

TOP OF TEXAS  
SQUARE AND ROUND  
DANCE ASSOCIATION

# Whirlwind

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Top-Tex Meeting**  
2/18/12 at 3 at  
Cornerstone Baptist  
Church. Everyone  
welcome to attend.
- **Top-Tex  
Sweetheart Dance**  
2/18/12  
Rounds @ 7:30  
Grand March @ 8
- **State Dance in  
Lubbock on 3/2 - 3**
- **Yellow Rose contest**  
4/7 in Lubbock

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## Top Tex President's Report

Dear Dancers,

We hope that your Christmas was filled with lots of friends and family, and you made a lot of memories that you will cherish forever. We want to thank Pioneer Promenaders for inviting us to their Christmas Party. Great food and wonderful fellowship! We truly had a wonderful time eating and dancing! Thank you again.

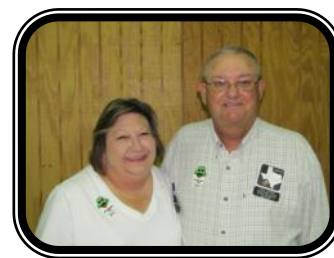
In the next few months there are a lot of things planned that you will want to attend and be a part of. Our annual Sweetheart dance will be February 18<sup>th</sup>. Nicky Boone will be the caller and Silhouettes will be the host

club. This should be a dance to remember. The next Dance will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Jay Flowers will be the caller with the host club being Fun Time Rounders. In April, on the 7<sup>th</sup> is the Yellow Rose contest. We will all need to travel to Lubbock. The dance will be at their federation building which is located at 2305 120<sup>th</sup> Street, off of South University. Early rounds start at 7:15 with the dance at 8:00. The caller for the night will be Tom Roper and Kathy Stevens will cue the rounds. Now we come to the May 19<sup>th</sup> dance, and what a dance it will be. Dave Vieira will be the caller. As always James and Vicky Novak will be our

caller for our dances! This will be our last dance of the Spring. It promises to be as good as all of the other dances.

We hope to see all of you at the Sweetheart dance supporting your club sweetheart.

Ross and Dena Hayward



## Selection of Top Tex Sweetheart

Every year club sweethearts are presented at the Top-Tex Sweetheart Dance in February. Through out the year the club sweethearts and club members earn points for attending the Top-Tex Dances.

Points are awarded in the following ways:

- ♥ Two hundred (200) points for Sweetheart attending each Top Tex dance.

- ♥ Twenty-five (25) points for each Club member at each Top Tex dance, up to one (1) square effective 2009.
- ♥ Two hundred (200) points for Club banner brought and displayed at each Top Tex dance.
- ♥ Minus one hundred (100) points for non-attendance by a Club at any Top Tex dance.

All club sweethearts earning the maximum number of points are chosen as Top-Tex Sweetheart the next year. So come honor your club sweetheart at every dance not just the Sweetheart Dance.





# Whirley Birds

On Jan. 9th Whirlybirds elected DeAnna Griffin as our 2012 Sweetheart. She has been with our club a little over a year. She also dances with Fun Time Rounders. She has recently taken over the spot of Hospitality Chairman and is looking forward to a very fun filled year!

We wish to invite anyone

interested in dancing on Monday nights to come join us at 7:30. We are hoping to get started with some new classes soon! So watch for our announcement!

Out sick recently was Wayne Sanders and we are so glad to see him back and dancing!!!!

Our Sweetheart Dance will be held Monday

Feb. 13th. Come join in the fun!!!!

Make sure to mark your calendars for the Top Tex Dance Feb. 18th at Cornerstone Church!!!!

"Make Everyday A Great Day! Get OUT AND DANCE!!!!!!!!!!"



# Yellow Rockers Plus

Well 2012 is starting out much better than 2011 ended for Yellow Rockers Plus. Both Monday nights in November were so foggy on the drive home that it was hard to see ten feet in front of you. Then both nights in

December were canceled because of snow. While the moisture was great, it sure was nice to get back to dancing in January.

We have chosen Jean Parker to represent us as our club's second

Sweetheart. She truly is a sweetheart and we are honored to have her represent us.

We dance at 7:30 on the 1st & 3rd Monday's each month at the Yellow Rock. We love to have visitors or new members.



# Silhouettes

I really do not have much to write about. We dance every Tuesday night 7:30 to 10:00 pm. We love to have visitors.

I personally want to thank the members of Silhouettes for choosing me as the 2012 Sweetheart. I am

excited and very honored to be chosen as the sweetheart.

Thank you and Yellow Rocks, Karla

Worthy of mentioning: On page 8 is an article from The Canyon News. Ken Casey was checking the



installation of an infra-red light source. Ken dances with Silhouettes and Fun Time Rounders.



## Pioneer Promenaders

We are dancing two squares, usually. Jimmy is going to start with lessons on January 19th. We hope to have several new couples.

Joann Raef is the "sweetheart" for 2012. Yea. We are looking forward to the February council dance.

Howard & Joann Raef

## Fun Time Rounders

Well, I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and have somewhat recovered from everything that goes along with the holidays. Seems like all willpower just goes out the window at that time of year, not only in regards to eating but also in spending. Just one more gift, just one more bite. Hopefully we can all get back on track and get our waistlines and our wallets back in shape.

We started lessons on January 20<sup>th</sup> and had over 30 couples on the floor. Needless to say the Dancing Center was packed. We are glad to have so many people show an interest in round dancing and they will soon realize how much fun it is. Of course, with James cueing, how can you go wrong? He really makes it fun and truly loves to cue.

Cammie Cayton was chosen as our

club sweetheart. Cammie is truly a sweetheart in every sense of the word and we know she will represent our club well. We will honor Cammie at our regular club dance on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone please come out on February 18<sup>th</sup> and honor your sweethearts at our Top-Tex Dance at Cornerstone Baptist Church. This is usually one of our largest dances, so if you are new to dancing, be sure and come to this dance and see what fun you have been missing.

Well, this month is nearly gone and before we know it spring will be here. I love this season with its bright colors, flowers blooming, warmer weather and hopefully spring showers. Get outside and enjoy the beauty that is ours for the taking. We have so many things to be thankful for and so much we take for granted. There is so much

beauty all around us if we will just take the time to notice.

We dance every Friday night from 7:30 to 10:00. You are always welcome and we will greet you with a smile and a warm hello.

Until next time, Happy Dancing.

Fun Time Rounders

I just wanted to add a note as the outgoing sweetheart. I wanted to say what an honor it was to be the 2011 sweetheart for Fun Time Rounders. Thank you for choosing me and I and thrilled to be giving Cammie Cayton the reigns for 2012. I cannot think of a better person to step into the sweetheart position.

Karla Carrell



# Texas Twisters

Hey Twisters, Have you got a year ahead of you.

The annual white elephant Christmas party was an absolute blast. There were lots and lots of good presents handed out and even more good food and fun was had by all. The Twisters really know how to party.

The officers for 2012 are:

President – Laurence & Sandy Bertrand

Vice Pres. – Charles & Judy Heddin, Heather Oakley

Secretary/Treasurer – Karla Carrell

Reporter – Ruth Rutledge

Top Tex Reps – Andy & Misti Wieck and Charles & Judy Heddin

We would like to extend our sympathy and love to Jerry & Teresa Arthur on the death of Jerry's sister-in-law.

We will celebrate our Sweetheart on February 11<sup>th</sup> with a covered dish dinner and dance. Aerika Kemp is our Sweetheart for 2012. What a

Sweetheart she truly is. Be sure and join us for her special day.

We will be having a St. Paddy's Program Dance on March 17th. We will have cards for you to get your partners signed up at the beginning of the dance. Be sure and wear green. Even if you're not Irish, this will be the dance to be at.

Sandy Bertrand, our First Lady, has a ton of ideas for a special dance each month of 2012. She has spoken about an Amateur Caller night, a 50's Sock Hop, and a 70's Hippie Dance. If you have an idea for a special dance we can enjoy one month, contact Sandy with your idea. I kind of like the idea of a pajama party dance. What do you say Sandy?

Karla Carrell is taking orders for T-shirts with your name and the Texas Twister logo. The shirts can come in many colors and the embroidery can be in many colors also. The cost for the T-shirts will be \$12 for sizes S-XL, add \$2 for larger sizes. Call Karla and get your order in early.

We have voted to host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Scholarship Dance on July 14th. Karla Carrell and I will co-chair the dance. Be thinking of door prize to donate. Our area raised approximately \$1,000 in 2011 for the teens. We would sure like to top that number in 2012. The Teens will be selling floats again and are planning to have a car wash July 7th at the Auto Zone on Coulter. Our Teens need all the help they can get to attend college. This is a fun way for you to help. Be sure and mark the dates and plan to attend. Other dates to remember are:

April 7th - Lubbock Federation's Annual Yellow Rose Festival – All of Top Tex needs to attend this Festival to bring home the Yellow Rock.

December 1st – Texas Twister are to co-host the annual Toys for Tots dance with the Fun Time Rounders. More information about this dance to come.

That's all the news for now. Hope to see you across the square.

Yellow Rocks

Ruth Rutledge

# TASSD News

Mark Your Calendars for TASSD'S (Texas Association of Single Square Dancers) 38<sup>th</sup> Annual ROUND-UP on MARCH 8-11, 2012 at the STERLING HOTEL at 1055 Regal Row in DALLAS, TEXAS. Callers will be TIM WHITE & KEN BURKE, with CHRISTINE & THERON HIXSON on the rounds. A tour of the Dallas Cowboy's Stadium is being planned. A TRAIL-IN-DANCE on Thursday

evening MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> with caller MIKE BRAMLETT and the HIXSON'S on the Rounds.

The \$8.00 Fee for the TRAIL-IN-DANCE is NOT included in the Round-Up Registration Fee. The Round-Up: Friday and Saturday Morning Dances will be from 10—11:30 am., with Workshops and Afternoon Dances from 2—4 pm. Request Rounds at 7:00 pm and Grand March at 8:00 pm. A TRAIL

OUT DANCE is being planned for Sunday MARCH 11, 2012 From 9:30—11:30 am.

For More Information Contact Danny Kingsley (806) 799-0963 or Patsy Nester, President of TASSD, H (972) 681-0345, C (972) 754-9770

Click links below for more info

[www.tassd.org/2012roundup/201238thRound-upFlyer.pdf](http://www.tassd.org/2012roundup/201238thRound-upFlyer.pdf)

[www.tassd.org/2012roundup/201238thRound-upRegistration.pdf](http://www.tassd.org/2012roundup/201238thRound-upRegistration.pdf)



# Perryton Promenaders

01 February 2012

*Happy Valentines Day!*



## *February Dances*

<b>04 Feb</b>	<b><i>Perryton Promenaders</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Cecil Burton</i></b>
<b>10-Feb</b>	<b><i>Durham Antelope Hills</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Don Main</i></b>
<b>11-Feb</b>	<b><i>Shattuck Red Carpet Squares</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Don Main</i></b>
<b>16-Feb</b>	<b><i>Perryton Promenaders Plus Dance</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Don Main</i></b>
<b>18-Feb</b>	<b><i>Sweetheart Dance Amarillo</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Nicky Boone</i></b>
<b>25-Feb</b>	<b><i>Keyes Keysteppers</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Robert Hutton</i></b>
<b>29-Feb</b>	<b><i>Shattuck Sadie Hawkins Day Dance</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Rod &amp; Lois Ford</i></b>

## *March Dances*

<b>03 Mar</b>	<b><i>Perryton Promenaders</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Jeff Holley</i></b>
<b>09-Mar</b>	<b><i>Durham Antelope Hills</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Jimmy Gouge</i></b>
<b>10 -Mar</b>	<b><i>Woodward Spring Festival</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	
<b>15-Mar</b>	<b><i>Perryton Promenaders Plus Dance</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Lanny Weakland</i></b>
<b>17 Mar</b>	<b><i>Woodward Wranglers</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Henry Israel</i></b>
<b>24 Mar</b>	<b><i>Top-Tex Dance Amarillo</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Jay Flowers</i></b>
<b>31 Mar</b>	<b><i>District Spring Fling @ Perryton</i></b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b><i>Dean Dederman</i></b>

*All Perryton dances are at the V.F.W. Hall unless otherwise noted.*



## *February Birthdays*

**01 Feb**      ***Micki Robinson***

At our February 4th dance, ladies are requested to wear their club dress' as the Perryton Chamber of Commerce is coming to take pictures for the ribbon cutting. I guess that means the gents need to look good too! (We will try.)

Stew and soup is planned for the dinner that evening (the 4th) and several have agreed to bring plenty. Everyone else is asked to bring cornbread, crackers, desserts, etc.. This should be a great dance and the club will get some great promotion.



# NEWS from the SOUTH LUBBOCK FEDERATION

On behalf of the Lubbock Federation I would like to commend the Top-of-Texas Association for their dance on November 19, 2011 in honor of our Veterans. I attended the dance and was very appreciative that so many Dancers of the Top-of-Texas Association were veterans. We thank them for their service to our country.

The Lubbock Federation has some special dances coming up in February and March in 2012. Our Federation Dance will be on Saturday, February 4, 2012 with Scott Bennett of Lawton, Oklahoma doing the calling and Kathy & Jerry Stevens of Tye, Texas doing the

cueing. Request rounds will begin at 7:15 pm and the Grand March at 7:45 pm. The Dance will be held in our Federation Dance Center at 2305 120<sup>th</sup> Street (off of South University). Everyone is welcome to the dance.

We also extend a special invitation to ALL Square & Round Dancers from the Panhandle and the Top-of-Texas Association to come dance at the Texas State Federation's 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE. It will be held at the Lubbock Federation's Dance Center 2305 120<sup>th</sup> Street (2305 PR 7330) off South University on March 2-3, 2012.

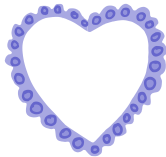
Friday and Saturday Conclave Dance Schedule: Request Rounds at 7:00 pm, Grand March 7:45 pm, Dance from 8:00—10:00 pm. Callers and Cuers will be from the West Texas Caller's & Teachers Association. The Texas State Federation Conclave Business Meeting will be held Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Host Hotel, the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza at 3201 South Loop 289. Coffee at 8:30 am and meeting at 9:00 am. Everyone is invited to the meeting and evening dances.

Click link below for conclave dance info.

[http://www.squaredancetx.com/con\\_mtg.html](http://www.squaredancetx.com/con_mtg.html)

## Website Links

Click on the links to go directly to the websites.



### National Square Dance Conventions

Spokane, WA June 27—30, 2012

[www.61nsdc.com](http://www.61nsdc.com)

Oklahoma City, OK June 26—29, 2013

[www.62nsdc.com](http://www.62nsdc.com)

Little Rock, AR June 25—28, 2014

[www.63nsdc.com](http://www.63nsdc.com)

### State Dances

Conclave - Lubbock, TX March 2—3, 2012

[www.squaredancetx.com/con\\_mtg.html](http://www.squaredancetx.com/con_mtg.html)

Festival - Wichita Falls, TX June 7—10, 2012

[www.squaredancetx.com/festival.html](http://www.squaredancetx.com/festival.html)

### Singles Dances

TASSD - Dallas, TX March 8—11, 2012

[www.tassd.org](http://www.tassd.org)

Heartland of America Single Square Dance Association (HASSDA) Festival

Midwest City, OK March 30—31, 2012

[www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA\\_Festival/](http://www.wesquaredance.com/HASSDA_Festival/)

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# Upcoming Events

## February

- ♥ 10th — Fun Time Rounders Sweetheart Dance @ 7:30
- ♥ 11th — Twisters Sweetheart Dance — Potluck @ 6
- ♥ 13th — Whirley Birds Sweetheart Dance @ 7:30
- ♥ 14th — Silhouettes Sweetheart Dance @ 7:30
- ♥ 16th — Pioneer Promenaders Sweetheart Dance @ 7:30
- ♥ 18th — Top-Tex Meeting @ Cornerstone @ 3

## March

- ♥ 3rd — TSFSRD Conclave Business Meeting @ 9 AM Lubbock
- ♥ 17th — Twisters — Program Dance @ 7

## April

- ♥ 7th — Yellow Rose Contest — Lubbock

# Upcoming Dances

## February

- ♥ 4th — Lubbock Federation Dance  
@ 7: 15 in the Lubbock Dance Center  
Scott Bennett Calling  
Kathy & Jerry Stevens Cueing
- ♥ 18th — Top-Tex Sweetheart Dance  
@ Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Rounds @ 7:30 Grand March @ 8  
Nicky Boone Calling
- ♥ 24th — Keyes Keystepers  
in Keyes, OK @ 8  
Robert Hutton Calling (Perryton Dancer)

## March

- ♥ 2nd & 3rd — Conclave - State Dance  
Rounds @ 7 - Grand March @ 7:45  
@ the Lubbock Dance Center
- ♥ 3rd — 2013 National Square Dance  
Pre-Convention Dance  
OKC Convention Center  
Rounds @ 6 - Grand March @ 7

## March (continued)

- ♥ 8th, 9th, 10th & 11th —  
TASSD Round-Up  
@ Dallas Sterling Hotel
- ♥ 24th — Top-Tex Dance  
@ Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Rounds @ 7:30 Grand March @ 8  
Caller Jay Flowers (formerly of the Texas Po'Boys)
- ♥ 31st — Perryton Promenaders  
District Spring Fling @ 8  
@ Perryton VFW  
Dean Dederman Calling

## April

- ♥ 7th — Lubbock Federation Dance  
Yellow Rose Contest  
Lubbock Dance Center @ 7: 15  
Tom Roper Calling  
Kathy & Jerry Stevens Cueing

# FARM & RANCH

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THE CANYON NEWS

Thursday, December 29, 2011

## New instrumentation to measure greenhouse gases

By **KAY LEDBETTER**  
Texas AgriLife  
Extension Service

As greenhouse gases become more of a concern, determining the actual rates of emissions through scientific data is a growing necessity, according to a Texas AgriLife Research scientist in Amarillo.

Ken Casey, AgriLife Research air quality engineer, has commissioned through his program an open-path Fourier transform infrared spectrometer for use in monitoring greenhouse gases.

This is in collaboration with Brock Faulkner in the Texas A&M University biological and agricultural engineering department, who set up an identical open-path spectrometer at the same feedyard 18 months ago for long-term emissions monitoring.

Each instrument costs \$125,000, Casey said. The instrumentation and project are being funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-National Institute of Food and Agriculture air quality project and a state-appropriated air quality project.

Both researchers are using the instruments to measure emissions of methane and nitrous oxide, which are greenhouse gases with global warming potentials of 21 and 310 times higher, respectively, than that of carbon dioxide, Casey said.

To date, greenhouse gas



**Steve Plowman, a representative of the MIDAC Corp., left, and Ken Casey, Texas AgriLife Research air quality engineer, check the installation of the infra-red light source.**

can measure the concentration of nitrous oxide downwind and upwind of the feedyard, regardless of which direction the wind is coming from, he said.

"Other agricultural operations such as field cultivation and fertilizer application can contribute to a varying background, which must be accurately accounted for in calculating the emissions," Casey said. "If you can't account for the background, then you can't measure the emissions from the feedyard alone."

The scientists will be continuously monitoring the emissions of nitrous oxide particularly, because they are episodic, influenced by season and by rainfall, he said. "If you are not there when it happens, you miss it."

Their goal is to get a good measurement of the annual emissions and then "we can use this data for improving the emissions workbooks of federal and other regulating agencies," Casey said.

"Also, by gaining a better understanding of what controls these emissions and when they occur, we can guide feedyard management in implementing practices that can minimize the emissions," he said.

inventory methodology comes from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and that methodology for intensive livestock facilities is based on a very limited data set which was not collected from the type of animal feeding systems in this region, Casey said.

"We are concerned the inventories don't accurately reflect actual emissions from feedyard operations because they are based on

limited research on some production systems that may not be typical of what happens on a High Plains feedyard. Hence, the resulting inventory has a significant degree of uncertainty," he said.

"Because the concentration of nitrous oxide in normal air is not zero and the increase in contribution from a large feedyard operation is relatively small, complex and very expensive

instrumentation must be used to accurately measure the increase in concentration," Casey said.

The open path configuration of these instruments allows more sensitive measurements to be made

by integrating the concentration in the air over a path length of 300-450 meters between an infra-red light source and the spectrometer, Casey said.

Working together, the two open path spectrometers

Courtesy photo

## Producers need to watch margins during economic uncertainty

By **BLAIR FANNIN**  
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