

# GRAPEVINE

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

Summer 2025

## YSDC News

It's coming soon...the Yellowstone Square Dance Council meeting on **Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church.**

As previously reported, we'll have election of officers at this meeting. Terms are for two years, and new occupants of the offices of Vice President and Treasurer are especially needed. There is some interest in these offices, but all offices are open to elections this year. None of the offices is labor-intensive; with only three meetings a year with the intention of preserving business as usual in the square dance community. Remember, current officers are always ready to show new officers the ropes.

Even if you aren't interested in an office, please come to the meeting if you can. It won't last long because there's a Plus dance at 7.

We sincerely need you and your ideas. You may have noticed that the square dance community is a little different than many dance communities. We don't just pay a cover, hang out with our friends and then leave when the dancing's done. We're invested in our dance community. We know that it's up to us to keep square dancing alive and we're happy to work together to make that happen.

To do that, we always need fresh ideas and willing hands. In other words, we need YOU! Come to the meeting Saturday and share your bright ideas or pitch in to help make someone else's bright idea a reality.

## Magic City Hoedown

We hope you've picked up the brochure for the Magic City Hoedown, May 17. This will be the first open dance after the graduation of the newest Checkerboard Squares dancers and we're excited to have them join us.

In case you missed the brochure, here's a few of the main points:

There will be five sessions beginning at 9 a.m. with a Round Dance workshop. Larry requests that dancers at this workshop have some Phase 3 level experience. This workshop ends at 10:30.

From 10:30 to noon is a Mainstream dance. This is a dance, not a workshop. It would be great if you newer dancers could come, get warmed up and familiar with Butch's calling so you're ready to dance even more in the evening. If you can't make the afternoon dance, don't worry. Butch is great at putting dancers of all levels at ease.

Plus dancing will happen from 2-3:30 p.m. Then there's Round dancing (pre-rounds) from 7-7:30 p.m. followed by Mainstream dancing until 9:30.

\$25 per person will cover the entire day; or if you want to pick and choose, the morning and afternoon dances are \$10 per person while the evening dance is \$15 per person.



Hope to see you across a square everywhere and often!

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 Guest:**  
**LORRIE LANE**

Sponsored by the Montana Mavericks  
 Register at [mifestival.dance](http://mifestival.dance)

**Look forward to**

- Four Days of dancing!
- Amazing Harmonies!
- Workshops!
- Dry Camping Available Onsite!

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**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 Hotel - Best Western Checkstone Inn  
 211 First Ave. N.  
 Phone: 406-254-0151 (ask for the September Spectacular rate)  
 (Free breakfast included. Booking this hotel before our weekend.)  
 Hotel reservations must be made by August 22, 2025 per room.

**Weekend Schedule**

<b>Friday, September 19</b>	<b>Saturday, September 20</b>
9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. The Round Dance Request	9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Round Dance Workshop
10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Plus Level Square Dance or round	10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Square Dance Workshop
	1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Plus Level Square Dance
	2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Plus Level Square Dance
	4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Round Dance Request
	7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Plus Level Square Dance or round

**Pricing: \$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  
 306 15th St. W., Billings, MT 59102

For info call Hunter: 406-606-2648 or email: [hunter@seastromkeller.com](mailto:hunter@seastromkeller.com)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Last month we featured a number of special dance events happening this summer. If you need to review your options you can find all the flyers under "Coming Events" on our website, [squaredancemontana.com](http://squaredancemontana.com).

However, we're giving these two some special attention.

First is the **2025 Montana Festival** happening in Ronan. Sadly, Montana dancers just don't travel like they used to. This is a great opportunity to fix that. The folks from Ronan, and western Montana in general, were incredibly generous with their support when we hosted the Festival in 2024. Let's return the favor and enjoy our dance family from the rest of our state, in a gorgeous part of our state!

The **September Spectacular** is the Plus weekend set for September 29 and 30. Unless you travel extensively or are a "snowbird," you don't often get to dance to callers of Mike Seastrom's caliber. And you can never go wrong with Hunter and the Sperrys, our own world class professionals. To make it all work, 6 squares must be registered by July 1 or they'll have to cancel. Don't let that happen, register now!

**PHOTOS...WE NEED PHOTOS!**  
 Where will you be dancing this summer? Send us your photos and share your adventures!  
[achindley@gmail.com](mailto:achindley@gmail.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

*A note from Lynn and Judy:*

We are just a little more than a month from the annual Forsyth Plus day, in (you guessed it) Forsyth, Montana sponsored by the Prairie Stars Square Dance Club. The dance is June 14, 2025 with an afternoon plus workshop/dance at 2:30 p.m., supper at 5:00, and a plus dance from 6 to 8.

We have listed the Forsyth motels on the flyer. We understand there is another activity in the Forsyth Area that falls on Fathers Day so motels in Forsyth may be hard to come by this year. Since Forsyth is only 45 miles west of Miles City and just over 90 miles east of Billings, staying in one of those towns is also an option.

Between now and June 1, please let us know if you are planning to attend. That helps us plan supper, which is always superb. If you know of other plus dancers that may not have received this invite, please pass along the information and have them RSVP.

We look forward to another good Plus Day.

*Lynn and Judy*

Don't forget our last regular Plus dance on May 3!

## 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:  
Rail's Inn Motel: 406-346-2242  
Restwell Motel: 406-346-2771  
Westwind Motor Inn: 406-346-2038  
Or check out Miles City Motels if you prefer

# Our Growing Dance Family



Here's Dee! Dee Billings first started square dancing in 2023. Life interfered for a while, but we were glad to see her back in 2024. She says she enjoys square dancing because it's good exercise and she just enjoys dancing in general. She wanted to try square dancing because her parents were square dancers.

Dee comes to Billings by way of Wyoming and Colstrip. She has three children and seven grandkids between the ages of 7 and 18.

Presently Dee operates a cleaning service. She has also done catering and cake baking/decorating. All of her cake paraphernalia has gone to one of her daughters, who is continuing the tradition.

She also enjoys woodworking, painting, gardening, sewing and cooking. She's one busy lady and we're sure glad she saves some time for us!



## Checkerboard Squares

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

Hunter called for us again on April 24 and we're all looking forward to dancing to him this summer. It's important especially for the newest dancers, to attend as many of these as possible to keep your new skills shiny! The calendar on page 3 lists all the Mainstream summer dances...hold onto it, this is the last Grapevine until September!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Beginner Hoedown on May 8 and at the Thursday dances this summer.

A few months ago we decided to have beginner classes again in the fall. Keep that in mind this summer and tell your friends about all the things you enjoy about square dancing, then invite them to the intro sessions. You could even invite them to sit in on a summer dance. They won't be able to dance, but they'll get to see what it's all about.



## Silhouettes

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

Silhouette club starts Monday, May 5, at 7-8:45 pm. The beginner class starts again Tuesday, May 6, at 7:15 - 8:45 pm.

The beginner class will get Slow Two Step (Nightclub 2 step) and Swing. Both sessions will be at Casa Village Rec "Dark" days are May 26, June 16, August 4 & 5, and September 1.

We will end dance season on December 16.

We're missing Gene Fletcher who is not dancing due to knee replacement. Thanks to Hunter for cueing while we were gone.

We did have a very successful dance season in AZ.

*Larry and Susan Sperry*

# IN BILLINGS... Summer 2025

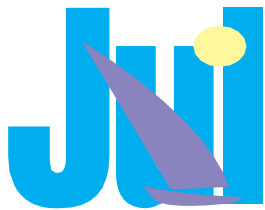
Round dancing is at Casa Village Rec Hall, 110 Tracer Drive. Square Dancing is at First Presbyterian Church, 13th Street W. and Poly Drive. Schedules subject to change, watch your emails.



**YSDC MEETING** Saturday, May 3 5 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
**PLUS SQUARE DANCING w/ROUNDS**  
 Saturday May 3 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING**  
 Mondays May 5, 12, 19 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS**  
 Tuesdays May 6, 13, 20, 27 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING**  
 Thursdays May 1, 8 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
**MAGIC CITY HOEDOWN** See schedule on page 1 First Presbyterian Church



**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING**  
 Mondays June 2, 9, 23, 30 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS**  
 Tuesdays June 3, 10, 17, 24 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING**  
 Thursdays June 12, 19 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
**PLUS SQUARE DANCING w/ROUNDS**  
 Friday June 27 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING**  
 Mondays July 7, 14, 21, 28 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS**  
 Tuesdays July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING**  
 Thursdays July 10, 17 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
**PLUS SQUARE DANCING w/ROUNDS**  
 Friday July 25 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING**  
 Mondays August 11, 18, 25 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS**  
 Tuesdays August 12, 19, 26 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING**  
 Thursdays August 7, 21 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
**PLUS SQUARE DANCING w/ROUNDS**  
 Friday August 15, 29 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING**  
 Mondays September 8, 15, 22, 29 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS**  
 Tuesdays September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village  
**SEPTEMBER SPECTACULAR PLUS WEEKEND**  
 Friday and Saturday, September 19 and 20 First Presbyterian Church  
 See flyer at [squaredancemontana.com](http://squaredancemontana.com) or [hunterkeller.com](http://hunterkeller.com) for schedule.  
**SQUARE DANCING Regular club dancing begins this month! Watch your email or squaredancemontana.com for the new schedule coming soon!**



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Summer 2025

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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.**

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### 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.	Mainstream (summer schedule, see calendar)	First Presbyterian Church
Saturday	7-9 p.m. p.m.	Plus (summer schedule, 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
May 8	7-9 p.m.	Beginner Hoedown	Bob Hogemark	First Presbyterian, Billings
May 17	several, see flyer	Magic City Hoedown	Butch Suttey, 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](http://www.squaredancemontana.com) and/or caller websites  
We'll also have flyers at the club dances at First Presbyterian. Check them for more details.**