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Ellis Vance Perry, Jr. October 8, 1935 - August 14, 2017

Our Clogging Family has said goodbye to another very special and influential man.

Ellis and his wife Audrey are leaders in the Traditional history of our wonderful dance form. They were always at the Resource Library tables at CLOG National Convention until his health did not allow him to travel.

Ellis took pride in being a part of continuing the history of clogging. He was a competition judge, teacher, friend and mentor to so many. A very humble man that could always be found with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye.

He was involved in clogging until his last days and he will be truly missed. We are sure he is calling a Hoedown now with all of the clogging family that have gained their wings also. I'll bet that is one great party going on.

Ellis Vance Perry, Jr., 81, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017. He was born in Halifax County, NC, the son of the late Ellis Vance Perry and Ruth Wilson Perry.

Mr. Perry retired after 41 years from Belk stores as a store manager. With Audrey, his loving wife of 62 years, Ellis enjoyed traveling, judging clogging competitions and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Ellis was involved with the N.C State Fair Folk Festival for more than 30 years, serving as superintendent the past 10 years.

For decades, Mr. Perry actively participated in many leadership and staff roles in CLOG, NCHC and ACHF. Additionally, along with his wife, he was the Director/Coordinator of the Carolina Heartland Cloggers for more than 30 years.



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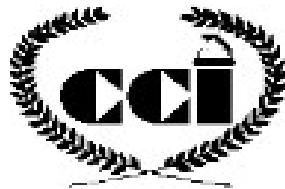
WE WANT YOU!

Would you like to get free registration to CLOG San Antonio?

Hi all! CLOG National Convention is coming soon and **we need you!** If you, any of your dancers, or parents/grandparents would like to volunteer to help with security, they will receive a free registration. All that is required is to work a total of 4 hours in which you can split up into two 2-hours Friday and Saturday or what works best for you. I will need each persons name, address, and contact information.

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On the beat.....

Remembering a legend

Lisa Moubry Johnson was feeling heartbroken.
14 August at 21:04 · Staunton, VA

And in the blink of an eye everything changes. Ellis Perry, there is not one word that I can say that would exhibit how important you are to me personally and professionally. You were one of our biggest supporters. Your encouragement was what made Dorothy Stephenson and I pursue Rhythmic Alliance and to follow through with a competitive clogging team. You always encouraged me to be more involved with ACHF and to help to make a difference. From the phone calls to answer my crazy questions, to the E-mails, to the great hugs and the support that you and Audrey Perry always provided. I will miss you terribly. I am just one small person. The amount of support that you have provided to the clogging world is unexplainable. The world has lost a great man. I know that when we dance tonight, we will all dance a little harder in memory of you. We love you and Audrey Perry so much. Fly high Ellis.

Madison Casteel added 2 new photos — with Ellis Perry.
14 August · Asheville, NC

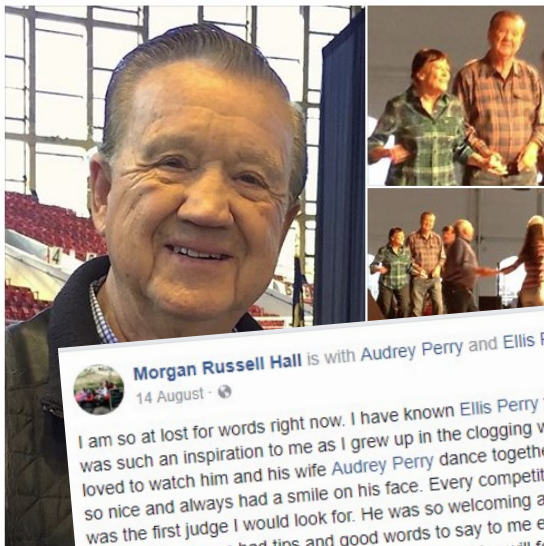
Feeling heartbroken. Heaven gained a precious soul today. I will miss seeing your smiling face by the side of the stage while dancing at state & at competitions and hearing your sweet voice. You watched me grow up on stage & were always a huge inspiration. Ellis Perry, you will be so missed.



marsha Harris added 4 new photos — with Matthew
14 August

I've been trying to put into words my thoughts of sadness in friend Ellis Perry. While I only knew Ellis for a short time through Fair Folk Festival, he and his wife Audrey always made me feel as if we were each other for a long time. It's my fortune to have met him and Audrey. My deepest sympathies to his family and all his many friends.

Danielle Buice Plimpton
14 August
The clogging world has lost a legend today. Please say a prayer for the Perry family as we remember the life and legacy of Ellis Perry. He was a great mentor and teacher for us all. You will be greatly missed Ellis Perry.



Scotty Bilz A clogging treasure that will be dearly missed! May he roam the great wooden dance floor of heaven waiting for us all to join him!
14 August at 20:01

Mamie McAbee
20 August at 14:13

Yesterday Rhythm & Class was awarded one of the most precious and meaningful awards I've received in my 30+ years as a clogging director. We were honored to receive the 2017 Ellis Perry Spirit Award. Ellis dedicated so much of his life to clogging and his clogging family. He mentored and encouraged me and so many other clogging Directors over the years. I know he's been smiling at me from behind that judges table for over two decades at least. He smiled when you danced well (and when you didn't). I really missed his smile this weekend, his hug and encouraging words. We are so blessed to be recognized and chosen for this award. We will display this banner proudly in our studio so it will encourage us to do our best and keep smiling. After all, that's what it's all about. May his spirit live on in the hearts of all of us he touched. Thank you Quinn Stansell, Dianne Loftin and all of the ACHF family that blessed us with this honor. I cannot put into words how much it truly means. Ms Audrey Perry, we love you and are praying for strength and comfort for you

Morgan Russell Hall is with Audrey Perry and Ellis Perry.
14 August

I am so at lost for words right now. I have known Ellis Perry for 15 years. He was such an inspiration to me as I grew up in the clogging world. I absolutely loved to watch him and his wife Audrey Perry dance together. He was always so nice and always had a smile on his face. Every competition I went to he was the first judge I would look for. He was so welcoming and such a great mentor. He always had tips and good words to say to me every time we ran across each other in the hallways or back stage. You will forever hold a special place in my heart Mr. Perry! I know you are dancing with the angels now and having the time of your life! ACHF and myself love you very much!



Natalie Baxley Johnson
17 August

What a beautiful ceremony. I met Mr Perry when I was about 8 years old when he and Audrey Perry taught me how to clog. I will never forget walking into class every year and giving him a big hug just to smell what cologne he was wearing. I know he touched so many lives, mine included. Like his son said today, I know he is in heaven putting a clogging team together ready to compete. Thank you Mr. Perry for some of the most fun times of my childhood. Praying and thinking about the entire Perry family. He will be greatly missed.



Michigrass Set

Artist: The Moxie Strings

Choreo: Andy Howard

Level: Intermediate

Intro: 16

PART A:

3 Stomp Double Basics (turn ¼ Left Each)	Stomp Dbs Dbs RS (repeat on alternating footwork) L R L RL
1 Stomp Double Basics (turn ¾ Right to front)	Stomp Dbs Dbs RS (repeat on alternating footwork) R L R LR
Rocking Chair	Dbs Brush-Up Dbs RS L R R LR
Kentucky Loop Turn	Dbs Kick-Step (xif) Dbs Loop (turn ½ Right)

PART B:

Clog Over Vine (turn ¼ Left on TADA) Optional rolling vine	Dbs Dbs (xif) Dbs (ots) Dbs (xib) Dbs (ots) Dbs (xif) Dbs (ots) RS TADA! L R L R L R L RL R
Step Mountain Goat	Step RS (xif) RS (ots) Toe-Slide L RL RL R R
Double Basic Kick (optional full turn right)	Dbs Dbs RS Kick L R LR L
REPEAT	

REPEAT PARTS A AND B:**PART C:**

Black Mountain (turn ¼ Left)	Dbs Heel Heel (pause) Toe Heel-Up L R R R L
Rock Turkey (turn ¼ Left)	Rock Heel-Flap Step Dbs RS L R R L R LR
Cowboy Forward, Left, Back (turn ¼ Left)	Dbs Dbs Dbs Brush-Up (turn ¼ left and back up) Dbs RS RS RS L R L R R LR LR LR Optional: Pullbacks or "Ba Da Das"
REPEAT THREE MORE TIMES	

PART D:

High Horse	Dbbs Dbl (xif) Dbl (out) RS Toe-Slide Dbbs Dbbs RS L R R RL R R L R LR
Scoops	Dbl-Over Dbl-Out Dbl-over Dbl-Out L L L L
Mountain Goat (turn ¼ Left)	Dbbs RS (xif) RS (ots) Toe-Slide L RL RL R R
Triple Stomp Stomp	Dbbs Dbbs Dbbs Stomp Stomp L R L R L
Triple Back	Dbbs Dbbs Dbbs RS R L R LR
2 Loops	Dbbs Loop (xib) Dbbs Loop (xib) L R L R
Rocking Chair	Dbbs Brush-Up Dbbs RS L R R LR
REPEAT	

PART E:

Forward and Touches (Move forward)	Dbbs Dbbs Dbbs Brush-Up Tch (xif) Tch (out) Tch (xif) Tch (out) L R L R R R R R R
Triple Plus Toe	Dbbs Dbbs Dbbs RS Toe (XIB) R L R LR L
Syncopated Stomp	Stomp Dbbs Stomp Dbbs Stomp L R L R L
Triple (full turn right)	Dbbs Dbbs Dbbs RS R L R LR

REPEAT PARTS A (4 Stomp Doubles, Rocking Chair + Kent. Loop, Rocking Chair + Kent. Loop)

REPEAT PART B:(Clogover w/ tada, Mountain goat, Double Basic Kick) – 2nd one has long “Tada” - END



On the beat.....

Murfreesboro Buck Dancer, Thomas Maupin Receives National Heritage Fellowship

Posted Sep 15, 2017 | Posted in: [Folklife](#), [News](#)

By Suzanne Lynch, Director of Marketing and Development –

On the evening of September 14, 2017, Thomas Maupin graced a stage that was not as familiar to him as many of those back home. Selected as a 2017 National Heritage Fellow, Maupin along with eight other recipients were honored by National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Chairman Jane Chu and members of Congress at an awards ceremony in the Library of Congress Coolidge Auditorium in Washington, DC. The ceremony included a presentation of medals and short remarks by the recipients in attendance. Following the ceremony, there was a reception with the artists in the Library of Congress's Great Hall Mezzanine.



Thomas Maupin accepting award from NEA Chairman Jane Chu.

“Who would’ve thought a skinny-legged boy with a flat-foot buck dancing style would come to this,” said Maupin on accepting his award.

The [NEA National Heritage Fellowships](#) are the highest honor given by the federal government in the folk and traditional arts. Each year the NEA honors a select number of artists for their artistic accomplishments and efforts to share their knowledge with the next generation. Maupin came to Washington D.C. with quite the entourage that included his wife, Beulah, daughter Deana Rothwell, grandson Daniel Rothwell, and musicians Austin Derryberry and Casy Mickle. Also attending was Bradley Hanson, Director of Folklife and Anne Pope, Executive Director for the TN Arts Commission.



Maupin is known as an elegant master of flat-foot buck dancing. In 2009, Maupin was given the Trail Blazer Award from the Uncle Dave Macon Days Festival and in 2011 he earned the Tennessee Governor’s Folklife Heritage Award. At the young age of 78, he is working to pass along the Buck Dancing tradition to younger dancers. Recently, Maupin participated in the Folklife Master/Apprentice Program with apprentice Courtney Williams

Hanson says, “Thomas has blended traditional steps learned in his family with a distinctive personal rhythmicity to create a mesmerizing and highly musical style. [He] has evolved a deceptively simple artistic philosophy: follow the note of the tune, dance the music that you hear, and make your feet say something.”

The TN Arts Commission congratulates Thomas Maupin on receiving this prestigious award and we look forward to seeing him dancing again in Tennessee.

[Listen to the NEA podcast](#)

[Read more of Thomas’ bio.](#)





Upcoming Events

September 22-23, 2017

Fontana Clogging Jamboree
Fontana Village Resort
Fontana Village, NC
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
Naomi Pyle 812-579-6979
Naomi_p@sbcglobal.net
fontanaworkshop.com

September 23, 2017

Tommyknocker Clogger
Jamboree
Seven Hills Middle School
Nevada City, CA
gonecloggin@gmail.com

September 29-October 1, 2017

Salt City Workshop
Holiday Inn
Liverpool, NY
Hanna Healy
wnyca.pres@gmail.com
www.wnyca.com/saltcity

October 7, 2017

TCC presents Hoedown
Pioneer Farms
Austin, TX
Buster Green 830-980-3600
clogger@thegreenshomepage.com
Debora Duckett 512-292-1030
Contemporarycloggers@contemporarycloggers.com

October 21, 2017

OktoberCLOGfest
Lights Dance Barn
Scottsburg, IN
Naomi Pyle 812-343-3285
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Appalachian Stomp
Carver Center
Purcellville, VA
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September 23, 2017

Dance Matrix (CCA)
Meadowview Resort and Conf Ctr
Kingsport, TN
Lynne Ogle 865-675-1185
ccalynne@aol.com
www.ccaclog.com

September 29-October 1, 2017

Salt City Competition (CCA)
Holiday Inn
Liverpool, NY
Hanna Healy
wnyca.pres@gmail.com
www.wnyca.com/saltcity

October 14, 2017

Deep South Dance Off (CCA)
TBD
Heather Kohberger
Blake Dunn
dance@cloggingconnection.com
www.ccaclog.com

November 4, 2017

Fall Classic Clogging
Championships (CCA)
Lexington, KY
Jeff Driggs 304-776-9571
ccajeff@aol.com
cloggingcontest.com

November 10-12, 2017

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Championships (ACHF)
Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium
Spartanburg, SC
Jimmy Loveless 301-884-5830
Ellis Perry 919-484-0623
Dianne Loftin 864-277-0553

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Laura Abrahams, AZ
Sandra Witherspoon, NC
Barbaradelle Bias, OK
Danna Holub, TX
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Brenda Jordan, TX
Mrs Deborah Anne Riddle, TX
Sarah L Fennell, TN

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Dance Expose' ~ Thursday

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