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VETERANS DAY

'You would die for the brother or sister who's next to you'

By JAMES DRAPER

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It was Veterans Day, yes, but Victor Boyd shared a memorial as well.

While he was serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Wisconsin, the Kilgore native remembers the day – April 19, 1989 – when an explosion rocked

the battleship Iowa, his former assignment.

"47 men died that day," he told the men and women gathered for this year's Veterans Day ceremony Monday

morning at Harris Street Park. "Out of those 47 men, 26 of them I knew personally. So, I vow to always remember the

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Archie "Otter" Hass plays an encore of "The Wall" for Glynda Hale and Kristi Simpson (right) Monday morning following the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at the U.S. War Veterans Monument at Harris Street Park.



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KILGOROUND

JAMES DRAPER

"Trains are wonderful... To travel by train is to see nature and human beings, towns and churches and rivers, in fact, to see life."

– Agatha Christie

If the nostalgia of a mon-

strous steam locomotive thrills you, you'll find a similar (albeit, less deafening) appeal in 'A Very Derrick Christmas.'

Saturday from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. In many ways, it's a classic, hometown Christmas festival – granted, the SnowZilla inflatable isn't exactly a piece of vintage Americana – and it's uniquely Kilgore.

IT'S a word we typically avoid, "unique," in such a diverse world. But there's nowhere else with Kilgore's signature skyline, no place we know where people remember their past and celebrate their present with the lighting of derrick stars.

WE'RE looking forward to it, as always, and we hope to see you there.

THANKS, in advance, to all the folks who put on the event, and early congratulations to Evelyn and Lloyd Bolding, Kilgore Historical Preservation Foundation's 2019 Derrick Award honorees, who will be flipping the ceremonial switch Nov. 16.

IT'S another one of those weeks when our news

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ON A ROLL



NEWS HERALD photo by JAMES DRAPER

A Union Pacific engineer watches as Big Boy No. 4014 lets out a blast of steam ahead of its departure from Overton Sunday morning.

Thousands welcome Big Boy to East Texas

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It was more than just a blast from the past: Big Boy No. 4014 rolled into Overton with a rumble, a roar and a scream of steam.

More than a thousand people crowded the tracks at the Henderson Street crossing, adding cheers and applause to the noisy nostalgia of Union Pacific's steam locomotive. A little more than an hour later, it was passing

through Kilgore between another crowd of hundreds, headed through East Texas as on the train's 'The Great Race Across the Southwest.'

It was a can't-miss-moment

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KHPF flips switch on derrick stars Saturday

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Downtown Kilgore will once again light up for the holidays at the annual derrick lighting ceremony on Sat., Nov. 16.

From 3 to 8 p.m., the event will include vendors, games, and activities and, of course, the powering-up of Christmas lights on oil derricks at the World's Richest Acre.

The event, hosted by Kilgore Historical Preservation Foundation, is promoting a theme of "Kick Off Your Holiday Season in Kilgore." This means attendees can get into the holiday spirit while also checking items off their Christmas to-do list, according to event organizer Meredith Brown.

"We'll have a lot of vendors. We have

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College theater students bring 'Laramie' play back to KC stage

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Twenty years after Kilgore was caught up in a storm of controversy surrounding a college play featuring gay characters, Kilgore College's theater department will present "The Laramie Project", a play based on a town's reaction to the 1998 murder of gay Wyoming college student Matthew Shepard.

In 1999, KC theater instructor and director Raymond Caldwell premiered

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