

# GRAPEVINE

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Yellowstone Square Dance Council

January 2025



## LOOK!

### COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Yellowstone Square Dance Council is scheduled for Saturday January 11 at 5 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. The Council exists to direct, guide and promote square and round dancing activity in our area. The meetings are open to all dancers. If you've never been to one, we encourage you to attend. They're mainly "housekeeping" and brainstorming sessions; new heads and new ideas are enthusiastically welcome. So...come and bring all your bright ideas with you!

### IT'S WINTER

Snowy, sloppy weather is here and, while we welcome the moisture, we don't exactly love the mess that it can cause. We're so fortunate that the First Presbyterian Church has made their beautiful space available to us. Let's show our gratitude by helping them keep it beautiful. On wintry dance days, please try to bring an extra pair of footwear with you so you can change from outside shoes to inside shoes and help keep the dance floor all fancy. Thank you!

### MORE ABOUT WINTER

Here's another reminder to please keep an eye on your email in case a dance is cancelled due to temperature, road conditions or anything else related to weather in Big Sky Country. If we don't have your email, please share it with Bob Hindley and, for Plus dancers, Lynn Strobel. If you don't do email, tell Bob or Ann Hindley and they'll get you on a phone list.

### 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

*Editor's Note: We received Lynn's email after the December Grapevine had already been published, but we still want to pass Lynn's greeting on to you:*

We wish each of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your support of the area square dance program. You truly are our family. We look forward to a great 2025.

*Lynn and Judy*

Happy New Year everyone! We hope we see a lot of you in 2025!

2025 has started with more of a thud than a bang, when our first dance of the year was cancelled due to weather and road conditions. Oh well, better a thud than a crash. We are looking forward to dancing in the new year with our new Plus dancers, who have now been introduced to all of the Plus calls and are getting better every week. If you haven't met them yet, you need to fix that!

Since the Christmas and Pre-New Year's Eve dances happened on Saturdays, we're going to claim them, too. Bob, Lynn and Hunter gave us the best Christmas dance in town. We sure are lucky to have three callers spoiling us! Another big thank you goes to Hunter for the Pre-New Year's Eve dance. It was billed as a Mainstream dance, but he threw in a little Plus as well when that's who was on the floor.



Christmas Dance 2024





### Silhouettes

Larry & Susan Sperry, Hunter Keller, Cuers  
Mondays 7-9 p.m., Casa Village Rec Center  
<http://www.larrysperry.com>

*Editor's Note: We asked Larry if he had a new year's message for the non-snowbird Silhouettes and here's what he had to say:*

We are missing our Silhouette club, but enjoying our Arizona groups. We are hoping that everyone is well by the time we get back.

Hunter had to cancel December dance due to a lack of dancers out with various ailments. We are looking forward to working with our new round dancers again,

Jerry Junck is having back surgery next week, so he is not in Mesa this year. We are missing his dances.

See you all in April!

*Larry and Susan Sperry*

## Our Growing Dance Family



This month we'd like you to meet Teresa Golfi. She's been dancing for a year and is one dedicated dancer. She seldom misses a club dance and was a regular at the summer dances and now at the Fourth Saturday dances. The results of all that practice are obvious; she's becoming an accomplished dancer.

Teresa heard about square dancing from Betty Wellman. That just goes to show how valuable word of mouth is. So remember to tell your friends next time we start a beginner class.

The things that keep Teresa coming back are her love of dancing and the great people in our dance family. Teresa was born in Red Lodge and has, except for 8 years, lived in Montana her whole life. She declares that she's a Montana girl and never wants to leave again.

Teresa is a licensed massage therapist. Besides square dancing, she likes to line dance, help people, do massage, play games and travel. She proudly claims two beautiful children and five wonderful, beautiful grandchildren. All of them live here.

We're sure happy that Betty invited Teresa and even happier that Teresa listened. We hope we'll be dancing with her for a good long time to come.



### Checkerboard Squares

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

Since our newest dancers weren't quite ready for the full Mainstream Christmas dance, we had our own club Christmas dance on December 12. We celebrated with door prizes and way too many Christmas goodies. Lucky for us, Bob tried to make sure we danced it all off. Can't say if that happened, but there was plenty of great dancing as usual.

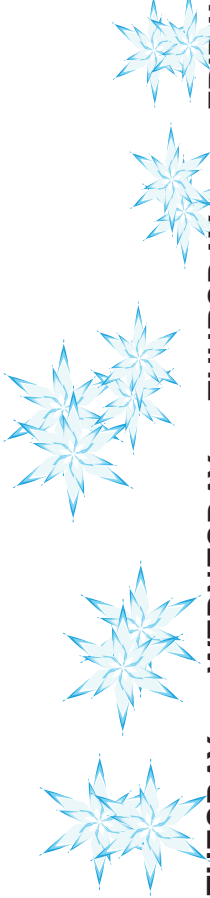
We're happy to see Kathy and Terry are back. Glad you're feeling up to dancing again Kathy! Leann and Shelby, we're hoping you'll be back again soon, too.

Now that all of the holiday scrambling is over, we're ready to get back to work practicing and learning so we're all ready for the fun coming up this summer and beyond. Let's just hope Mother Nature cooperates! We're thankful for the much needed snow, just not on Thursdays and Saturdays, please!

Happy New Year to everyone. If you don't already, come join us any Thursday. We'd love to see you across a square!

# January

# 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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**NO DANCE**  
**NEW YEAR'S WEEK**

**YSDC COUNCIL MEETING**  
 5 p.m.  
 First Presbyterian  
 Plus Dancing (Hunter) 7-9 p.m.  
 First Presbyterian

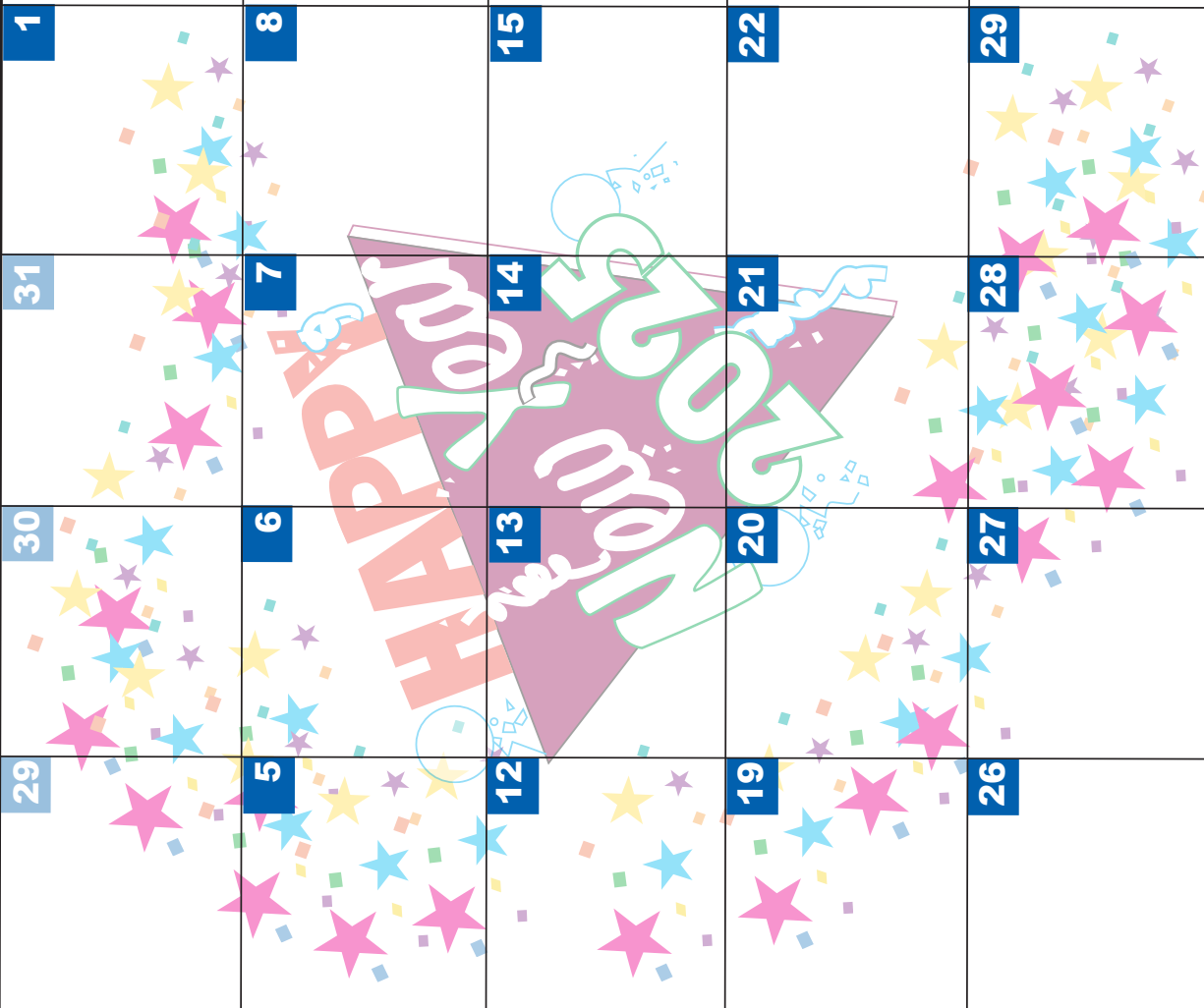
**4th Saturday Frolic**  
 (Hunter)  
 Mainstream, 7-9 p.m.  
 First Presbyterian

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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 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 (Nov.-May dates determined by cuer)	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
Mar. 22, 2025	2-4, 6:30-9 pm	Spring Dance	Lynn Strobel	First Presbyterian, Billings
May 8	7-9 p.m.	Beginner Hoedown	Bob Hogemark	First Presbyterian, Billings
May 17		Magic City Hoedown	Butch Suttley, 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, Jerry Junck	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.**