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## Chamber brings back Community Calendar & Raffle



**Jill R. McCartney White, IOM, CCEO-AP**  
President & CEO

*Hi Y'all,*

Pumpkins and cooler temps are here finally. The Holiday Season is almost here, and I will stand tall on my soap box and yell for y'all to SHOP LOCAL as loudly as I can. We need those dol-

lars to stay here.

A few years back, the Chamber used to publish a Community Calendar and then send it out via the mail. It had tons of fantastic information in it as well as advertisements for area businesses. Well, we are bringing that back. Unfortunately – we can't mail one to every household like what was done before, but we plan on having plenty available, we will be printing nearly 6000 calendars. In addition to the advertising piece of the calendar, we are also adding a Gun Raffle to it. We will be raffling off 24 guns, 1 gun on every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. We will use the Texas Lottery Pick 3 numbers that are drawn on those evenings and whoever has

the winning numbers, wins a gun. The gun Calendars will have 2 sets of numbers on them, 1 from 000-499, and 1 from 500-999. So, you will have two numbers for each drawing. We will be printing the Gun Calendars separately from the regular calendars (only the back page will be different due to the numbering) and only printing 500 of those. Each gun calendar will be sold for \$115.00. If you are interested in purchasing advertising space or purchase a gun raffle calendar please call Jill McCartney White at 903-218-6895 or email at JMcCartney@KilgoreChamber.com.

*Jill R. McCartney White, IOM  
Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce  
President & CEO*

**2023 CALENDAR AD SALES**

**EVENT OVERVIEW**

We are so excited to bring back the Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce Community Calendar with a few changes. This will also be a Gun Calendar Raffle! Each gun calendar is \$115, which enters the purchaser into the drawing for 1 (one) firearm for 24 weeks through the months of January 2023 - December 2023.

**EVENT INFORMATION**

Every 1st and 3rd Monday at 6 p.m. the Texas Lottery Pick 3 Numbers will determine the winner of the prize.

**Advertising Opportunities**

Calendar Ad Sizes/Specs and Rates:

- Full Page ..... \$1250 (12 Available)
- 1/2 Page ..... \$700
- Full - 10.5" W x 8" T for full page
- Half - Horizontal 10.5" W x 3 7/8" T or Vertical 5 1/8" W x 7 3/4" T
- 1/3 Page (3.25" w x 8") ..... \$625
- 1/6 Page (3.25" x 3.75") ..... \$325
- Block Ad (1.75" x 3.25") ..... \$200
- Month Block (1.75" x 1") ..... \$150
- Day Ads (1.5" x 1.25") ..... \$75
- Have an event you want listed? ..... \$50
- Only 1 Day Ad per day, first come, first serve
- Full Page Bleed 8.5" tall x 11" wide 1/8 extra bleed

Full Page Ad benefits include two (2) Gun Raffle Calendars providing four (4) chances to win each week for 24 weeks!

**500 Gun Calendars will be available for sale for \$115 each**

We will also be printing over 5000 calendars (minus the gun raffle)

In addition to the printed calendars, it will also be located on our website for 2023.

www.kilgorechamber.com  
1108 N. Kilgore Street, Kilgore, TX 75662  
903.984.5022

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ad Size/Month: \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER			
Oct 20	Morning Brew	8:00am	Chick-fil-A
Oct 20	Ribbon Cutting	11:30am	Stillwater RV Resort
Oct 24	Board Planning Session	8:30am	KEDC
Oct 26	Education Committee	11:30am	Kilgore Chamber
Oct 31	Growth Group	11:30pm	The Back Porch
Nov 2	EMT's Meeting	11:30am	Kilgore Chamber
Nov 8	Ambassador Meeting	11:30am	Back Porch
Nov 12	Very Derrick Christmas	3:00pm	Downtown Kilgore
Nov 14	Governmental Affairs	11:30am	Kilgore Chamber
Nov 17	Morning Brew	8:00am	Arpc Valves & Controls
Nov 24-25	Office Closed		
Nov 28	Growth Group	11:30pm	The Back Porch
Nov 29	Kilgore Christmas Parade	6:30pm	Downtown Kilgore

**Go to KilgoreChamber.com or VisitKilgore.com for more event information.**

*If you have a community event you wish to have listed on the Kilgore Calendar please send your information via email to [lmorgan@kilgorechamber.com](mailto:lmorgan@kilgorechamber.com), drop it by the Chamber office at 1108 N. Kilgore Street. We will be happy to share your event information on the community calendar and via Facebook at KilgoreChamber.*

**MORNING BREW**

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Thursday, November 17, 2022, 8:00 - 9:00 am  
120 Marvin A. Smith Road, Kilgore

*Come Grow with us!*

## Congratulations to our 2022 Women in Business Star Award Recipients

Charla Rolph received the Lifetime Achievement Star, Meaghan Simpson received the Shining Star and Melissa Azzam received the Rising Star award. With over 120 women at the event, all enjoyed an evening of shopping from 13 different vendors, a purse raffle, a panel discussion on women breaking the "glass ceiling," and a catered meal from Simply Southern Catering.



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# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS!

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Find a Chamber Member in the Business Directory at [www.KilgoreChamber.com](http://www.KilgoreChamber.com).

The Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce presents

# 91st KILGORE Christmas PARADE

November 29, 2022





CITY OF KILGORE AND KILGORE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

# A VERY DERRICK Christmas

SATURDAY, NOV. 12 ◆ 3 PM TO 8 PM



Kick off your Holiday Season in Historic Downtown Kilgore at the 2022 DERRICK LIGHTING CEREMONY  
Come see the stars shine at 7 p.m. | Bring your lawn chairs

HAPPY SESQUICENTENNIAL KILGORE





Featuring Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce

## Kris Kringle MARKET

[www.KilgoreMainStreet.com/ChristmasUnderTheStars](http://www.KilgoreMainStreet.com/ChristmasUnderTheStars)

For vendor information and application, please email [lmorgan@kilgorechamber.com](mailto:lmorgan@kilgorechamber.com) or call 903-984-5022.




91st Annual Kilgore Christmas Parade  
"Happy Sesquicentennial Kilgore"  
Tuesday, November 29th @ 6:30 pm  
Entry Fee: \$35 per unit

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry  
Marching Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Persons: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total length of float & rolling vehicle: (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle Type: Car Van Pick-Up Truck Pulling: Flatbed Tractor-Trailer

- ★Entry fee must accompany entry form to be considered for lineup.
- ★HEIGHT LIMIT – 14 FOOT
- ★Entry deadline is Tuesday, November 22, 2022.
- ★Completion and submission of this application indicates that you will comply with all stated rules and guidelines.
- ★All units must be driven by a licensed and insured driver.
- ★All units should be decorated using this year's theme "Happy Sesquicentennial Kilgore"
- ★We encourage the use of lights or illuminated items, such as glow sticks, bracelets, and/or necklaces
- ★No actions permitted that would endanger spectators along the streets.
- ★Candy may not be thrown, but is allowed to be handed out by those walking in the parade.
- ★No trailer over 40' permitted; and no tractor/trailers with sleepers are allowed.
- ★There is only one Santa and Mrs. Claus allowed in the parade. They will ride on the official sleigh at the end of the parade.
- ★Entrants that include live animals, namely horses, must comply with the city pooper scooper laws. There must be someone designated within the group to collect and dispose of any animal waste.
- ★All horses will be positioned at the back of the parade lineup.
- ★Anyone in violation of any of the rules will be removed from the parade; no entry fees will be refunded.
- ★An award ceremony for Parade Winners is set to be held on Friday, December 2 @ 9:00 am at the Chamber of Commerce office @ 1108 N. Kilgore. Parade winners will be notified on Wed., November 30.

Make checks payable to Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce and mail/bring to address below. It will be the entries responsibility to follow all guidelines related to COVID-19.

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Attendees at these dynamic meetings introduce themselves and their business with a 30-second commercial. Maximize your networking by arriving early or staying after the meeting to enjoy open networking with the local business professionals who attend each week.



The goal of Growth Group is to build personal and professional relationships with other members while exchanging leads, business tips, growing your prospect list, and, most importantly, referrals.

# GROWTH group

Remaining Growth Groups for 2022 are Monday, October 31 & Monday, November 28, 11:30 am @ The Back Porch

www.KilgoreChamber.com

Showcase your business by joining us for a little lunchtime fun and some lively conversation at our Monday Growth Group.



"The purpose of the Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce is to cultivate a strong business and industrial environment in the Kilgore area, creating a vibrant place to live, learn, work and play."

## 2022 Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce

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<p><b>KILGORE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STAFF</b> Jill R. McCartney, IOM President &amp; CEO Lisa Morgan, IOM, Member Services Manager</p>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE BOARD</b> Bobbie Hurley O'Dell, Chairman (Arpc Valves &amp; Controls) Robert Young, Chair Elect (Skeeter) Erin Brogoitti, Vice Chair (HUB International) Tim Capps, Vice Chair (Gabriel/Jordan Buick GMC) Blayne Cole, Treasurer (Noble Roofing Bullard Associates, LLC) Mark Robinson, Past Chairman (AEP/SWEPCO) Jill McCartney White, Secretary (Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce)</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b> Jack Moore (Whataburger) Kevin Offering (East Texas Hardware) Ubaldo Meraz (East Texas Professional Credit Union) John-Michael Spates (Orgill) Nichole Cole (Business Computer Solutions, BCS) Sharla Shead, FNPC (Christus Trinity Clinic)</p>	<p><b>EX-OFFICIO</b> Dr. Andy Baker (KISD) Dr. Brenda Kays (Kilgore College) Lisa Denton (Kilgore Economic Development Corp.) Josh Selleck (City of Kilgore) David Cleveland (East Texas Council of Governments)</p>
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The Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce E4 Leadership 2021-22 Class Project was the 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration for the City of Kilgore. As the date of October 1, approached the class diligently attended to every detail and task to make certain that the event would be one for the record books. The guests were welcomed with a “Red Carpet” entrance and a photo as they entered The Texan. As the guests checked in, they were informed of the Silent Auction and History Walk were inside the Old Post Office. During the course of the evening the hosts, Scott Brown and Erin Brogoitti shared stories and details about the Kilgore through the years, Tawny Browning hosted a trivia game, Chip Overton shared a brief portion of the film that he has been working on for KHPF and lastly, Josh Selleck, City Manager for Kilgore, shared some exciting new projects that Kilgore has been working on that will take us into the future.

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## Be part of the solution



**Bill Woodall**  
Kilgore Community Relations Manager

*Community:* a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

*Community service:* volun-

tary work intended to help people in a particular area or community.

You're a good citizen. You vote in local elections. You don't litter. You shop at locally-owned businesses. You don't rake your leaves into the street. Despite that, sometimes you feel like you're not really a part of the community.

The solution? Ask for a seat at the table.

Terms for the city's advisory board members expire at the end of December; nominations are accepted in October and the city council makes its appointments

in November. For example, the terms of four members of the Planning and zoning Board expire this year. One of those – Carol French – is "term-limiting" off that board. The others – Karol Pruet, Tommy Merritt, Craig Adams and Dana Pearce are eligible to reapply.

Over at the Main Street Advisory Board, terms of Jacqueline Henley, David Reeves and Fred Gebhardt expire. Reeves and Gebhardt have indicated they might not apply for another term.

Citizen boards, commission, and committees are created by and responsible to the city council. Member-

ships and selection of members are determined by the Council, if not specified by the City Charter or Code. No city advisory board or committee has any powers other than to advise the city council or the city manager.

From the city's rules of operation, "Elected officials and advisory board members have an obligation to put the interests of the City of Kilgore over all personal considerations. Their goal should be 'what is in the best interest for the broadest public good of the City of Kilgore, consistent with constitutional and other legal protections for minority, property, and

other interests."

If you're interested in serving the city through one of the board positions, you'll find an application at <https://cityofkilgore.civicweb.net/Portal/BoardApplication/>

The council receives applications in November; if you're interested in a seat at the table, apply now.

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How cool was that Oktoberfest? The presence of German exchange student David Kaulen made it even better than normal... though he was in obvious pain a couple of times at

City Manager Josh Selleck's attempts at sort-of-German song lyrics. (We should also note that, despite being German, David had never worn lederhosen before the pair loaned him by Mayor Ronnie Spradlin Saturday. There's another stereotype gone.)

A couple of issues resolved only hours in advance of October 15 generated a fair amount of stress at city hall, but the city's event planner Taylor Owings pulled it all together.

Next on the Main Street agenda: Downtown Trick-or-Treat, Monday, Oct. 31. Save the date.

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