Kilgore College will bring back the music of the WWII era with a “Sounds of Swing” big band concert to help fund the Rangerettes’ upcoming trip to Pearl Harbor.

The concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at Dodson Auditorium as part of a “Fill the Boot” fundraiser for the Rangerettes’ trip to Pearl Harbor Dec. 5-11.

There will be no admission fee but the Rangerettes will pass boots around the audience to be filled with donations to help foot the bill for expenses of the trip.

During the trip, the Rangerettes will be featured performers at the 75th Anniversary Mass Band Performance at the USS Battleship Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor.

The Sounds of Swing, under the direction of former KC band director Jerry Hale, is a 21-piece big band that has been playing throughout the East Texas area since the mid-1980s. Headquartered in Carthage, members of the band hail from several East Texas and Louisiana cities.

The Sounds of Swing plays music from well-known orchestras as Glenn Miller, Woody Herman, Tommy Dorsey and others.

Hale took over as music director of the Sounds of Swing in 2003 from Wally Read who directed the KC Ranger Band from 1960 to 1983. When Read retired from KC in 1983, Hale took over as the KC Ranger Band director until his retirement in 2000.

The Rangers put up a huge 36-point second half in a win-or-go-home game to knock off the No. 8 TJC Apaches, 50-29, earning the second seed in the SWJCFC playoffs and home field advantage.

KC (2nd seed) will face TJC (3rd seed) in the first round of the playoffs at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore. All tickets will be $5 general admission at the gate the day of the game. No pre-sale tickets will be sold.

SWJCFC passes will be accepted.

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President's Perspective by Dr. Brenda Kays

Great news about a new student initiative... 

Ambassadors’ Food Pantry

I was listening to the radio yesterday and heard a claim that between Oct. 31 and Dec. 31, the average American will gain 5-7 pounds. The broadcaster made the statement that the “holiday feasting season” was upon us. He mentioned that Halloween candy starts the season and it continues through Thanksgiving and Christmas with family gatherings and parties.

Surprisingly, and despite the statistics that I heard yesterday about the “average American,” hunger is still a real issue in our country. The opportunity to overindulge is not even an option to be entertained for many. According to research conducted by the University of Texas Health Northeast at Tyler, compared to the overall Texas and U.S. populations, median household incomes and education levels are lower in Northeast Texas. There are people who regularly go hungry in this region and some of those people are right here attending classes at Kilgore College.

That is why I am excited to share some great news with you regarding an initiative that our KC Ambassadors are launching for the spring 2017 semester—a student food pantry!

While there are still many details to be worked through, it’s envisioned that the pantry will be located in a discrete location within the Devall Student Center with mirrored services at KC-Longview. These locations will provide easy access, yet protect student privacy at the same time. The bookstore has volunteered to provide bags for use in the pantry so as not to set food pantry patrons apart from any other member of the student population. And, both the American Honors program and the KC Hospitality Committee will conduct food drives to stock the shelves of the pantry in the days to come.

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs reminds us that a student must have his/her basic or physiological needs met before being able to concentrate on the loftier goals of college success. I know that this new addition to our holistic student services programming will make a difference to those in our student population who experience true hunger on a regular basis. It will also help retain students who may have stopped or dropped out to persist.

I expect that we will receive further information regarding particular items that are needed, but until then I plan to place an extra jar of peanut butter or can of tuna on my shopping list.

I thank you in advance for the contributions that you may be willing to make in order to stock the shelves of the new food pantry for our students in need.

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays
KC president

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“I remember very well the huge room on Ellis Island where my dad had to show all our immigration papers, shot records and medical records to the immigration officers seated behind a desk. There were long lines of people wanting to come to America,” McClellan said.

News & Reminders:

Nov. 7-11 is National Distance Learning Week

Did you know that Nov. 7-11 is National Distance Learning Week? Kilgore College has a couple of webinars from USDLA to offer faculty in the Woodfin Center Conference Room. Please RSVP Friday, Nov. 4, to Charleen Worsham at 903-983-3700 or e-mail her at cworsham@kilgore.edu for the noon webinars so she can make sure to have enough food for lunch.

Upcoming seminars:

- Align & Design
  (Monday, Nov. 7, 9-10 a.m.) Focuses on development of an online advanced writing course transformed by using the Quality Matters rubric

- Trends in Alternative Credentialing: Benchmarks, Badges & Non-credit Programming
  (Monday, Nov. 7, Noon to 1 p.m.) Seminar focuses on micro-credentials, nano-credentials, badges, staying current on emerging trends in education

Snapchat 101: Engaging Students Online

(Tuesday, Nov. 8, Noon to 1 p.m.) Seminar is on Snapchat, the number one social media platform used by 16-24 year-olds, but rapidly gaining users aged 35 years and older

Business Office welcomes new employee

The KC Business Office is pleased to announce a new employee, Lashiqua “Shay” Douglas. Douglas began work Oct. 3 as a Cashier Student Accounts Accountant. Douglas comes to KC from Cypress Bank. She earned a Bachelor of Business in Accounting from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Masters of Business from Texas A&M University – Texarkana.

Kitchen’s artwork on display through Dec. 2

The Kilgore College Visual Arts Department is featuring a free art exhibition, “Paintings from Iceland and Below,” by KC art instructor Larry Kitchen. The exhibit contains selections from three children’s books, “Below the Huber Ice,” “Across the Huber Sea” and “Good Enough.” Also included in the show are oil, gouache and watercolor paintings from his travels to Iceland, England and Germany. The art will be on display in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Gallery through Dec. 2. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Physical Therapy Club holding $500 Visa raffle

The KC Physical Therapy Club is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a $500 Visa gift card just in time for holiday shopping. Tickets are only $5 each or five for $20. Proceeds from the raffle will help offset expenses for PT students to attend the Texas Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference in Fort Worth or the American PT Association Combined Sections Meeting in San Antonio. To purchase a ticket, email Carla Gleaton and she will send a PT Club member to you for your tickets. The drawing will be Nov. 17 and you don't have to be present to win.

Order from the KCEOPA bake sale fundraiser

KCEOPA is taking pre-orders for its bake sale for the Thanksgiving holiday. This event will raise vital funds which will provide scholarships to deserving students. Check your KC email for current items to order. Items will not be prepared until they are sold. Items will be available for purchase through Nov. 16 on a first-come, first-served basis. To order items, contact Kathy Knighton via e-mail or call her at 903-983-8112. Payment is due either prior to or on the delivery date. They accept cash or checks made payable to KCEOPA.

ETCC will present concert Nov. 15 in Longview

The East Texas Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Jim Taylor, will present John Rutter’s new extended work, “The Gift of Life: Six Canticles of Creation,” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at First United Methodist Church in Longview. Guest artists will be The KC Camerata Singers. Admission for the concert is free.

Watson Library Open House set for Nov. 17

The staff of the Randolph C. Library cordially invites KC faculty and staff for its open house during work hours on Thursday, Nov. 17. The event was not held last year due to construction on the new library, but this year’s event is expected to be better than ever with food being served such as traditional cake and cookies, strawberry punch and wassail. The librarians said they might even get wild and throw in some nuts and candy. They are also looking for volunteer entertainers. If you’d like to provide entertainment at the open house, email Susan Wilson.

November birthdays

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Calendar

2, American Honors Dinner, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
3, American Honors Info Session... Devall Ballroom, Noon
4, International Student Club Movie Night, TV Room, 6:30 p.m.
   Softball Signing Ceremony, Devall Room, 11 a.m.
   American Honors Information Session, Devall Ballroom, Noon
   Basketball (W) vs. Arkansas Baptist, Masters Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
5, KCC: Melinda Doolittle in concert, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
   SAT Testing, Old Main Building, 8 a.m.
   Basketball (M) East/West Challenge, Lewisville, TX, 2 p.m.
   Football playoff vs. TJC, Kilgore, TX, 7 p.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. 903 Elite, Kilgore, TX, 3 p.m.
6, Daylight Saving Time Ends
   Basketball (M) East/West Challenge, Lewisville, TX, Noon
7, PTK Meeting, COMMA Room 104, 2:15 p.m.
8, Election Night Watch Party, Devall Ballroom, 5:30 p.m.
   Dallas Baptist University Recruiter, Devall Hallway, 10 a.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. Baton Rouge CC, Kilgore, TX, 5:30 p.m.
10, Veterans Day Program, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
   KCEOPA Meeting, Devall Room, 11:30 a.m.
11, Concordia University Recruiter, DSC Hallway, 10 a.m.
   Veterans Day Celebration, Devall Ballroom, 1-3 p.m.
12, Sounds of Swing Concert, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
   Basketball (M) vs. NW State JV, Masters Gymnasium, 2 p.m.
   Basketball (W) at TJC Classic, Tyler, TX, 3 p.m.
14, PTK Meeting, COMMA Room 104, 2:15 p.m.
   Basketball (M) at Hill College, Hillsboro, TX, 2 p.m.
16, Cultural Awareness Day, Devall Hallway/Ballroom, 11 a.m.
   American Honors Information Session, Devall Room, Noon
17, Pinewoods Counseling Meeting, Devall Ballroom, 8 a.m.
   E.T. District PTA Meeting, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
   KC Foundation Meeting, Devall Room, 11:30 a.m.
18, PTK Induction Ceremony, Devall Room, 6:30 p.m.
   Basketball (M) vs. Tomball, Masters Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
19, VBM Twirling & Flag Contest, Multiple Areas, 8 a.m.
   Basketball (M) vs. Cedar Valley, Masters Gymnasium, 4 p.m.
22, Campus Closes 4 p.m.
25, Basketball (W) vs. Seminole, Allen, TX, 3 p.m.
26, Basketball (M) vs. E.T. Flight, Masters Gymnasium, 2 p.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. Collin, Allen, TX, Noon
28, PTK Meeting, CA Room 104, 2:15 p.m.
30, Kilgore Rotary Rangerette Lunch, Devall Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
   Basketball (M) at Angelina, Lufkin, TX, 2 p.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. Blinn, Kilgore, TX, 5:30 p.m.

DATA: Did you know?

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KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

KC names inaugural employee homecoming king, queen

The first-ever KC Employee Homecoming King and Queen were announced at a pep rally Oct. 26. Winning the king's crown was William Massey, financial aid, and homecoming employee queen was Jennifer Quine, counseling (photo above). Almost 60 percent of KC full-time employees that cast a vote in the online poll. The KC Hospitality Committee thanks everyone who took time to vote.

Employees win prizes for Halloween costumes

The KC Hospitality Committee held a Halloween costume contest for employees, KC faculty and staff voted online for favorite costumes and selected the top three winners. First place went to Tony Johnson (HR) who was dressed as Zorro; second place went to Dr. Mike Turpin (VP of instruction), dressed as Charlie Brown; and third place was awarded to Dr. Mike Jenkins (VP of student development) who dressed as a 1970's gentleman. First place won a $100 gift certificate to the KC Bookstore, second place won a $50 gift certificate to the KC Bookstore and third place won a $20 Pizza Hut gift certificate.