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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

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YSDC News

As reported a couple months back, this is the year to elect new officers. To this end, the Yellowstone Square Dance Council will hold a meeting on **Saturday, May 3, 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church**. All dancers are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. Our newest dancers are especially welcome; you have the freshest outlooks and ideas.

YSDC officers serve two-year terms, and meetings are held just three times a year, so this is not a time-consuming commitment. We rarely have any earth-shattering business, just the ordinary little stuff to keep the wheels turning. In fact, if you're looking for some cred for your volunteer resumé, this is probably one of the easiest ways to earn it! It doesn't matter how long or short your dancing career has been, you can do this!

Plenty of people have held these offices and lived to tell about it, and any one of them will be more than happy to help in any way you need. We're especially in need of a new Vice President and Treasurer. We also need a new Insurance Chair, now filled by the current Treasurer. This doesn't have to be the case however; a different person could do each job. Terry is ready to fully train and provide any help needed to the person or people who take on these duties.

The description of offices was printed in the February Grapevine. Here's a reminder:

PRESIDENT - shall preside at all meetings of YSDC and have in mind at all times the best interest of YSDC. The President shall call special meetings at the request of two thirds of the delegates. The President will automatically be an ex officio member of all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT - shall perform the duties of the President in the event of the President's absence.

SECRETARY - shall keep a record of all proceedings of YSDC, shall act as YSDC Correspondent in matters pertaining to the business of YSDC, and shall keep a correct enrollment of all member clubs.

TREASURER shall receive and take care of all monies belonging to YSDC and shall disburse it at the order of YSDC. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures.

If you're willing to be nominated for an office, please contact one of the officers. Their contact information is in every issue of the Grapevine and on our website, squaredancemontana.com. You'll also see them at almost any dance and they'd be happy to talk to you.



67th Annual Magic City Hoedown

Saturday - May 17, 2025
First Presbyterian Church
2420 13th St. West
Billings, Montana

Square Dance Callers:
Butch Suttley
Square Dance:
Larry & Susan Sperry

Sponsored by the
Yellowstone Square Dance Council

← Look! The 67th Annual! Help us continue the tradition, come dance with us on the 7th!

We had tremendous support when we hosted the 2024 State Festival. Let's show our appreciation by doing the same for our fellow Montana dancers.

Join us for the "Buffalo Drive in 2025"
2025 MONTANA STATE SQUARE & ROUND DANCE FESTIVAL
MAY 23 - 26, 2025

Featured National Callers:
ADAM CHRISTMAN & HUNTER KELLER

Featured Caller:
LORRIE LANE

Sponsored by the Montana Mavericks
Register at mtfestival.dance

Look forward to:
• Four Days of dancing!
• Amazing Harmonies!
• Workshops!
• Day Camping Available (Crate!)

(406) - 826-2834 | 130 Third Ave NW, Bozeman, MT | mtfestival.dance

USA West Conventions are amazing! Enjoy nationally and internationally known callers while you dance with new friends from all over the western U.S. Register at their website and find out for yourself!

Never been to a USA West Convention?
Wondering what to expect? Or what is it all about?

3 days of dancing multiple halls
dancing mainstream thru challenge
exhibitions vendors education
local and national callers, and more.

You can count on having fun, making new friends and all day dancing!
2025 USA West registration: www.usawestwa.com

Yellowstone Park and Square Dancing, what a combination! If you haven't traveled to many dances, this is a great place to start!

69th Annual
Knothead Jamboree
Square & Round Dance
August 29, 30, 31 Sept 1 2025

Union Pacific Dining Lodge
220 Yellowstone Ave, West Yellowstone, MT

LOLO STOMP
24TH ANNUAL
PLUS Square Dancing
AUGUST 7-9, 2025

FEATURING **LYNN STROBEL**

Rounds With
Larry & Susan Sperry

Squares—Rounds—After Party
Yellowrock Square & Round Dance Center

The Yellowstone Square Dance Center & Campground is just 8 miles south of Missoula, MT. Camp among the pines along Lolo Creek on the Lewis & Clark Trail and enjoy one of the country's best square dance facilities. Glamping ahoywood floor, fully air conditioned, with great music. Come for a weekend, a month, or the full season and dance to great callers and callers.

Contact Yellowrock Campground for Reservations
9955 Lolo Creek Road (Hwy 12) Lolo, MT (406) 273-0141
(See Program On Back)

4th Annual September Spectacular
Plus Weekend
September 19 - 20, 2025

Mike Seastrom **Hunter Keller** **The Sperrys**

First Presbyterian Church - 2420 13th St. W.
in beautiful BILLINGS, MONTANA. Wood Floor, Air Conditioning.

Host Host - Host Western Checkroom Jan
2511 Great Ave., N.
Phone: 406-209-0511 *ask for the September Spectacular rate
(We provide food and drink. Working the food table for you included)
Host reservations must be made by August 22, 2025 at 9pm rate.

Weekend Schedule

Friday, September 19: 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. - Traditional Square 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. - Plus Local Square Dance rehearsal	Saturday, September 20: 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. - Breakfast 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. - Square Dance Workshop 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - Breakfast 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. - Plus Local Square Dance rehearsal 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. - Breakfast 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. - Plus Local Square Dance rehearsal
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Registration: \$100 per couple, \$50 solo
Dancing is package pricing only

Register at the Door, online or by mailing registration with check payable to:
September Spectacular
206 15th St. W., Billings, MT 59102
For info call Hunter: 406-496-2688 or
email: hunter@hunterkeller.com

A minimum of 6 squares must be registered by July 1, 2025 or the event will be cancelled

Plus dancing at its finest! Find any kind of dancing at its finest at Lolo. Their complete schedule is on our website, squaredancemontana.com, where you'll find something for every level.

← REGISTER BY JULY 1 to make this incredible Plus weekend a success. All who danced at the last three would sure like to see this continue for many years to come. Let's make it happen!

Flyers for all these events are under Coming Events on our home page at squaredancemontana.com

Billings Plus Group

Lynn Strobel, Bob Hogemark, Hunter Keller, callers
7:00-9:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church
Saturdays, see website or calendar for dates

Lynn and Judy thank everyone for their support of the annual Spring Dance, which has been sponsored by the Plus Group for a number of years now. By Lynn's calculations, there were two squares plus extras at the Saturday afternoon workshop and close to four squares on Saturday night.

Saturday social calendars can get crowded, so we thank all who attended whatever events you could. We hope you newer dancers enjoyed the experience and that we'll see you again next year.

Dancers were surveyed regarding the Spring Dance and whether or not it should be continued in the same format. General concensus was that it should, so we look forward to another great event with even more dancers when our "Class of 2025" will be ready to join in the fun.

There was a great turnout for the March 29 Plus dance as well. We'll have our last Plus dance on May 3, so come help us close out the dance season! Maybe we'll even see some snowbirds.

Oops, ran out of room on the front page. See the calendar on page 3 for the Plus Workshop and Dance in Forsyth, June 14.



Checkerboard Squares

Bob Hogemark, Caller
Thursday evenings Mainstream
7:00-9:00 First Presbyterian Church

We had four squares to welcome guest caller Hunter on March 15, and we all survived! Seriously, Hunter did his usual great job and the new dancers had a blast with their first experience with a different caller. Now Hunter's summer dances won't be unknown territory for them, so we hope we'll see them often!

A few people remembered to wear green in honor of St. Paddy's Day on the 17th, but Mark outshone them all, arriving stylishly late in a tux, fresh from a dress rehearsal. We're all looking forward to May 8 and our Beginner's Hoedown. We hope you can all join us and meet the new folks if you haven't already. See you there!

You're Invited To

PARTY!

Come join the Checkerboard Squares for our

BEGINNER HOEDOWN!

The perfect chance to

Meet Our New Dancers!

Thursday, May 8, 2025

First Presbyterian Church - Billings, Montana



Dancing from
7:00 to 9:00 pm
Cost \$8 per person

Our Growing Dance Family



This month we have Kenny Southworth and Pat Emerson. They're a couple of friends who are probably the most dedicated in our "Class of 2025." I don't think they've missed a single Thursday.

I know Pat heard about square dancing from some old lady who wouldn't quit talking about it at the Y and she bravely agreed to try it out.

Pat and Kenny enjoy square dancing as a fun exercise for both the mind and body. They say they've also enjoyed getting to know a bunch of nice people.

In their former lives, Kenny was a railroad engineer with MRL and Pat was a CPA. Besides dancing, they also enjoy skiing and hiking.

We're glad you joined us, Pat and Kenny. Your dedication is an inspiration to both new and not-so-new dancers and we're glad we get to dance with you!



Silhouettes

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

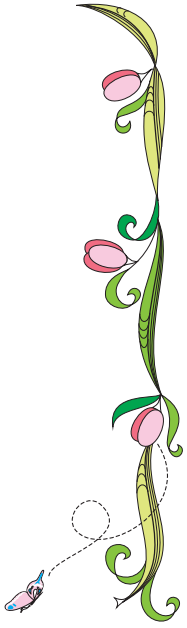
It's April, the month when Larry, Susan and the rest of the snowbirds begin to appear and the Silhouettes become more active again.

The Monday Round Dancing with Larry and Susan resumes May 5 at the Casa Village Rec Hall from 7-8:45.

The new beginner round dance class will begin on Tuesday, May 6, also at the Casa Village Rec Hall from 7-8:45. The cost is \$8 per person per session with rhythm to be announced later. Welcome back everyone!

*Don't get rusty this summer!
Keep your dancing sharp with Hunter's summer dances. Check page 3 for dates and times.*

2025



April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
<p>SUMMER DANCES COMING UP!</p> <p>Hunter Keller, Caller First Presbyterian Church, 7-9 p.m. • \$10 per person</p> <p>Thursdays Mainstream Level June 12th • June 19th July 10th • July 17th August 7th • August 21st</p> <p>Fridays Plus Level Dance with Rounds June 27th • July 25th August 15th • August 29th</p> <p>*dates and levels are subject to change.</p>						
13			9	10	11	12
				Checkerboard Squares Beginner/Mainstream 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian	Checkerboard Squares Beginner/Mainstream 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian	Plus Dancing (Hunter) 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian
			16	17	18	19
				DANCE Easter Week		NO DANCE Easter Week
			23	24	25	26
				Checkerboard Squares Beginner/Mainstream 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian		ARTHUR SATURDAY TROUPE (Lynn) Mainstream, 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian
			30	1	2	3
				Checkerboard Squares Beginner/Mainstream 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian		YSDC COUNCIL MEETING 5 p.m. First Presbyterian Plus Dancing (Lynn) 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian

Coming Attraction!
Plus Workshop and Dance
 With Lynn and Judy Strobel
 Sponsored by Prairie Stars Square Dance Club
****Senior Citizens Center****
 1060 Cedar, Forsyth, MT
 Saturday June 14, 2025
Casual Dress

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Workshop/Plus Dance
Dancers should have an understanding of the "Plus Calls"

5:00 p.m. – Supper Served; Prepared by Dan and Rita Watson

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Plus Dance

Total Program (Supper Included) Only \$25.00/person
 Please let us know if you are coming; Helps us plan for supper

For information contact Lynn and Judy @ 406-234-7384
 Cell 406-951-1088

Forsyth Motels include:
 Radl's Inn Motel: 406-346-2242
 Westwind Motor Inn: 406-346-2771
 Or check out Miles City Motels if you prefer



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Club Dance Locations

Square Dance: First Presbyterian Church, 13th Street South and Poly Drive, Billings

Round Dance: Casa Village Rec Hall, 110 Tracer Drive, Billings

Yellowstone Square Dance Council (YSDC) Grapevine Newsletter

YSDC is an educational, non-profit organization for the promotion of square, round, folk, clogging and related dance instruction in the eastern Montana-northern Wyoming areas. Please send Grapevine mail to **Ann Hindley, Editor YSDC Grapevine, 3143 Cline Rd., Billings, MT 59105.**

Address all articles and correspondence to the editor. You may also send editorial matter via email to **achindley@gmail.com**. Photos may be mailed or may be submitted in high resolution digital format via email. The deadline for all materials is the 20th of the month preceding publication.

YSDC CLUBS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Club	Location
Monday	7-9 p.m.	Silhouettes Round Dancing (Nov.-May dates determined by cuer)	Casa Village Rec Hall
Thursday	7-9 p.m.	Checkerboard Squares beginners/mainstream	First Presbyterian Church
Saturday	7-9 p.m. p.m.	Plus Dancing (as scheduled, see calendar)	First Presbyterian Church

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	Location
April 26	7-9 p.m.	Fourth Saturday Frolic*	Hunter Keller	First Presbyterian, Billings
May 8	7-9 p.m.	Beginner Hoedown	Bob Hogemark	First Presbyterian, Billings
May 17	several, see flyer	Magic City Hoedown	Butch Suttley, L&S Sperry	First Presbyterian, Billings

* All 4th Saturday Frolic dances are mainstream dances by callers as listed above, with round dancing by Hunter between tips.

STATE, REGIONAL & NATIONAL DANCES

Date	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer	Location
May 23-26	2025 Montana State Festival	Caller: A. Christman, H. Keller, Cuer: L.Lane	Ronan, MT
June 14	Plus Workshop & Dance	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Forsyth, MT
June 25-28	Nat'l Square Dance Convention	All Callers/Cuers	Shreveport, LA
July 11-13	Plus on the Boulder	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Big Timber, MT
July 17-19	Mainstream at Lolo	Lynn Strobel, Theresa Ray	Lolo, MT
August 7-9	Lolo Stomp Plus Weekend	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Lolo, MT
Aug. 29-Sept. 1	Knothead Jamboree	All Callers & Cuers	West Yellowstone, MT
Sept. 5-7	Buggy Stomp	J. Junck, D. Guille, L&S Sperry	Laramie, WY
Sept. 19-20	September Spectacular	M. Seastrom, H. Keller, L&S Sperry	Billings, MT

**Flyers for many of these dances can be viewed at www.squaredancemontana.com and/or caller websites
We'll also have flyers at the club dances at First Presbyterian. Check them for more details.**