

GRAPEVINE

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

Summer 2024

SCOOTBACK TO BILLINGS

The 53rd Annual Montana State Square and Round Dance Festival is just around the bend! May 24-27 will be here before we know it. Plans are coming together nicely, but there's always something else to do. There are signup lists on the snack table at the front of Cedar Hall. So check them over and claim your territory! There's no such thing as too much help, so hop aboard. We need everyone!

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 10, 2023
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

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

Lorraine is back and dancing a little. We're sure it won't be long before she's dancing a lot!

Welcome back, Larry and Susan! Does that mean Hunter's fired? We doubt it.

Check the flyer table for information on the **round dance lessons** Larry has tentatively scheduled for this summer. They'll cover Waltz, Cha Cha and Rumba on Tuesday evenings at Casa Village **starting May 14**. We say "tentatively" because it all depends on how many folks sign up. So...sign up, folks!

Have a great summer, everyone!

Plus Dancing/Lessons Kickoff With Lynn and Judy Strobel Sponsored by Saturday Night Plus Group BILLINGS, MT (Venue to be Determined) • Saturday, October 5, 2024 • Casual Dress

Program designed for dancers that are comfortable with Mainstream Level dancing and desire to add Plus Level dancing, along with those that already dance at the Plus Level.

Dancers new to Plus Level dancing are encouraged to attend both sessions.

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Mainstream Review and Introduction to Plus Dancing/Plus Lessons

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Continue Plus Dancing/Plus Lessons

\$10 per person per session or \$15 per person for both sessions

Plus Lessons/Plus Dancing will continue per the Saturday Night Plus Schedule.

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

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

We had a great dance this last weekend to wind up the 2023-24 Plus Dance season. Thanks to you who attended, we had two full squares of dancers. We look forward to starting the Plus schedule this fall and are planning to start with Plus lessons on October 5 with an afternoon and an evening session to get us up and running.

I will make every effort to provide dances/lessons that are entertaining for both the new Plus dancers that we might attract and for you experienced Plus dancers. We need all of you to make this program work and we appreciate your unwavering support.

We are just a little over 40 days from the annual Forsyth Plus day, in (you guessed it) Forsyth, Montana sponsored by the Prairie Stars Square Dance Club. The dance is June 8, 2024 with an afternoon plus workshop/dance at 2:30 p.m., supper at 5:00, and a plus dance from 6 to 8. (See flyer on the front page)

Between now and June 1, would you please respond by e-mail to let us know if you are planning to attend? That helps us plan supper. If you have not joined us before, supper is always superb.

Lynn and Judy Strobel
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Checkerboard Squares

Bob Hogemark, Caller
Thursday evenings Mainstream
6:30-9:00 Cedar Hall, Metra Park

The season’s almost over, but we’re not finished yet! We’re having another birthday party on May 2. Even better, the **Beginner Hoedown** is **May 9** when our newest dancers will become official members of the Checkerboard Squares. “Official” or not, they’ve been members of our dance family for quite a while now. We’re so happy that you’ve put up with us (and our primitive facilities). We look forward to dancing with you for many years to come.

By now we hope everyone knows that the State Square and Round Dance Festival is in Billings on Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27. The complete schedule is in the brochures on the flyer table, so be sure and take one. Save the Sunday night, May 26, 7:30-9:30 slot on your calendar. That session will be designed with our brand new “Class of ’24” dancers in mind. Tony and Hunter will present dance combinations using only what you’ve learned so far. We know these creative callers will serve up a unique experience for new and seasoned dancers alike.

Have you joined the **Checkerboard Squares private Facebook group** yet? Since we won’t be seeing each other quite as often over the next few months, it’s a good way to stay in the loop. Send a friend request, and if you’re a Checkerboard, you’re in! Don’t forget to visit **squareancemontana.com**, too, for more dance news and information.

Our Growing Dance Family

When we say “dance family,” we mean it literally! Hannah Starr first joined us when she and her husband came to beginner classes in 2021. Her husband chose not to continue, so Hannah came on her own and has been a faithful dancer ever since. She even attended the State Festival in Helena in 2023 where she was pulled into a Plus square. Square dancing fits her, as she enjoys learning, meeting new people...and having fun!

In 2022, Hannah convinced her mom, Becky and her daughter, Gwendaline to come to beginner classes “just to watch.” Obviously they became hooked, since they’ve been with us ever since. Becky appreciates the mental and physical benefits of square dancing. She says the social aspect helped bring her out of her shell. She loves that, among the wide variety of personalities and skill levels, everyone gets along. Square dancing always feels welcoming. Becky also enjoys gardening and cooking.

Gwendaline is by far our youngest dancer, meaning, of course, that she learns and dances circles around the rest



Becky and Hannah Starr, Gwendaline Willems

of us. Like Becky, Gwendaline just came to watch and ended up enjoying herself. Since she’s homeschooled, she likes that dancing gets her out of the house and keeps her moving. Young people often don’t have much interaction with older generations beyond relatives. Gwendaline says dancing has given her more understanding and reminded her that older generations are just regular people, too. Gwendaline is active in 4-H and plays volleyball with a homeschool team.

Where are you dancing this summer? Lots of fun stuff going on in Montana and beyond. Wherever your dancing takes you (or other things take you and you find dancing when you get there) send photos! achindley@gmail.com Happy Summer!

IN BILLINGS... Summer 2024

SUMMER LOCATIONS: Please note that we won't be in Cedar Hall during the summer. Round dancing is at the Casa Village Rec Hall, 110 Tracer Drive. Square Dancing is at the First Presbyterian Church, 13th Street S. and Poly Drive.

MORE FUN IS STILL IN THE WORKS, SO THIS CALENDAR MAY BE UPDATED LATER.

Watch your email and the website, squaredancemontana.com in case we decide to cook up anything else!



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE

Mondays May 6, 13, 20 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village Rec Hall

NEW DANCER/MAINSTREAM

Thursdays May 2, 9 6:30-9:00 p.m. Cedar Hall

STATE FESTIVAL

Fri.-Sun. May 24-27 Cedar Hall



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE

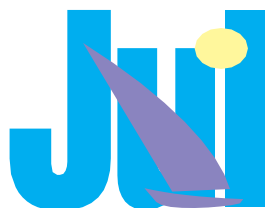
Mondays June 3, 10, 17, 24 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village Rec Hall

MAINSTREAM SUMMER DANCES

Thursday June 13 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

PLUS LEVEL SUMMER DANCES w/ROUNDS

Friday June 7 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
Saturday, June 22 Hunter w/Dan Preedy 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE

Mondays July 1, 8, 15, 29 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village Rec Hall

MAINSTREAM SUMMER DANCES

Thursday July 11 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

PLUS LEVEL SUMMER DANCES w/ROUNDS

Friday July 19 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

SPECIAL SUMMER DANCE w/JERRY JUNCK

Monday July 22 6:45-8:45 p.m. Casa Village Rec Hall



SPECIAL SUMMER PLUS DANCE w/JERRY JUNCK

Tuesday August 6 7:15 p.m. Casa Village Rec Hall

SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE

Mondays August 19, 26 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village Rec Hall

MAINSTREAM SUMMER DANCES

Thursdays August 1, 15, 29 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

PLUS LEVEL SUMMER DANCE w/ROUNDS

Friday August 23 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church



SILHOUETTES ROUND DANCE

Mondays September 9, 16, 23, 30 7:00-8:45 p.m. Casa Village Rec Hall

NEW DANCER/MAINSTREAM DANCE

Thursday September 12 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

SUMMER DANCE PLUS LEVEL w/ROUNDS

Friday September 6 7-9 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

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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 and payments 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	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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE WILL VARY: See the calendar on page 3 or go to squaredancemontana.com for summer programs and dances.

OPEN DANCE SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Featured Caller/Cuer	Location
June 22	7-9 p.m.	Nat'l Convention Trail Thru Plus	Dan Preedy, Hunter Keller	1st Presbyterian, Billings
July 22	TBA	Plus Summer Dance	Jerry Junck, Larry Sperry	Casa Village Rec Center
October 5	3-5, 7-9	Plus Dancing/Lessons Kickoff	Lynn Strobel	TBA

** 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 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 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.**