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A.I. certification classes offered at Sul Ross

By Kendall Hallmark

Reporter

Accelerated Genetics, one of the leading Artificial Insemination companies of cattle in the world, will be hosting an Artificial Insemination and Palpation Training School at Sul Ross in April. Their program, Repro Connections, comes from Wisconsin with experienced professionals to “provide you and your employees with the knowledge and training skills needed to manage your breeding program efficiently.”

Two schools, Artificial Insemination (A.I.) and Palpation, will be taught. Each school will involve two days of training, from Thursday, April 18 to Sunday, April 21. Matt Meador, Sul Ross Range Manager, scheduled the classes to accommodate students and ranch owners.

The “catch” to this amazing opportunity for Alpine locals is that, depending on attendance, five to ten Sul Ross students may be able to take the classes for free. Each of the schools costs $350 per student. While this might seem reasonable to the business owner in need of A.I. certification, this could be a steep price for the average college student. In realization of this fact, Accelerated Genetics has decided that if enough people are enrolled in the A.I. and Palpation Training Schools, five to ten Sul Ross students will benefit from free classes.

Being A.I. trained makes reproduction procedures for cattle easier to manage since the estrus cycles will be predictable and planned in advance. (When a cow enters the estrus cycle of reproduction, she is able to breed and conceive a calf. This cycle is also known as being ‘in heat’.) Secondly, the early conception ratings will increase since there will be no second guessing the fertile period of a cow. Thirdly, time spent trying to discover the estrus period will decrease as well as the amount of manpower needed. Labor expenses have been reported to reduce once estrus synchronization becomes part of a breeding program. And lastly, being certified in artificial insemination is practical and a good skill to know in the animal production business. Instead of buying multiple bulls that may or may not produce the offspring desired, a ranch owner can breed his stock to proven bull sires that will provide positive results.

For more information, contact Matt Meador at mmeador@sulross.edu. To register or deposit funds, contact Wayne Mikeska, 830-992-1851 or wmikeska@accelgen.com. The website www.accelgen.com/english would also be a good place to visit if someone is curious about the hosting company and their extended services.

Classes will be held at the Sul Ross Feedlot on the Old Marathon Road adjacent to the RAS Riding Arena.

Feb. 21 at Sul Ross

A&M ecologist to deliver S.A.L.E. lecture

Dr. Fred E. Smeins, professor of Ecology in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management, Texas A&M University, will present the 19th San Antonio Livestock Exposition (SALE) Leaders in Agriculture Lecture Thursday, Feb. 21 at Sul Ross State University.

Smeins will address “Natural Resources and Agriculture: Current Issues, Future Prospects and Ecological Constraints.” The talk will be at 2 pm in the Turner Range Animal Science Center Room 130. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

Smeins, who joined the Texas A&M faculty in 1969, teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in ecology and natural resource management. He has received multiple university and professional society awards for excellence in teaching.

His research focuses on understanding the structure and dynamics of rangeland ecosystems as influenced by herbivory, soil, fire and water. He has conducted research in tallgrass prairies, Edwards Plateau savannas, longleaf pine savannas and coastal marshes. Smeins has undertaken research and development work in Kenya, Somalia, Morocco, Venezuela and Italy. He has published over 85 technical papers, book chapters and bulletins.

Since 1987, the San Antonio Livestock Exposition has contributed more than $900,000 to Sul Ross. The San Antonio Livestock Exposition Equine Center was named in honor of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition by the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System.

Scholarship awards are made to freshmen in agriculture and directly related areas who qualify for participation in the Sul Ross Freshman Leadership Program. Criteria for selection include strong academic performance, as well as demonstrated leadership potential indicated by involvement in 4-H, FFA, interscholastic competition, and other activities.

For more information, contact Dr. Rob Kinucan, 432-837-8201 or kinucan@sulross.edu.
Editor’s Message
This semester seems to be flying by or, maybe that’s just 2013 in general. It’s already February and the campus is buzzing with life. I think we’re all ready for spring and all the events that spring brings.

College is a time to make memories, but think carefully on the memories you are making. You will never get back time that has passed, not even a minute, an hour, or a day. In four years, how will you look back on what you have accomplished?

Hopefully, you are getting everything you can out of this experience. Make new friends, join clubs and organizations, take trips, and gain experience that will help you enter the next phase of your life. You can choose who you want to be now.

Sul Ross isn’t the Army, but you can be the best that you can be.

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Why hasn’t Sul Ross, unlike many other universities, switched to electronic textbooks in order to save students money?

-Sterling Baade, Senior Criminal Justice

The bookstore has the ability to sell ebooks right now. Many courses currently require ebook type supplements as part of their curriculum and those are available in the bookstore. Faculty textbook adoptions do not include exclusive use of ebooks yet and student demand is still relatively low with most still preferring a physical textbook. With ebooks you also must either own or have use of a computer to use all features. The bookstore tends to get hard copy requests from professors. We do have a rental program in place and 120 of our titles in store are available for rent for the fall semester. We will push for more available for spring; rentals is the way to go now. We try and make what we can available for students and will continue to do this.

Why can’t we use skateboards on campus? I don’t understand how a bicycle is okay but a skateboard is not. If we did away with that rule on campus, Sul Ross would thrive with new students.

-William Charles Dixon, Freshman Education

Safety is paramount to the University. The University Parking and Traffic Regulations speak specifically to the utilization of bicycles and skateboards on campus. The bicycle regulations provide for the safe use of bicycles on campus, however “skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, in-line skates and in-line scooters may not be utilized anywhere on the Sul Ross State University campus including all sidewalks, parking lots, athletic facilities and buildings.” The potential injury by skateboarders, to persons, especially those individuals with visual/audible impairments or those individuals using headsets, ear buds and/or operating electronics, is further compounded by the presence of golf carts and other service vehicular traffic on sidewalks. Although skateboarding is a valid means of transportation, its typical use on a college campus is considered unsafe for the skateboarder and others. Over the past decade the university has experienced considerable damage to its facility as a result of skateboard use. The university has spent thousands of dollars repairing damaged facilities including but not limited to the replacement of several expensive windows, repairs to handrails, repairs to building curbing and seating areas. All of this resulted in the need to make modifications in an effort to reduce future damage. The City of Alpine has constructed and operates a skate park open to the public. The skate park is located at Kokernot Park just east of Kokernot Field.

Why does our school email account get so much junk mail? I have linked the emails to junk mail. As an example, since school started this semester I have had 156 emails. This makes it difficult to sift through emails from professors and university priority correspondence over who’s selling text books and bake sales.

-Ronald Rayos, Graduate Criminal Justice

Last semester we put a system in place that combined all the emails like meeting announcements, books for sale, and rides wanted, etc. This project allowed email users to receive a “Sully Announcement.” Unfortunately, after implementing the system, we received a significant number of complaints about it, and in fact received a student petition requesting that the system be returned to its original format. We are exploring alternative options at the moment and hope to have a new system in place soon. I would like to stress to students that the official means of communication from the university to students is through their Sul Ross email accounts. Although the junk mail can be tiresome, please make sure to check your email frequently.

Maestas ... may I ask you a QUESTION?

This new Skyline feature is brought to you by the SRSU Student Government Association. Questions for Dr. Ricardo Maestas, SRSU President, should be submitted to the SGA.
Sul Ross State University President Dr. Ricardo Maestas outlined the criteria for the university’s next football coach when he met with more than 60 returning Lobo football players this week.

He stressed his goal of hiring the best coach the university can attract in order to have a winning program, to help student-athletes to obtain degrees, and to instill discipline.

Maestas met the players Monday, Feb. 11 to update them on the hiring process, which will combine the positions of head coach and athletic director.

“I want to move this program forward,” he said. “You [players] did an amazing job this year...with the number one offense in the nation [NCAA Division III].”

Maestas has formed a search committee of faculty, staff and a student representative to enable a thorough selection process.

“I am committed to football; that’s important to me,” Maestas told the players. He said that the team would be involved in the interview process with finalists.

“I am very serious about your input,” he said.

“The process to hire a head coach can be lengthy, but Sul Ross is making every effort to fill the position quickly,” said Maestas.”Although the search committee will do its best to work quickly, ultimately they have been tasked with finding a coach that will be best suited to Sul Ross,” Maestas said. “I am committed to hiring the best coach we can attract to move the program forward.”

The search for a new head football coach/athletic director has attracted considerable interest. More than 25 applications were received as of Feb. 11, with more arriving daily. The position was first advertised Jan. 30.
By Angela Greenroy  
Editor-in-Chief  

Many students struggle with what to do after college. This is not a decision that should be made overnight. As a matter of fact, incoming freshman should consider and weigh options before embarking fully on their college career.

According to Susan Fox-Forrester, Sul Ross Career Services Director, there’s more to the future than a strong GPA, a degree, and a job.

A recent Yahoo news article boasted of “Five High Pay Careers, No Grad School Required.”

Forrester says, “There are a lot of jobs that pay well that do not require grad school.”

The five professions listed in the Yahoo news story that pay more than $50,000 a year are: accountant and auditor, computer programmer, art director, registered nurse, and personal financial advisor.

Forrester agrees with these selections, but she notes, “A bachelor’s degree alone is not enough to make the high salary. It proves more valuable to gain experience while being a student.”

Students often assume that a master’s degree is a must. When a student visits the Career Services Office to discuss master’s possibilities, Forrester asks, “What do you want and why?”

She also advises students to take some time to research possibilities on their own, disregarding what others have told them. “Take some time to explore.

Identify occupations that you can do with your major. Is a master’s required?”

Experience can make or break the deal for a person who has just graduated. If the occupation chosen requires experience and a master’s degree, Forrester advises, “Get a job, get your master’s at the same time or go back later and get that boost.”

Students can start gaining valuable experience during the undergrad years. Career Services will work with students to find local internships in their field and there are many other opportunities available to the inquiring student. Student work study can also provide experience in certain fields.

The Career Services link on the SRSU website offers a few different methods for helping students narrow or widen their choices. Under the link “career exploration,” students can visit SIGI 3. This tool is designed to help students assess themselves and explore careers based on their degrees and interests.

There is also the State of Texas Reality Check where students can determine if their dream job will correspond with their needs. Also under the Career Services link is the NACE which helps students and employers to connect.

On March 20, SRSU Career Services will host the annual Sul Ross Job Fair in the UC Espino Center. The annual event is a good opportunity for students to see what jobs are available locally and from surrounding areas.
The 27th annual Trappings of Texas Custom Cowboy Gear and Western Art Exhibit, will open Feb. 22-23 at the Museum of the Big Bend on the Sul Ross State University campus.

Trappings features some of the best cowboy gear and fine western art in the longest-running event of its kind in the country. Proceeds from Trappings of Texas – the museum’s only fundraiser – support not only future Trappings events but also the museum’s many exhibits and educational programs throughout the year.

Trappings of Texas will kick off with the preview party for sponsors and artists on Friday, Feb. 22. This is an exclusive event for sponsors and buyers to have a first look at the exhibit and sale. No sales are conducted on Friday night; however sponsors and buyers may pre-register for the sale.

“A major component to the Trappings event revenues come from our underwriters and sponsors through our Trappings of Texas Sponsor Program,” said museum director Liz Jackson.

On Saturday night, Feb. 23, the museum will open its doors for the Trappings opening sale and reception from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are $50 per person and are available by calling 432-837-8143.

“The Trappings Sponsorship program is key to allowing us to put on an upscale event and exhibit that will attract both the buyers, artists, and visitors,” said Jackson.

Each year, the museum prides itself on creating the “sponsor package” for their sponsors. At various levels, the sponsor will receive an impressive array of limited edition Trappings of Texas gifts and tickets in a unique and fun container.

For more information on becoming a sponsor, contact Jackson at 432-837-8143 or ejackson@sulross.edu.

For more information on Trappings and for news and updates concerning the museum, contact the Museum of the Big Bend on the campus of Sul Ross State University by calling 432-837-8143 or by visiting www.sulross.edu/museum or Facebook.

The 27th Annual Trappings of Texas Exhibit, Sale and Reception has been described as “the party of the year in the Big Bend.”

And this year promises to be no exception. Beyond the beautiful Western art and cowboy gear for sale, the museum will be serving beer donated from Big Bend Brewery. Guests will enjoy roasted tenderloin, shrimp and a full Mexican food station. Music will be provided by Alpine’s Johnny Milan Mariachis, as well as Glen Moreland & Washtub Jerry.

Last year, tickets sold out early, so call the museum today at 432-837-8143 or drop by to purchase.

Tickets are $50 per person. All proceeds benefit the Museum of the Big Bend.

For more information, visit www.sulross.edu/museum.
We’ve all heard it: DON’T Mess with Texas. It’s on bumper stickers, highway signs, ads, and “God bless Texas” shouts. It’s a motto most Texans live by, especially those of us who live in Big Bend country.

So yes, it’s taken seriously when someone litters, purposely or accidentally, and concerned citizens have taken it a step further by providing new means to report those who purposely or accidentally break the law.

Dontmesswithtexas.org has a link on their site for violators to be reported. Texans who wish to make a report can go to the site and click on “report a litterer.” It’s self-explanatory, but the reporter must have recorded some details about the incident: Texas license plate number, make of vehicle, time of day, location, date, who tossed (driver, passenger, or accidental), and what was tossed.

Trash is trash, whether paper, cigarette butts, fast-food remnants, or other. TxDOT takes the information and searches for a match in their vehicle database. If a match is found, the offender receives a FREE Don’t Mess with Texas litterbag and a letter reminding them to avoid littering.

To make it easier for citizens to report, there is a smart phone app (dontmesswithtexas) that can be downloaded. The app allows the reporter to use voice recording to spell out the license plate number and vehicle information.

Alpine is onto this new form of reporting those who violate the Don’t Mess with Texas law. Be warned and be careful because littering can incur up to a $500 fine.
Finding homes for shelter pets is Joyce’s passion

By Claire Underwood
Reporter

Paul Joyce, a pre-vet major at Sul Ross, volunteered many days before getting hired on as a kennel tech for the Alpine Animal Shelter.

“Working as a kennel tech isn’t the most glamorous job since it does involve cleaning the kennels, but I get to do small procedures such as removing sutures after surgery and helping to take care of the animals,” Joyce’s said.

Joyce is very involved with the shelter. Finding homes for the animals is one of his greatest rewards. After he gets done with his classes for the day, Joyce gets to work finding different rescue groups and other shelters online that may be looking for dogs that he has at the shelter.

Joye adopted his own pooch, Cady, from the shelter for the shelter, give them a call at 432-837-9030.

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering for the shelter, give them a call at 432-837-9030.

Also, do you have a pooch that could use a good scrub down? The shelter will be holding a dog wash and flea dip fundraiser at the Alpine Animal Shelter during the first weekend in March (March 2-3) from 10 am to 2 pm. Proceeds will go to purchase a microscope so the shelter can do some of their own testing.

The Sul Ross Skyline, Feb. 15, 2013
Saturday, Feb. 2, more than twenty of the Sul Ross Lobos football players came together to lend a helping hand to the Alpine community and give back by volunteering at the Alpine Community Center.

At the community center they helped paint, move furniture and other heavy objects, and pull up goatheads from the yard.

A large number of the things that the football players accomplished in that one Saturday would not have been achieved without them and if they had been, it would have taken much longer than it did with their involvement.

Many people are aware of the players’ offseason training but not so much what they do off the field during the offseason trying to transform themselves from just players to also role models and students making a difference.

The football players are encouraged by the coaching staff to participate in a community service project during the offseason semester, each making a difference in some way. Way to go, Lobos!

By Kaitlyn Wood
Reporter

All photos courtesy of Barbara Richerson

A new children’s play, “Tom Sawyer and the Jackson’s Island Pirates,” is set to premiere for children and adults of all ages March 1-3 in Marshall Auditorium on the campus of Sul Ross State University.

“Tom Sawyer,” written and directed by Sul Ross theatre professor Gregory M. Schwab, follows an epic pirating adventure between three close friends. Tom, Huck Finn and Joe Harper escape to a faraway island and attempt to live as pirates on their own.

The cast of Tom Sawyer and the Jackson’s Island Pirates is full of some your Sul Ross favorites, as well as some welcomed fresh faces. The cast is full of high energy actors, which is perfect for a children’s show, and makes for a fun rehearsal environment.


Scenery and lights are designed by Jay Sawyer and costumes and sound are designed by Dona W. Roman. Stage manager is Ashley Page and Julian Johnson is assistant stage manager.

Performances are at 7:30 pm on March 1 and 2, and at 2 pm on March 3. All performances are in Marshall Auditorium.

Tickets for each performance are $7 for adults, $5 for seniors and children, and complimentary admission for SRSU students, faculty and staff with current ID.

For more information, please contact the Department of Fine Arts and Communication at 432-837-8218 or email droman@sulross.edu.

As an added treat, following “Tom Sawyer and the Jackson’s Island Pirates,” Jordan Deibel’s senior showcase, “A Walk Through Hollywood: From Classics to Present,” will be presented.
85th ACADEMY AWARDS NOMINEES

BEST Picture
Amour
Life of Pi
Argo
Lincoln
Beasts of the Southern Wild
Silver Linings Playbook
Django Unchained
Zero Dark Thirty
Les Misérables

ACTOR in a Supporting Role
Alan Arkin
Robert De Niro
Philip Seymour Hoffman
Tommy Lee Jones
Christoph Waltz

ACTRESS in a Supporting Role
Amy Adams
Sally Field
Anne Hathaway
Helen Hunt
Jacki Weaver

DIRECTING
Amour - Michael Haneke
Beasts of the Southern Wild - Benh Zeitlin
Life of Pi - Ang Lee
Lincoln - Steven Spielberg
Silver Linings Playbook - David O. Russell

FOREIGN Language Film
Amour - Austria
Kon-Tiki - Norway
No - Chile
A Royal Affair - Denmark
War Witch - Canada

ACTOR in a Leading Role
Bradley Cooper
Daniel Day-Lewis
Hugh Jackman
Joaquin Phoenix
Denzel Washington

ACTRESS in a Leading Role
Jessica Chastain
Jennifer Lawrence
Emmanuelle Riva
Quvenzhané Wallis
Naomi Watt

Did you know?
9th Awards – The first Supporting Actor and Supporting Actress Academy Awards are presented, for performances in films of 1936. The honors went to Walter Brennan for “Come and Get it” and Gale Sondergaard for “Anthony Adverse.”

14th Awards – In 1941, a documentary category appeared on the ballot for the first time.

20th Awards – The first special award to honor a foreign language motion picture was given in 1947 to the Italian film “Shoe-Shine.” Seven more special awards were presented before Foreign Language Film became an annual category in 1956.

21st Awards – Costume Design was added to the ballots for 1948.

38th Awards – The Oscar ceremony in 1966 was the first to be televised in color.

74th Awards – The Animated Feature Film Award is added, with “Shrek” winning for 2001.

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Animated Featured Film
Brave
Frankenweenie
ParaNorman
The Pirates! Band of Misfits
Wreck-It Ralph

Regina’s Pick

The Sul Ross Skyline, Feb. 15, 2013
The announcement of the late Charles David’s nearly-$550,000 gift to Sul Ross State University stunned some of his Alpine acquaintances.

David (Dah-ved), described as a quiet, unassuming individual, died Aug. 23 at the age of 88 from complications due to viral pneumonia. In his will he bequeathed more than $1 million from his investment accounts to be distributed evenly to Sul Ross and Hillsdale (Mich.) College.

On Feb. 6 Charles David’s nephew, Larry David, Orange, and niece, Julie Lyons, Austin, presented a check for $511,152.89 to Sul Ross President Dr. Ricardo Maestas. Earlier, over $35,000 remaining in a brokerage account with Edward D. Jones had been given to the university.

Larry David – and later several Alpine area residents – remembered his uncle as a man who enjoyed pistol shooting, camping and hiking.

None suspected he was a millionaire. But as his bequests would indicate, Charles David also took a special – and generous – interest in creating higher education opportunities for students.

In 1991, Charles established the Floyd H. Neill, Jr. Scholarship Endowment at Sul Ross in honor of his longtime friend. That endowment has grown to more than $50,000. Twenty years later, he established the Charles B. David Scholarship Endowment that will receive the latest gifts. Interest from the endowments will be used for scholarships for deserving students.

“This money will benefit many of our students,” Maestas said. “We’re very excited today to receive this gift...We deeply appreciate Mr. David’s loyalty to Sul Ross, even though he was not a graduate.”

Larry David traced his uncle’s life, noting that although Charles was the valedictorian of his Orange High School graduating class, he was not particularly fond of college and left after three years. Charles served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked for Houston Natural Gas until his retirement.

Charles David moved to Alpine in the early 1980s and had a daily routine of walking one and one-half miles to McDonald’s for breakfast, stopping at numerous places on the way home and driving to Subway for lunch.

“Uncle Charles was a unique individual,” Larry David said. “I think he would be very proud of this occasion and is watching us today.”

Evans Kott, now an Extension agent for Brewster, Presidio and Terrell counties, met Charles in Subway when she was a Sul Ross student. They ate lunch together several times a month and fashioned a friendship that would last a dozen years until his death.

“Uncle Charles was one of my truest and best friends and he had no agenda at all,” said Kott. “I never imagined he had a million dollars. He was a special person from that generation and I know he will be really happy that lives will be better because of him.”

Eve Trook, an Alpine attorney and a longtime friend, cited “details that reflect the reality of the kindness of his spirit,” and also noted his concern for Sul Ross students.

Leo Dominguez, in his capacity as associate vice president for Advancement and University Relations, met Charles David several years ago. David told him of his plans to leave some of his estate to Sul Ross.

“He said, ‘we’re not going to live forever and I want to help young people,” Dominguez said, adding, “Thank you very much on behalf of the university.”

Roy Smith, retired professor of Industrial Technology, met David when he was first contemplating a move to Alpine. They became friends and Smith said he saw him nearly every day until David sustained a fall, was hospitalized and later succumbed to illness.

Smith noted that David had an extensive tool collection and loved repair work.

“Anything that was broken that he could find, he would fix,” Smith said, adding a quote about judging a man by the tools he possessed.

According to Smith and others assembled for the check presentation, the quality of Charles David’s tool collection very positively reflected his human traits.
The Sul Ross Skyline, Feb. 15, 2013

Sul Ross blood drive next week

Bar-SR-Bar MASH is hosting a blood drive in the Gallego Center, downstairs in room 129 (affectionately known as the fishbowl).

Dates and times are Monday, Feb. 18, from 10 am to 6 pm, and Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 8:45 am to 4 pm.

Donating blood may be one of the most important things you’ve ever done. It is a safe and easy process which takes approximately 45 minutes. Generally, anyone age 16 or older, weighing at least 110 pounds and in good health, can donate blood.

There is an eight-week (56 day) waiting period between donations.

Online appointments are strongly encouraged. You may register by visiting www.bloodhero.com and using zip code 79832 to locate the correct event.

Or you may go to www.sulross.edu and follow the menu to student health services. Instructions for online appointments are on this page.

You may also call 432-837-8102 to set up a time.

QUESTIONS?

I am scared.

A lot of people are scared the first time, but after you make one donation, you’ll wonder why you ever hesitated. As Kaitlyn Wood, a first-time donator at one of last semester’s blood drives, said, “Do it, get it done, it doesn’t hurt!”

Do you need MY blood type?

Regular donations of ALL blood types is needed. The rarest blood is the type which is not available when it’s needed.

Will it hurt?

Most donors say they barely felt anything and they describe blood donation as a slight pinch on the inside of your arm. Eating a good meal and hydrating yourself with caffeine-free drinks helps to make sure your donation experience is a positive one.

Will I feel weak?

Your body will begin to replace the blood you donated immediately. After some cookies and juice, most people can resume their regular activities after donating.

Do I have enough blood to spare?

If you are healthy and weigh at least 110 pounds, you have 10-12 pints of blood in your body and can easily spare one pint. You should be able to donate regularly every eight weeks without any problem. The fluids in your body are completely replaced 24 hours after donation.

I'm too busy.

We understand you are extremely busy. One out of five people who enter a hospital will need a blood transfusion. Blood donation is the act of giving life. Although the whole process can take up to an hour of your time, it could provide an entire lifetime for a local patient.
Translocation of pronghorn to the Trans-Pecos continued last week, with 130 animals released in the Marathon area. Sul Ross State University and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) personnel, along with numerous volunteers, participated in a helicopter net gun capture of pronghorn near Dalhart.

The relocation process was coordinated by the Borderlands Research Institute at Sul Ross, Trans-Pecos Pronghorn Working Group, USDA-Wildlife Services and TPWD to help alleviate a surplus of pronghorn in the northwestern Panhandle and to restore declining populations in the Trans-Pecos.

Two hundred pronghorn were captured in 2011 and released on ranches near Marfa. The mortality rate approached 80 percent, largely due to prolonged drought conditions. The 2013 relocation/release near Marathon occurred under significantly improved conditions.

During the next year, the BRI and TPWD will monitor the pronghorn to ascertain survival, reproductive productivity, fawn survival and movements.

“The pronghorn were released into very good habitat, with access to all areas because of fence modifications and excellent water availability and distribution,” said Shawn Gray, TPWD pronghorn program leader.

At the capture site, workers took each animal’s temperature to monitor stress, along with blood, tissue and feces samples for disease surveillance. The pronghorns also received a mild sedative and other injections to minimize stress related to capture and transport. Ear tags were attached, and 59 of the captured pronghorn were fitted with radio collars to monitor movements. The collars will provide one location per hour.

Additional procedures included giving a sample of the animals various medicines and inserting small vaginal implant transmitters to pregnant does. Vaginal implant transmitters will provide additional reproductive data, including fawning success.

Dr. Louis Harveson, BRI director and Sul Ross professor of Natural Resource Management, said that animals will be evaluated again in 45 days and 150 days to determine if the pronghorn are carrying “barber pole” worms that commonly infect the species.

After processing, the pronghorn were transported by trailer to the Marathon sites. “The pronghorn were in excellent shape and traveled really well,” said Harveson.

Several Sul Ross students are involved in the research project. Justin Hoffman, Bowie, will be in charge of monitoring the radio-collared pronghorn. Daniel Tidwell, Sachse, will be monitoring pregnant does to evaluate fawning sites and fawn survival as a McNair Research Program project. Justin French, Ingram, will monitor pronghorn diets, habitats and the nutritional plane of the translocated pronghorn.

For more information, contact Harveson, (432-837-8098) or harveson@sulross.edu.
The Lobos baseball team traveled to Irving on Feb. 9 and 10 to take on University of Dallas in a three-game series.

In the first game, Zak Enriquez started on the mound for the Lobos. Sul Ross got on the board in the top of the second inning to take a 1-0 lead. Jesse Loter started off with single bringing up Brian LaLima who reached on a walk. Nolan Hoskins hit into a double play keeping LaLima at first base. Emmett Crisp hit a two out double to left scoring LaLima. Kit Henderson ended the inning with a ground out to second.

Sul Ross was held scoreless for the rest of the game as the Crusaders punched across three runs and eventually took the win over the Lobos 3-1.

Enriquez falls to 0-2 on the season with the loss. He allowed three runs off six hits while walking two batters. Enriquez had four strike outs in six innings pitched.

Game two saw the Lobos give up a 3-1 lead early with a three run fourth inning for UofD. The Crusaders pushed across runs in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings which ultimately led to a Lobo loss, 9-3.

Ray Gutierrez took the loss and falls to 0-2 on the season. Gutierrez allowed five runs on five hits. He recorded four strikeouts and one walk in five innings pitched.

In the final game of the series, University of Dallas used crooked numbers in the second and seventh inning to amount a 15-2 lead. The Lobos scored one more run in the top of the ninth to make the final score 15-3.

Anthony Trevino suffered his first loss of the year with 1-1/3 innings pitched. He gave up six runs on six hits.

The Lobos are now 1-5 on the season and travel to Austin on Feb. 15 and 16 to take part in the “Tornado Classic” hosted by Concordia University.

On Feb. 1 and 2, the Sul Ross State baseball team began their season on the road in Hobbs, NM, against the University of the Southwest.

In game one, USW got on the board and took a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

The Lobos took the lead in the top of the fourth inning, scoring three runs to move ahead 3-1. Jesse Loter started off with a single to left field. Brian Lalima advanced Loter to second with a sacrifice bunt. Ely Gallego then hit a sacrifice fly to right field, as Loter advanced to third. Nolan Hoskins doubled to left-center, scoring Loter. Emmett Crisp doubled to left-center, scoring Hoskins, followed by another two out double by Kit Henderson to score BJ Brown, who pinch ran for Crisp.

The Mustangs took back the lead in the bottom of the fourth, by scoring four runs to make the score 5-3.

USW scored three more runs in the fifth to improve their lead to 8-3. The next four innings were scoreless as the Lobos fell in game one, 8-3.

Ray Gutierrez falls to 0-1 in his first start of the season. Gutierrez allowed five runs on five hits in 3 2/3 innings pitched. He recorded five strikeouts, while walking two batters.

In game two, USW scored runs in the bottom of the second, third and fifth to take an early 5-0 lead. The Lobos got on the board in the top of the sixth inning. With one out, Loter reached on a walk. Lalima singled, as Loter advanced to third base. Gallego reached on a walk, loading the bases. Hoskins hit a double to center, scoring Loter and Lalima as Gallego advanced to third. Crisp hit a 2-RBI single, scoring Gallego and Hoskins. Ethan Bradley would also single, as Crisp advanced to second. Henderson was hit by a pitch to load up the bases. Josh Vasquez then grounded into a double play to end the inning.

Clayton Heise came in to relieve Zakk Enriquez who started on the mound for the Lobos. Heise held the Mustangs scoreless to keep the game 5-4 with Sul Ross trailing.

The Lobos would a chance to tie the game in the top of the seventh inning. After reaching on a walk, Dakota Dill moved to second base on a wild pitch. Two batters later, Dill reached third base after a LaLima groundout. Gallego lined out to the third baseman to end the game, with Sul Ross coming up short, 5-4.

Enriquez tossed five innings, giving up five runs on eight hits.

Game three was a different story for the Lobos. Anthony Trevino got the start on the mound for Sul Ross. Trevino lasted 3 and 2/3 innings giving up five runs on five hits. The Lobos amounted runs in the second, fourth, sixth and seventh innings behind Crisp’s 2-3 2-RBI game. Sul Ross took game three, 7-5 with Joseph Gonzalez getting the win.

Gonzales allowed zero runs or hits in 1 and 2/3 innings pitched.
The Sul Ross Skyline, Feb. 15, 2013

By Brian LaLima

The Sul Ross State Lady Lobos basketball team took the floor on their home court at the Gallego Center on Feb. 7 for the last time this season with a conference game against Hardin Simmons University.

In the first half, a 16-9 run helped SR to a one-point deficit but they eventually trailed 32-27 at intermission. Hardin Simmons came out in the second half and went on a 15-7 run and the Lady Lobos would have to play from behind the rest of the game. Despite a hard-fought second half, Sul Ross could not overcome the Cowgirls as they fell, 73-52.

Leading scorers for the Lady Lobos were Asrelle Anderson with 12 points and Taylor Richey with 10 points.

The Lady Lobos (1-22, 0-17 ASC) travelled to Austin to play Concordia University on Thursday, Feb. 14.

Texas Lutheran defeats Lady Lobos, 76-54

By Brian LaLima

The Lady Lobo basketball team hit the road to Seguin on Feb. 2 to face off with Texas Lutheran University in an ASC-Conference matchup.

Sul Ross was dealt a 76-54 loss, despite an 11-2 run in the second half. Asrelle Anderson led the team with 17 points along with Amanda Garza’s 15 points. Natalie Candelaria also provided 11 points.

Alex Ramos, Taylor Richey, Anderson, and Garza each recorded six rebounds.

Lady Lobos basketball falls to Schreiner

By Brian LaLima

The Sul Ross Lady Lobos basketball team traveled to Kerrville on Jan. 31 to take on Schreiner University. The Lady Lobos were looking for their first conference win but were unable to secure an ASC victory in an 83-59 loss.

Schreiner rode a 13-6 run in the first half to get ahead early, but Sul Ross created their own 13-6 run to cut the deficit to just 10 points at half-time.

The Lady Lobos struggled in the second half, giving up a 21-7 run early and a 16-8 run to end the game as they took the loss.

Nicole Murdock led the team in scoring with 16 points with Tonee Montoya recording 14 points and Asrelle Anderson providing 12 points.

Lady Lobos fall in home finale, 73-52

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Lobo basketball bounces HPU for 5th win

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Reporter

The Sul Ross men’s basketball team hosted Howard Payne University on Feb. 7 in an ASC-Conference match up. Mychal Pinson led Sul Ross with 26 points as the Lobos defeated Howard Payne University 86-77.

Pinson shot 50 percent from the field. He also went 10-14 from the free-throw line to finish at 71.4 percent. The Lobos shot a combined 69.4 percent from the charity stripe, hitting 25 of 36 free-throws.

Sul Ross led 44-38 at the half and had to fight off the Jackets until the 4:45 mark in the second half when the Lobos would stretch their lead with a 10-0 run. HPU still battled by outscoring Sul Ross 16-14 to end the game but it would not be enough as the Lobos had secured their fifth victory of the season.

In addition to Pinson, Juston Weldon had 19 points, while Ryan Hagan provided 11. Aaron Williams led the Lobos with 9 rebounds.

Lobos fall on the road to Schreiner, TLU

By Brian LaLima
Reporter

The men’s basketball team was on the road to continue their ASC-Conference schedule by taking on Schreiner University and Texas Lutheran University.

On Jan. 31, Sul Ross battled against Schreiner and were handed an 86-72 loss.

Trailing by 8 at the half, the Lobos gave up a 9-2 run early in the second half and could not overcome Schreiner.

Justin Copeland led the team with 16 points. Aaron Williams added 15 points along with Juston Weldon’s 12 points.

Two days later on Feb. 2, the team traveled to Seguin and fell to TLU, 73-47.

Sul Ross got off on the wrong foot and could not close the gap as they were outscored 16-8 late in the game.

Ryan Hagan was the leading scorer with 17 points. Mychal Pinson scored 9 points and Aaron Williams provided 7 points.