



SEPTEMBER 2009

## 75th Anniversary birthday parties are Sept. 14-15

KC to begin year-long celebration of long-standing impact to community



Kilgore College will host two campus-wide birthday parties to commemorate the college's 75th Anniversary. The parties mark the beginning of a year-long celebration with events planned throughout the school year.

The first party will be on the Kilgore campus beginning at 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 14 in the Lee Mall on the Kilgore campus.

A similar party is set for 10:45 a.m. Sept. 15 at KC-Longview in the Special Events Room in the Longview North Building.

Free T-shirts, cupcakes, balloons and snow cones will be handed out at the parties.

Leah Gorman, 75th Anniversary Committee Chairman, said that the 75th Anniversary festivities will be tied into several other annual events such as Homecoming, Rangerette Revels and awards banquets.

"This will only happen once at our institution," Gorman said. "So we want to go all-out and celebrate the rich history of our school with our community."

Also, the 75th Anniversary Committee is working on plans for the construction of a 75th Anniversary plaza to be constructed in front of Old Main, the oldest building on campus.

Gorman said the committee will present plans for the plaza to the KC Board of Trustees at the board meeting Sept. 14, hopefully beginning construction this semester.

KC first opened its doors on Sept. 13, 1935, with W.L. Dodson serving as the school's president. The first year, the college enrolled 229 students.

Currently, KC has almost 6,400 students enrolled in classes and has grown nearly 15 percent since the same time last year.

Official enrollment numbers will not be available until Sept. 9, the twelfth class day.

### KC-Longview to open new building

Construction is complete for Kilgore College-Longview's new Industrial Maintenance Building, located just adjacent to the Hendrix Building.

A ribbon-cutting will take place 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, to open the new facility.

Industrial Maintenance students will be on hand to cut the ribbon to open the new facility.

The new building will house state-of-

the-art equipment for the students to use.

The program prepares students as technicians to keep plant machinery running so that production can continue in large manufacturing plants. The program consists of two certificates and an associate of applied science degree. Both the certificate and degree are cooperative courses, in which students will receive on-the-job training.

### Fire Academy will honor fallen firemen

A ceremony will be held Sept. 10 to dedicate a monument memorial in honor of the two firemen who lost their lives on campus last January.

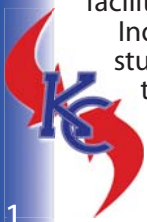
The ceremony is set for 10 a.m. in the Bert E. Woodruff Adult Education Center parking lot.

The monument, mounted in front of the Woodruff building flag pole, has the two firefighters' names inscribed into the stone.

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Student Nurses Association donated the flag pole and the KC Fire Academy donated the monument in honor of the two fallen firefighters, Cory Galloway of Grand Saline and Kyle Perkins of Kilgore.

Company B will be in attendance which was Galloway's and Perkins' company, along with the 75th KC Fire Academy class which will begin classes Sept. 8. This year also marks the 20th anniversary of the KC Fire Academy.



# President's perspective



President Dr. Bill Holda

## Growing Pains

...BUT GOOD PAINS TO HAVE

If you haven't seen staff and KC police helping lines of student automobiles park on the grassy property south of the Kilgore campus or witnessed students in Longview parking in the Chase Bank drive through,

then you might have missed just one of the symptoms of a bumper crop enrollment this fall.

The head count on Sept. 1 stood at 6,381, which is an increase of 830 students from the 5,551 in Fall 2008. With a student enrollment almost 15 percent greater than last year, we are experiencing capacity challenges daily.

Throughout the State of Texas, community colleges are reporting enrollment growth as high as 30 percent in some locations. Students in Texas appear to be flocking to community colleges in record numbers.

To what can we attribute such growth? The answer is probably a combination of factors: (1) The downturn in the economy has prompted students and their families to seek better value and more affordable access to higher education; (2) Some families have experienced a decline in college savings and funds as the market values have plummeted; (3) Individuals who are unemployed are seeking retraining and coming back to learn a marketable skill; and finally, (4) It could be that the community colleges have finally come of age – they are no longer viewed as the last alternative and low quality.

At Kilgore College we will see the strain on our physical assets – parking, classroom space, class sizes and registration processes. We will see the strain on our human resources – finding enough qualified instructors and ways to process even more students through orientation, advisement and registration.

We will have to think differently: how can we entice more students to take classes in the afternoon and evenings when more parking and classrooms are available? How can we develop early registration processes which continue to serve students through the entire summer? With all counseling appointments, testing and orientation sessions full during the two weeks prior to registration, it was no wonder we were backlogged during regular registration.

Enrollment growth is a great problem to confront! It is much better than addressing declining enrollment and reducing the workforce. I have no doubt that creative, strategic thinking and implementation of new approaches will empower us to meet this growth. I encourage you to promote your own ideas and lead from your position.

Together we will not only survive this growth, we will thrive in it!

# FACULTY & STAFF reports

Art instructors **Carolyn Fox-Hearne** and **Larry Kitchen** have been accepted into the "Global Swarming" Exhibit at the Discovery Gardens Exhibit Hall at Fair Park in Dallas. The encaustic exhibit brings attention to the slow disappearance of the bee and how it will affect man. It will also be in celebration of the re-opening of the Butterfly House. The opening reception is Sept. 4, 2009, and the show runs through Jan. 3, 2010.



(Far left)  
"Heartbroken by  
Carolyn Fox-Hearne.



(Left) "Pollen  
Puffers" by Larry  
Kitchen.

## Good News!

Chief Master Sergeant Ralph O. Dent, cousin of **Jeanette Miller**, ETPA Administrative Assistant, recently retired from the United States Air Force. Chief Dent grew up in Kilgore and entered the Air Force in 1979. His background includes various duties in the Airborne Communications career field at locations throughout the world and includes 76 combat missions. Chief Dent has deployed in support of Operations Just Cause, Uphold Democracy, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Provide Promise, Deny Flight, Southern Watch, Desert Thunder, Desert Fox, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

## News & Reminders:

### Join Kilgore College Employees Association

Thanks to everyone who has joined KCEA for this school year. If you would still like to join, simply put a check for \$10 in campus mail to Ebony Dennis, KCEA Treasurer. Make checks payable to KCEA. KCEA dues contribute toward scholarships to KC employees' children, gifts to KC retirees and expressions of condolence or congratulations to KC employees. KCEA officers for this school year are: Regina Ford, President; Rene' Wiley, Vice-President; Toni Perry, Secretary; and Ebony Dennis, Treasurer.

### Join Texas Community College Teachers Association

All faculty, counselors and librarians should have received a brochure for Texas Community College Teachers Association in your mailbox last week. Please consider joining this professional organization. All of the association's efforts are focused directly on two-year community college issues. The regular dues this year are \$45. KC reimburses you \$15, so it is only \$30. If you want to purchase the additional liability insurance, then add another

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## Welcome to new employees!

**Megan Fore** – Administrative Assistant, Ext. 8690

**Ann Gerrity** – Instructor, Speech, Ext. 7453

**Blake Harris** – Instructor, English, Ext. 3718

**Tim Loomis** – Instructor, Corrosion, Ext. 7452

**Cara Nyvall** – Administrative Assistant, Career Services

**Michele Smith** – Instructor, Speech, Ext. 8621

**Steve Stegall** – Instructor, Welding, Ext. 7459

**Melanie Sullivan** – Instructor, Music, Ext. 7527

**Andy Tang** – System/Electronic Librarian, Ext. 8240

**Jim Taylor** – Instructor/Choral Director, Ext. 8122

**Matthew Wickes** – Instructor, Math, Ext. 7455

**Kristie Wilson** – Teacher, Early Childhood

**Gwendolyn Winters** – Instructor, English, Ext. 7451



# September CALENDAR

COMING  
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- 1**, Back To School Party, DSC 7 p.m.
- 2**, K-Fit Health Fair, Ballroom, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Cheerleader mascot tryouts, Fitness Center, 2 p.m.
- 3**, KCEOPA Meeting, Ballroom, 4:45 p.m.
- 7**, Labor Day Holiday, campus closed
- 8**, Industrial Maint. Building Grand Opening, KC-Longview, 10 a.m.
- 10**, High School Counselors' Luncheon, Ballroom, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Fire Academy Monument Dedication, Woodruff Building, 10 a.m.
- KC Rangers at TJC, 7 p.m.
- 12**, ACT Administration, Old Main, 7 a.m.
- KC Chorale Workshop, Ballroom, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 14**, 75th Anniversary Party, Lee Mall, 10:45 a.m.
- 15**, 75th Anniversary Party, KC-Longview, 10:45 a.m.
- 16**, PTA Class Meeting, Ballroom, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 17**, Constitution Day Celebration, Ballroom, 1 - 3 p.m.
- 18**, PTK Orientation, Ballroom, Noon
- 19**, Sabine Exes Reunion, Ballroom, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Crisis Center Benefit, Dodson, 1 p.m.
- KC Rangers vs. Navarro, R. E. St. John Stadium, 7 p.m.
- 26**, KC Rangers at Blinn, Bryan, Texas, 5 p.m.
- 28**, Presidential Scholars Dinner, Ballroom, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- 29**, PTK Induction Ceremony, Ballroom, 6 p.m.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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- 9/1 Donna Evans  
9/1 Venita Howard  
9/2 Dan Beach  
9/2 David Wylie  
9/2 Dennis Gronewald  
9/2 Henry Williams  
9/3 Nancy Lamouroux  
9/3 John Presley  
9/4 Holly Davis  
9/6 Penny Attaway  
9/6 Beverly Davis  
9/7 Jimmy Rieves  
9/8 Judy Grotefendt  
9/9 Richard Crutcher  
9/9 Connie Wyszynski  
9/10 Melissa Haden  
9/10 Charles Taylor  
9/13 Kevin Perry  
9/14 Vicki Buchanan  
9/15 Paula Carter  
9/15 Joel Laws  
9/15 Russell Thompson  
9/16 Chong Raif  
9/16 Bob Young  
9/18 Richard Dugger  
9/18 Starla Lumpkin  
9/19 Tony Means  
9/21 Melonie Bonner  
9/21 Mariane Hastie  
9/22 Cindy Lavine  
9/23 Rosa Hopkins  
9/23 Julie Payne  
9/23 Brenda Stapleton  
9/25 Ebony Allison-Dennis  
9/26 Kevin Kelley  
9/27 Brenda Brown  
9/27 Chris Craddock  
9/29 Duane McNaney  
9/30 Griselda Vazquez



\$50, making the total \$95. The reimbursement of \$15 will come to you from the KC Payroll Office at a later date. To join, send your check and brochure back to Nina Verheyden through campus mail, or you can mail them both directly to Austin. You can also join via the Web at [www.tccta.org](http://www.tccta.org).

### Graves, Harrison to sponsor new English honor society

KC has a new English honor society, called the Upsilon Delta Chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta. Upsilon Delta becomes the 92nd chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta. Dr. Richard Harrison and Jason Graves will serve as co-sponsors of the organization, and will distribute invitations for membership to qualifying students this semester. Please inform your students of this exciting opportunity and direct them to Harrison or Graves with any questions. A student must meet the following requirements for membership: Be enrolled in a college with an established Sigma Kappa Delta chapter, complete a minimum of one college-level English course with a "B" average or better, complete at least 12 semester hours or equivalent quarter-hours of college credit and maintain a minimum 3.3 grade point average. Members are not required to be English majors.

### If you're sick, please stay home to decrease infection

As many of you have heard, colleges and universities are beginning to feel the impact of the H1N1 virus. Currently, Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth had 10 confirmed cases and over 30 students presenting influenza like illness (ILI) symptoms. So, If you're feeling ill, please stay home. Remind your students that if they feel ill, then they need to stay home, also. If you have an obviously ill student in your class or fellow employee in your area, please encourage them to visit the nurse's office in the fitness center. For more info on the H1N1 virus and the college's response, please refer to the "interim guidance" letter that was e-mailed to you on Aug. 13.

### KC to celebrate Constitution Day Sept. 17



Kilgore College will celebrate "Constitution Day" on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009. Constitution Day was set aside by Congress to remind all Americans of our democratic governance "of the people and by the people." This is a mandatory ceremony for schools receiving federal funding. Last year KC had great participation by students, faculty and

staff. Many departments contributed gifts and other services for this day including Admissions and Recruitment, Media Services, Marketing and Publicity, Student Development, Printing Services, The Oil Museum, Rangerette Showcase, The Bookstore, Maintenance and Custodial Services, TRIO – SSS and last but not least the faculty who encouraged their students to attend as well as those who brought their students. We are asking that you contribute to this day by giving gifts to be given as prizes and any other services that will contribute to the success of our Constitution Day. If you wish to contribute, contact Joyce Fortson-Johnson, Grants Development Specialist, at (903) 988-3709 or e-mail her: [jfortson@kilgore.edu](mailto:jfortson@kilgore.edu).

## Lovett's Rangerette photographs on display

View exhibit in Turk Fine Arts Center until Oct. 23

Photographer O. Rufus Lovett's photographs depicting the Rangerettes are on display in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center on the Kilgore College campus.



The exhibit, called, "Beauty Knows no Pain: The Rangerette Project," will be on display until Oct. 23.

Lovett, photography instructor at KC, began the project on the Rangerettes' fiftieth anniversary in 1989. His photos of the Rangerettes have been published in *The Dallas Morning News*, *Texas Monthly* and have been exhibited throughout the state and acquisitioned in various private and permanent collections in such venues as the Humanities Research Center at The University of Texas at Austin and the Museum Of Fine Arts in Houston.

In 2008, Lovett released the book, "Kilgore Rangerettes," a photo essay of 138 images documenting the Rangerettes.

The Kilgore Rangerette book was recognized as one of the best books of the year by The University Press Association of America in June, 2009.

New images by Lovett are also being exhibited in September, "Post Ike Abstracts ... Traces Of Destruction", at the Matthew Dean Johnson Photograph Gallery in the Communications and Automotive building on the KC campus.

For more information regarding the show, contact Carolyn Fox-Hearne, gallery director, at (903) 983-8128.

### First KCEOPA meeting is Sept. 3

The first Kilgore College Employees Office Professional Association meeting of the school year is set for 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, in the Devall Ballroom. Anyone can join KCEOPA as either an active member or as an associate member. Dues are \$5. Bring the dues to the meeting or give it to any officer: Lauri Woodson, Brenda Brown, Laura Mulanax, Jerri Saenz or Jackie Kelley.

### Ten GED students will get laptops thanks to state grant



Ten General Education Degree (GED) graduates will receive a laptop computer thanks to a grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The students will be presented the laptop computers 1 p.m. this Friday, Sept. 4, in the Learning Center at Kilgore College-Longview.

"There were several qualifications that the students had to meet," said Bobbie McGee Benson, Director of Adult Education at KC. "These students were engaged in an intensive summer program which focused on five areas believed to be valuable to GED diploma holders."

The students, graduates of the KC GED program, qualified to receive the computers partly because they attended the month-long summer program geared to help them with strategies to succeed in college coursework and basic computer literacy.

Upon completion of the course, the students had to enroll in at least one college class to qualify.