

GRAPEVINE

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

Summer 2026

More summer events...

Dancing at Lolo

With six square dance (with rounds) weekends and one round dance clinic weekend this summer, something is sure to fit into your calendar. Not a camper? There are lodging accommodations nearby and Missoula isn't far away, so don't let that stop you from what has become a beloved summer highlight for many dancers.

Below are flyers for two Billings dancer favorites. Lynn and Larry's programming and Yellowrock Campground's peaceful setting and natural beauty... you'll be hooked! You can find the complete Lolo summer dance schedule on the squareancemontana.com website.

Dance with Solo Stars at Lolo
July 31-Aug 1, 2026

Lynn Strobel
Sperry's
Yellowrock Square & Round Dance Center

DANCE SCHEDULE
Friday July 31 and Saturday Aug 1
10:00-11:30 pm Round Workshop Ph 2-3
1:00-2:30 pm Mainstream workshop
6:30-7:00 pm Pre-Rounds ph 2-4
7:00-7:30 pm Plus Squares
7:30-9:30 pm Mainstream w/Rounds

Dance information:
Butch Suttley 208-503-551
Janet 406-549-1295; Cell 406-546-6222
Brenda 541-226-6363

For Camping Reservations: Yellowrock Campground
9955 Lolo Creek Road (Hwy 12) Lolo, MT (406) 273-0141

LOLO STOMP
25TH ANNUAL
PLUS Square Dancing
AUGUST 6-8, 2026

LYNN STROBEL
Larry & Susan Sperry

Plus Squares and Rounds
Yellowrock Square & Round Dance Center

The Yellowrock 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. Floating hardwood floor, fully air conditioned, with great sound. 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)



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

Classes are going well since we got back. Attendance has been good. Monday nights have been reviews of dances we taught in November before we went South. Craig Pierson and Linda Schiesser have been attending and are blending in well. Paul and Gogi Clark are preparing to return to Billings for several weeks. We look forward to them joining our class nights. Terry and Kathy Drange just got back from a trip to Savannah, GA. They had a great time and good weather.

Tuesday nights are going well with waltz reviews and a few new figures. They are able to dance several easy waltzes to cues without instruction. They are also learning Two Step Rhythm and have progressed enough to learn a dance. We will add a new rhythm on Tuesday nights some time this summer. We are going to teach a phase 4+ Nightclub Slow Two Step at Magic City Hoedown and for the newer dancers we will teach a phase 2 waltz.

Our next event is Montana State Festival in Helena over Memorial weekend. Hope to see some of you there.

Larry and Susan Sperry

PHOTOS...WE WANT PHOTOS!
Where will you be dancing this summer? Send us your photos and share your adventures!
achindley@gmail.com

Thank You

**Bob, Lynn, Hunter
and Larry**

Your dedication, talent and hard work kept our feet and our hearts dancing throughout this season.

See you in the fall, or sooner!



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:

Judy and I want to extend a Great Big Thank you to you Plus Dancers for another good year. We really enjoy coming and calling for you, and above that, we value your friendship. Hope to see you at some of our summer dances, either in Miles City or at some of our special weekend dances around Montana and/or Wyoming.

We plan to start again this fall on October 3 and will plan on Plus lessons.

I will do my best to make each night feel more like a dance than strictly lessons. The details of that will be confirmed by late summer.

Lynn and Judy

Look what's coming up! The Plus Workshop and Dance in Forsyth is always a great time. The Prairie Stars square dancers sure know how to make you feel welcome. Add to that the fact that Lynn's doing the calling and workshopping, you know you can't lose! Please RSVP by June 1. Dan and Rita need to know so they can prepare their always impressive supper. You can find Lynn's phone numbers on the flyer above, or email him at strobell@midrivers.com to let them know you'll be coming. Thanks!

Another big event for Plus dancers is the annual Plus on the Boulder. This dance attracts skilled dancers from at least five states and sells out every year. You can get on the waiting list, though; you may get lucky if someone has to cancel. Contact Larry Sperry (sperryscue@earthlink.net) to get on the waiting list.

Be sure to pick up a flyer for the **Summer Plus Dances here in Billings**, too. Hunter will be calling right here at First Presbyterian on June 5 and 19, July 24 and August 7 and 21. These are Friday nights and run from 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Watch Hunter's website, hunterkeller.com, for any change in plans.

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 13, 2026

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
Or \$10.00 per Individual Session; Meal \$10.00
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
Sundowner Inn: 406-346-2115
Westwind Motor Inn: 406-346-2038
Or check out Miles City or Billings Motels if you prefer



Checkerboard Squares

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

If your legs get restless, remember that the Checkerboard Squares keep dancing until the middle of May. We finish out the season with our **Beginner Hoedown on May 14**. Beginner numbers were very small this year but we're still proud of them. We're lucky that Kate Warner-Combs and



Kate and Joan

Joan Miller have joined us. Something good did come of the mild winter, as it allowed them to commute faithfully from Bridger almost every week. When they saw the uneven distribution between "belles" and "beaux," Joan even decided to learn the beau's part and the two dance as a couple. Join us on the 14th and meet them!

Right before Hunter's second Summer Mainstream Dance, **June 11**, the Checkerboards will have a potluck picnic in **Veteran's Park** right across the street from First Presbyterian. Picnic starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by a brainstorming session where we want to hear everybody's bright ideas for the fall, beginner program, and anything else that's on your mind. We did this last year and had a great turnout with way too much delicious food and a bunch of useful ideas before we headed across the street to dance.

We're also hitting the road again with our road trips to Miles City. We've heard that in the "olden days" dancers traveled at the drop of a hat to dance elsewhere. Last summer we found out why...it's a ton of fun! Last summer we only had two dances in Miles City; this summer there are six! Lynn and Hunter have coordinated their schedules so there are no conflicts.

Carpooling makes the trip seem shorter, so get together with some friends and hit the road. Or, if you need help either finding or sharing a ride, contact Ann and Bob and they might be able to help make connections. Send us a request to join the private Checkerboard Squares Facebook group. That's another way to let folks know you need a ride or have room for extra riders in your vehicle. However you handle it, just come along and rediscover the fun to be had just a little further from home.

Let's Do It Again!

ROAD TRIP!!!

Summer Mainstream Dances

in Miles City

Sponsored by the

Prairie Stars Square Dance Club

Thursdays, June 4 and 18

July 23 and September 17

Tuesday, August 18

7-9 p.m.

Senior Citizens Center, 250 N. Haynes, Miles City MT

Carpooling to Miles City is fun! When we've danced in Miles City, we've left early enough to grab a quick bite in Miles City before the dance and we're home by 11.

Get together with some square dance friends and get out of town for a change of scenery and a change of partners.

Billings Dancers: If you'd like to go but don't know who else is going, contact us and we may be able to help.

Ann: achindley@gmail.com • Bob: rwhindley@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS TO THE DANCE:

Take exit 138, go straight north past Pine Hills School and just past the Custer County Fire Station. **The Senior Center is on the right.**

For more information, contact Lynn and Judy: 406-951-1088

IN BILLINGS... Summer 2026

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.



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING

Mondays May 4, 11, 18 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS

Tuesdays May 5, 12, 19, 26 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING

Thursday May 28 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

MAGIC CITY HOEDOWN

Saturday, May 2 See schedule on page 1 Trinity Lutheran School

CHECKERBOARD SQUARES BEGINNER HOEDOWN

Thursday, May 14 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING

Mondays June 1, 22, 29 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS

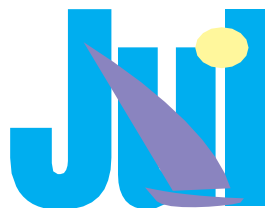
Tuesdays June 2, 23, 30 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING

Thursday June 11 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

PLUS SQUARE DANCING w/ROUNDS

Fridays June 5, 19 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING

Mondays July 6, 13, 20, 27 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS

Tuesdays July 7, 14, 21, 28 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING

Thursdays July 2, 16, 30 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

PLUS SQUARE DANCING w/ROUNDS

Friday July 24 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING

Mondays August 10, 17, 24, 31 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS

Tuesdays August 11, 18, 25 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

MAINSTREAM SQUARE DANCING

Thursdays August 13, 27 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

PLUS SQUARE DANCING w/ROUNDS

Fridays August 7, 21 7:00-9:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCING

Mondays September 21, 28 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE BEGINNERS

Tuesdays September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:15-8:45 p.m. Casa Village

SQUARE DANCING Regular club dancing begins this month! Watch your email or squaredancemontana.com for the new schedule coming soon!

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Club Dance Locations

Square Dance: First Presbyterian Church, 13th Street West 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	Casa Village Rec Hall
Tuesday	7:15-8:45 p.m.	Beginner Round Dancing	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
May 2	several	Magic City Hoedown	Butch Suttley, L&S Sperry	Trinity School, Billings
May 8	7-9 p.m.	Beginner Hoedown	Bob Hogemark	First Presbyterian, Billings

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

STATE, REGIONAL & NATIONAL DANCES

Date	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer	Location
May 2	Magic City Hoedown	Caller: Butch Suttley Cuer: L&S Sperry	Billings, MT
May 22-25	2026 Montana State Festival	Caller: A. Allemao Cuer: L. & S Sperry	Helena, MT
June 24-27	Ph. 4 Round Dance Clinic	Larry & Susan Sperry	Lolo, MT
June 24-27	Nat'l Square Dance Convention	All Callers/Cuers	Waco, TX
July 10-12	Plus on the Boulder	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Big Timber, MT
July 31-Aug. 1	Mainstream at Lolo	Lynn & Judy Strobel, Larry & Susan Sperry	Lolo, MT
August 5-8	USA West	All Callers/Cuers	Cedar City, Utah
August 6-8	Lolo Stomp Plus Weekend	Lynn & Judy Strobel	Lolo, MT
September 4-7	Knothead Jamboree	Andy Allemao	West Yellowstone, MT
September 10-13	Buggy Stomp	L.Sperry, L. Strobel, D. Guille	Laramie, WY

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.