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Shakespeare Festival July 2 - Aug. 2

The Texas Shakespeare Festival will celebrate its 24th season beginning July 2. The festival, under the direction of Raymond Caldwell, will run through Aug. 2. This year's plays include Romeo and Juliet, Tartuffe, Love's Labour's Lost, She Loves Me and the children's fairy tale, Rumpelstiltskin.

To help support the TSF, join the TSF Guild.

"The festival is in a crucial year," Caldwell said. "We need your contributions, large or small. Please help us by donating what you can and pledge to do the same next year."

Active memberships to the TSF Guild are \$15, while associate memberships are \$25. Also, for as little as \$10, patrons can honor a friend or loved one by having his/her name listed on a special page in the season playbill.

Another way to help out is by donating items such as air miles, costume jewelry, vintage clothing, fabric, shoes, paint, lumber and tools. For more information, contact Caldwell at (903) 983-8119 or visit the official Web page at www.TexasShakespeare.com.

Employees assume new duties to accommodate college's growth

The Kilgore College Board of Trustees has approved new job responsibilities for three KC employees to accommodate the growth and initiatives of the college, according to KC President Dr. Bill Holda.

Dr. Mike Turpin, Terry Booker and Michelle Wilder have all accepted new roles at the college, approved by the board April 13. Counselor Pam Gatton will also take on new responsibilities.

Turpin has been named Vice President of Institutional Planning, effective May 1. With this title, he will direct all planning, development and improvements for the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Turpin was formerly the director of counseling and student services, dean of institutional planning and served as the SACS liaison.

"Mike is the best person to provide the overall direction for the assessment of the QEP," Holda said. "As the needs for institutional planning and SACS interaction continue to grow, Mike will be able to devote more time to assure the college's success in these areas."

In Turpin's absence, Gatton will assume the role of Coordinator of Counseling and Testing.

"Pam's understanding of our processes and procedures coupled with her



Turpin



Booker



Wilder



Electric Power program recognized in national magazine

The Kilgore College lineman school was featured in the April 2009 issue of nationally distributed "Rural Electric Magazine."

The article details how electric cooperatives across the country are partnering with local colleges to help train the next generation of line workers. KC was no different, partnering with Trinity Valley, Rusk

County and Bowie-Cass electric cooperatives in 2007.

The article explains how students at KC can graduate in as little as nine weeks with an electrical power certificate which will allow them to go right to work for an electric company. It also boasts the savings a student can accumulate by taking courses at KC.

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President's perspective



President Dr. Bill Holda

Sine Die

June 1, 11:59 p.m.

The Latin Phrase, Sine Die (translated "without a day"), is used to designate the end of the Legislative Session. Barring a summer special session, the 81st

Legislature will come to a close on June 1 at 11:59 p.m. In the final month, much remains for Texas community colleges and for Kilgore College.

The FY2010-2011 Budgets have been passed by both houses. The next step is that a conference committee of the House and Senate will be appointed and begin working on the budget. The House version is much friendlier to community colleges – it does not impose proportionality, it adds almost \$70 million in formula enhancement, and overall benefits all of us significantly. The Senate version on the other hand, transfers about \$120 million out of the insurance fund and imposes proportionality while giving no formula enhancement.

The main battleground during the next month centers on our efforts to codify in statute "what constitutes an eligible employee for the purpose of health insurance." SB41 and its companion in the House are now in play. Here are the next steps and the moments in which we will need advocacy:

- The full House will take up HB2083 within the next two weeks. We want a minimum of 500 community college folks in the gallery to show support.
- The Senate Finance Committee will deliberate SB41. We will need 8 votes (out of 15) to move the bill to the full Senate. We will need to be in contact with all of those members.
- The full Senate will vote on the bill. Once again, we will need to fill the gallery to show support and be in contact with our senators prior to the vote.
- Assuming that both Houses pass the bill, we will need extensive letter-writing support to Speaker Straus, Lt. Governor Dewhurst, and Governor Perry.

As we approach Sine Die, the intense efforts of all of the community college folks will be critical. Thanks in advance for your support and participation.

FACULTY & STAFF reports



Lamouroux

Nancy Lamouroux, Clinical Coordinator for the Radiologic Science Program, was honored with the award of Outstanding Undergraduate in Human Resource Development at UT-Tyler on April 26.



Blalack

Charles Blalack, instructor in management, occupational safety and health, recently received the "Working Together for a Better Tomorrow Award" from the Safety Council of East Texas (one of two people receiving the nonprofit's highest honor) on April 9. Blalack's career in safety and education has spanned 35 years, including 27 years at Kilgore College.



Fortson-Johnson

Joyce Fortson-Johnson, grants development specialist, spoke April 14 in Tyler at the seventh annual Conference for Youth Professionals sponsored by the Youth Advisory Group of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board. She spoke about "Motivating Girls and Young Women to Excel," exploring challenges faced by girls and young women in education, sports, career opportunities, health, body image, self-identity and media impact.

Good News!

Brandon Conner, son of Gail and **Virgel Conner** (SBDC counselor), will graduate from University of Texas at Austin with a BBA in Finance with honors as a Distinguished Scholar on May 22. Their daughter, Brittany Conner, will also graduate from Kilgore High School on May 28 and continue her education at Texas State University-San Marcos with a major in Speech Pathology.

Chelsea L. Jenkins, daughter of Kim and **Mike Jenkins**, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in mass communication from East Texas Baptist University May 2.

News & Reminders:

Preview Day for next fall semester is set for October 24

Mark your calendars! Preview Day for prospective students is Saturday, Oct. 24, in the DSC. Recruitment Services is hoping to make this one even better than this spring's. Last spring, more than 150 prospective students came for a day of information and tours of the KC campus. Most departments were represented, but the goal is to have every department represented. It is a great way to promote your program(s)—just ask this spring's participants. Booths will be set up to display information on your program(s) and visit face-to-face with prospective students. Please E-mail Eloise Ashley: eashley@kilgore.edu for any questions. Or call her at (903) 983-8198.

Take precautions to avoid spread of swine flu

As we are all reading and seeing on the news, the H1N1 or swine flu is rapidly spreading. While there are not a lot of precautions we can take here at KC to keep the virus from hitting, there are some things we can do to mitigate any effects of an outbreak.

1. If you or your student(s) are ill, please stay home! As we are headed into finals, this may mean some special flexibility in assignments and tests. The last thing we need is an infected employee or student showing up and infecting others because they "had to."
2. If a student in your class appears ill, refer them to the campus nurse or suggest that they go home for rest. If possible, offer make-up opportunities to make it easy for a student to leave without repercussions. If nothing else, try to isolate the student, if possible.
3. Wash, wash, wash your hands and use the sanitizers available in many of our restrooms!
4. For more in-depth information, check this Web site: www.dshs.state.tx.us/news/releases/swine_flu.shtm.

Time to take care of housekeeping items at Watson Library

Since summer is almost here, it is time to take care of some housekeeping at the library. Susan Black, access services librarian, said she is excited that so many KC employees use the library and its resources, but it is time to "account for all lost sheep."

- Please return all materials to Watson Library by May 8. You may check them out again after 24 hours. The library will gladly hold items on reserve for classes at the request of the instructor.
- If you need materials placed on reserve, please complete a reserve request form and return it to the library.
- Copies of the policy and reserve request form are available upon request or on the library web page.
- Please notify the library now if you need materials purchased to support your fall classes. Requesting materials after class starts delays the order until September or later.





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- 5 Surgical Tech Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Devall Room
- 6 TRIO Spring Banquet, 11:30 a.m., DSC Ballroom
- 7 PTA Pinning Ceremony, 6 p.m., DSC Ballroom
- 8 ADN Pinning Ceremony, 11 a.m., Dodson Auditorium
- 8 Graduation, 5:30 & 8 p.m., Dodson Auditorium
- 12 Texas Scholars Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., DSC Ballroom

JUNE

- 8-11 Kilgore College Science Investigation (KCSI) Camp
- 8-12 Ranger Youth Football Camp, Lady Rangers Youth Basketball Camp
- 12 GED Graduation, 7 p.m., Dodson Auditorium
- 13 Dr. Holda's 60th birthday party, 6-9 p.m.
- 16-30 Rangerette summer mini camps



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Dorothy Puckett	5/4
David Roberts	5/6
Claudia Miracle	5/9
Lu Linkinhoker	5/11
Charlotte Dunaway	5/16
Tina Rushing	5/17
Ingo Stoehr	5/17
Bettye Craddock	5/18
Charles Blalack	5/18
John Davidson	5/19
Jerome Edinger	5/20
David Whitfield	5/20
Cathy Waggoner	5/21
Mary Martin	5/22
Dana Blair	5/23
Doris Johnson	5/24
David Galbraith	5/27
Bob Cargill	5/27
Charlotte Acree	5/28
Ursula Dyer	5/28
Kathy Fair	5/30
Nelda Ferguson	5/30

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Ronda Howe	6/1
Jerry Fuller	6/2
Lynda Brooks	6/4
Dennis Cliborn	6/6
John Dodd	6/7
Jenna Centers	6/8
Mark Vespi	6/8
Jane Johnson	6/12
Leah Gorman	6/14
Bill Holda	6/14
Helen Boston	6/15
Carolyn Fox-Hearne	6/15
Barbara Fox	6/16
Marie Hughes	6/18
Michael Hale	6/19
Joyce Magner	6/19
Charleen Worsham	6/19
Carla Szafran	6/20
Larry Kitchen	6/22
Julia Schneider	6/22
Barbara Mizell	6/23
Mike Earley	6/25
Brodrick Burks	6/28

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Ben Cammack	7/1
Dayna Davidson	7/5
Dalton Smith	7/6
Russell Turner	7/6
Jeanette Miller	7/7
Dan Short	7/7
Toni Perry	7/10
Kendrick Franklin	7/11
Sara Lugeanbeal	7/13
Brenda Ellis	7/14
John Hillier	7/15
Regina French	7/16
Frankie Steward	7/16
D'Wayne Shaw	7/17
Susan Yellott	7/17
Rob Williams	7/18
Rhonda Ainsworth	7/19
Micah Riddell	7/20
Mariann Baker	7/20
Diane Davis	7/22
Trey Hattaway	7/22
Gary Ratliff	7/23
Alan Morris	7/25
Kristi Powers	7/25
Mariana Chavez	7/26
Lora Cuthbertson	7/26
Carol Bunch	7/27
Ronnie Gothard	7/28
John Colville	7/30
John Hester	7/30
Chris Carroll	7/31

Employees invited to Holda's 60th party



On June 14th Dr. Holda will turn 60 years young, and his wife, Scotti, is having a 60th birthday party for him at their home on June 13 from 6-9 p.m. All KC employees and their families are invited. No gifts please. Check your e-mail later in May for more details.

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RE Magazine, published monthly by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association since 1942, provides electric co-op directors, chief executives, and front-line employees with the information they need to make informed decisions in today's fast-paced electric utility industry.

According to the magazine's Web site, Articles and columns cover trends in electric co-op operations; discuss how co-ops deploy the latest utility industry products and services; showcase member services, communications, management, safety, community and economic development, financial, and marketing tools; and highlight political, regulatory, public policy, and power supply issues impacting electric co-ops and the 42 million-plus consumers they serve in 47 states.

The Electric Power Technology program is offered at KC through the Workforce Development Program under the direction of Martha Woodruff.

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commitment to our students, faculty and staff will serve her well in this role," said Mike Jenkins, Vice President of Student Development. "I have full confidence in Pam and the leadership she will provide."

Also, Terry Booker has been named Dean of Instructional Outreach. This position will mainly focus on dual credit courses and off-site growth. Booker was formerly Dean of Liberal and Fine Arts and began his new duties May 1.

"This position will help to promote growth in instructional offerings in our service area's regional communities," Holda said. "With the geometric growth in our dual credit program, it is requiring that we develop more capacity, more structure and systematically formalize more of what we have been doing. Terry will greatly help us in this process."

Also, English instructor Michelle Wilder will assume the role of Director of Service Learning. Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection by providing students with opportunities to apply what students learn in the classroom to "real world" issues in the community.

Students participating in the KC Service Learning Program will partner with community members and businesses to complete projects and community service to enhance knowledge, skills, self-awareness and gain a better sense of civic responsibility.

According to Holda, Wilder will continue to teach in the English Department and will have some course load release in consideration of her new responsibilities. Wilder will officially begin as director Sept. 1.