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East Texans join flood rescue, recovery efforts

Special to the News Herald

As President Donald Trump announces plans to visit the site of deadly and historic flooding in Kerr County this weekend, first responders and vital rescue equipment from right here in Kilgore and across East Texas are joining the search

and recovery efforts.

The Associated Press reported the July 4 disaster has claimed at least 120 lives so far, with nearly 200 people still missing as of Friday.

A report from KLTN 7's Blake Holland highlighted local efforts to support the rescue mission still underway.

"In Center Point, Texas,

pumps from Kilgore are being used to drain specific areas so that responders can better search. They are carefully sorting through debris as part of a sensitive process to find the bodies of those still missing," Holland reported.

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Senator Bryan Hughes shared information from Longview Fire Dept., stating "at the request of Texas A&M Task Force 1 and Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Longview Fire Department has deployed 8 members of our Water Rescue Team that consisted of one Water Group Supervisor, one Technical Support Specialist and a six-person Swiftwater Rescue Team." (Contributed Photo)

KC nursing programs maintain 100% NCLEX pass rates

Special to the News Herald

Kilgore College's Associate Degree Nursing (ADN/RN) program has achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) for six consecutive graduating classes.

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Sabine ISD to continue free, reduce meal program

Special to the News Herald

Sabine ISD announced its policy today for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the attached current income eligibility guidelines. Each school/site or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by anyone on request.

Starting on 8/12/2025, SISD will begin distributing letters to the households of the children in the district (or service area) about eligibility benefits and any actions households need to take to apply for these benefits. Applications also are available at 5424 FM 1252 W. Gladewater, TX 75647 and each campus office.

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Let's Turn Dirt!

City breaks ground on two municipal projects

BY LUCAS STROUGH
Staff Writer

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"This marks a historic moment for Kilgore, as these are the first new municipal buildings to be constructed in the city in more than four decades. Both facilities are designed to improve essential services, enhance safety and operations, and support the growing needs of the community," the city said ahead of the ceremony.

"These projects are a major step forward for Kilgore," said Kilgore City Manager Rachel Rowe. "They reflect the City Council's commitment to investing in modern infrastructure that meets the needs of both our staff and our citizens. We are excited to take this important step together."

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TOP: Kilgore FD firefighters, Kilgore College Rangerettes and retired local firefighters pose for group photo at the site of a groundbreaking ceremony held at 2231 North State Highway 42 Thursday, marking the start of construction on two major projects: the city's new Public Works Facility and the future Central Fire Station. **BOTTOM:** City of Kilgore officials walked through freshly rain-soaked mud to pick up shovels and "turn dirt" on a milestone project for the community. The groundbreaking (technically a dual groundbreaking) ceremony held at 2231 North State Highway 42 Thursday marks the start of construction on two major projects: the city's new Public Works Facility and the future Central Fire Station. (Lucas Strough/Kilgore News Herald Photos)



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