In the first round of SWJCFC playoff action, the first-seed KC Rangers tamed the fourth-seed Navarro College Bulldogs 45-14 Saturday afternoon. KC advances to the SWJCFC Championship Game for the first time since 2016. Navarro ends it’s season at 6-4 overall.

KC hosts a rematch with NEO this Saturday, November 10 at 3 p.m. for all the marbles in the SWJCFC Championship Game. KC defeated NEO earlier this season 31-24.

The Rangers struck first as quarterback Quez Allen hit DeAndre Rachal on a screen pass and raced into the end zone for an early 7-0 lead. Navarro answered back by scoring on a 4th down run which brought the game to a 7-7 deadlock.

After trading blows in the first quarter, KC’s Jose Goite booted a field goal to give the Rangers a slight 10-7 edge early in the second quarter.

Navarro’s ensuing drive did not end well as a fumble recovered by Elery Alexander was returned for six and extended the Rangers lead to 17-7.

Just before halftime, tailback De’Montre Tuggle scored from one yard out and KC led 24-7 at the end of the first half.

The Rangers scored three more times in the third quarter on scores by Allen and Aaron “Poppy” Brown. Allen ran a touchdown in, and connected a 21-yard touchdown strike to receiver Omar Manning on the next play. Brown dotted an 85-yard touchdown pass to Manning late in the third quarter bringing the score to 45-7 at the end of the quarter.

Navarro scored one more time on a quarterback sneak to make the score 45-14 with five minutes remaining in the game.

The game did not end well as a storm of flags rained on the Bulldogs which resulted in three ejections. To prevent the game from becoming more chippy, both teams kneeled on their next possessions to kill the clock and finish the contest.

Tickets on sale
Tickets to the championship game will be sold at the gate of R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, for $10.

KC employees and KC students (plus one guest) will get into the game at no charge with proper KC identification.

With Veterans Day approaching, fans are encouraged to wear blue or gray in support of military veterans. Veterans attending the game will be honored for their service during the game.

To learn more, visit: www.kilgore.edu/football. -KCPR
November 2018

**Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony**
6:30 p.m., Nov. 9. Devall Ballroom

**2018 Cardboard Box City Fundraiser**
6 p.m. - 6 a.m., Nov. 9.
The Lawn at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

**The Great War, A Veterans Day KC Chorale Concert**
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**Veterans Day Program**
1 p.m., Nov. 12. Devall Ballroom

**Cultural Awareness Expo**
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Nov. 13, Devall Ballroom

**Movie Screening of “Last of the Mohicans”**
6:30 p.m., Nov. 13, Dodson Auditorium

**Reel East Texas Film Festival**
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Nov. 15 - 17,
Dodson Auditorium

**Last Drop Day with a “W”** - Nov. 16

**Fall Student Recital**
11:30 a.m., Nov. 20, Van Cliburn Auditorium

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**November 12**

**Registration opens for all students** - Nov. 12

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**MARY WILLIAMS-SMITH**
*Staff Writer*

Stay on course with your academic career by seeing an advisor before enrolling for the Spring semester.

Registration began Monday, Nov. 5, for current students and begins Monday, Nov. 12, for new students.

For a more express registration experience, students can drop in at Old Main from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Monday through Thursday, and until 12:30 on Fridays, through Nov. 30.

The drop-in table will not be open during Thanksgiving week. These advisors can help with schedules and checking eligibility.

Students who are college-ready in all areas - Reading, writing, and math, and have posted grades, may enroll themselves in classes via the internet. Beginning freshmen and students who are not college-ready, must enroll in courses with the help of an advisor.

Advisors can be found in various places across the campuses, including in specific departments. It is recommended to register now, rather than to wait for late registration because some classes and programs may fill up.

To register for classes with an advisor, students only need their KC ID. If the student is planning on transferring, it is also recommended to have information about the university degree, suggests Pam Gatton, director of counseling and testing. For more info, students can call the counseling centers in Kilgore at 903-983-8206 or in Longview at 903-753-2642. Contacting faculty advisors through their KC emails and office phone is also an option.

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**November 13**

**Experience a diversity of cultures at Cultural Awareness Expo**

**SHELBY SELLARS**
*Staff Writer*

The International Student Club is hosting a Cultural Awareness Expo on Tuesday, Nov. 13. This year’s theme is “Taste of Nations” and will feature food from a variety of cultures.

According to Tina Luther, KC ESOL instructor and International Student Club advisor, the event is free and open to the public.

The event will be held in the Devall Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a show from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

“The show consists of Japanese, African, Latinos en Accion and K-Pop (Korean Pop) dance. Students will demonstrate native dress attire from countries,” Luther said.

More than 15 countries will be represented at the Expo by a table dedicated to each country. “There will be people at the tables answering questions, serving food, and some will even be giving away some items as door prizes,” Luther said.

Bernice Donou, president of the KC International Student Club, said that it will be a learning and teaching experience for all students involved.

“The Cultural Awareness Expo is an event many international students look forward to as it gives them the possibility to show their culture to the campus population,” she said.

Christeve Chaffa, International Student Club activities director said, “The most important thing that went into the planning of the Cultural Awareness Expo is how to focus on diversity and give out the particularity of every country we come from. I expect that it will reflect how unique and united we can be despite our diversity.”

The International Student Club is an inclusive club open to both international and domestic students who want to spread different cultures to the campus populations.

“We hope that the Expo will give those attending a taste of other cultures and will give them more knowledge about the cultures around the world,” Donou said.
ETPA puppies up for adoption

SHELBY SELLARS  
Staff Writer

Eight puppies will be available for free adoption from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at The Vet on 4th Street (3576 N. Fourth St.) in Longview. The puppies are a product of a red heeler-terrier mix named Bailey, who was recently found at the East Texas Police Academy Shooting and Driving Range in Rusk County. “She showed up one day mid-August, covered in fleas. (She was) skin and bones, and had a lot of hair missing from the fleas” said Cheryl Reigstad, the wife of Dan Reigstad, who is ETPA deputy director. Three weeks later, the Reigstads discovered she was pregnant. “The instructors at the police academy were thinking she was just gaining weight because she was finally eating. I looked at her and told them that she was pregnant and the coyotes are going to get her,” Mrs. Reigstad said. “Two and a half weeks later, Bailey had her puppies.”

The Reigstads welcomed Bailey and her eight puppies into their home. “I believe she lived in a house before she was found at the range because when we brought her home, she just made herself at home and most dogs don’t do that if they haven’t been in a house. She came right in and got on the couch and curled up like that was what she was supposed to do,” she said.

The Reigstads plan to keep Bailey. “She trusts us and I can’t put her through anything else. She’s had a hard enough life as it is,” Mrs. Reigstad said. However, the family cannot keep the puppies. They are six weeks old and will receive their first round of shots on Saturday.

“I don’t want them going to someone who is going to abuse them or use them as bait dogs, but I just can’t keep them,” she said. “They’re free. I just want a good home for them.”

For more info on adopting the dogs, email cherylreig98@gmail.com.

BSM hosts OCC shoebox packing party

KC students pack gifts with toys, school supplies, hygiene items for children in need

BSM students participated in Operation Christmas Child this week by packing shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items, which will then be delivered to children around the world to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Since 1993, OCC, the world’s largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 157 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

In 2018, OCC hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine. The Sabine River Area goal for this year is 15,051 boxes. Visit www.samaritanspurse.org for more info.

KC students pack shoeboxes in the carpeted gym.
Latinos En Acción celebrate Day of the Dead

LATINOS EN ACCIÓN, KC’s Hispanic student organization, held a Día De Los Muertos celebration on Friday morning, Nov. 2, outside of Old Main. Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a celebration of life and death.

Students displayed a traditional altar, and wore costumes native to the Mexican tradition celebrating to passersby.

Traditional treats such as Mexican sweetbread, arroz con leche (warm rice with sweetened milk) and Mexican hot chocolate were served to students, employees and visitors.

— Davonn Mitchell contributed to this article

Rad Tech Week celebrates 123 years of x-rays

CARRIE J. HARRIS
Staff Writer

National Radiologic Technology Week will continue today as x-ray technicians celebrate Nov. 8, 1895 — the day x-ray was discovered by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, a physicist professor at Wuerzburg University in Germany.

The U.S. has 337,077 registered rad techs, according to asrt.org. At KC, the two-year Rad Tech program begins in August and ends two years later in July. Upon completion, students earn an Associate in Applied Science degree and are eligible to sit for the national certification exam in radiography offered by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. They are also eligible for the Medical Radiologic Tech (MRT) license through the Texas Medical Board, which is required to work in the state of Texas.

“This is an exciting field with advancement opportunities that are ever changing,” said Ursula Dyer, radiologic science program director and instructor.

Advanced level certifications are also available for those who have graduated. These offer limitless advancement options like CT, MRI and Nuclear Medicine.

Other opportunities also include Educational Instructor, Management or Radiologist Assistant.

Being a Rad Tech is a multifaceted job that includes a variety of interests and skills. Having good patient care skills and a nurturing personality, along with an interest in either physics, biology, chemistry, computers, art or photography are necessary to become a Rad Tech, Dyer said.

Nancy Lamouroux, radiologic science clinical coordinator and instructor, said it takes a lot of drive and dedication coming into the program.

“We are prepared to work hard. It’s not something you will be able to walk in off the street and be able to do,” she added. Safety is a fundamental topic emphasized in the program. The golden rule when it comes to radiation states, “As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA)” is the practice to make every reasonable effort to minimize patient and personal radiation exposure by adjusting time, distance and shielding during a procedure.

Today, the field has changed to be completely digital.

“We have the most current technology: Direct Digital Imaging,” Dyer said.

Having up-to-date equipment and technology is vital for training and getting prepared for the workforce.

“We feel very fortunate to be where we are. We moved into this facility (Health Science Center) four years ago, into what was formerly a hospital,” Dyer said. “Our lab is what was dedicated state-of-the-art x-ray rooms when the facility opened around 2000. Our students express that they actually feel prepared when they go in and start working with actual patients.”

With much time spent in class and practicing in groups, bonds are formed. “We spend two years with each class of students and we become like family. We feel very blessed to be in this space,” said Lamouroux.

For more info, contact Dyer at 903-983-8636 or udyer@kilgore.edu.

KC Theatre to stage ‘The Glass Menagerie,’ Nov. 15-18

KC Theatre will present Tennessee Williams’ ‘The Glass Menagerie,’ beginning Nov. 15 in Van Cliburn Auditorium on the Kilgore campus.

The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 15-17, with a matinée performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18.

The Glass Menagerie is a memory play by Tennessee Williams that premiered in 1944 and catapulted Williams from obscurity to fame.

The play has strong autobiographical elements, featuring characters based on its author, his histrionic mother and his mentally fragile sister Laura.

On its debut in 1945 “The Glass Menagerie” won the award for ‘Best American Play’ by the New York Drama Critics Circle and it has won numerous other awards since then. General admission tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for students and $5 for KC students with a student ID. Discounted ticket pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

Children under the age of seven will not be admitted to the play.

Purchase tickets online at www.kiligore.edu/drama or by phone at 903-983-8126. For more information, email the KC Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu.

The play is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Services Inc.

—KCPR
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SHELBY SELLARS
Staff Writer

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Write your story

Flare alumni enjoy success at ESPN, Dallas Morning News, dozens of newspapers, blogs and in multitude of other fields

KC student journalists have won hundreds of individual awards, dozens of Sweepsstakes and Best of Show awards and several national honors.

With alumni at scores of newspapers, TV news outlets and on the cutting edges of cyberspace, success doesn’t stop when a new plaque goes up on the lab wall.

Students working on The Flare and The Flare Online have a chance to make an immediate impact with writing, photography, design and illustration.

KC journalism students are also eligible for a number of scholarships.

For more information, contact Rachel Stallard, Flare adviser, at 903-983-8194 or by email at rstallard@kilgore.edu
Veteran’s Day approaches, thoughts are spoken

Vietnam veteran reminisces about past struggles during and after war

NADIA HILL  
Staff Writer

The Vietnam conflict of the late 60’s and early 70’s was complicated, to say the least, and not received well by some Americans. Even then soldiers that went were still affected and risked their lives for the better well-being of the American people back home.

Blondell Hill, who was 18 at the time, had just graduated from the all black segregated Green Bay High school in Tennessee Colony, Texas. With no real plans, he had all intentions to join the United States Navy with a friend in October 1965, but was rejected. An Army recruiter soon made contact, and on Nov. 1, 1965, only four days before his 19th birthday, he became a soldier.

Hill was sent to basic training for about six to eight weeks in Fort Polk, LA and to advanced infantry training in Fort Ord, California. Then, for the first time since joining the United States Army, he learned of the Vietnam War and that he would soon be sent to fight.

“If I had known what was going on, and if I had been up on current events ahead of time I wouldn’t have volunteered,” Hill said.

Training consisted of jumping from towers and free falling.

“In order to delay going to Vietnam I went to begin airborne training in Fort Benning, Georgia, where I learned how to jump out of planes,” Hill said.

Later sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Hill became a member of the 82nd airborne unit. He was sent to Vietnam to join the 101st airborne unit where the rest of his unit would later join him.

“We were supposed to train once in Vietnam, but we lost so many guys that we went straight to the front line,” Hill said.

“We walked every day with 90-100 pounds in our rucksack including ammo, clips, water and food,” he said. Hill mentioned that it rained for days at a time, along with not being able to take a shower for three to four months. When they stopped they slept on the ground and used their air mattress and poncho to rest.

“There was a guy from Chicago who had seven days left and I volunteered to walk point for him because I wanted him to go home. I figured I wouldn’t live another year and make it home,” Hill said.

“I walked point for about eight months and after making it that long I figured it was time for someone else to take over,” he said.

While in Vietnam, Hill got Malaria three times. On the first occasion he remembers feeling sick, but not running a high enough temperature that required a trip to the hospital. After progressively getting worse, his Sergeant went with him to check on it.

“I didn’t know the thermometer went under my tongue until my Sergeant had to let me know, which explains why my temperature didn’t read high enough before. My temperature was 104 degrees and by the time I reached the hospital it had reached 106 degrees. They laid me in a bed with ice.” Hill said.

Luckily, on the next occasion he knew the signs and got medical attention in time. By the third time, he had put in vacation and spent time in a nearby village. He got back to base and with his time in Vietnam coming to an end, he was sent home to Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colorado to recover.

“In the midst of returning home still in the Civil Rights era Hill said that in the army everyone was equal, but soon learned otherwise at home. “I fought for the right to come back home and I still got treated unfairly because of the color of my skin,” Hill said.

The term “post-traumatic stress disorder” came into use in the 1970’s in large part due to the diagnoses of the United States military veterans of the Vietnam War: “I have suffered from PTSD and depression. In the early years I jumped, didn’t like people behind me, and woke up at night reliving it,” Hill said.

“Being in the Army and Vietnam gave me a different outlook on life. The things I experienced, others haven’t, and it helped me all through life including them paying for my daughter’s schooling at Kilgore College,” Hill said.

Blondell Hill, of Tatum, holds a photo of himself at 19, from nearly 50 years ago when he fought in Vietnam as a part of the U.S. Army. Today, his daughter Nadia attends KC and is a recipient of the Hazelwood Act because of her father’s service to the country.

He credits meetings and group therapy offered by the Veterans Affairs for PTSD for his recovery and now being able to speak about his experiences.

KC SALUTES VETERANS

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Midterm elections keep students and faculty on edge during hard-fought races

Students from across East Texas, including many dual-credit high school students, visited KC to stay up-to-date on one of the biggest elections taking place this year. The event started in the Devall Student Ballroom, and then overflowed into rooms across the hall.
Midterm election survey finds students want their votes to matter

By Tim Sirus

More than 800 students attended this semester’s midterm election watch party which started at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, in KC’s Devall Student Ballroom. Right before aides and organizers opened the double doors to the ballroom, over 70 students lined the DSC’s main hallway, anxious to enter. Many attendees sat on the floor, or on their haunches, after a large number of mid-sized, circular tables at the back of the room quickly filled up. In fact, attendance was so great that two other rooms had to accommodate the entire crowd. Some were there to collect the extra credit offered by their instructors; some were there to ascertain the election results while socializing. In addition, servers offered continuing rounds of refreshments to complement the event’s other incentives.

At approximately 7 p.m., as a cluster of newly arrived students waited to sign up for extra credit, a clamorous roar of applause and cheers erupted throughout the ballroom as CNN reported that Beto O’Rourke was beating Ted Cruz, 57 to 42 percent, in the Texas U.S. Senate race. The incoming results appeared on two large projector screens at the front of the room.

Afterward, attendees quickly lined up against the far wall for pizza and chocolate chip cookies. The refreshments also included six election-themed cakes, three of which featured the Republican, Green and Libertarian Party logos. At the other end of the room, students also chatted and ate in a small lounge across from a table topped with tea dispensers.

Bob Hallmark, reporting for KLTV 7, came to chat, later airing a segment about the event on the 10 p.m. news.

At one point, KC government instructor John Raulston, who was a primary organizer of the Watch Party, took the podium at the front of the room and thanked everyone for coming.

“There are so many things that could happen as a result of this election,” Raulston said. “It could affect our country in so many different ways.”

Prior to the event, Raulston stated that the idea for the Watch Party originated with Rick Moser, assistant department chair of humanities and social-behavioral sciences at KC.

Raulston also commented on the importance of student voting.

“Older Americans are much more likely to vote. The voices of younger Americans will always be overlooked as long as they don’t participate,” Raulston said.

On the national level, some of the lasting corollaries of the 2018 election could be how Americans handle immigration and how many judicial appointments President Trump can get confirmed, according to Raulston.

Daniel Gonzalez, a KC sophomore, said that his psychology professor, David Fonteno, would provide him with extra credit for attending.

“I really don’t know who to vote for;” Gonzalez said. “My main motivation for coming was just to see who would actually win.”

Another KC sophomore, Valentino Valentine, said that he enjoyed the reaction he had heard to O’Rourke’s early lead over Cruz.

“I really want to see if minorities get represented tonight,” he said.

Valentine stated that he would be at the Watch Party all night, if it lasted that long.

“If it takes until 10 o’clock, I will definitely be here.”
On to the next round

KC tailback De'Montre Tuggle celebrates after scoring a touchdown in the second quarter.

Members of the Ranger Band play the fight song after a touchdown during last week's playoff game.

Rangers tailback Scooter Adams gets gang tackled by two Navarro players during the second half.

The Rangerettes and officers exit the field after performing their traditional high kick routine during the halftime portion of KC's playoff game.

KC Quarterback Quez Allen turns upfield in order to gain a first down for the Rangers.
Sports

Rangers tame Bulldogs 45-14

JACOB LUCAS  
Staff Writer

The KC Rangers have been playing high quality football in their recent games, and the streak stayed alive for yet another week as the Rangers rolled through arch-rival Tyler Junior College, and on through the first round of the playoffs against Navarro. KC won their homecoming game against the Apaches 49-17.

As a result, KC (8-2) will play host to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (8-2) in the Southwest Junior College Football Conference Championship at 3 p.m. on Nov. 10 at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium.

The Rangers closed out the regular season Oct. 27 with a 49-17 win over TJC, then blasted Navarro 45-14 last Saturday. KC has won six straight games.

NEO defeated Blinn 35-21 to earn this weekend’s rematch with the Rangers. KC defeated NEO earlier in the regular season 31-24 on Sept. 22.

In the game on Oct. 27, the Rangers traveled down the field with ease and got the ball in the end zone a whopping seven times. The Ranger defense, the “Blue Steel,” held the Apaches to 17 points.

Quarterback Quez Allen led the Rangers with a total of 75 yards and four rushing touchdowns. Allen also went 8-of-10 through the air for 69 yards. Carlos Frank had 15 carries for 86 yards, De’Montre Tuggle with 9 for 80 and Scooter Adams 10 for 69 yards.

Kyshawn Smith contributed a 58-yard pick six and six tackles. Torrey Zanders and Sedrick Williams both recorded a sack. Raudel Alvarez also had an interception with a 28-yard return.

The first time the Rangers met Navarro this season, they surrendered a big lead and lost. This time, there was a big KC lead, but no comeback.

The KC Rangers played with a chip on their shoulder, keeping the most recent matchup against the Bulldogs in mind. KC put up 424 yards of total offense; 239 through the air and 185 on the ground.

Allen continued to lead the Rangers’ offense by going 11-of-19 for 154 yards and two touchdowns. He also carried the ball 11 times for 86 yards and a touchdown. Tuggle also had eight rushes for 65 yards and a touchdown while Adams racked up 56 yards on five carries.

Time and Date: 3 p.m. Sunday, November 10

Place: R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium

Head Coaches:
Kilgore: J.J. Eckert
NEO: Zach Allen

Last Week:
Kilgore 45- Navarro 14
NEO 35- Blinn 21

Players to watch-
Kilgore Offense: QB Quez Allen (36-50 attempts, 444 yards, 5 TD; 49 carries, 310 yards, 5 TD) RB De’Montre Tuggle (103 carries, 617 yards, 5 TD; 15 receptions, 306 yards, 5 TD) WR Kevin Jones (22 receptions, 358 yards, 2 TD)

Kilgore Defense: LB Adrion Robertson (53 tackles, 30 assists, 2 sacks, 3 PBU) DB Morgan Vest (52 tackles, 17 assists, 1 INT) DB Elery Alexander (42 tackles, 21 assists, 1 FR, 4 PBU)

Fact Check: Since 2016, the Rangers are 2-1 against the Norsemen. KC defeated NEO 31-22 in 2016 only for NEO to avenge that loss in 2017 by a score of 154-14. The Rangers defeated the Norsemen once again earlier this season in a downpour 31-24. Coming into the contest, both teams are nationally ranked: NEO is No. 7 and KC is No. 10. This is NEO’s second straight year to play for the conference championship as they won it last season by defeating Trinity Valley 26-10.

Keys to victory: Contain a balanced offensive attack and score points. Norsemen tailback Darran Williams leads the conference in both average rushing yards per game and rushing touchdowns with 124 yards and 12 touchdowns respectively. Quarterback Clayton Sims is fourth in the conference by averaging 180 passing yards per game. As an offensive unit, NEO average 444.6 yards per game with 225.2 yards rushing and 219.4 yards passing. Defensively, the Norsemen have allowed 22.8 points per game.

KC must disrupt Williams and Sims’ groove Saturday and score against a stout NEO defense.

— by Alec Reyes, Sports editor

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Welcome to the family

Six newcomers sign with KC Softball for Fall 2019

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The Kilgore Rangers softball team welcomed six new players to their family. Each player brings an impressive honor attached to their resume.

“Today is a very special day for Kilgore College Softball. We are here to announce the six high-school seniors who will play at KC starting next Fall. All six of these players are here today to sign their National Letters of Intent,” Coach Leslie Messina said.

The signees are listed below:

- Raegan Busby - Mabank, TX (Canton High School), middle infielder
- Jenna Lewis - Hearne, TX (Milano High School), pitcher
- Tayler Tournay - Burk Burnett, TX, (Burkburnett High School), middle infielder
- Calleigh King - Liberty City, TX, (Sabine High School), first base
- Callie Yellin - Farmersville, TX (Farmersville High School), catcher
- Mackenzie Pierpoint - Austin, TX (Dripping Springs High School), third base.

All these signees have chosen KC as an option to pursue higher learning, while also continuing their careers in softball. In addition to new players, KC softball alumni Molly Mackey, who currently coaches King at Sabine, said that going to KC was an option she (King) made on her own.

“She knew she was never going to stop pursuing softball,” Mackey said.

All six girls have multiple district honors, MVP, and golden glove awards. They will have to wait until next fall in order to begin playing alongside one another, but a sense of anxiousness seemed to be a common phrase among them.

Softball Fall season concludes for Rangers

The KC softball team closed out the Fall season with a couple of losses, but the Rangers used a tough schedule to prepare for the games that count in the spring.

Kilgore finished with a 7-10 record in the fall, ending with a pair of losses to Grayson (7-1 and 4-3).

Notable wins for Kilgore during the fall campaign came against LSU-Alexandria (4-3), Galveston (5-0), The University of Louisiana-Monroe (6-4) and Hill College (11-7).

Kilgore suffered losses to four-year schools Louisiana-Monroe, Houston Baptist and UT Tyler.

The Rangers hit .326 as a team during Fall with eight home runs, 31 doubles and 31 stolen bases in 17 games. The KC pitching staff used four pitches and had an earned run average of 5.09 with 76 strikeouts and 47 walks in 100.1 innings of work.

Leading the way offensively for Kilgore were Ella Ortiz (.487), Bria Tovar (.449) and Kelsey Ahart (.433). Tovar tripled and drove in three runs, scoring eight times and stealing three bases. Ortiz homered twice and had a team-leading 15 RBI, and Ahart belted three home runs, doubled three times, tripled and drove in nine runs.

Brooke Goynes hit .368 with a home run and four RBI. Kendyl Dockter was a .381 hitter with a home run and 12 RBI, and Nicole King hit .400.

Goynes led the way with nine stolen bases. Christina Herrera swiped six bags, and King had four steals. Michaela Latham, Mattie McQuary and Amanda White all had two wins for the Rangers inside the circle. Allie Houchens worked 7.2 innings. White pitched 34 innings, striking out 34 and walking 14. McQuary fanned 31 and walked 20 in 41 innings, and Latham struck out 10 in 19.2 innings of work.

Kilgore went 21-23 overall last spring and 14-14 in the Region XIV Conference. The Spring season will begin in January. — by Staff Reports
KC Basketball teams begin seasons strong

The KC men and women opened regular-season play Nov. 2-4 with KC improving to 3-0 and the Lady Rangers splitting two games at 1-1.

KC MEN: 3-0

The KC men opened its season Nov. 2-3 in the Tyler Junior College Classic with two wins against Southwestern Christian College, 89-74, and Brookhaven College, 76-64. Against SWCC, KC had four players in double figures with Demiere Brown scoring 21 points and six rebounds. Newcomers Jairus Stevens and Jordyn Owens scored 13 points and 12 points, respectively. Micheal Asante came off the bench to score 10 points and grab nine rebounds.

In the second game of the classic, KC upended Brookhaven College, 76-64, with four Rangers in double figures. Brown led the way with 19 points and six rebounds. Darrian Grays and Stevens were also in double figures with 10 points and 16 points, respectively. Rodrigue Tha Andela was also in double figures with 10 points. Andela also had seven rebounds.

The KC men travel Friday, Nov. 9, to play Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden, Ark. Tipoff is 7 p.m.

KC WOMEN: 1-1

The Lady Rangers traded leads the first three quarters with Seminole State Nov. 2, but a late surge by the Belles handed KC a season-opening loss, 71-59, at Masters Gymnasium in Kilgore.

In its second game of the classic, KKC had three players in double figures with Ta Shawnna Riggs and Emely Rosario both earning a double-double. Riggs had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and Rosario had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

The Lady Rangers split two games with four players in double figures with Sarah Mgbeike leading all scorers with 19 points. Rosario and Alex Strawhorn both scored 14 points and Alexis Popham added 11 points in the Lady Rangers’ victory.

The Lady Rangers will play 6 p.m. at home Thursday, Nov. 8, against Odessa College (3-0).
Festival delivers a “Reel” diverse selection of films

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The 2nd Annual Reel East Texas Film Festival kicks off Nov. 15 in Kilgore. Films will be screened from Nov. 15-17 in Dodson Auditorium on KC’s campus and downtown at Kilgore’s historic Texan Theatre. At 11 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 18 the Awards Ceremony and farewell brunch will be held at the Texan Theatre to bring the festival to a close.

The films being shown in Dodson Auditorium are free to anyone with a valid KC Student ID. Regular ticket prices for the films are $10 for a single movie block, $50 for a full pass for a single day and $120 for a three-day VIP all access pass.

This is the second year of the film festival’s operation, and it has grown immensely since its first outing in 2017 where they had 85 entries and selected 55 of them to be shown at the festival. The 2018 Reel East Texas Film Festival boasts an impressive roster of a wide array of 105 films, varying in length from no more than a couple minutes to short films (under and around an hour) to feature length (one to over two-hour films). The films will cover various subjects matter from documentaries about important events and people to narratives of all genres, and even music videos. Similarly, a wide range of filmmakers will be covered, from student films made by local high schoolers and college age to foreign films from places like France, the United Kingdom and China.

Chip Hale, the organizer and creator of the Reel East Texas Film Festival is an independent filmmaker himself and he understands the only way for indie filmmakers to have their work seen by an audience is to be selected for participation in a film festival. He created this festival to have a place where indie filmmakers can have their work viewed by a large audience and where they can get good constructive criticism. Hale refers to Kilgore as the “Arts and Entertainment Capitol of East Texas.” He says Kilgore is open to a wide variety of events such as the Chili Cook Off and The Texas Shakespeare Festival. Hale enjoys being active in the local community putting in what he calls “sweat equity.” He mentions that it “wasn’t hard for the idea to stick” when asked about getting the film festival set up. Hale wants to encourage more people to make films and mentions that living in the digital age has made making films a bit cheaper and more accessible.

Hale’s must-sees include the Friday Block In Dodson Auditorium from 3 – 8 p.m. “because it’s nothing but student films, it’s a great way to see what students are capable of,” he said.

Other top choices are “the only animated entry to this festival” Sgt. Stubby, which features several A-list actors such as Helena Bonham Carter and Gerard Depardieu, The block of films featuring a UK Dance Film Stopgap in Stop Motion and the unique feature length student film called Karen Doesn’t Dream are also recommended.

For more info, visit reeleasttexas.com

UPS, DOWNS, IN-BETWEENS OF UNEXPECTED DIAGNOSIS

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When my little sister was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, my blood sugar skyrocketed. In a mix of symptoms I would soon come to know like the back of my hand, my head was spinning and my emotions became wired.

I won’t tell you about the tears I shed. The “this is not fair” tears I cried. I will tell you about our new normal.

Quickly, I found myself learning about a disease I had never seen up close. I learned of symptoms and trials and diagnoses. Quickly, the 15-year-old one room over became an in-patient, and I searched every internet chat room to find out just what it was I could do to help her.

I quickly began playing the role of her defender; fielding questions and concerns with grace and a little sass.

“Yes, it’s a disease.” “No it’s not a gluten issue.” “No, there is not a cure.” “She needs insulin to survive.”

The fact is, there are a lot of misconceptions about Type 1 diabetes, and diabetes in general. T1D is an autoimmune condition in which the body attacks the insulin-producing beta cells. As time passes, those with T1D are left with no insulin producing beta cells, and insulin is a big deal. The Beyond Type 1 organization explains insulin as the hormone that allows the body to use energy, acting as a key that unlocks the body’s cells, allowing glucose to enter and be absorbed. Converting blood glucose is the body’s main way that it gets energy, so without insulin, it has to resort to breaking down bodily tissue such as muscle and fat stores.

To make it simple, the body itself is attacking pancreatic cells. Within that, those disabled cells can no longer produce the insulin needed to sustain someone.

Neither preventable nor curable, T1D affects every age group. According to the American Diabetes Association, type 1 diabetes affects about 1.25 million Americans and each year, 40,000 people will be newly diagnosed.

So why are we talking now? November is National Diabetes Awareness month, and it’s a time we press onward for representation, for awareness and for a cure. We talk about Type 1 grip on our Americans and each year, 40,000 people will be newly diagnosed.

We have her healthy. We have another day to come to know, not by what we have never been to the emergency room for anything diabetes-related. To have her healthy. To have her alive.

The fact is, my sister is smart, kind, compassionate, fierce and real. She shines bright in a way that illuminates others. She’s a cheerleader, a best friend, a student and a leader. She’s also a type-1 diabetic.

While this may be our new normal, it is not an abnormality. So now, we ride out all the highs and lows together. We keep glucose tablets in our purses and back-up blood sugar monitors in our cars. We cry with her and fight for her and we embrace this new life we have come to know, not by choice.

The day my sister was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, my blood sugar skyrocketed. I thought of all the loss she would come to know. I thought of how unfair this whole thing really is.

In the midst of all of that loss, I know we have the greatest gain. We have my sister. We have her healthy. We have another day together. And suddenly it doesn’t seem so bad anymore.
Count your blessings

Reflect on the benefits of community college this season

KC began in the Fall of 1935 with 229 students and 11 faculty members. Today, more than 5,000 students and 300 employees govern themselves throughout campus daily. Though it is not a traditional university, KC provides an amazing amount of opportunities for students to embrace the purpose of a college environment. Students coming out of high school aren’t always prepared to attend large institutions, or fulfill daily duties incorporated with a business system.

Community college has an “at-home” feeling for those who are still curious about where they belong. It is also an inexpensive way to pursue a degree with the same beneficial use of FAFSA, scholarships and loans to help so that finances are not a burden during school. In addition to the college atmosphere and finances, a low student-to-teacher ratio increases a student’s opportunity to connect with their instructor personally in order to help them achieve their goals at KC. A degree from KC is not a waste. Over 150,000 students have benefited from this local education, transferring to four-year universities and earning certificates to begin working in high-tech fields. Students learn exactly what is involved in their field of study and can translate that information into a career.

Outside of class, KC has multiple student organizations and athletic programs that allow networking and interaction with those around the campus community. Science, ministry, gaming and international clubs don’t require major criteria to join, while others are willing to provide information to gain open membership. Students, as well as community members, are encouraged to attend plays, sporting events and community gatherings so they may gain a sense of belonging.

We are thankful Kilgore looks to build its community through the individuals who attend, work or just show up to enjoy the ambiance of campus. That’s why it’s great to be a KC Ranger.
LINEMAN RODEO

KC-EPT's 21st Class make final climbs before graduation

The Kilgore College Electric Power Technology (KCEPT) program hosted a lineman rodeo and graduation Friday, Nov. 2, for the 21st class to complete the 10-week certificate program.

Twenty students competed at the lineman rodeo held at the new KCEPT Training Field – located at 2317 CR 174 East in Kilgore.

This is the second class to use the new training field, formerly located at Rusk County Electric Cooperative in Henderson.

Skills demonstrated at the rodeo included pole climbing, hurt-man rescue and insulator changing exercises.

For more information on the program, visit www.kilgore.edu/ept.

Top: Lineman graduates receive instructions on their tasks for the Rodeo.
Left: Kilgore College Electric Power Technology class of Fall 2018 posts the colors at the top of the pole.
Center: KCEPT class participates in the personal line grounding during the Lineman Rodeo event.
Right: KCEPT Fall Class of 2018 colors pay tribute to the flag at the beginning of the ceremony.

GRADUATES
Cason Bailey - Ben Wheeler
Triston Cain - Bogata
Garrett Fields - Bogata
Colbert Grabow - Bullard
Zay Harrison - Center
Ernan Avila - Dallas
Spencer Seahorn - Gilmer
Justin Wingfield - Gilmer
Jake Terry - Huntington
Jon Jackson Loya - Jacksonville
Lane Crenshaw - Linden
Traccer Henry - Linden
Cody Caldwell - Lufkin
Brandon Enright - Lufkin
Rilyn Hollingsworth - Palestine
Cody Duke - Pennington
Jansen Tyner - Purdon
Andrew Johnson - Rusk
Justin Sears - Rusk
Colton Finney - Texarkana

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