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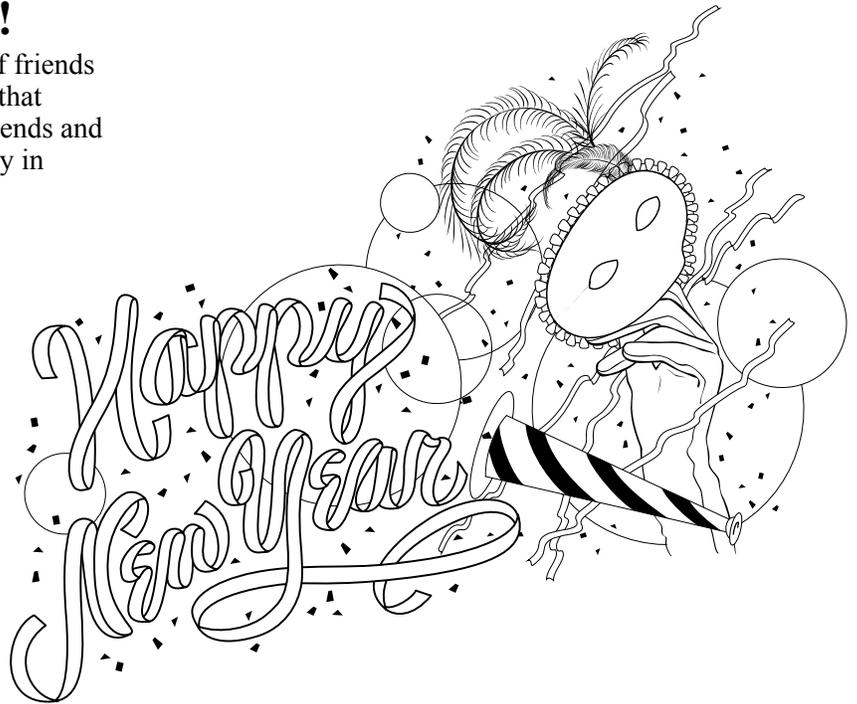
January 2019

Welcome, New Dancers!

We're looking forward to a whole new bunch of friends to begin dancing on January 10. Signups will be that evening and on January 17. Please invite your friends and neighbors, and hang up a poster or two, especially in places where folks tend to linger long enough to read them (think waiting rooms and employee lounges). Posters and business cards are available in Cedar Hall to help you promote our own brand of fun.

Then come and act as "angels" to the new dancers. It's fun, and new dancers learn much more easily when they have someone experienced to help it all make sense.

To those of you reading this who are new here, welcome! We all appreciate the bright spot in our lives that is square dancing, and we love to share it. We're glad you're here, we're glad to be dancing with you, and we can't wait to get to know you better!



Here's an article which appeared in the January, 1985 Grapevine. It was attributed to a New England caller; Bob Marsh, published in January 1974, then re-published in the October 1984 South Dakota state square dance paper, the Hooleyann Whirl. So it would now be nearly 150 years old.

What do you think? This writer suspects there is at least a little tongue-in-cheek going on. Still, there are things mentioned here that aren't even "things" today.

Square Dancing 100 Years Ago

Here is a list of rules for Square Dancing 100 plus years ago:

1. Admittance 50 cents, refreshments included.
2. The music is to consist of a fiddle, a pip or tabor, a hurdy gurdy. No chorus is to be sung until after dancing is over.
3. No lady to dance in black stockings—nor must she have her elbows bare.
4. Every lady to come with a clean handkerchief with her name marked.

Count Your Blessings

5. To prevent spitting, no gentleman to chew tobacco or smoke.
6. No gentleman to dance in a great coat unless his under one torn.
7. No lady to dress her hair in tallow candle, nor must she have a bunch of hair sticking up, top of her head.
8. Leather small clothes except newly washed are forbidden, as they might soil the ladies gowns—and to prevent the tearing of the planking, no gentleman to dance in nailed shoes or boots.
9. No whispering to be allowed—if anyone shall be found to make insidious remarks about anyone's dancing, he or she shall be put out of the room.
10. No scissors or gimlets are to be brought either by ladies or gentlemen unless their pockets are whole.
11. No gentleman to appear with a cravat that has been worn more than a week or a fortnight.
12. Long beards are forbidden, as

they would be very disagreeable, if a gentleman should happen to put his cheek beside a lady's.

13. Those ladies who have not white stockings and black morrocco shoes will not be admitted under any pretense whatever. Two old ladies will be provided to examine all who enter.

14. No lady must appear with a veil on even if it be turned aside, as the gentleman will not have an opportunity of looking at their faces distinct.

15. No gentleman must squeeze his partner's hand, nor look earnestly upon her; and furthermore he must not pick up her handkerchief, provided it were to fall. The first denotes he loves her, the second he wishes to kiss her, and the last that she makes a sign for both.

16. For distinction sake, the master of ceremonies is to wear a red coat, buff small clothes, black stockings, green shoes, and a furtout. The word of command is, tumble up ladies.

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Contradance Billings

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

Contradance Billings had a small but lively dance to finish out 2018, with a new band consisting of Kate Dalbey and Bill Letson. As of this writing, they have not come up with a name for the band. Mark Matthews called the varied program before heading to the sunny south for a few months.

Our January 11 dance will be the only one in the month, with Amy Letson back at the caller's mic and Copper Kelly playing the tunes.

Dancers who might feel deprived of a second dance are encouraged to check out the "Wintergreen" contradance weekend that the Bozeman Folklore Society is putting on January 25-27. Details can be found on their website (www.bozemanfolklore.org), but I believe there is still room for a few more dancers. They bring in a terrific caller and a couple bands every year, and it is a wonderful experience. The Letson family is definitely attending.

2018/19 Dance Schedule

January 11 • February 8, 22
March 8, 22 • April 5, 26 • May 10

Amy Letson



Checkerboard Squares

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

Happy New Year 2019!

We hope you all had a great Christmas!

Our dance season is in full swing with new dancer lessons beginning on January 10th and January 17th. Please continue to invite your family, friends and anyone you think might be interested in this activity that we enjoy so much. The more the merrier!

It is great to have Peggy back to dancing with us. We continue to wish her the best with her continued recovery.

Our Spring Dance is not that far away. If you haven't done so already, please add it to your calendar. So far the weather has been on our side for dancing. What a treat the mild weather has been. If you forgot to pick up a Grapevine at Cedar Hall, you can find it on the website www.squaredancemontana.com.

Be sure to share any suggestions you have for Checkerboard Squares with us.

Peggy, Brian, Paul and Eileen



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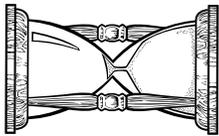
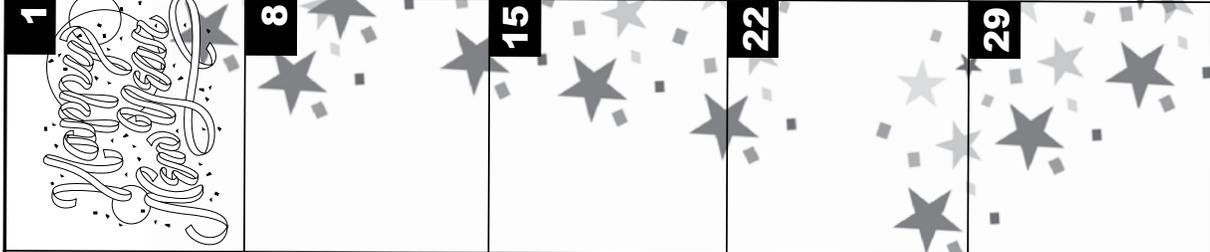
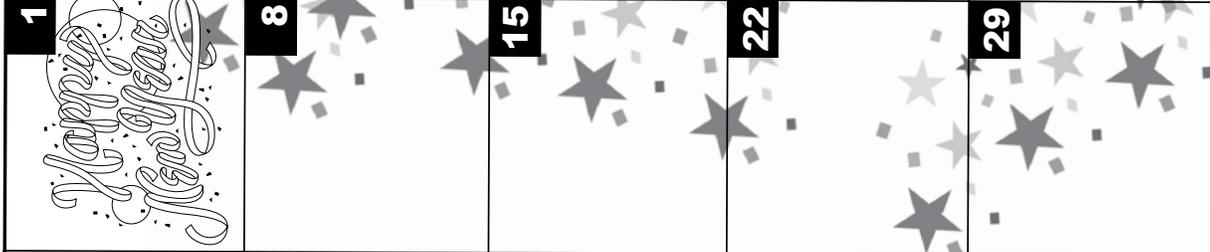
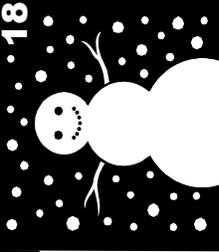
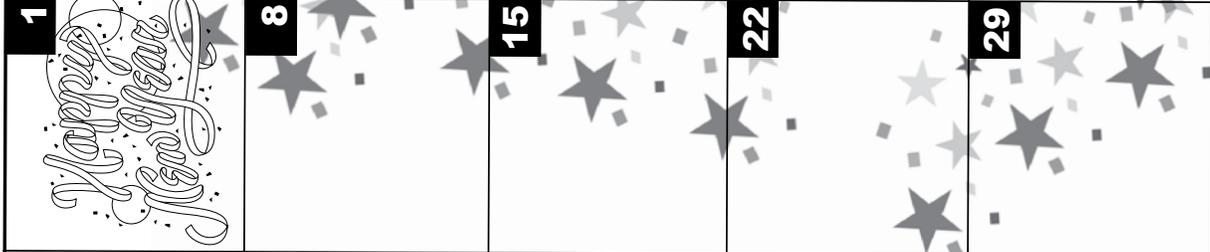
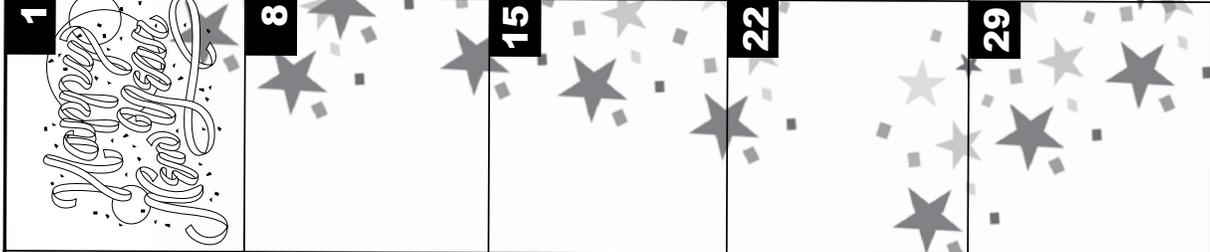


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30  Silhouettes 2-4 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	31 New Year's Eve Dance & Breakfast 8:30 pm-12:30 am (Lynn) Cedar Hall	1 	2 	3 	4 	5 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Bob) Cedar Hall
6 Silhouettes 2-4 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	7 	8 	9 	10 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	11 Contradance 7:30 p.m. Cedar Hall	12 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Lynn) Cedar Hall
13 Silhouettes 2-4 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	14 Advanced Workshop 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	15 	16 	17 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	18 	19 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Bob) Cedar Hall
20 Silhouettes 1-5 pm Cedar Hall (Larry)	21 	22 	23 	24 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	25 	26 Let's Go to Forsyth!
27 	28 Advanced Workshop 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	29 	30 	31 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall (Bob)	1 	2 Plus Dance 7:00-9:30 pm (Lynn) Cedar Hall

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

Happy New Year everyone!

Because of everyone's busy Christmas schedules, we didn't dance on December 22 or 29. Yes, that's only two weeks, but it sure seems like a long time even with the New Year's Eve dance thrown in. So we're eager to get going again on January 5.

It wasn't a Plus dance, but it was a Saturday dance, so we'd like to say thank you to all who made up the five squares at the Christmas dance. We especially appreciate all the dancers from Wyoming and from Miles City who made the trip to dance with us.

So far the banana belt weather has kept the road conditions blessedly boring. This can change at any time, though, so please remember to keep your eye on your email for notices of any cancellations.



Silhouettes

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

Susan and Larry were home for Callers Christmas Dance. It was a very successful dance with five squares including people from Miles City and Cody.

The Silhouettes met the next day with an enthusiastic group of round dancers. The Two Step beginners are doing very well and can now dance three dances. The rest of the group reviewed dances and did some Christmas dances.

Lorraine and Peggy are back dancing, hooray!!

Hunter cued the December 16 dance and everyone had a great time. We are fortunate to have Hunter to cue for us.

There were no dances on December 23 and December 30. The January schedule has Hunter cueing on the 6th and 13th from 2-4 pm. Larry will teach and cue January 20. We will have 2 step class on that Sunday from 1-2 pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

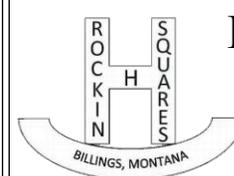
Larry and Susan Sperry

Billings A Level Workshop

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

We only danced once in December, due to the fourth Monday being Christmas Eve and people thought they might be busy. Imagine that! But with Peggy, Lorraine and Barb all back on the floor again, we probably got two evenings' worth of dancing fit into one anyway.

Wishing everyone a new year full of dancing!



Rockin' H Squares

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

Happy New Year everyone!

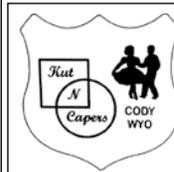
On Tuesday, December 18, the Rockin' H Squares held their last Tuesday night workshop for the foreseeable future. We will not be continuing in the spring of 2019 due to lack of participation and having to cancel so many.

Many folks have suggested changing the level, but I could not in good conscience create a night that would take anyone away from the Checkerboard Squares and create lower attendance there. I understand that we are all struggling with attendance, and therefore, I encourage everyone to support the Checkerboard Squares on Thursday nights and help with their beginners class.

I am sorry that it didn't work out, but I will be holding dances throughout the summer again just like last year and I am looking at other possibilities to help grow the square dance community in Billings. I hope to see you around at some of the local dances and maybe even somewhere out of town!

Thank you all for your support!

Hunter



Kut 'N Capers

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

We held our Christmas dinner at 8th Street at the Ivy with eight in attendance – well, virtually nine when Louise called from Arizona to make sure we were there. Just like she called when Julie, Sandy and Sheila came up to Billings for the Christmas dance. We call her Mother Louise – always checking on us.

As to news, Ron and Ruth Manley are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 21 – must have been a Romeo and Juliet type marriage, except that it ended happily ever after.

We discussed the need to get on the dance floor through the winter months no matter what, even dancing to CDs if necessary. Another opportunity might be presenting itself with a proposal that we could be asked to perform at the Buffalo Bill Ball at Wolfville Hall (Cody Auditorium) on the evening of Saturday, February 23.

This could be challenging on several fronts. First there are our snowbirds, and then there are the usual casualties as between other out-of-state trips and replacements of multiple body parts, mostly joints. This could leave less than an optimal square, not to mention no caller.

We plan to seek a caller from your neck of the woods with perhaps a couple of dancers to tag along. Details ongoing. Wishing all our friends to the north a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sheila Leach

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
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 31	8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.	New Year's Eve Dance & Breakfast	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Cedar Hall, Billings
January 11	7:30-11 p.m.	Contradance	Amy Letson	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 and/or caller websites

All Callers Christmas Dance, December 8, 2018

