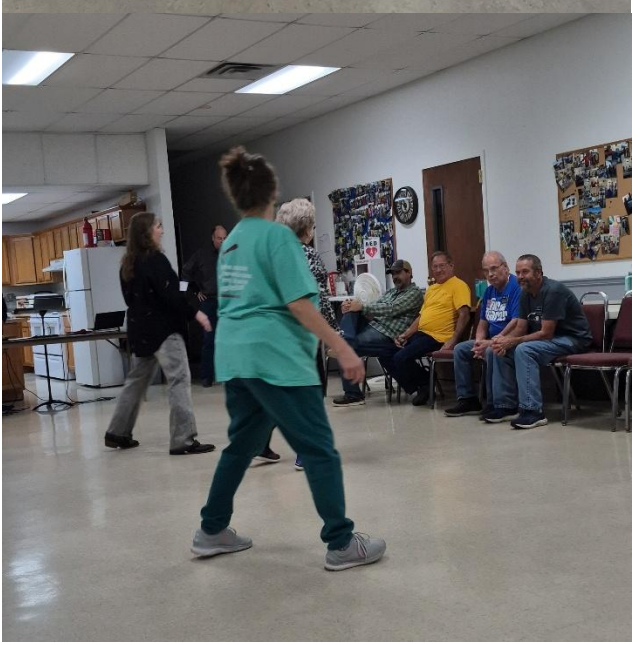
EXIT

Next, the **Twirling Lariats** recovered their club travel banner from the **Levi's And Lace**…here are several photos from that dance.

Twirling Lariats
I Travel

Twirling Lariat
I Travel





Next, 2 photos from the **Heber Springers Give Thanks Dance**, and it looks like the turkey was the big star!!

Next, numerous photos from the **Twirling Lariats** and the **Maverick Mixers Combination Giving Thanks By Giving Back Dance Special Weekend** on November 21 and 22, 2025.

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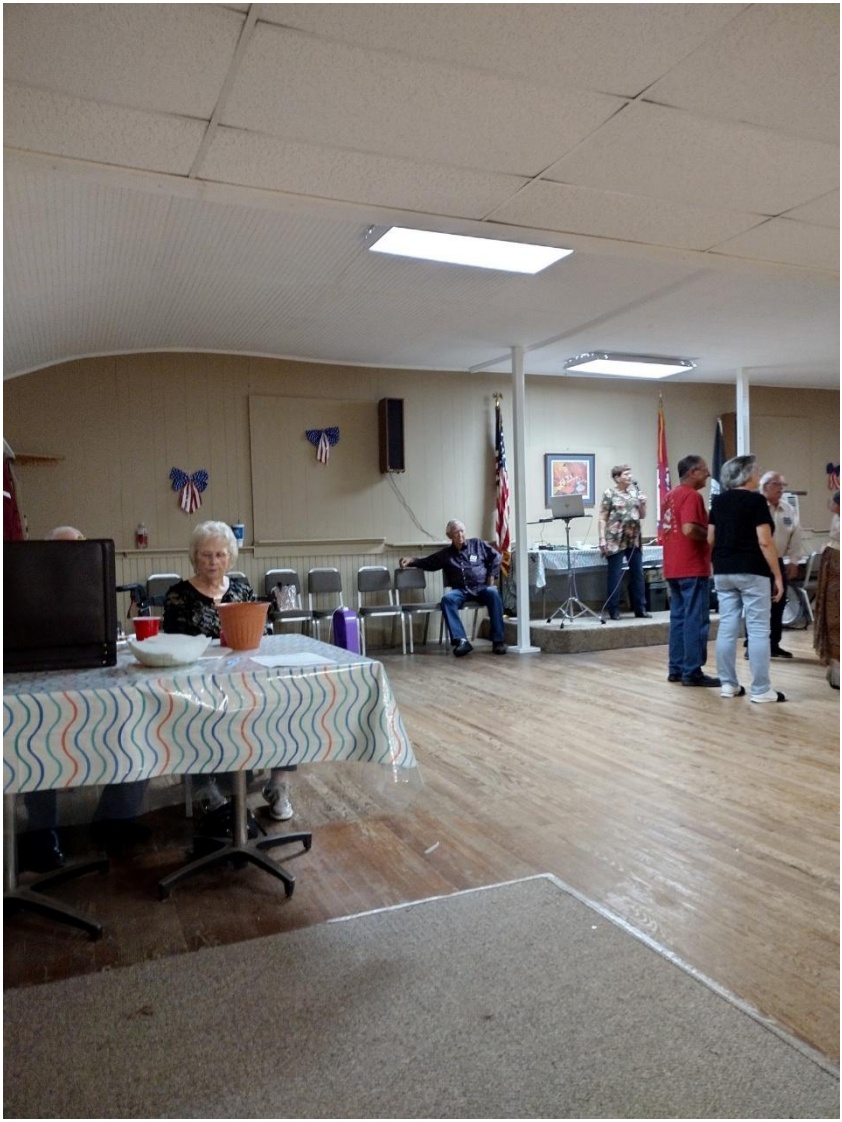
MIXERS



MAVERICK
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God Bless
AMERICA

God Bless
AMERICA

MAVERICK
MIXERS

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Lay

EXIT

God Bless
MERICA

EXIT
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Next, photos of presenting checks to the **Ronald McDonald House** in Little Rock, and to Roger Garner for "**The Hut Repair Fund**". A total of **$1110** was donated; with **$550** to the **Ronald McDonald House**, and **$560** to the Hut Repair Fund.

Next, numerous photos from the **Levi's And Lace After Thanksgiving Dance**.

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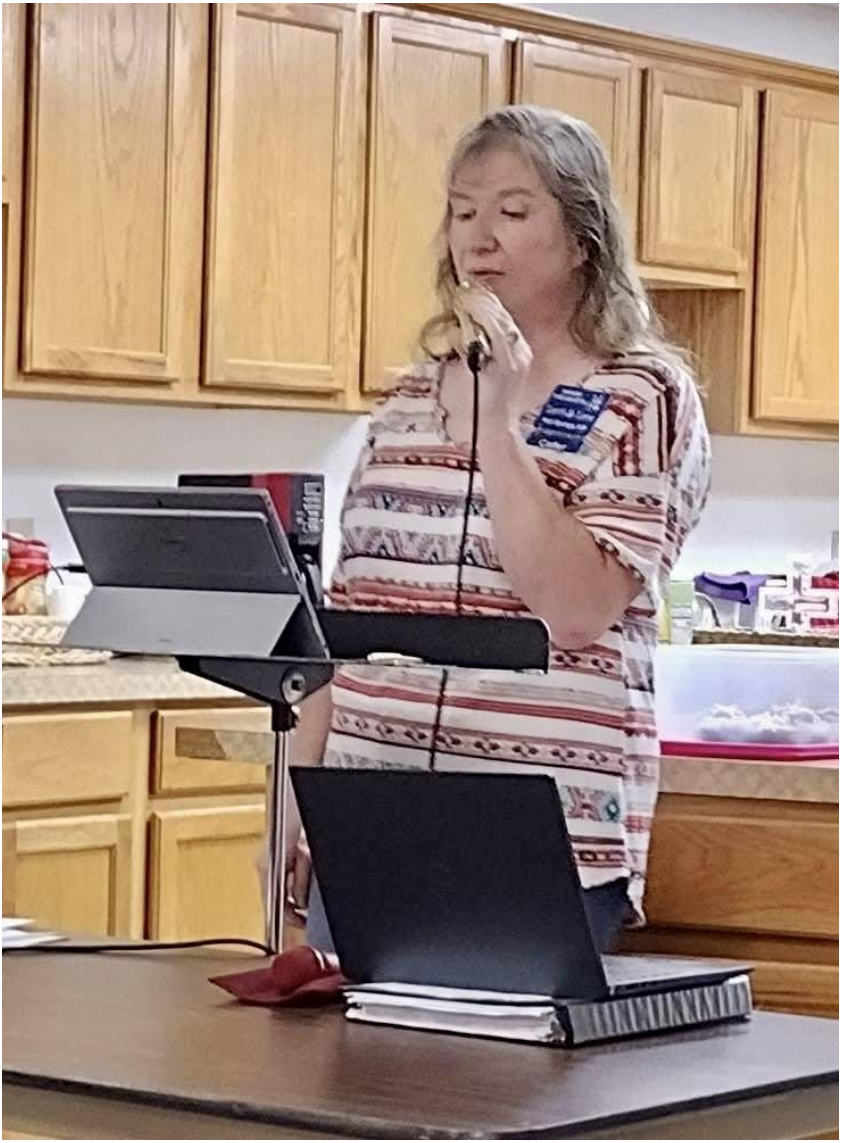
FORKS



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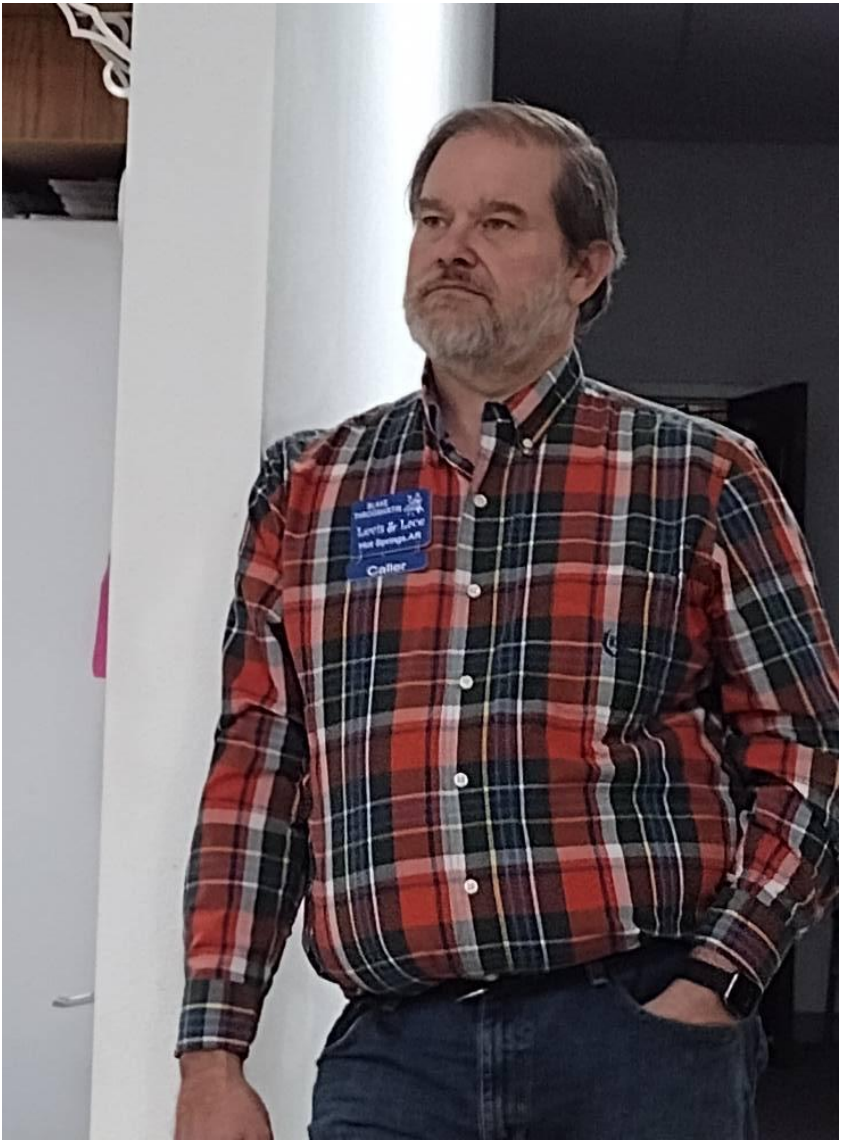
Levis & Lace
Hot Springs, AR
Caller

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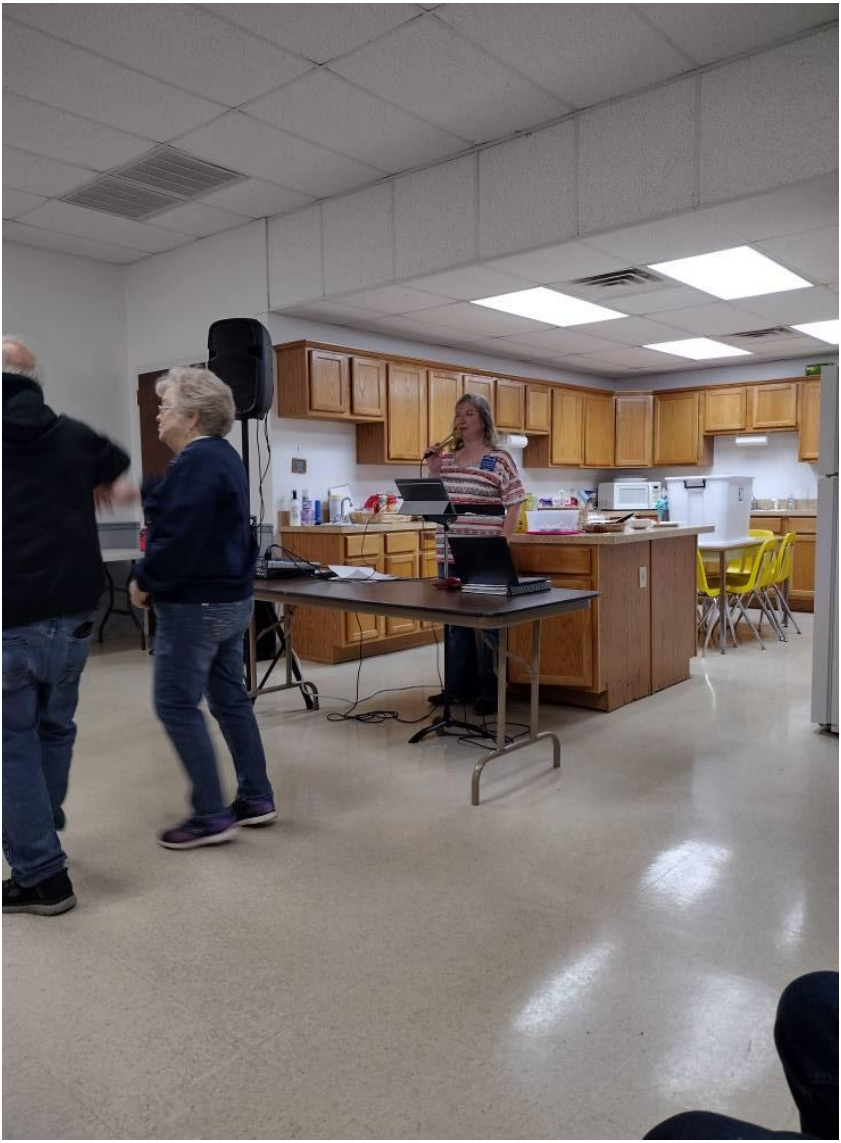

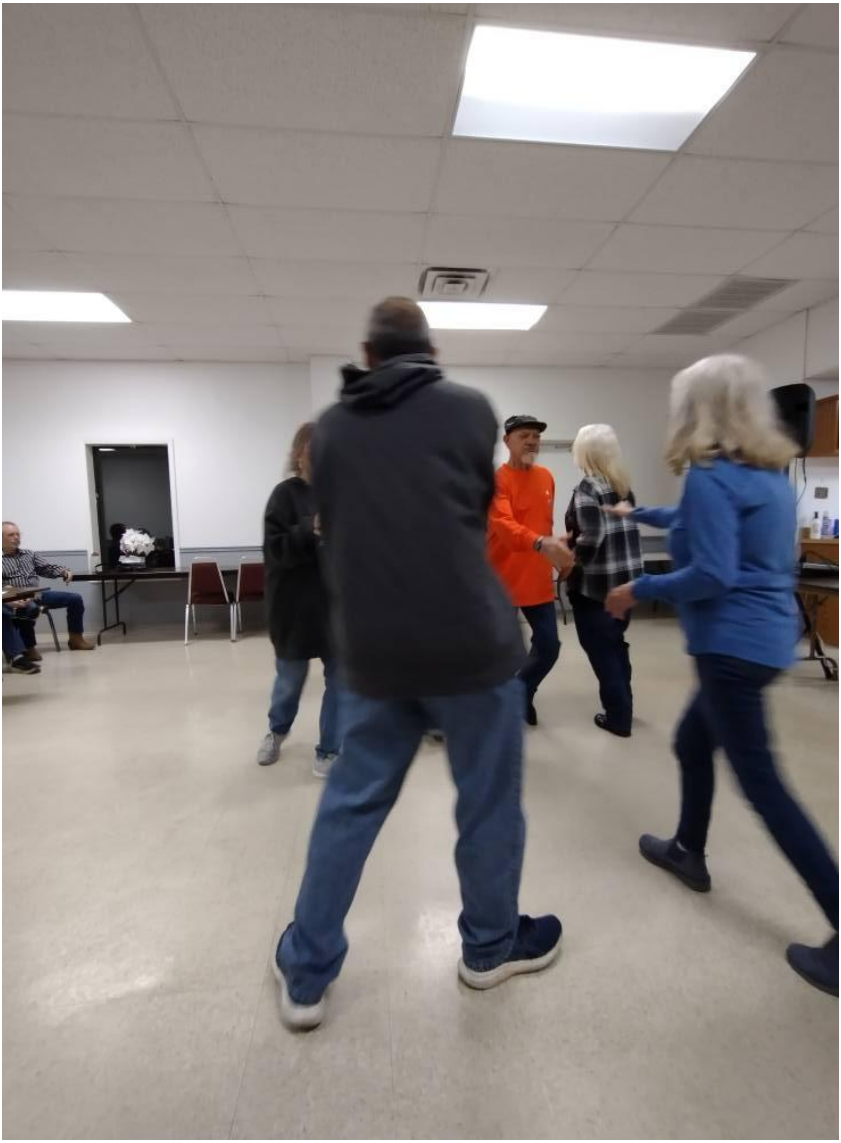

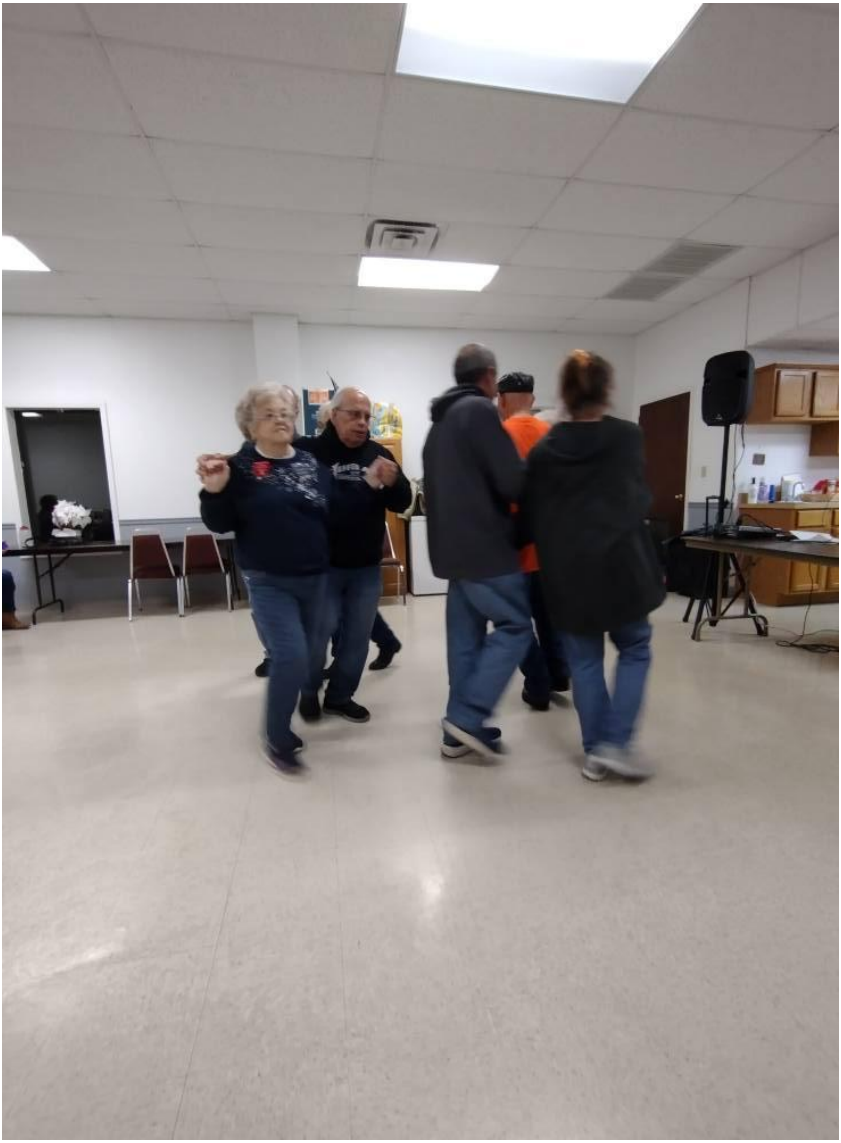

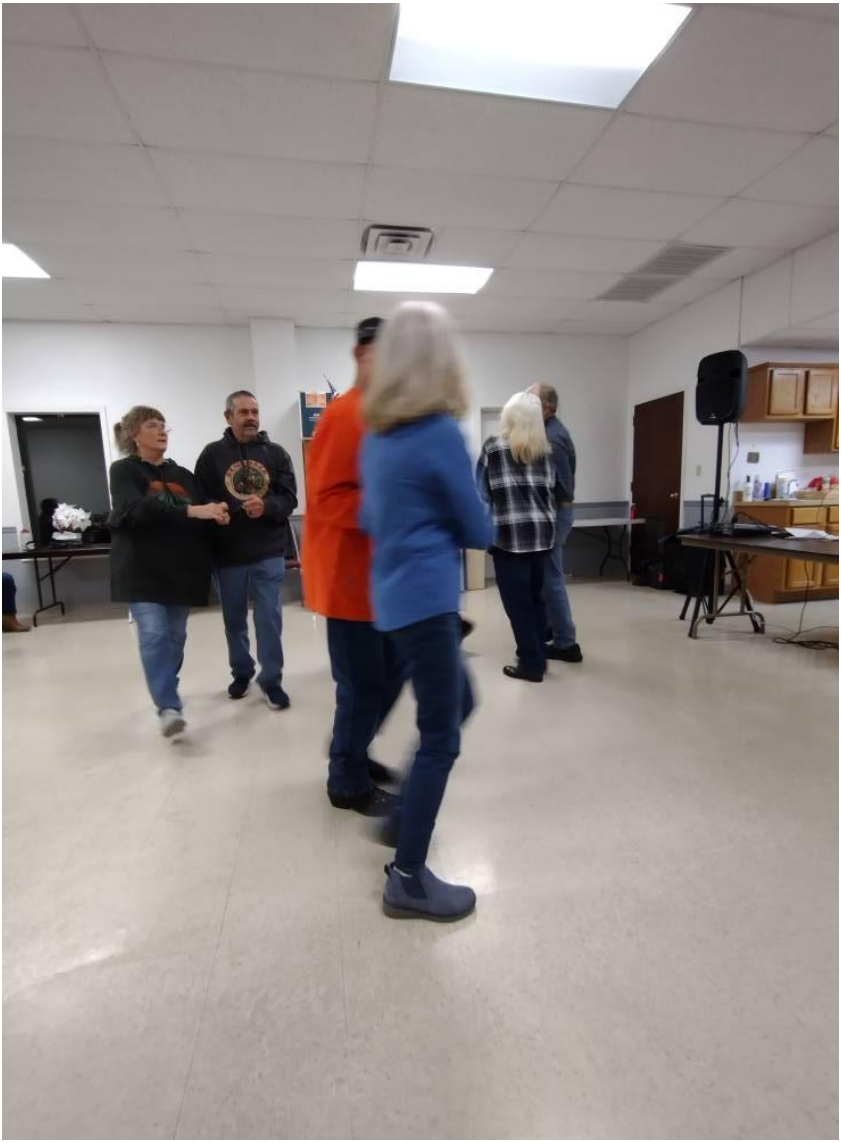

Next, numerous photos from the **Maverick Mixers National Square Dance Day Dance**.

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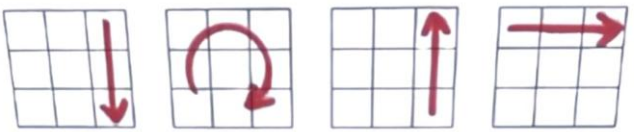
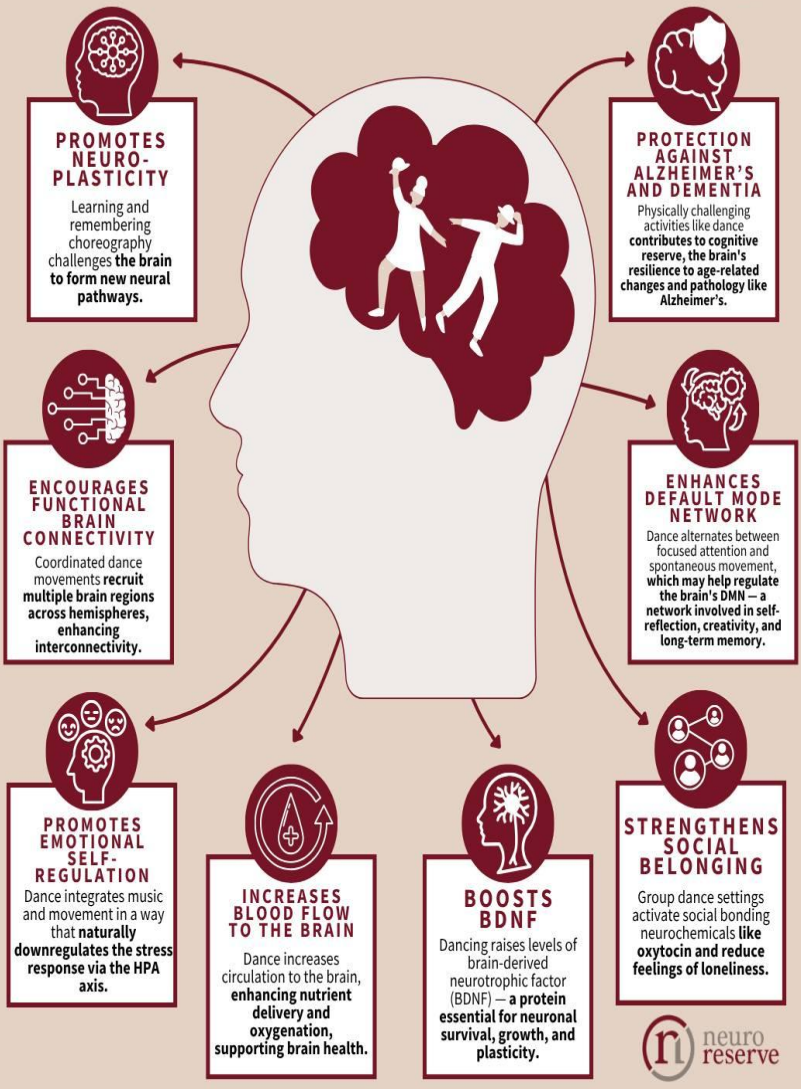
The Levi's And Lace **stole** the Maverick Mixers **Travel Banner**!!

Square Dancing is like a Rubik's Cube.
Once you figure it out, it's easy.



The Cognitive Benefits of Dancing



YOU DON'T STOP
DANCING
BECAUSE YOU GROW OLD

YOU GROW OLD
BECAUSE YOU STOP
DANCING

I saw something funny at the square dance last night...

A dancer approached the caller and complained profusely about how loud his music was playing over the speakers. She was quite peeved.

He apologized to her and went over to his sound system and pretended to turn dials and press buttons.

He played the music over the speaker again, nothing was different at all, and kindly asked the dancer,
"*How is the sound now*?"
and she replied confidently,
"*That is 100 better than what you were blasting just a little while ago*!"

- CorBen Geis ☺

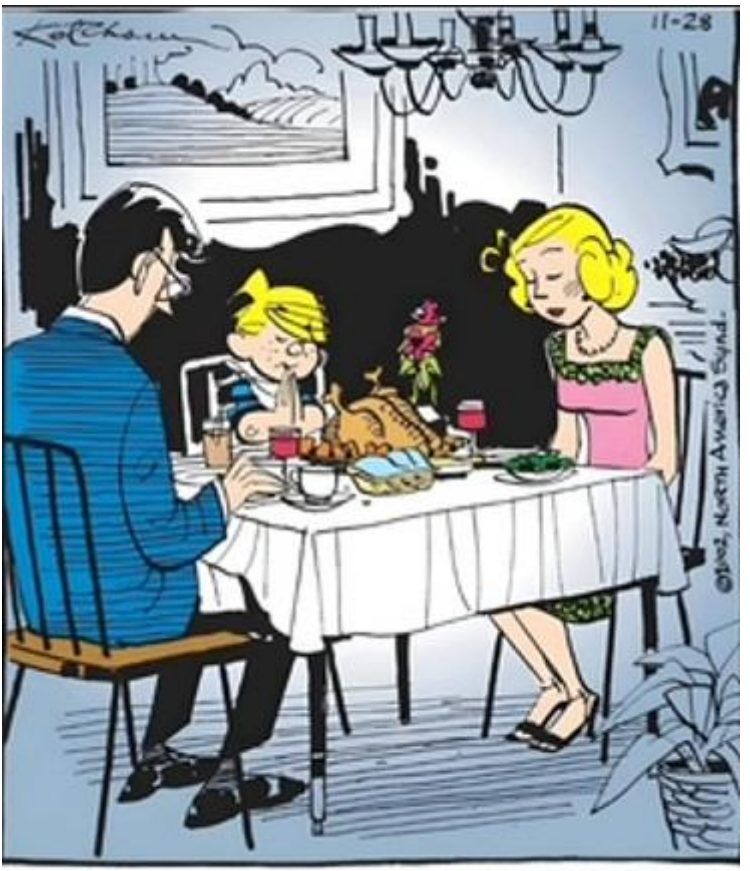
Bakers often avoid square dancing.

All day long, it's dough see dough.

Sounds like a corny relationship to me.

If your home weather station fails, this is an inexpensive fix!!

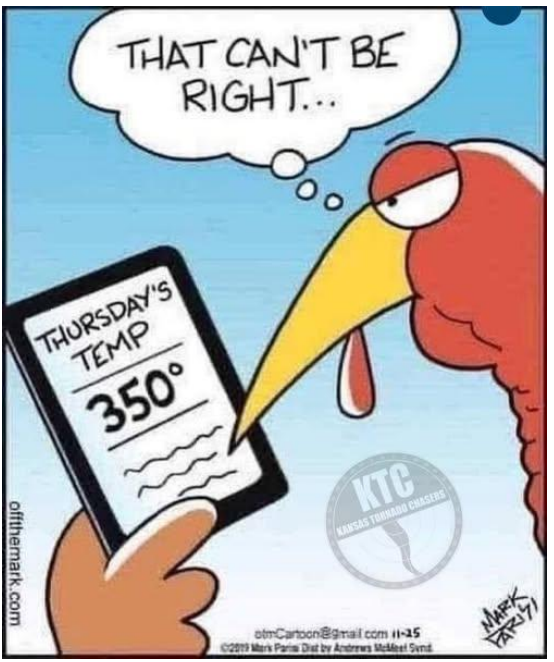
While Thanksgiving is now behind us, here are several cute items.



"...AND I'M THANKFUL THE PILGRIMS DIDN'T HAVE LIVER AN' ONIONS FOR THEIR THANKSGIVING MEAL."

Had it been fried beef liver, and sauteed onions, I would have wanted that plate!! However, both shoot my cholesterol and triglycerides into the stratosphere, so it's an extremely rare treat when I can eat it.

GENE WAS BEGINNING TO REGRET HIS NECK TATTOO



It should be designated as "Happy Hallow-Thanks-Mas-NewYear-Valentine-SaintPatrick-Easter-Memorial-Independence-Labor-Columbus-Veterans Day". Now, that we have all the major holidays out of the way in one day, we can work more (LOL!).

As we enter the winter season, here are some pertinent winter weather safety reminders from the **National Weather Service**.

Cold Impacts: Vulnerable Populations

NEWBORNS

ELDERLY

CHRONIC ILLNESS

OUTDOOR WORKERS

UNHOUSED

Everyone is at risk from the dangers of extreme cold, but these groups are more vulnerable than most. Age and certain conditions make the body less able to regulate temperature.

- Dress in loose layers and cover all exposed skin
- Limit or avoid time outdoors
- Consume hot foods and warm drinks, but avoid caffeine and alcohol
- Check on family, friends and neighbors

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Cold Impacts: Vulnerable Populations

NEWBORNS

Newborns are extra sensitive to cold. They lose body heat more easily than adults and can't make enough body heat by shivering.

ELDERLY

Older adults often make less body heat because of a slower metabolism and less physical activity, making them more susceptible to the cold.

CHRONIC ILLNESS

People with certain chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk for cold-related illnesses.

OUTDOOR WORKERS

Outdoor workers such as farmers, construction workers, and utility personnel face higher risks of exposure to cold.

UNHOUSED

People without adequate clothing and/or shelter are at an increased risk of cold-related illnesses.

Sources: CDC, EPA

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Don't Slip!

Icy surfaces can lead to serious injuries! Help prevent ice by salting walkways and turning off sprinklers in advance of the cold.

- **Walk on treated or non-icy surfaces** with better traction, if possible
- **Wear proper winter footwear** with rubber treads
- **Take slow, short steps** so that you'll be able to react to icy conditions

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Winter Storm Planning Timeline

A few days out

If the forecast calls for winter weather, start preparing now.

- Have emergency supplies for your home & car
- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Replenish fuel for your car and heating sources

The day before

Forecast accuracy continues to improve, so keep checking the latest.

- Adjust plans
- Have multiple ways to receive Warnings
- Bring pets indoors and ensure they have water

During & After

Remain vigilant and stay informed. Drive only if necessary.

- Check on neighbors and family
- Properly ventilate emergency heat sources
- Keep generators at least 20 feet from your home
- Take it easy when shoveling

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Don't Underestimate Sleet Dangers

Take it easy when shoveling.
Sleet can be much more dense than snow. Go slowly and don't overexert yourself.

Use extreme caution when driving.
Sleet can cause dangerous road conditions and reduced visibility.

- **Reduce speed**
- **Allow plenty of stopping distance**
- **Do not use cruise control**

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Wind Chill Chart

Wind (mph) \ Temperature (°F)	Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5		36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
10		34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
15		32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
20		30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
25		29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
30		28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
35		28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
40		27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91
45		26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50		26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95
55		25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60		25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98

Frostbite Times: 30 minutes, 10 minutes, 5 minutes

$$\text{Wind Chill (°F)} = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$$

Where, T= Air Temperature (°F) V= Wind Speed (mph)

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The **ASSDF Officers** want to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas**, a **Happy New Year**, and we hope to see you at holiday dances, and in 2026!!