The Kilgore College football team picked off five Trinity Valley passes -- three of which went for touchdowns -- shocking the No. 1-seed Cardinals last Saturday in overtime, 24-21.

With the victory, No. 4-seed KC (6-4, 4-3) will play next Saturday for the SWJCFC championship versus No. 3-seed Navarro College.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Tiger Stadium in Corsicana.

Trinity Valley scored with no time on the clock in regulation to tie the game, forcing overtime.

On KC’s first possession in OT, it managed a perfect 24-yard field goal by Troy Duran.

On TVCC’s possession in overtime, KC’s Jaylon Johnson intercepted a TVCC pass to end the game and terminate TVCC’s season.

KC’s defense held Trinity Valley, who had been averaging over 650 yards a game, to less than 300.

After reviewing a large pool of qualified candidates, the presidential search committee has named four finalists for the president's job at Kilgore College.

The search committee is comprised of Board Secretary Karol Pruett; Board VP James Walker; trustee Joe Carrington and college employees D’Wayne Shaw and Brandon Walker.

There will be two open forums on each interview day where the public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

Dr. Brenda Kays

Current position: President, Stanly Community College, North Carolina

Education: Ed.D. from University of North Texas in Denton

Interview & Public Forum Date: Thursday, Nov. 12 1:15-2pm, 2:15-3pm Administration Bldg.

Dr. Lynn Moore

Current position: President, Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College

Education: Ph.D. from The Univ. of Texas at Austin

Interview & Public Forum Date: Monday, Nov. 16 1:15-2pm, 2:15-3pm Administration Bldg.

Dr. Mark Smith

Current position: Vice President of Educational Services at Temple College

Education: Ph.D. from Capella University

Interview & Public Forum Date: Tuesday, Nov. 10 1:15-2pm, 2:15-3pm Administration Bldg.

Dr. Kyle Wagner

Current position: VP of Instruction & Economic Development, Coastal Bend College, Texas

Education: Ph.D. from Capella University

Interview & Public Forum Date: Thursday, Nov. 5 1:15-2pm, 2:15-3pm Administration Bldg.

Kilgore College’s longest-serving board member, R.E. “Sonny” Spradlin Jr., passed away Saturday, Oct. 17.

Elected April 2, 1983, Spradlin surpassed both H.L. McKaig, a trustee from 1958 to 1985; and one of his mentors, the late Charlie McConnico, a former mayor of New London, who served the college from his election in 1963 to 1991.

Spradlin served five terms on the KC Board of Trustees, giving up his post in 2011.

“Sonny was a bigger-than-life figure in the life of Kilgore College, Kilgore Independent School District, and the community of Kilgore. He loved Kilgore College and the Kilgore community,” said Dr. Bill Holda. “He was a fearless watchdog when it came to the budget and spending. He did his homework; he could be very tough; but underneath all of his demeanor was a deep loyalty and faithfulness to Kilgore College and the City of Kilgore.”

He served on the KC Board of Trustees for 30 years, working with four KC presidents.
Be Involved in the Process

As I am writing this column, the College Board of Trustees has just released the names of the four finalists for the position of President of Kilgore College. With some 35 applications and a very competitive field of candidates, I was very pleased to see such interest in Kilgore College. That level of interest tells me that Kilgore College is still viewed as a very good educational institution and a great place to work.

I have seen some other community colleges that had openings for President recently; however, they neither had a number of applicants as large nor were they as competitive. As I look at the four finalists, I see a group of individuals who appear very competent, very seasoned, and capable of leading Kilgore College into a bright future.

Now it is your turn to impact the process. Although it is the ultimate decision of the Board of Trustees to select a President, your involvement and input in the process can help the Board more effectively complete its responsibility. On each of the four days, there will be two open forums for faculty, staff, students and community members. The first is from 1:15-2 p.m. and the second will go from 2:15-3 p.m.

Attendees will be able to not only submit questions for the 4 applicants, but also to fill out an evaluation form following their presentation. The Board will be looking at the feedback from faculty, staff, students and community members very closely in order to validate, confirm, or challenge some of their assumptions and opinions. When certain themes emerge, when specific observations are made by a number of folks, it is much more difficult to ignore the comments.

In the past, when we were selecting Vice Presidents and I was the final decider, the evaluation forms from faculty and staff, and in particular the specific comments, were very helpful to me as I tried to make the right selection. This is your opportunity to be heard. And… it is important to you personally, for Kilgore College to select the best person to be President, since a President sets a tone for the institution and influences the culture of the College. I believe that the Board has selected a great set of finalists, each of whom would be very capable of leading Kilgore College. I hope you will help the Board as they try to identify the best fit to be your leader. Participate! Be involved!

Condolences

KC sends condolences to the family and friends of Patty Waddell (assistant librarian), 57, who died Oct. 1. She worked at KC for 14 years. Always laughing and encouraging, she was a pleasure to be around and will be greatly missed.

Choir instructor Dr. Jim Taylor’s choral composition, “This Joyful Eastertide,” was recently published by Choristers Guild and has been selected for the Editor’s Choice list of J.W. Pepper, the nation’s largest music distributor.

Becky Johnson, Dean of Liberal and Fine Arts, is pleased to announce that Karen Scibona will fill the position of Professional Support Assistant to the Dean of Liberal and Fine Arts, effective Jan. 4, 2016. Karen is replacing Ginger Holley, who will retire Dec. 31 after 30 years of employment at KC, having worked in the Registrar’s Office early on and then spending the majority of her time in Liberal and Fine Arts working with five deans over the years.

Michael Ferguson, Criminal Justice instructor, served this summer and early fall as chairman of the legal update curriculum committee for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). The committee generated a 51-page document that is being used to train the approximately 76,000 active peace officers across the state. On Wednesday morning, two of the committee members and Ferguson presented the legal update “train-the-trainer” course at the annual TCOLE Training Coordinators’ Conference in Corpus Christi. There were more than 750 officers, administrators and LE trainers in attendance - the biggest TCOLE conference in history.

The TCCTA met in September in Austin to discuss the future of community colleges in helping students successfully attain marketable skills in the future. Carol Gibson (English instructor) went to be on the Publications Committee to address what articles would be beneficial to teachers. Gibson said an article about the 75th anniversary of the Rangerettes should be, hopefully, in the TCCTA spring newsletter. Gibson encourages all instructors to attend the spring TCCTA convention in Houston. She says the convention is well worth the time for teachers to collaborate with others faced with the same student issues and is also a time for a teacher to restore oneself and learn how to become a better teacher.

Congratulations to Ethan Ainsworth, son of Rhonda Ellington (IT/ Media Services), who was awarded his Eagle in Boy Scouts Oct. 8.

News & Reminders

KC using Perkins Grant to bolster non-traditional students

Thanks to a Perkins Grant, Kilgore College will join other Texas colleges to participate in “Contract for Equity: Enlighten, Educate, Employ Project.” The project’s goal is to promote the non-traditional genders in Career Technical Education (CTE) for Texas community colleges. KC will focus its efforts on female recruitment, enrollment and retention in the Automotive Technology, Auto Body Repair and Diesel Technology programs. Other colleges participating include Amarillo College, Clarendon College, El Paso Community College, Grayson College, Hill College, Hill College, Laredo College, North Central Texas College District, South Texas College and Temple College. For more information regarding the grant, contact Ebony Dennis at edennis@kilgore.edu.

Use the Red Alert system to help at-risk students

The Student Success department reminds all faculty that it is very important to take advantage of using the Red Alert System for students you feel might be at-risk. The students will be directed to additional resources to help them be successful. For more information, email Kasey Nisbett.
NOVEMBER
calendar

1. Kilgore Religious Symposium, DSC Ballroom J. Galler, 4 p.m.
   Financial Aid Deadline
2. Spring Registration Begins for Current Students
   Latinos en Accion’ Activity, Old Main/Admin. Bldg., 9 a.m.
3. Basketball (M) vs. Cedar Valley, Masters Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
   Basketball (W) at SW Christian, Terrell, TX, 7 p.m.
4. KC Foundation Scholarship Lunch, DSC Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
   International Meeting, Devall Room, 10 a.m.
4-5, PTK’s College Project on Time Management, TV Room, Noon
5. Chemistry Department Blood Drive, DSC Ballroom, 7:30 a.m.
6. Basketball (M) vs. On Point Prep, Masters Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. 903 Elite, Masters Gymnasium, 8 p.m.
7. Basketball (M) vs. Pro Vision, Masters Gymnasium, 5 p.m.
   SAT Testing, Old Main, 8 a.m.
9. PTK Meeting, CA 104, 5:15 p.m.
   KCEOPA Meeting, McLaurin Admin. Bldg., 11:30 a.m.
   Spring Registration Begins for All Students
11. Veterans Day Celebration, DSC Ballroom, 1 p.m.
12. Kilgore Chamber Banquet, DSC Ballroom, 6 p.m.
   VBM Majorette Classic, Dodson/Rangerette Gym
13. Last Day for Students to Drop with a “W”
   Basketball (M) vs. Tomball, Masters Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. Cisco, Tyler, TX, 5 p.m.
14. Basketball (M) vs. Houston Prep, Masters Gymnasium, 4:30 p.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. Collin College, Tyler, TX, 4 p.m.
16. FIDM Recruiter DSC Hallway, 11 a.m.
17. UT Tyler Recruiter, DSC Hallway, 9 a.m.
18-19, PTK’s College Project on Time Management, TV Room, Noon
   “Dearly Departed”, VCA, 7:30 p.m.
21. Basketball (M) vs. Lee College, Masters Gymnasium, 4 p.m.
   Basketball (W) at Angelina, Lufkin, TX, 2 p.m.
22, “Dearly Departed”, VCA, 2:30 p.m.
24, Campuses Close at 4 p.m. (No Evening Classes)
   Basketball (M) at Coastal Bend, Beeville, TX, 7:30 p.m.
   Basketball (W) at Coastal Bend, Beeville, TX, 5:30 p.m.
25-27, Thanksgiving Holidays (Campuses Closed)
28, Basketball (M) vs. ET Flight, Masters Gymnasium, 4 p.m.
30, PTK Meeting, CA 104, 5:15 p.m.

KC Theatre will present comedy Nov. 19-22

The Kilgore College Theatre Department will present Dearly Departed, the “drop-dead funny” Southern comedy by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones beginning Nov. 19 in Van Cliburn Auditorium on the Kilgore campus. The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 19-21, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22.

General admission tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for students and $5 for KC students with a student ID. The play is appropriate for ages 12 and up but children under the age of 7 will not be admitted. Late arrivals will also not be admitted. The box office will open one hour prior to each performance.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.kilgore.edu/drama or by phone at 903-983-8126. For more information e-mail the KC Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu. The play is directed by Micah Goodding and is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services, Inc.

November Birthdays

11/1 Elease Biondo
11/3 Melissa Johnson
11/4 Dewey Greer
11/4 Trudie Jackson
11/6 Tracy Atkins
11/7 Susan Black
11/7 Virgel Conner
11/13 Pam Gatton
11/13 Eric Good
11/13 Betsy Rodriguez
11/13 Dora Owens
11/14 Gail Jackson
11/16 Jeannie Butler
11/20 Bonnie Burgess
11/21 Traci Thompson
11/22 Kelly Thompson
11/22 Michaele Green
11/24 Sandra Siler
11/26 Eloise Ashley
11/26 Leon Wooten
11/28 Lakendra Weir
11/29 Heath Cariker
11/30 Lou Ann Procell
11/30 Brenda Galindo

Veterans Day Appreciation Celebration Nov. 11

Kilgore College will host a Veterans Appreciation Celebration Wednesday, Nov. 11, to give employees and the community an opportunity to thank local veterans and remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

The celebration will be held 1 p.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom.

The celebration will be a come-and-go event with refreshments, door prizes and music.

“We would like to show our veteran students how much we appreciate their service,” said April Pettigrew, KC veterans benefits coordinator. “Please help make this a great celebration for these men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.”

All area secondary schools and KC students were invited to participate in an art contest last month and winners will also be announced and displayed at the event.

For more information, contact Pettigrew at 903-988-7420.