

# GRAPEVINE

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

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## It's Almost Here!!!

The State Festival May 24-27, is less than two months away, so we'd better get ready! Come help us on **Saturday, April 27 at 3:30 p.m.** in Cedar Hall. Please try to attend. There are a number of things that still need to be finalized and we need everyone!

Brian and Peggy have a raffle/silent auction sheet on the snack table at each dance. Be sure to sign up if you have something to donate for either.

Some of you picked up an ad sales packet from Ann at a previous meeting. If you've sold any ads, make sure you get the information to her so she can put the ads together. Deadline is April 30

We're once again coordinating with 4-H next door to provide breakfast and lunch concessions on Saturday and Sunday (May 25 and 26). Not only will this help our visitors avoid the graduation-related traffic congestion at the Metra, it will also financially benefit the great youth program that is 4-H.

So don't forget the meeting on **Saturday afternoon April 27**. If you ever wished you felt more needed and appreciated, this will be the place to be!



### Checkerboard Squares

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

First things first: Check out the flyer opposite, then mark your calendars for Thursday, May 9 and come meet our newest dancers. Illness, injury and spring schedule conflicts cut the numbers down this year, but we're still fortunate to have some new faces on Thursday nights and we're eager for you to meet them and welcome them to our dance family.

In other news, our new folks enjoyed dancing to Hunter for the first time (March 7) and were surprised to find out how much difference an unfamiliar caller makes to the dance experience. And, since it was Hunter, you know everyone had a good time.

We'll celebrate several months' worth of birthdays on April 4. Yes, there will be cake! We're dancing through May 9, so there's still a few more chances to come join us. You don't even have to wait until the 6th, but we hope you'll come back then, too.



*You're Invited To*

# PARTY!

*Come join the Checkerboard Squares for our*

## **BEGINNER HOEDOWN!**

*The perfect chance to*

### *Meet Our New Dancers!*

**Thursday, May 9, 2024**

**Cedar Hall • Billings, Montana**



**Dancing from  
6:30 to 8:30 pm**

**Cost \$8 per person**



## Silhouettes

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

We're all looking forward to Larry and Susan's return in May. Sure will be nice to see the rest of the snowbirds as well. Safe travels northward to all of you. We need you each here in one piece!

In the meantime, once again a big thanks to Hunter for taking care of all of us snow country holdouts all winter. Without dancing, it would have been a long winter!

## 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

It wasn't a Plus dance, but it was a Plus night with one of our Plus callers, so we'll still say thanks to everyone who attended the Spring dance on March 23. The weather had us crossing our fingers, but Lynn and Judy made it here in good shape to give us a memorable day of dancing. Also arriving safely were visitors from South Dakota and Gillette. They were a happy surprise!

Lynn was up to his familiar shenanigans at the afternoon workshop session. As usual, we learned some interesting stuff that we'll probably never dance again. But it was sure fun while it lasted!

Thanks also to Peggy and Brian, Kathy and Terry for letting spring bust out all over with their decorations just in time for the Spring Dance.

We'll dance on April 6, 13 and 20, and then the final 4th Saturday Frolic of the season will be April 27. But that doesn't mean you have to stop dancing. Summer schedules are beginning to appear on the flyer table at the front of Cedar Hall, so take one home! And if you're traveling, there may even be a flyer for a dance near where you're headed. Check them out!

Lynn also announced that he'll have a Plus "Blast Class" in October. A Blast Class is a day of concentrated learning and dancing. You won't be a fully experienced Plus dancer (is anybody ever?), but you will have danced all the new calls. This will give you a good solid base to start from when you begin coming to the regular Plus dances in the fall. More details to come.

## Our Growing Dance Family









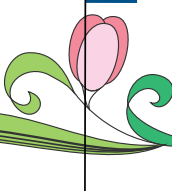

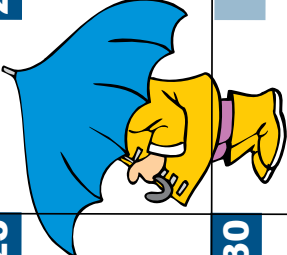
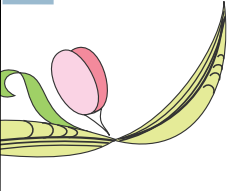

Here we introduce Leann and Shelby Sowers. They were actually among the beginners in January of 2022. Then they participated in the Freedom Convoy; and although they rejoined us after their return, they felt the weeks they'd missed put them too far behind. So they came back in January 2023 and pretended to be beginners again. We think they sold themselves a bit short, because they're great dancers!

What they like about square dancing is the opportunity to have fun and be active at the same time. They also value the friendliness of the square dance community and the fact that the inevitable "oopses" on the dance floor bring closer fellowship rather than ridicule. (As in, we've all been there!) Leann also says she's in it for the clothes!

Leann and Shelby are empty nesters, with two sons, ages 25 (pilot) and 22 (paramedic, fireman). Shelby's from Sidney and Leann's from Miles City. Both their boys were born in Billings. Shelby is a Caterpillar diesel tech and Leann's a retired (sort of) full-time mom and also zookeeper for their chickens, cats, dogs and fish. Shelby relaxes by working on old cars.

They also enjoy traveling. They recently returned from Italy and France where they received ashes blessed by the Pope on Ash Wednesday. They also rented a car and toured Paris and the French Alps and many other spots in between.

Thanks Leann and Shelby for always coming back to square dancing!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 	1 	2	3	4 Checkerboard Squares Beginner & Full Mainstream 6:30-9:00 pm Cedar Hall	5 	6 Plus Dance (Lynn) 7-9 pm Cedar Hall
7 	8 Silhouettes 7-9 pm Cedar Hall (Hunter)	9	10	11 Checkerboard Squares Beginner & Full Mainstream 6:30-9:00 pm Cedar Hall	12 	13 Plus Dance (Lynn) 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	6:30-9:00 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
April. 27	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](http://www.squaredancemontana.com) and/or caller websites  
There is also a flyer table in Cedar Hall. Check them for more details.**