KC Family Picnic, employee kickball game is Friday

Kick back and relax at the second annual KC Family Picnic set for Noon to 3 p.m. at KC Commons on Friday, May 4.

It's almost time for the second annual KC Employee Picnic featuring an employee kickball game, food and games. The picnic is set for Noon to 3 p.m. Friday, May 4, at KC Commons. Food will include hamburgers, hotdogs, Frito pie and all the fixings as well as Charlie's Sno-Balls. There will be games to play including dominos, washer toss, corn hole, horseshoes, Frisbees, hula hoop contests and much, much more. Employees are asked to bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket as there will be limited seating.

Kickball Game: Each team will be mixed with 12 faculty and staff members. Brandon Walker will coach the Blue Team and Leah Gorman will coach the Gray Team.

Please bring donations to the picnic for the KC Student Food Pantry.

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Items needed:
- Ravioli
- Pop Tarts
- Canned fruit
- Breakfast bars
- Nature Valley bars
- Snack crackers
- Macaroni & cheese
- Chunky soups
- Canned tomatoes
- Fruit cups
- Tuna
- Chili
- Spaghetti
- Rice sides
- Pasta sides
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Body wash

Above: Alex Knox pitches for the KC Staff team at the inaugural KC Family Picnic in 2017. This year, both teams will have a mixture of faculty and staff members, selected by the coaches of each team. Photo by Jamie Maldonado/KC

KC Foundation raises more than $10,000 for technology upgrades during East Texas Giving Day

The Kilgore College Foundation, under the guidance of Leah Gorman, had a goal to raise $10,000. When the day was said and done, that goal was successfully surpassed, raising $10,205, thanks to the generosity and contributions of friends, employees and supporters of KC.

“We’re just thrilled to have surpassed the mark we aimed for,” Gorman said.

“Without the support of the local community and KC employees, there’s no way we could have exceeded this goal.”

Gorman said all of the money raised will fund technology upgrades on KC campuses.

“This money will fund reliable, wireless and secure access to the internet,” Gorman said. “It is imperative that we improve our technological infrastructure to enhance student learning opportunities.”

‘A Texas-Sized Fundraiser’ May 5 will benefit athletic scholarships

The KC Foundation will host an athletic scholarship fundraiser the size of Texas featuring a live auction hosted by Walt Cade, star of the hit TV show Texas Storage Wars on A&E.

“A Texas-Sized Fundraiser” is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Longview Exhibit Building at the Longview Fairgrounds.

Tickets for the event are $25 for KC employees which include dinner, four drinks and a bidder number. The event will also feature Bingo and a silent auction.

All proceeds will benefit KC Athletics to fund student athletic scholarships.

The night is sure to be filled with excitement as attendees participate in a live auction for items such as a week’s stay in a vacation home in Mexico, designer purses, firearms and much more.

For more information, visit www.kilgore.edu/a-texas-sized-fundraiser or contact Kristan Propes at 903-988-7537 or kpropes@kilgore.edu.
Your Participation Made a Difference!

Last Thursday afternoon we marked another milestone at Kilgore College on our Guided Pathways journey. Many thanks to each of you who attended the Pathways to Hospitality Summit and provided feedback. Your feedback was vital and we appreciate your willingness to have frank discussion to improve student success at KC. As with most good ideas, introducing collaborative problem-solving into the mix serves to segue ideas from good to great!

The task force leaders are now consulting with their team members regarding the feedback you provided. They will make appropriate changes to their respective recommendations based on your input. Their goal is to provide a set of revised recommendations to Jase Graves no later than Friday, May 4. The Guided Pathways Leadership Team will meet Monday, May 7, to begin the process of reviewing those updated recommendations. This will provide the Pathways Leadership Team ample time to support the recommendations from a human as well as a financial resource vantage point.

My personal thanks to the almost 100 of you who were part of the task forces these last six months. Your willingness to contribute your time and expertise has been invaluable in moving KC’s Guided Pathways implementation forward. With so many of you involved in task forces and the great turnout at the Pathways to Hospitality Summit, it is evident that the KC community is fully committed to the principles of Guided Pathways and, most importantly, to improving the success of our students.

I appreciate those of you who took the time to complete the feedback form at the end of the summit. Dr. Staci Martin compiled your comments for review by the Student Success Council and Pathways Leadership Team. Your input will guide current discussion and future summits. The final recommendations will be communicated across the college community and you will be kept apprised and involved in the launch of those recommendations. Next spring, we hope to celebrate the full launch of Guided Pathways for students enrolling in the fall of 2019.

As we near the end of the spring semester and our countdown to graduation, thank you for making the 2017-18 school year a life-changing experience for our students. No matter what your role is at KC, your participation makes a difference!

Have a great Summer!

President's Perspective by Dr. Brenda Kays
Alumni Association asking for help with new event

The KC Alumni Association is planning a new event this year to honor the college's alumni, but it is asking for your assistance. The idea is to honor alumni from various departments/areas who have gone on to be successful or have promising careers in their fields of study at the "Outstanding KC Music Alumni Breakfast." Its hope is to be able to seek nominations from faculty members for alumni who they feel fit the criteria for these awards. The association is planning to make this an annual event at Homecoming and with multiple award recipients each year. The inaugural breakfast will be held 9:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom. We are hoping to make this an exciting time to honor deserving alumni! If you have any questions or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Leah Gorman, director of alumni, scholarship & foundation relations, at 903-988-7521 or lgorman@kilgore.edu.

Fiscal year deadline for purchases is June 15

The end of the fiscal year is fast approaching with a June 15 deadline to purchase goods and services for the current fiscal year. All requisitions must be approved and all related paperwork must be filed with the Purchasing and Accounts Payable office by this date. Please remember to make arrangements for summer classes, programs, trips and events by this date as well. Also, please continue to use great care and constraint when contemplating any purchase requests to determine the wise use of funds and true need. All purchase requests will be reviewed by deans and budget heads prior to approval. As a reminder, the purchasing office not only has to receive the merchandise but it also must receive the invoice for the expense to come from the current fiscal year. For more information, contact Tammie Pascoe at 903-983-8105 or tpascoe@kilgore.edu.

Annual KC dance concert set for May 4

KC dance students will showcase their broad range of dance skills at the annual spring dance concert set for 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, in Van Cliburn Auditorium on the Kilgore campus. The concert, “Collective,” will offer a variety of dance styles and techniques taught by the KC Dance Department. The choreography is a collaboration of the students and instructors: Aulds for ballet and modern dance and Shelley Wayne for tap and jazz.

Tickets are $10, $5 for students with KC identification and can be purchased using cash or check beginning at 6:15 p.m. the night of the performance at the auditorium’s box office. The auditorium will open at 6:30 p.m.

KC Wind Symphony concert set for May 3

The KC Wind Symphony will perform 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in Dodson Auditorium, featuring a variety of music. The concert will also feature a percussion arrangement and the KC Jazz Band will play a few numbers.

The KC Wind Symphony is under the direction of Glenn Wells, director of bands.
MAY birthdays
5-4 Dorothy Puckett
5-5 Zachary Carnes
5-10 Amy Collins
5-17 Tina Rushing
5-17 Ingo Stoehr
5-18 Leslie Messina
5-20 Karen Dilday
5-20 David Whitfield
5-22 Mary Martin
5-23 Dana Blair
5-24 Doris Johnson
5-24 Delinda Spencer
5-28 Ursula Dyer
5-30 Kathy Fair

JUNE birthdays
6-5 Preston Lewis
6-6 Dennis Cliborn
6-6 Schlunda Hall
6-7 John Dodd
6-7 Kathy Stone
6-9 Jennifer Hudnall
6-10 Ethan Herring
6-10 Kristi Kleing
6-11 Julie Blundell
6-12 Jane Johnson
6-14 Jonathan Belew
6-14 Leah Gorman
6-14 Jeff Stanglin
6-15 Carolyn Fox-Hearne
6-16 Bradley Keiser
6-17 Tanton Johnson
6-17 Dann McDonald
6-19 Tonya Davis
6-19 Joyce Sperlich
6-22 Kory Kimble
6-22 Larry Kitchen
6-22 Julia Schneider
6-26 Alex Knox
6-28 Trean Thompson
6-29 Jackie McDonald
6-29 Vicki Sexton

JULY birthdays
7-7 Jeanette Miller
7-10 Taylor Fleet
7-10 Toni Perry
7-13 Angela Starling
7-13 Deborah Metcalf
7-14 Christina Luther
7-17 Yvonne Bethune
7-17 D’Wayne Shaw
7-17 Susan Yellott
7-18 Kay Hawthorne
7-19 Rhonda Ainsworth-Ellington
7-20 Micah Ruddell
7-22 Trey Hattaway
7-22 Lesley Pacini
7-22 Mike Simmons
7-24 Jana Campbell
7-24 Will Massey
7-25 Rechel Fatunde
7-25 Kristi Powers
7-25 Wade Skinner
7-26 Tony Addie
7-27 Carol Bunch
7-27 Fred Peters
7-30 John Colville
7-30 Ronda Lee
7-31 Chris Carroll

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*Students may be enrolled at more than one location, so categories total to more than the total number of students enrolled.

Data provided by the KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

NOTE: The next KC Employee Newsletter will be published Aug. 1. Enjoy your summer!