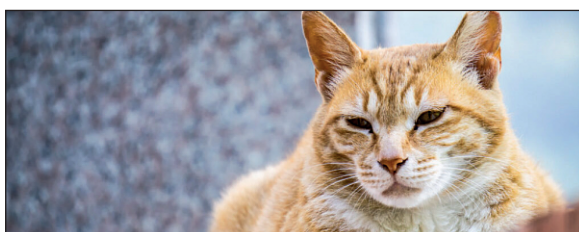


PET TALK

The benefits of community Trap-Neuter-Return programs for unowned cats...more on 2A.



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First responders extinguish Peterson Rd. house fire

Special to the News Herald

On Sunday, April 5, at approximately 7:18 p.m., Kilgore Police Department Communications received a 911 call reporting a residential structure fire in the 600 block of Peterson Road. Kilgore Fire Department units responded and

arrived on scene to find heavy fire conditions coming from the residence. Firefighters quickly initiated suppression operations and successfully extinguished the fire. Firefighters were assisted on scene by officers from the Kilgore Police Department.

There were no injuries reported as a result of the incident. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by the Kilgore Fire Marshal's Office. The residents affected by the fire are being assisted by the American Red Cross.

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Vendor applications now open for Kilgore Oktoberfest 2026

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Calling all local vendors! Kilgore Oktoberfest vendor applications are now open. Scheduled for October 10th, this event is loved by locals and visitors alike. Back for its 11th year, Oktoberfest is one of the biggest events on the city's calendar.

Event staff are looking for vendors to help make this year's Oktoberfest a huge success.

Apply today and be part of the fun, food, and festivities:

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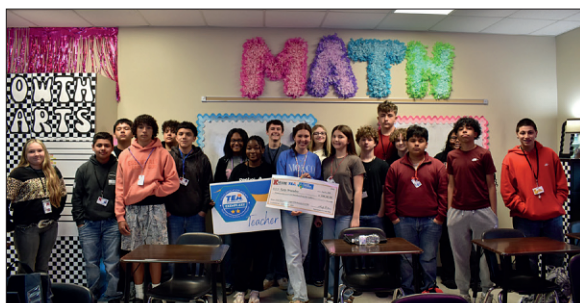
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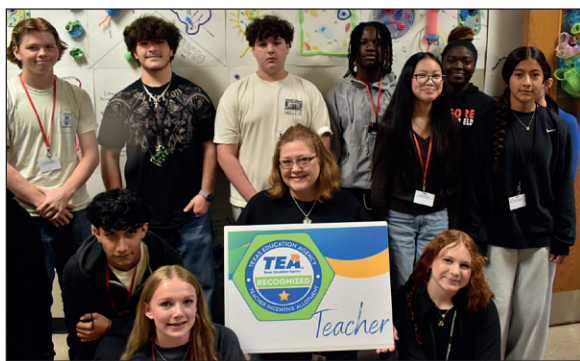
Kilgore teachers receive incentive allotment designations



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The Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) program recognizes educators who demonstrate exceptional teaching practices and strong student growth. (Contributed Photo)

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KISD is cheering for Kilgore teachers who recently received Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) designations from TEA. The Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) program recognizes educators who demonstrate exceptional teaching practices and strong student growth. Teachers may earn Recognized, Exemplary, or Master designations based on classroom observations and student outcomes. "These distinctions highlight the dedication, talent, and impact teachers bring to their classrooms every single day. Their work not only supports student success but also strengthens our schools and community," the district shared alongside photos of the awarded teachers.



KISD is cheering for Kilgore teachers who recently received Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) designations from TEA. (Contributed Photo)

Teachers who earn these designations are ranked at the Recognized, Exemplary or Master level. Each level has a base amount and a multiplier amount, with Master being the highest. These amounts represent additional funds the district can receive from the state, with the proviso that 90% of the funds be spent on teacher compensation at that campus. TIA funding was built into Texas state law as part of House Bill 3 during the 86th Texas Legislature. It is a Tier 1 allotment through the Foundation School Program (FSP), the system through which the state provides funding to districts. This system,

grounded in the Texas Education Code, creates a sustainable funding source for districts implementing TIA. Unlike previous state incentive programs, there is no cap on TIA allotment funds or the number of teachers who may earn a designation. Districts must spend 90% or more of the allotment on teacher compensation on the campus where the designated teacher works. Up to 10% of the allotment may be used by the district to support the local designation system or to support teachers in earning designations. Note: payouts to teachers may be subject to deductions including retirement contributions and taxes.

With spring comes yard work, cleanup

Special to the News Herald

Got brush or limbs from yard work? Kilgore residents can drop them off at 2100 Longview St. Fri-Sun.

Remember: only residential brush & limbs. No leaves, grass, furniture, or other debris.

More info: cityofkilgore.com/454/Brush-Collection-Green-Waste-Center

Green Waste Center The Green Waste Center is located at 2100 Longview St and is open from dusk till dawn on Friday, Saturday and Sun-

day, to Kilgore residents only. The same guidelines as residential brush pick up are applicable at the Green Waste Center.

The Green Waste Center is monitored remotely. Dumping of any kind outside of the guidelines listed above will result in fines.

Free mulch is available year round (self pick up, subject to availability).

Guidelines for Residential Brush Pick Up

RESIDENTIAL BRUSH & LIMBS ONLY, no leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, no household gar-

bage, furniture, carpet, lawn equipment, metal, appliances, construction materials, glass, concrete, lumber, cross ties, fence posts, landscape timbers, or other processed wood. Commercially cut trees and lot clearing will not be collected. Yard work contractors will have to dispose of their branches and clippings elsewhere.

Brush needs to be placed at the curb side the weekend BEFORE a route begins. If it is not out by Sunday evening, it will not be picked up till the next collection or you can



contact Republic for pickup here.

All limbs or brush should be placed adjacent to the street behind the curb or off of the pavement.

Do not place brush on top of water meters, behind vehicles, mail boxes, near utility poles, under

guy wires, or anywhere the brush truck cannot access.

Limbs should be no larger than 6 inches in diameter and no longer than 6 ft in length.

A pile is considered too large if it exceeds a volume of 6ft in length, 6ft in width, and 6ft in height.



TODAY'S WEATHER

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