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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

December 2018



## Don't Miss These Special Events!

Annual All Callers

## Christmas Dance

*(Mainstream)*

**Saturday, December 8**

**7-9:30 p.m. in Cedar Hall**

*Finger foods and holiday goodies welcome but not required.*

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AND BREAKFAST

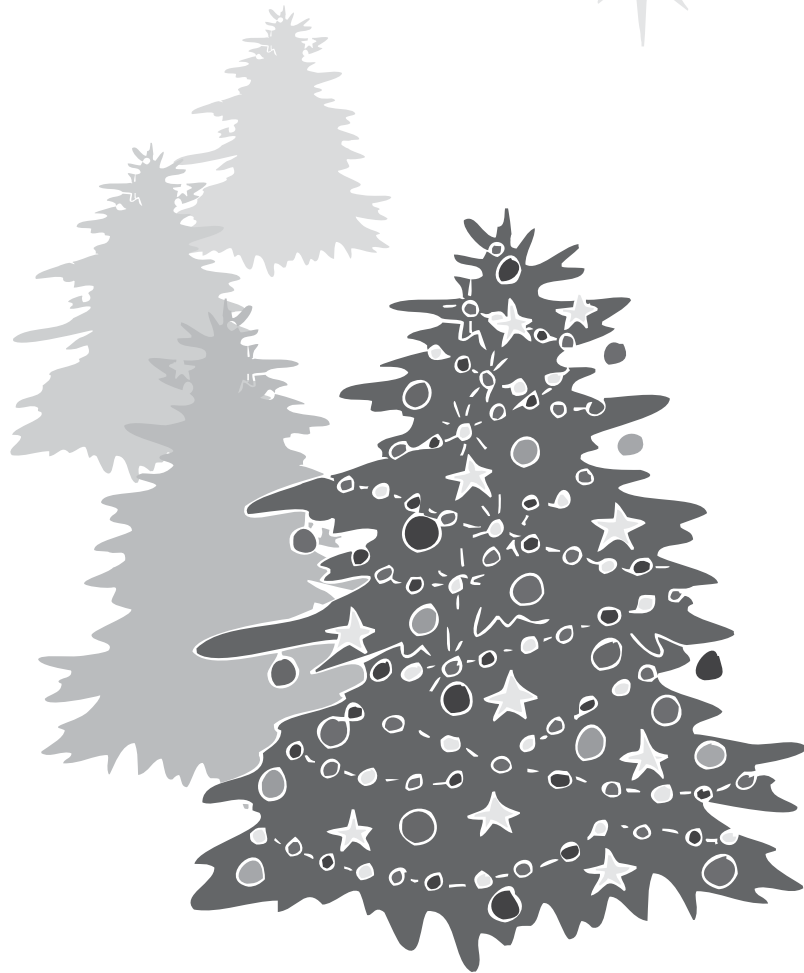
**Monday, December 31**

**7:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.**

Mainstream dancing to Lynn Strobel

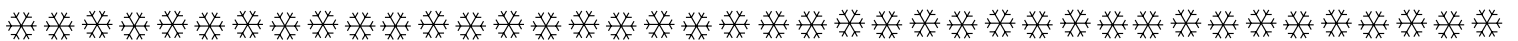
*Ham and pancake breakfast to follow.*

*Lynn and Judy may also be persuaded to provide additional entertainment.*



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## A few words from the Council

We finally have photos! Here are your new Yellowstone Square Dance Council officers. Pictured left to right are President Paul Hendershot, Vice President Cathleen Kuras, Treasurer Terry Drange and Secretary Ann Hindley. A big thank you to all of them for agreeing to take on these jobs. We know all of you will do what you can to make their jobs easier.



The volunteer committee to update the YSDC Constitution and Bylaws has almost finished its task. The committee will have one final meeting in early January, and their results will be published in the February Grapevine.

The Checkerboard Squares is launching this year's new dancer program on January 10. Please support the Checkerboards in this important job by coming on Thursday nights to welcome the new folks, dance with them and show them how much fun we're having. Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers...everyone you think would like to give square dancing a try. We'll also have posters available on the flyer table. You don't have to take a huge stack. If each of us hangs just a few in places where we're going to be anyway, we'll get the word out.

**Yellowstone Square Dance Council Grapevine  
YSDC Executive Committee 2014-2015**

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**Contradance Billings**  
 Amy Letson, caller, with live musicians  
 7:30 p.m., Cedar Hall at MetraPark  
 See calendar for dates



**Checkerboard Squares**  
 Bob Hogemark, Caller  
 Thursday evenings  
 6:30-8:30 Mainstream  
 Cedar Hall, Metra Park

The contradance has been having some lovely evenings. There have been beginners at every dance, and several of them have come back to dance again. It's exciting to watch the group grow.

We have one more dance in November, on the 30th, and one December dance, on the 14th.

Amy Letson will call the November 30 dance to the music of Copper Kelly. On December 14, Mark Matthews will be back at the mic and Isaac and Louise Callender of Big Sandy will be providing the music. We had the pleasure of hearing Isaac and Louise in collaboration with Balled in Burlap from Helena at our final dance of the season in May. By all accounts, that was an incredible evening of great dance music. We look forward to hearing them again.

**2018/19 Dance Schedule**

December 14 • January 11 • February 8, 22

March 8, 22 • April 5, 26 • May 10

*Amy Letson*

We wish a speedy recovery for our fellow dancers: Peggy, Lorraine, Barb, and Diane (from Powell).

Thanks for sharing your opinions at our short meeting recently. By majority vote, we will begin **new dancer lessons on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm** and continue to dance on a weekly basis. Schedules are available on the table at Cedar Hall. Please invite and encourage anyone who might be interested in joining us for this fun activity. It keeps the mind and body both in motion.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and opinions on keeping Checkerboard Squares dancing and growing. Thank you!

Remember, you are all invited to the Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 8 at Cedar Hall from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. It is a mainstream dance featuring all of the Yellowstone area callers and cuers. We look forward to seeing you across the square.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
*Peggy, Brian, Paul and Eileen*



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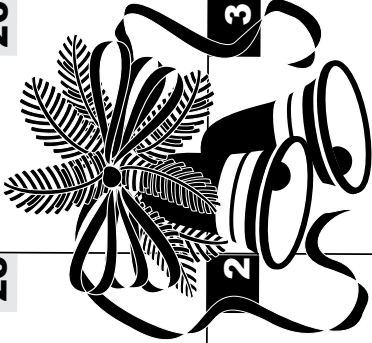
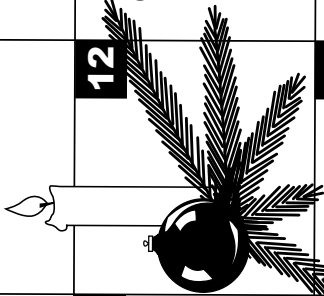


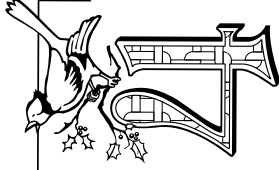

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Silhouettes 2-5 pm Cedar Hall (Larry & Susan)	 Advanced Workshop 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	Rockin H Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	 Rockin H Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	Contradance 7:30 p.m. Cedar Hall	<b>DECK THE HALL!</b> 9:00 am Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Lynn) Cedar Hall
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Silhouettes 2-5 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	2	3	4	5	6	7
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
Silhouettes 2-5 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	<b>New Year's Eve Dance &amp; Breakfast December 31 7:30 pm-12:30 am (All Callers) Cedar Hall</b>	<b>MERRY Christmas</b>				
8	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>CHRISTMAS Dance</b> 7:00-9:30 pm (All Callers) Cedar Hall				Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)		

## Billings Plus Group

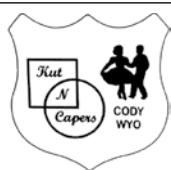
Lynn Strobel, Bob Hogemark, callers  
7:00-9:30 p.m., Cedar Hall at MetraPark  
Saturdays, see website or  
newsletter calendar for dates

Christmas...ready or not, here it comes! Remember, however ready you get is ready enough. This is supposed to be a season of joy, not a season of stress. And we're all fortunate to have such a great stress-releiver in our dancing! So we hope you make time in your busy schedules to come dance with us.

We have just two Plus dances this month, on December 1 and 15. We're "donating" one of our Saturdays, December 8, to make room for the annual Christmas Dance. It's a mainstream dance, so we're looking forward to dancing with the folks we don't usually see on Saturdays.

Winter hasn't hit us too hard yet, but please remember to watch your email for date changes or cancellations due to weather and road conditions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Kut 'N Capers

Steve Lassiter, Caller  
Fridays, 7:00 p.m.  
Episcopal Church  
Cody, WY

Things have been quiet in our little corner of the square dance world since Steve and Shea flew south for the winter. OK, so they drove. Still, we've been keeping busy as we prepare to "Swing Into Spring" with Lynn and Judy Strobel and Larry and Susan Sperry. It's set for April 26 and 27, so mark your brand new 2019 calendars now before some other much less enjoyable event steals your attention.

We hear Diane is recuperating well and we hope she's in dancing form again soon.

Some of us hope to join you for the Christmas dance in Billings and maybe even New Year's Eve. In the meantime, Merry Christmas to everyone! *Sheila Leach*

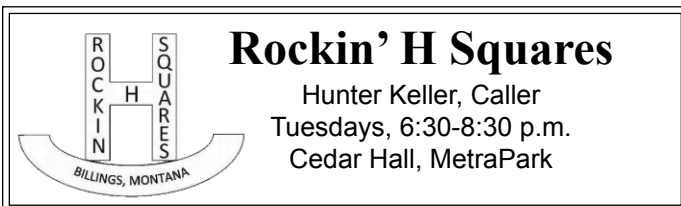
## Billings A Level Workshop

Bob Hogemark, Instructor  
Second and fourth Mondays 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Cedar Hall at MetraPark

The holiday season has begun! We hope you've started it out right and danced your turkeys off so you'll be ready for the next round of festivities.

Due to one dancer traveling and other dancers padding the holiday budgets of local surgeons, we had to cancel our November 12th workshop. So we did a pretty good job of amusing Bob when we came back on the 26th.

Lorraine's not up to dancing yet, but she still comes for a little amusement, too. We hope that she, Peggy and Barb will be dancing with us again soon.



## Rockin' H Squares

Hunter Keller, Caller  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Cedar Hall, MetraPark

Hey everyone,

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We ended up cancelling the dance the week of Thanksgiving due to folks being out of town and some being ill.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to those folks that were out sick. We are missing Peggy and Brian while Peggy is out recovering from her surgery. I spoke with her and everything went well and she is hoping to be back dancing soon.

We will be dancing on the 4th and the 18th of December. Hopefully we will be able to get dances in on both nights. Please make sure to sign up for the email or text messaging list if you haven't already. I want to make sure that everyone gets notified if we have to cancel. Those are the only two ways I will be contacting folks. You can go to [HunterKeller.com](http://HunterKeller.com) and click on Rockin' H Squares for more information.

Have a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year if I don't see you before then!

*Hunter*



## Silhouettes

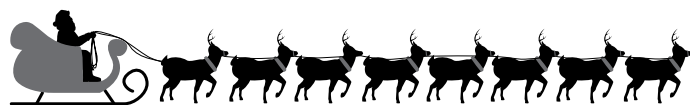
Larry & Susan Sperry, Cuers  
Sundays: see website for times  
<http://www.larrysperry.com>

We had a few dancers take our 2-Step class this Fall. They learned a lot of figures and 2 dances. The classes will continue on the Sundays that Larry is home in Billings. Gary and Louise Kelley and Sandy Thiel from Cody and George & Gail Smith were regulars at Silhouettes this season. We are glad to have them! Paul and Eileen Hendershot and Jane Smith came for the 2-Step class.

We have been missing Lorraine Williams this fall after her foot surgery. Peggy Davis also had a surgery this month and is recuperating. We extend get well wishes to them and a speedy recovery so they can get back to dancing. Here is the Silhouette schedule for the rest of the dance season:

**December:** 9 Larry • 16 Hunter,  
**January:** 6 Hunter • 13 Hunter • 20 Larry,  
**February:** 3 Larry • 17 Larry,  
**March** 3 Larry • 10 Hunter • 17 Larry  
24 Hunter • 31 Larry

*Larry and Susan Sperry*





## YSDC CLUBS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Club	Location
Sunday	varies	Silhouettes Round Dancing (check website for times)	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Monday	7:00 p.m.	A-Level Workshop (2nd and 4th Mondays)	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Rockin' H Squares (twice/month, see calendar)	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Checkerboard Squares beginners/mainstream	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Kut N Kapers (Call first, see calendar page)	Episcopal Church, Cody, WY
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Plus Dancing (as scheduled, see calendar)	Cedar Hall at MetraPark

**Visitors dancing at the appropriate level are always welcome at any club dance. No dress code.  
Please check the monthly calendar elsewhere in this newsletter and also our website  
for schedule updates and cancellations.**

## OPEN DANCE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer/Band	Location
December 8	7-9:30 p.m.	Christmas Dance	All Callers	Cedar Hall, Billings
December 14	7:30-11 p.m.	Conradance	Mark Matthews w/music by Isaac & Louise Callender	Cedar Hall, Billings
December 31	7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.	New Year's Eve Dance & Breakfast	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Cedar Hall, Billings
March 16	2-4, 7-9:30 p.m.	Checkerboard Spring Dance	Strobels and Sperrys	Cedar Hall, Billings

## STATE, REGIONAL & NATIONAL DANCES

Date	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer	Location
January 26	Plus Day Workshop & Dance	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Forsyth, MT
April 26-27	Kut n Kapers Spring Dance	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Christ Episcopal, Cody, WY
May 3-4	Magic City Hoedown	Bill Henke, Larry & Susan Sperry	Billings, MT
May 24-27	2019 Montana State Festival	Caller: Scott Byars, Cuer: B&B Bartlette	Missoula, MT
July 12-13	Plus on the Boulder	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Big Timber, MT
August 15-17	USA West Convention	All Callers/Cuers	Boise, ID
Aug. 31-Sept. 2	Knothead Jamboree	Caller: Charlie Robinson, Cuer: Mary & Bob Townsend-Manning	West Yellowstone, MT

**Flyers for many of these dances can be viewed at [www.squaredancemontana.com](http://www.squaredancemontana.com) and/or caller websites**

### Is There Still A Big Sky News?

• Have you been wondering what happened to the Big Sky News? It's gone digital! David Hinds in  
 • Great Falls has taken on the task and the publication looks great! Without the cost and scheduling  
 • constraints that come with printing and mailing a paper newsletter, it's taken on a whole new  
 • look. If you're not familiar with Big Sky News, it's a handy way to learn about square and round  
 • dancing activity throughout the state. If you're a long-time reader, you'll enjoy this new and  
 • improved version. Find it at [montanasquaredancing.com](http://montanasquaredancing.com). You'll like what you see!  
 • Thanks, David!