

GRAPEVINE

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

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*We Are
Thankful...*



Don't Miss This!

Let's start the season out right!

Conveniently scheduled early before the last-minute Holiday prep gets serious.

Mainstream...everybody dances! dance.

The most lively party you'll attend this season.

See you there!

**YELLOWSTONE
CALLERS & CUERS ASSOCIATION**

Christmas Dance

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
7 PM - 9 PM ~ Mainstream with Rounds
Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Billings, Montana

Cost: \$10 - Per Person

For more information, call or email any of your local Callers and Cuers



Billings Plus Group

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

Now with N.I.L.E week over, we can find Cedar Hall and a parking spot without having to use GPS anymore.

The weather had settled down here in Billings, but there was still scary weather in Lynn and Judy's Miles City stomping ground so the 4th Saturday dance/Halloween Party was cancelled. It was a disappointment, but we'd rather have Lynn and Judy safe and sound for next time.

We've been having two squares and some extras if we're lucky and we sure do appreciate the Cody, Bridger and Miles City folks helping make that happen.

We'll be dancing our regular schedule, but there will not be a 4th Saturday Frolic in November, either, since it falls on Thanksgiving weekend.

But don't forget, Saturday, December 2 is the YSDC Christmas Dance. The flyer's on the front page. It's a Mainstream dance and our newest dancers will have finished the entire Mainstream program by then. Lets give them a warm welcome!



Checkerboard Squares

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

The floor was kind of bare N.I.L.E week when folks had lots of schedule conflicts, but we're still enjoying three or four squares the rest of the time. Everyone is advancing very well and will be coming to all the open dances before you know it. We can't wait!

With snow and single digit temperatures, the weather was just too scary even for Halloween, so our dance was cancelled that night. We'll make up for it next year, right?

Don't forget to pick up cards and flyers to hand out promoting our upcoming beginner's sessions starting in January. It's coming up fast!



4 squares – What a great way to start November!



Silhouettes

Larry & Susan Sperry, Cuers
Mondays 7-9 p.m., Cedar Hall at MetraPark
<http://www.larrysperry.com>

Larry and Susan have flown the coop but we still have Hunter so we won't miss them at all (NOT!!!)

We're dancing on the 6th, 13th and 27th this month. We'll be dark on the 21st to give everyone time to get those turkeys stuffed, pies baked, yams candied and green beans casserole.

Editor's Note: The Silhouettes encountered a not-so-pleasant surprise when they came to dance on October 30. The hall was still in disarray after an October 28 event (not related to square dancing), when the promised cleanup failed to happen. We sincerely thank the four Silhouette couples who definitely went above and beyond to make Cedar Hall dance-able again. You're the best!!!



A Peek Into the Past

Since we had to cancel Halloween festivities this year, here's a rerun from 1980 with excerpts from a report by Pearl Clark of the Challengers club in the November 1980 "Grapevine":

Something is wrong with my calendar this year. September sure got closer to November. What happened to October?

Because the 5th Friday was Halloween, the Challengers decided to have a special party. We invited everyone to help us celebrate. What a party it became!! Guests kept coming and coming. We had dancers from Absarokee, Big Timber, Star Allemanders, 59ers, Half Pairs, Magic City Twirlers, Grand Squares and the Hoedowners brought their whole club. Bob Mace was spelled on the stand by Gene Gabel, Willie Wagner, and rookie caller Mike Nelson.

Those who came in costume were very creative. We had witches mingling with dancing garbage bags and devils. Clowns danced with hobos. A doctor and his nurse were in attendance with an Arab and his concubine. The costumes relaxed the atmosphere and everyone had a gay time. As usual, Lue Shanks had some wild intermission games which pitted the men against the women. The women were neater at passing ping pong balls on paper plates, but the men proved their superiority in remembering numbers.

If anything else happened in October, that great, great party has wiped out all memory of it. Hopefully November will be a good dancing month. Have a wonderful Turkey Day. We hope to see many smiling faces when next we — Square 'em up and move 'em out.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29  Silhouettes 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Larry)	30 Silhouettes 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Larry)	31	1	2 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall	3 	4 Plus Dance (Lynn) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall <i>Time Change Tonight FALL BACK!</i>
5	6 Silhouettes 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Larry)	7	8 	9 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall	10 	11 Plus Dance (Lynn) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall
12	13 Silhouettes 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Larry)	14	15	16 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall	17 	18 Plus Dance (Hunter) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall
19 	20	21	22	23  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25 NO DANCE Thanksgiving Weekend
26	27 Silhouettes 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	28 	29	30 Checkerboard Squares 6:30-8:30 pm Cedar Hall	1 	2 Christmas Dance Mainstream w/Rounds (All Callers) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall

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YSDC CLUBS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Club	Location
Monday	7-9 p.m.	Silhouettes Round Dancing	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Thursday	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Checkerboard Squares beginners/mainstream	Cedar Hall at MetraPark
Saturday	7-9 p.m. 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	Location
December 2	7-9 p.m.	Callers' Christmas Dance	B. Hogemark, H. Keller, L. Strobel	Cedar Hall, Billings
December 30	7-9 p.m.	YSDC Pre-New Year's Dance	Hunter Keller	Cedar Hall, Billings
Jan. 27, 2024	7-9 p.m.	4th Saturday Frolic*	Hunter Keller	Cedar Hall, Billings
May 9	TBA	Beginner Hoedown	Bob Hogemark	Cedar Hall, 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
March 23, 2024	Spring Dance	Lynn Strobel	Billings, MT
May 24-27	2024 Montana State Festival	Caller: T. Oxendine, H. Keller, Cuer: L&S Sperry	Billings, MT
June 8	Plus Workshop & Dance	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Forsyth, MT
June 22	Nat'l Convention Trail Thru Plus	Dan Preedy, Hunter Keller	1st Presbyterian, Billings
June 26-29	Nat'l Square Dance Convention	All Callers/Cuers	Milwaukee, WI
July 12-14	Plus on the Boulder	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Big Timber, MT
August 10-12	Lolo Stomp Plus Weekend	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Jerry Junck	Lolo, MT
Aug. 30-Sept. 2	Knothead Jamboree	All Callers & Cuers	West Yellowstone, MT
September 5-8	Buggy Stomp	L&S Sperry, J. Junck, D. Guille	Laramie, WY
September 20-21	September Spectacular Plus	Callers J. Saltel, H. Keller, Cuer L&S Sperry	Billings, MT

**Flyers for many of these dances can be viewed at www.squaredancemontana.com and/or caller websites
There is also a flyer table in Cedar Hall. Check them for more details.**