In an effort to improve customer service and to make navigation a bit easier for visitors and prospective students, the college is in the process of changing some traffic flow patterns and parking schemes on the Kilgore campus.

City of Kilgore crews are changing the one-way traffic flow on Elder (runs between Masters Gymnasium and the Devall Student Center) and on Laird (immediately south of the East Texas Oil Museum and the Engineering Science building). Look for new signage and painted directional arrows on the streets. Employees in and around the Devall, Masters Gymnasium and Canterbury buildings are encouraged to take note and exercise caution (especially when backing out of parking spaces) while becoming accustomed to the new flow.

Several parking spaces surrounding the Devall Student Center will be temporarily unavailable while they are being repainted.

Also, several parking spots will be re-zoned as visitor parking to improve customer access.

More than 100 people showed up for a public ceremony July 28 to officially re-open the Randolph C. Watson Library and dedicate the new Mike Miller Plaza on the Kilgore campus.

Built in 1967, the library underwent a $2 million redesign and renovation over the last year with Transet Co. serving as project manager.

Designed to transform the role and function of the traditional library, the bottom floor of the Watson Library now has computer pods, lounge areas with new furniture and a coffee shop. Upstairs now contains the traditional book area with large glassed-in rooms for group study and two large computer labs. A park area has also been constructed in the central portion of campus where the Martha Pfaff Ivan Liberal Arts Building was located prior to demolition in 2014.

Money for construction of the Mike Miller Plaza and new plant garden area was donated by Mike Miller upon his death in 2007. It features a star design in the center of campus and a new plant garden located on the west side of the new park.

Miller, originally from Henderson, attended KC where he began a long and distinguished relationship with the college and the Rangerette organization.

**Party in the Plaza set for Aug. 23**

The Campus Ministries of KC will host Party in the Plaza to kick off the new school year Aug. 23 in the new central portion of the Kilgore campus. Set for 6 to 8:30 p.m., it’s open to all KC students and employees and will have free food and performances by Jared Hall, illusionist/comedian, and DJ Ced Enough. There will also be giveaways of TVs and iPads. It is sponsored by Raising Canes and Chick-fil-A.
Identifying, Recognizing & Celebrating Friends of KC

Happy August! I am looking forward to the fall semester and welcoming our new students. There are so many exciting things happening at Kilgore College that I had a hard time selecting the topic for this column. And, while I plan on filling you in on many of our new happenings in columns yet to come this year and/or at convocation, I decided to focus on our new initiative to identify, recognize and celebrate the Friends of Kilgore College.

I have had the great privilege of meeting with various groups and individuals throughout our service area during the past six months. Usually those conversations represented various themes and ideas too countless to retell. However, one of the themes that was repeated over and over again, no matter the audience, was the connectivity each speaker had with KC!

I’ve heard wonderful stories about how the college was pivotal in personal success or the success of a close friend or relative. I have heard about the exploits of various students and their fond memories from years past. I have heard stories about special bonds that former and current students have developed with dedicated KC faculty and staff that exist now and will exist well into the future! I have spoken with alumni who still crave being connected to the college in some form or fashion.

I have also heard from people who did not attend the institution, but are still big fans of the college and have expressed great support as we chart our course for the future. I have walked away from each of those conversations acknowledging the fact that KC is surrounded by friends, near and far, and that our friends all have varying degrees of connectivity with us. That recognition, coupled with support from administration and staff, most notably Paula Jamerson, has led to the inception of the KC Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association is an umbrella organization whose mission is, very simply, to identify, recognize and celebrate the many friends of KC. Probably more now than at any other time in our history, KC needs the support of its friends. The Alumni Association’s official launch will coincide with our 2016 Summer Commencement. A table will be set up to capture our newest alumni as they are exiting the auditorium and will also allow you to pick up a brochure and ideas too countless to retell. However, one of the themes that was repeated over and over again, no matter the audience, was the connectivity each speaker had with KC!

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We will be communicating with the members of the association via an electronic quarterly newsletter, an accounting of current events via a presidential twitter feed and an invitation to a special tailgate party during our annual homecoming weekend. We are also going to take the opportunity, beginning with our December 2016 commencement ceremony, to recognize a member of the Alumni Association who has truly paid it forward by helping the college foster student learning and success.

The KC Alumni Association is open to anyone who attended, graduated or who holds a special fondness for the college. It is our way of identifying and recognizing the many friends of Kilgore College. Membership will support alumni programs and student learning and success initiatives. I plan on carrying membership materials with me wherever I go and becoming a proud card-carrying member of the organization.

I hope that you will do the same! Call or e-mail Paula Jamerson if you have any questions or would like further information. Until next month,

Seth Knighton, son of Kathy Knighton (purchasing support specialist), was elected as a Leverett’s Chapel FFA Officer for 2016-17 school year. Seth will be a ninth-grader at Leverett’s Chapel High School this year.

Congratulations to Kay Neal (vocational nursing instructor) on her marriage to Jerry Hawthorne on June 17.

Michelle Green (vocational nursing) is pleased to announce that her great nephew Alex Naddour was named to the U.S. Men’s Gymnastics Team to compete in Rio. His best event is the pommel horse but also posted great scores in still rings, floor and vault at the Olympic trials. He is coached by her nephew Michael Naddour.

Several KC employees (photo above) participated in the 10th annual NetNet Summer Distance Learning Conference June 15-17 at Tyler Junior College. The conference had many practical learning sessions as well as opportunities to network, problem-solve and socialize. William Stowe presented on “Best Practices for Classroom Gaming” and Charleen Worsham presented “6 for 2016” which focused on six EdTech tools for classroom/online use. Among the attendees were (left to right) Terri York, Doris Johnson, Charleen Worsham, Sheri Burlingame, Martha Deen, Jane Johnson and Bennie Brown. Submitted Photo

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News & Reminders:

Application Round-Up added, changes made to late registration

KC has redesigned its traditional late registration and will host Application Round-Up days in an effort to better serve our students and to give prospective students every opportunity to enroll in the coming semester.

APPLICATION ROUND-UP:
Staff in both Kilgore and Longview will be holding “Application Round-Up Days” from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, Aug. 10-11, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12. These days will be dedicated to assisting students submit and/or complete their admissions and financial aid applications.

LATE REGISTRATION CHANGES:
Late registration will be split between two days. In Kilgore, late registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, and late registration in Longview will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17. This will allow more Kilgore-based resources to be sent to assist Longview staff on the 17th. No registration activity will occur in Longview on the 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mike Jenkins.

Jonnie Stice selected as new Kilgore College controller

The Business Office is happy to announce that Jonnie Stice has been selected as the new KC Controller. Many know her from her work in the cashier’s office as the supervisor of cashiers. Jonnie has been instrumental in helping make progress in the business office in implementing EX and helping to train others to use the software. KC is looking forward to her contributions in her new position. Because a replacement for Jonnie has not yet been sought, she will still be working with the cashier’s office, but will also be needed to work on audit preparation and other duties, so the cashier’s office asks for your patience as it works to re-establish personnel.

IT asks employees to delete personal files from ‘Drive O’
The KC computer server is beginning to run out of storage for employees’ “Drive O,” also referred to as your home folder or “Documents” folder. Please take a few minutes to go through your “Documents” folder and delete documents you no longer need. Also, please look for any “personal” files that you may have stored in your “Documents” folder. Most of these “personal” files should not be stored in your “documents” folder.

Examples of these types of files include:

- photos/videos of your past vacations
- photos/videos of special personal events, such as weddings and/or birthdays
- downloaded or copied music files
- downloaded or copied commercial movies

Please purchase a USB external drive or flash drive to copy these types of “personal” files to. IT will soon begin scanning for files that could be considered “personal” files and they may be deleted because space must be created before the fall semester begins.

August birthdays

8/2 Mary Smyser
8/2 Lori Truman
8/4 Summorrow Robertson
8/5 Adrienne Jackson
8/5 Nancy Law
8/7 Julie Fowler
8/9 Tricia Robinson
8/10 Judy DeRouen
8/10 Joshua Bernethy
8/10 Cody Edwards
8/10 Jerri Saenz
8/11 Martha Woodruff
8/15 Charles Childers
8/16 Mike Jenkins
8/16 Bindy Tice
8/17 Nancy King
8/18 December Hill
8/19 Barbara Prater
8/20 Chris Reed
8/22 Meaghan Simpson
8/23 Martha Deen
8/25 Jeanne Johnson
8/25 April Pettigrew
8/27 Tashauna Morris
8/29 Paul Wills
8/31 Raymond Caldwell
8/31 Gus LaFosse
8/31 Debbie Williams

Enroll in end-of-summer teacher tech camp

Instructors are invited to sign up for an End-of-Summer Teacher Tech Camp held in the Woodfin Center on the Kilgore campus Aug. 9-11 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Sessions are open to all KC Instructors – full and part-time. Space is limited, therefore it is mandatory that you contact Schlunda Hall in advance to reserve (or cancel) your space in any of the sessions.

To reserve a spot, e-mail Hall at schall@kilgore.edu or call 903-983-8209.

For more information, please call Charleen Worsham at (903) 988-3700 or e-mail her: cworsham@kilgore.edu.

Sessions will include:

- Blackboard Introduction/Tour
- Blackboard Syllabus, Handouts & Gradebook
- Blackboard Assignments and Discussions
- Blackboard Qwickly & Quickly Attendance
- Blackboard Collaborate
- Classroom Engagement
- Engaging Course Materials
Calendar

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**DATA: Did you know?**

- **15% of developmental math students** who entered in fall 2010 completed developmental math within 2 years
- **26% of developmental math students** who entered in fall 2013 completed developmental math within 2 years
- **24% of developmental math students** who entered in fall 2014 completed developmental math within 1 year

**Why have these numbers risen so dramatically?**

**Modular Math!**

Data provided by the **KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness**

**KC unveiling new Alumni Association this month**

Kilgore College will begin its new Alumni Association this month at graduation ceremonies Aug. 11.

The KC Alumni Association is open to anyone who is interested in being a recognized friend of KC. Your membership will support association programs and student learning and success.

Dues are only $25 per year or $250 for a lifetime membership and include several on-campus discounts. All money raised by the KCAA is used for student scholarships and helps support KCAA alumni programs.

For more information, e-mail Paula Jamerson or visit www.kilgore.edu/alumni.

**Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence will be given to Eastman**

Kilgore College has established a new award, the Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence for Student Success, which is an award presented by the college to celebrate and honor the partnerships formed between the institution and community members or businesses dedicated to the furtherance of KC’s mission.

With this inaugural year of the Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence for Student Success, the college is pleased to recognize and celebrate a decade-long partnership with Eastman Chemical Company. Eastman will be presented the award at the fall commencement on Aug. 11. Eastman has been an integral and significant partner in the development and continued advancement of the Process Technology and Industrial Maintenance Technology programs. Additionally, Eastman’s partnership and generosity has enabled the creation of KC’s newest workforce development program, Instrumentation and Electrical Technology, which will commence in the fall of 2016.

Taking from pride in KC’s school colors, the blue ribbon and the silver medallion symbolize the important ties within our community and the generous contributions our partners provide to ensure a legacy of student success.

**New assistant basketball coach hired**

Welcome to new assistant men’s basketball coach Matthew Wilson who comes from Eastern New Mexico University where he was assistant coach for two seasons.

**Good News**

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Congratulations to Annfernie Means, daughter of Tony Means (KCPD), and his wife, Kristi Candler Means. Annfernie earned a bachelor’s degree in political science in May from Southwestern University. She also attended summer classes at KC to help earn her degree.