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SPC band to open for Texas Playboys for Bob Wills' Day

LEVELLAND – The South Plains College western swing band, The South Plains Playboys and the Dixie Dewdrops, will play the opening set at the Bob Wills' Day dance at 6 p.m. April 24 in the old high school building in Turkey.

The featured band for the evening will be Bob Wills' Texas Playboys – a special group of Wills' former musicians who come together annually to celebrate the music of the West Texas icon.

“It is a great honor to be asked to open for these legendary musicians,” said Joe Carr, SPC professor and band director. “We study and rehearse Bob Wills' music all year and to play before the Texas Playboys is a dream come true.”

The Bob Wills weekend celebration has been held annually in Wills hometown of Turkey since 1971. Carr formed the SPC western swing band in 1986, and the group has performed during the Bob Wills' Day weekend nearly every year since.

“In those early years, we played on Saturday morning before the fiddle contest,” Carr said. “It is fantastic and a testament to the quality of our students to be moved to the Friday night dance opening for the weekend headliners – The Texas Playboys.”

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