



FOREVER

KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES

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WUNDERBAR!

Rangerettes represent
U.S. in Swiss tattoo

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The Kilgore College
Rangerettes, front, stand
at attention in the finale
of a Basel Tattoo show
in Switzerland in July.
PHOTO/BASEL TATTOO

Submit your contact, sister-line details today

The Rangerettes Forever organization is collecting contact and sister-line information from all Forevers.

Regardless of whether you already receive communications from Rangerettes Forever, please **click here** or visit <https://goo.gl/forms/7Wi6bi7sjy4GxqWf2>

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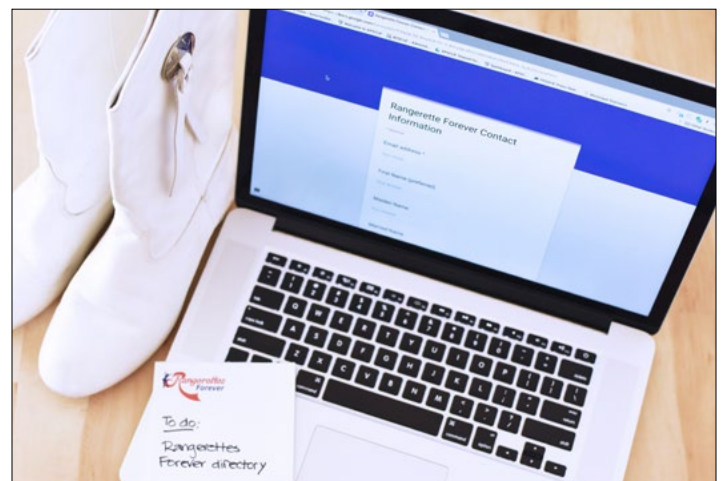
"We want to make sure we start this spreadsheet with the freshest, most accurate information possible,"

Lisa Fortenberry, 44th Line, said.

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FOREVER FACTS

Click here to submit
your contact and sister-
line information to the
Rangerettes Forever.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

We continue to make positive changes

Hope everyone is having a great summer! I know we are all awaiting and excited to welcome members of the 79th Line. This is such an exciting time for those girls! I had the pleasure, along with our Rangerette directors, Kilgore College President Dr. Brenda Kays and Vice President Dr. Mike Jenkins and others, to shake hands and meet each Hopeful attending the Rangerette Tea. The Hopefuls came from all over the state of Texas, reaching as far south as McAllen, and a few from out of state! Kilgore College dance instructor Angela Aulds shared that we received 115 applications, and each girl seemed to be so poised and enthusiastic over the possibility of becoming a member of the world-famous Rangerette organization!

We also want to give a shout-out to the current sophomore Rangerettes regarding their trip to Switzerland! What a special way to “kick off” their sophomore year!

The Kendra Scott pop-up shop was a big hit during the Saturday Revels reception and will enable us to provide support to the Rangerettes.



VELMA MCCOLLUM YOUNT
35TH LINE

The support for our current and future Rangerettes from everyone is genuinely appreciated!

Kendra Scott is willing to return next year, and we are working on some surprise pop-up shops for Revels 2019.

We as Forevers hope regional chapters, as well as the Forevers as a whole, will continue to have fun gatherings and generate support for our fellow Rangerettes!

Keep an eye out for the Rangerette Showcase, as there are some brand-new items that would be nice for your active or Forever 'Rette. Plans are being discussed now for new items, as we are thinking ahead for the 80th anniversary! WOW!

Your board members are still developing a Forever directory to make it secure, in addition to making it easier to reach out to your Rangerette sisters. We are continuing to work together to make positive changes as needed for our organization, and the support for our current and future Rangerettes from everyone is genuinely appreciated!

Velma McCollum Yount, '74-'76, 35th Line Rangerettes Forever president 2017-19

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If you move or change your name or email address, please revisit the link and resubmit your information. Each entry is timestamped; the Forevers can delete your older entry and keep the newest.

Your information will be available to Kilgore College, the Rangerettes Forever and Rangerette classmates who are planning reunions. Accurate emails ensure the Rangerettes Forever can deliver a link to this newsletter straight to your inbox.

Once you've submitted your form, please share the link with other Forevers via social media, text or email. ★

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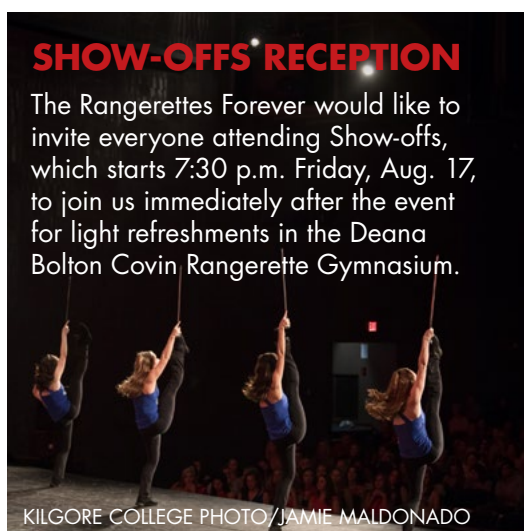
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SHOW-OFFS RECEPTION

The Rangerettes Forever would like to invite everyone attending Show-offs, which starts 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, to join us immediately after the event for light refreshments in the Deana Bolton Covin Rangerette Gymnasium.

KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO/JAMIE MALDONADO

Bits & Boots

LEAVE YOUR MARK AT KC

Sierra Litzman, 70th Line, points out her name on a bench engraved with the names of her class members. Commemorative benches in Kilgore College's Mike Miller Plaza offer an opportunity to honor classes, officer lines and other Forevers. Bench customization requires a single or collective donation of \$2,500. For details, contact 903-988-7521 or lgorman@kilgore.edu. PHOTO COURTESY OF SIERRA LITZMAN



47th Line kicks in for Revels

The 47th Line collected more than \$8,000 in sponsorship for Revels 2018 in an effort spearheaded by Laura Shipp Starzyk.

Any class, group or individual can become a Revels sponsor, and it's never too early to begin planning your financial support

for the Kilgore College Rangerettes' spring production. Levels begin at Manager (\$500-\$999) and extend to Gussie Nell Davis (\$20,000+), but all donations are appreciated.

Contact shelleywayne@rangerette.com or visit Rangerette.com and click the About tab then Sponsorship for details. ★

Click here to learn more about Revels sponsorship packages at Rangerette.com.



Keep our plates on the road

Purchase a Kilgore College Rangerettes license plate or extend the term of an existing one at MyPlates.com. MyPlates sometimes discontinues specialty plates if an organization does not meet the 200 registered plate minimum, according to the website. To order your plates, **click here** or call 888-769-7528.

Kilgore College Alumni group yields multiple perks

Support alumni programs and student scholarships with your Kilgore College Alumni Association membership. For \$25 per year or \$250 for lifetime, your benefits include:

Athletics: Free admission to basketball and softball games, plus a \$5 discount on season tickets for football. Free tailgate party at Homecoming.

Oil Museum: Admission price of \$5 instead of \$8 for card holders only

Parks Fitness Center: Membership reduced to \$20 for individual and \$30 for family, per month

KC Brew Coffee Shop: 25 percent off purchases

KC Bookstore: 10 percent discount and monthly discounts for card holders

To be considered for any Rangerettes Forever board position, a candidate must be a lifetime member of Rangerettes Forever and at least an annual member of the Kilgore College Alumni Association throughout his or her board service. Visit Kilgore.edu/alumni for details. ★



GIVE A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP You don't have to wait until the end of the year to give a Rangerettes Forever lifetime membership (or invest in your own!). Send your check for \$150 to Rangerettes Forever, 1100 Broadway, Kilgore, TX 75662.

Bits & Boots

Freshman 'Rettes available to adopt

With the selection of this year's freshman Kilgore College Rangerettes (please see "They are the lucky ones," page 12), it's time again to match Forever's with members of the current line. Here's what you need to know about the Adopted program for 2018-19:

- You **MUST** email any and all requests to **RetteAdoption@gmail.com**. If you do not email, you will not receive information on a current or new Rangerette.

- If your adopted Rangerette from the 2017-18 year is now a sophomore, she remains your adopted for the 2018-19 year. You do NOT need to email if you intend to keep your sophomore Rangerette. This does not mean that you cannot adopt a new 79th Line member as well.

- Most likely, more than one Forever will be assigned to your Rangerette. You are not obligated to collaborate on gifts, communication, etc.

- Last and most important, while there are no requirements for your level of interaction with your adopted Rangerette, this is still a commitment. Once you adopt, find a communication channel that works best for you and your schedule, and follow through with that all year long. These amazing young women are hungry for guidance and mentorship throughout their time as Rangerettes, and your desire to develop and keep a relationship with them brings great joy.

Email RetteAdoption@gmail.com with any questions you may have. ★

HAS YOUR BOND GONE BEYOND?

All Forever-adoptee relationships are special, but have you experienced one that lasted well beyond the adoptee's time in uniform? Perhaps you now work together, vacation together, are godmother to her child? We'd love to hear about what made your adoption relationship extra special. Email RetteForeverNews@gmail.com.



SPECIAL GUEST

The Rangerette Showcase and Museum had a surprise visit from former Kilgore College employee and Rangerette supporter Gerald Pinson June 29. His duties at Kilgore College included public relations, photography and assistant to administration. He shared stories about the Rangerettes in Romania, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parades and Venezuela. RANGERETTE PHOTO

TWO WAYS TO HELP 'RETTES AS YOU SHOP

USE CODE RANGERETTES to save 10 percent off your order AND donate 10 percent to the Kilgore College Rangerettes when you purchase clothing and accessories from ElleLain.com. Owner Lauren Williams Oliver is daughter of Sue Davis Williams, 34th Rangerette Line, and Terry Williams, a manager for the 33rd and 34th Lines.

Visitors can check out fashions in person at 635 W. Campbell Road in Richardson, but the code is valid online only.

When you use **AMAZON SMILE**, a percentage of your total goes toward Rangerette scholarships. Pick Kilgore College Foundation as your charity at www.smile.amazon.com. ★

Bits & Boots

Forever starts scholarship for home team

As a Rangerette in the mid-1970s, Cindy Trammell Wilson listened to director Gussie Nell Davis proclaim the importance of giving back.

Decades later, Wilson is putting the lesson into practice with a \$2,000 scholarship for a Rangerette who also hails from Wilson's high school team, the Friendswood Wranglerettes.

Wilson announced the scholarship this year at the Wranglerettes' spring show. She decided to create it a few days in advance. She headed to a print shop to have a plaque made, and the promise now hangs in the Wranglerette drill room.

Alyssa Falcone Goza, Wranglerette director, is a former Wranglerette herself and a 70th Line Forever. She took some of her students to Revels this year, where they met Rangerettes and took a master class.

"Our girls are so talented, and I would love to see some of my former students become a part of the next generation of Rangerettes!" Goza said. "This scholarship

FRIENDSWOOD'S FIRST RANGERETTE

More than 40 years ago, Cindy Trammell Wilson was the first Rangerette of Wranglerette heritage, she said.

"I said, 'I want a drill team because I want to be a Rangerette when I grow up,'" Wilson said. So she helped start the team as a student in the early 1970s, she said.



WILSON

will help immensely in making some girls' dreams come true!"

Wilson is handling the scholarship herself, and it is not affiliated with Kilgore College. Its recipient also will be eligible for the traditional KC scholarship, she pointed out. The Wranglerette scholarship has no academic requirements beyond the Rangerettes' scholastic standards; Wilson



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALYSSA FALCONE GOZA
The Cindy Trammell scholarship plaque hangs in the Friendswood High School Wranglerettes drill room, awaiting its first recipient.

emphasized that she wanted the money to help an "average girl" achieve her dream of being a Rangerette.

"I just think it's great to help out the Rangerettes," she said. "It's just dear to my heart. It was my dream from a child, and it's still a dream. I still get tears in my eyes when Rangerettes come up."

Most of all, it's about giving back, she said, and she encouraged others to follow suit.

"Any (Forever) could put \$2,000 aside a year to give to a girl if she wants to help build Rangerettes ..." Wilson said. "We could each do that to our home drill team ...

"We were given a gift, and we need to give back that gift." ★

Spending the night in Kilgore? Tell your hotel you're a Rangerette Forever

Next time you check into a hotel in Kilgore, mention you're a Rangerettes Forever member — not just because you're proud to have worn the Red, White and Blue, but because doing so helps the city track how the Kilgore College Rangerettes boost the region's economy. Our local spending comes during Revels and football games, but also when Forever members visit East Texas for activities not directly related to the Rangerettes, such as the Texas Shakespeare Festival or

Broadcast Museum — so tell your hotel who you are no matter what reason you're in town.

The Rangerettes Forever organization is growing its relationship with the city, focusing on how Forever members return to Kilgore to stay in hotels, dine and otherwise spend money surrounding Rangerette events, Forever President Velma Yount said. She and Forever board member Pill Harmon Malm joined the tourism division of the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce, and they hosted a

lunch meeting to familiarize the chamber with Rangerettes Forever and members' economic impact in Kilgore.

"We believe they truly have a more informed perception of the Forever organization and what we bring to the area," Yount said.

Last year, Yount and Malm secured a \$1,500 chamber grant for Rangerette event promotion.

"It is nice we can work together to en-

hance all the area has to offer," Yount said. She and Malm plan to apply for the funding again this year, Yount said.

"(We) may or may not (get the grant), but at least they know we are a contributing factor to the financial success of the area," Yount said. ★



Dancing into summer



HALL OF FAME

Kilgore College Rangerettes perform a high kick at the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony in May. PHOTO/COTTON BOWL



MINI CAMPS

Kilgore College Rangerettes teach Hopefuls how to dance and kick the Rangerette way during their second high school mini camp in June. The Rangerettes hosted more than 600 dancers across their four summer camps. Proceeds from the camp fund Rangerette scholarships and other support for the organization. Thank you to chaperones and other Forevers who volunteered during the camps. RANGERETTE PHOTO



DANCE CONCERT

Kilgore College dance students, including Rangerettes, perform May 4 in "Collective," the KC Dance Department's annual concert. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO/JAMIE MALDONADO



KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO/
JAMIE MALDONADO

Rangerettes perform at a 2017 Kilgore College football game.

SEE THE RANGERETTES IN ACTION

SHOWOFFS: See the 79th Line perform for the first time and witness the final phase of officer tryouts at Show-offs beginning 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, in Dodson Auditorium. Reception afterward in the Rangerette gymnasium.

KILGORE COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES:

The Kilgore College Rangers' season kicks off 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Tyler Junior College. The Homecoming game begins 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27. View the rest of the KC football schedule at www.kilgore.edu/athletics-organizations/football/schedule.

Kicks & Cadence

Tales from the continued adventures of Forevers and supporters



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY JONES

ASHLEY AUSTIN JONES, 69th Line, writes about family-friendly activities and attractions for MommyPoppins.com's Houston coverage, which also appears on the Houston Chronicle's Chron.com website. Jones also reviews books for Publisher's Weekly and teaches at Dance Expressions in Friendswood.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARRIE BENÉE ARNDT

CARRIE BENÉE SMITH ARNDT, 60th Line, earned a spot on Platinum Top 50's Top 500 list, a mid-year recognition for top-earning real estate agents on track to qualify for Top 50. The program annually recognizes 50 greater-Austin-area residential real estate professionals for their outstanding achievements.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SAMANTHA FINK

SAMANTHA FINK, 75th Line, is launching the drill-team department at Dance Institute of Dallas, where she was a student.

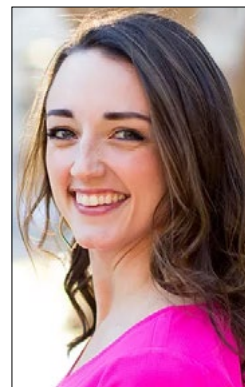


PHOTO COURTESY OF SYDNE ESTEL

SYDNE MILLER ESTEL, 71st Line, is the new head director of the Heritage Highsteppers of Heritage High School in Frisco.

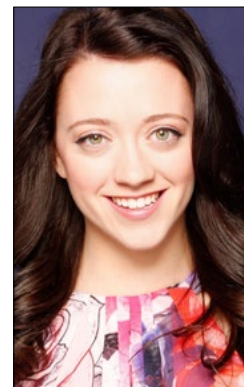


PHOTO COURTESY OF MADELINE DOERR

MADELINE DOERR, 75th Line, in late August starts her contract as a dancer for seasonal Halloween and Christmas shows at Busch Gardens Williamsburg in Virginia.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOY BACA

JOY BEARLEY BACA, 48th Line, accepted a job teaching biology at Lewisville High School C. Douglas Killough Campus in Lewisville.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SARA JONES

SARA ROSE JONES, 58th Line, accepted a counseling position at Aubrey Middle School in Aubrey.

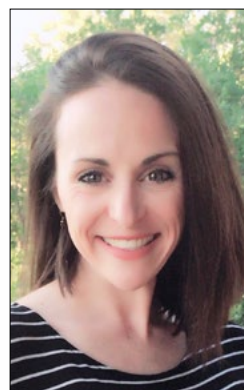


PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIN BOYER

ERIN HARGROVE BOYER, 59th Line, earned her private-investigator license and started B&H Investigative Services LLC. She is owner and manager of the Azle-based business. Learn more at BHinvestigators.com.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SIERRA LITZMAN

SIERRA LITZMAN, 70th Line, is fifth-grade department chair at Fairmont Elementary in Deer Park Independent School District, where she has taught for four-and-a-half years.

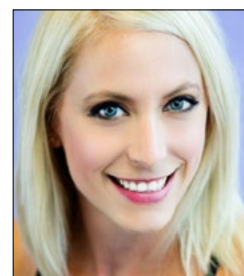


PHOTO COURTESY OF BETH ANN HAWLEY

BETH ANN GAFFORD HAWLEY, 58th Line, is new owner and artistic director of Put Art In Your Heart Dance Studios in Bee Cave. **Click here** to read more about PAIYH in Lake Travis Lifestyle.

Please see more *Kicks & Cadence* on page 18.



Disney and downtime

Rangerettes perform for exhibition,
sail away on Royal Caribbean cruise

PHOTOS COLLECTED AND CAPTIONS BY NATALIE SASSAMAN

THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The Kilgore College Rangerettes performed in March at the Contest of Champions in the Orlando, Fla., area. Sophomore Jordan Allred leads a team prayer before the Rangerettes perform at the Contest of Champions. After their time in Florida, including at Walt Disney World, the Rangerettes and some Forevers boarded a Royal Caribbean cruise ship for a few days of fun. Rangerettes relax on the beach at Cococay, Bahamas, after a limbo competition.



NEXT PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: Freshmen waiting before dinner aboard the ship are, top row, from left, Blaine Miller, Alyssa Zertuche and Kandace Tuttle, and bottom row, from left, Kaitlyn Harvey, Kenedie Casares and Ashley Fuentes. Sophomores Natalie Sassaman, Sarah Barns, Jordan Allred, Tori Buschow, Erin Ellis, and Alexa Blair jump for joy before heading to Walt Disney World and Universal Orlando Resort. Early bird Rangerettes watch a chilly morning sunrise on deck during the cruise. Freshmen wait in line to dine at Disney's Pop Century café.

VIDEO VIEWS: Click [here](#) to watch a video of the trip by Rangerette Penny Heth, and [click here](#) to watch footage by Rangerette Cierra Birmingham.





FOREVER REFLECTIONS: **CRUISE 2018**



Forever Kit Royal Bolte, left, and Sharon Hedge Auflick traveled with the Rangerettes on their spring trip, and their adventures included a visit to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex. "My big sister, Kit Royal Bolte, is such of an amazing person," Auflick said. PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON HEDGE AUFICK

SHARON HEDGE AUFICK

35TH LINE (1974–76)

Sharon Hedge Auflick wore the Red, White and Blue in the Kilgore College Rangerettes' bicentennial year, traveling to Hong Kong, Macau, Korea and Hawaii. As a Forever, she has journeyed with the Rangerettes to Scotland and Ireland in 2015 and on this year's cruise.

WHAT WERE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS PARTICULAR TRIP?

Went to ESPN performance and on the cruise. The 'Rettes were awesome and so respectful, as always. They were perfect ladies on the cruise.

WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO TRAVEL WITH THE RANGERETTES AS A FOREVER?

Traveling with the 'Rettes is such a strong bond of sisterhood that is epic because of what being a Rangerette means. It doesn't matter how long ago you were a Rangerette because we all still share the same sense of pride and the outstanding reputation of being a 'Rette. We all have been taught such important life lessons that prepare us for anything that we may face. I lived in Saudi Arabia for six years, and I never would have been able to survive there if it hadn't been for the things I learned from Miss Davis.



The Kilgore College Rangerettes perform "Proud Mary" at the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland in July. 78th Line sophomores and outgoing 77th Line officers made the trip. PHOTO/BASEL TATTOO

Swiss misses

In Switzerland for Basel Tattoo, 'Rettes savor new friendships – and lots of gelato

BY PENNY HETH, 78TH LINE

When the directors announced that we would be going to Switzerland for the Basel Tattoo, we knew we were in for an incredible experience, but what we discovered fully surpassed any expectation we could have imagined. Each and every day in Switzerland was filled with new adventures.

Our first week was spent mostly in practice. The first day was probably the hardest: While still suffering from jet lag, we had a full day of practice in the heat. We learned quickly that air conditioning is a luxury we take for granted at home, and I'm pretty sure we never will again! After the first few rehearsals in a practice arena, we



PHOTO COURTESY OF PENNY HETH
Penny Heth, 78th Line, at a restaurant along the Rhine River in Switzerland, said she will never forget her class' international trip.

rehearsed in the performance arena with the band. The first time I stepped into that arena, I was overcome with an indescribable feeling. In just a few days, I would get to perform in Switzerland, for hundreds of people, as a RANGERETTE!!! It was truly surreal.

After a few days of vigorous practice and some exploring in Basel, the day of our first performance came. Now, when we sing "in rain or sunshine" in the fight song, I never thought I would really experience that — but this first show was exactly that. In the pouring rain, the show went on, and we performed the pom routine and the high

kick. What could have been a disastrous and stressful performance became an incredible night of growth and unforgettable experience of what Rangerettes is all about.

Although we performed every night, that didn't stop us from going out and experiencing the beautiful country we were surrounded by. Some of the trip highlights included Lake Lucerne; Zurich; floating the Rhine River; walking through Germany, France, and Switzerland in one afternoon; exploring all around Basel; a train exploration to Germany; and A LOT of gelato shops. Our favorite café, 1777, our many favorite gelato shops, and our morning croissants from the hotel kept us well-fed our whole trip!

Besides the incredible rush that came with performing each night, the greatest part of the tattoo was the relationships we formed with other performance groups. Each night after the shows, we attended a cast party. Every evening, a different group performed a smaller, fun show for just the cast, and when I say Rangerettes were the life of the party, I am not kidding.

The different cultures and people
Please see Swiss on page 11.

MOVING MEMORIES

Rangerette Cierra Birmingham chronicled the trip via video. [Click here to see Part 1](#), and [here for Part 2](#). [Click here](#) to watch the Basel Tattoo show.

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surrounding us provided an opportunity I never could've imagined. It was incredibly fascinating to talk to people from different countries and hear about their experiences and their tattoo groups. Not only did we all get to perform together, but we got to know each other and form friendships and memories that will last forever.

Every night, the Rangerettes performed two different dances: a pom and a kick. The pom was to "Proud Mary," played by the British Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers band, and the United States Army Europe Band played the kick. Every show ended in a big finale number. As musicians and singers performed, we stood in the very front of the group in Rangerette position. Anybody who has been a Rangerette knows that standing at attention for long periods is not easy — and we did it for 15 minutes each night. Although it was difficult, standing there each night in the Red, White and Blue, representing the United States, was one of the most amazing and memorable experiences ever. You spend your whole freshman year preparing to do exactly what we had to, and it was an exhilarating, full-circle moment.

Overall, I think I can speak for all of my class when I say that this was a trip and experience that we will never forget, and it wouldn't have been possible without the legacy that every Rangerette before us created, and we couldn't be more thankful! ★

FOREVER REFLECTIONS: BASEL TATTOO

FRAN PERRY STEITLER

36TH LINE (1975–77)

I live in New York State, so I am not able to attend a lot of activities at Kilgore College as some others are. I received information about the trip to Switzerland on Facebook. I knew I would be coming to Germany to be with my family during the time of the Basel Tattoo, and I made arrangements myself to go. I also wanted to take my granddaughter to see the Rangerettes as she is 8 and does not get the opportunity to travel to Texas when they come to USA. I wanted her to be able to see them perform in person. (My grandchildren) live in Germany and have never been exposed to the Rangerettes — except for Oma showing videos and telling them about it. Now she has experienced it firsthand.

Highlights for me were the bonding between my granddaughter and myself during our train trip there, staying in the hotel, eating "fancy" desserts, staying up late, meeting our new Rangerettes friends and their parents!

We went to the parade on Saturday afternoon in Basel. Stood by a wonderful lady who spoke English. Of course, we shared with her why we were there and to be prepared when the Rangerettes came by! ... We caught up with the Rangerettes after the parade and were able to meet a few people and get some pictures with my Salome'. She has not stopped talking about it yet. I spoke with the captain and several officers, and they were so gracious to us. Then someone called out to us, and it was Lindy Foster ... Then we met her parents in our hotel going up the elevator ...

We loved the show on Saturday afternoon. Very warm here, but there was a cloud cover that afternoon that kept us cool. I was a fool in the stands per European protocol when the Rangerettes performed. They were so outstanding. It made me so proud to be one! Once a Rangerette, always a Rangerette! When they stood in the front of the group holding our American flag, I cried! They are at the top of performers, and America is top also!

In 1977, my sophomore year, we went



Above: Fran Perry Steitler, center, with 78th Line members Kenedie Casares, left, and Kaitlyn Harvey after the Kilgore College Rangerettes' performance at the Basel Tattoo parade in Switzerland. **Left:** Steitler brought her granddaughter, who lives in

Germany, to see the Rangerettes in person. They met 78th Line member Lindy Foster after the parade.

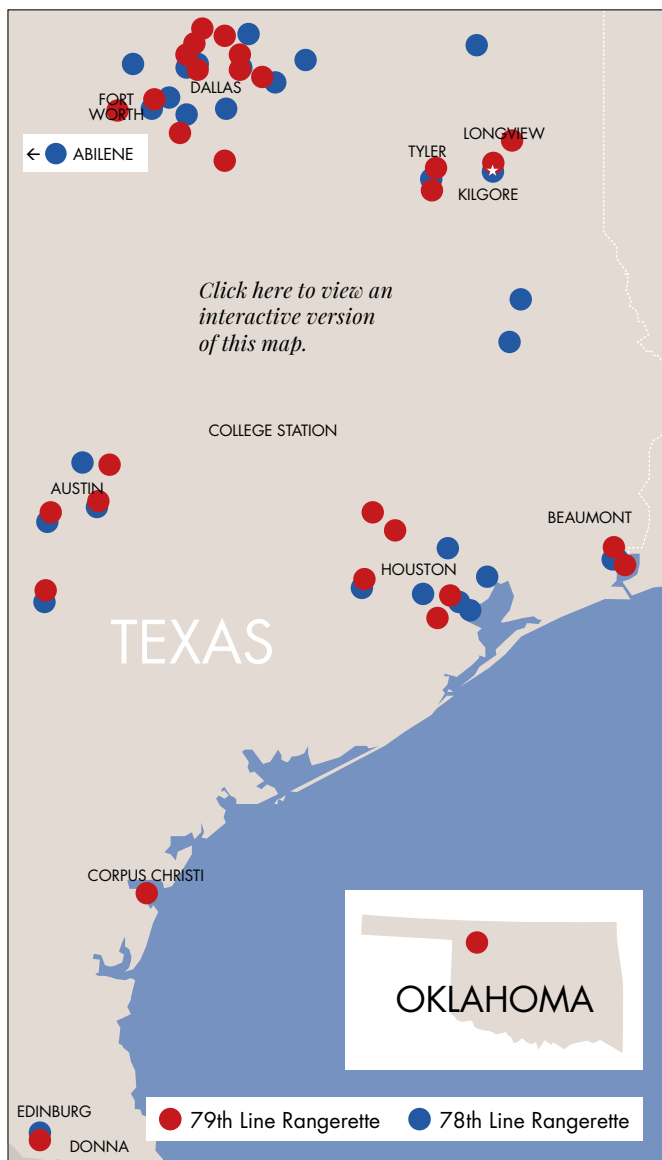
PHOTOS COURTESY OF FRAN PERRY STEITLER

to Romania with Rangerettes. That was a great trip, but at a not-so-friendly time behind the Iron Curtain. It was a great privilege to do that. I might add that I was married nine days after I returned from that trip 41 years ago! Here I am on the European continent again embellished in Rangerette activities as well as my life as it has unfolded now with grandchildren ...

I love Rangerettes, and it is so much a part of who I am today. I was blessed to have been a Rangerette under Gussie Nell Davis and Deana Bolton. The guy I married was impressed, too, 41 years ago. He has my Rangerette photo as his cover for his phone.



They are the lucky ones



Friday, July 13, was especially lucky for the 36 Hopefuls who earned their spots on the 79th Line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. This year's team hails from across Texas — with one Oklahoman.

FRESHMAN RANGERETTES

Aledo: Kayci Collie

Austin: Celeste Alvarado

Coppell: Kortnee Miller

Corpus Christi:

Alexandra Morgan

Dripping Springs: Sage Handley

Flint: Reagan Wells

Flower Mound: Emma Strange

Fort Worth: Alyssa Gray

Frisco: Laura-Kate Schulze

Hickory Creek: Lauren Wheeler

Highland Village:

Shelby Fletcher

Katy: Alicia Padilla

Longview: Kelee Norris

and Carolynn Rose

Magnolia: Vada Taunton

Mansfield: Shelby McFall

Nederland: Kendal DeVillier

New Braunfels: Hannah Phelps and Elizabeth White

Kilgore: Rachel Clower

Oak Point: Kaitlyn Reynolds

Pasadena: Sierra Canales

and Celeste Ramirez

Pearland: Kayla Parker

Plano: Jami Friedman and

Meghan Schukenbrock

Port Arthur: Trinity Ewing

Richardson: Gabriela Brea

Round Rock: Aly Pogorzelski

Rowlett: Tatum Graham

San Juan: Karlee Rodriguez

Tomball: Lauren Murray

Tyler: Karsen Conser

and Lindsey Surles

Waxahachie: Audrey Blackburn

Woodward, Okla.:

McKinzee Merrill

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Click here to read about tryouts in the Kilgore News Herald. The News Herald also wrote about a Rangerette and Hopefuls who celebrated their birthdays during Pre-training. Click here to read the article.

Click here to read about Sign Drop in the News Herald and here in the Longview News-Journal. Click here to view photos from Pre-training and here for Sign Drop on the Kilgore College Flickr page. Click here to view Sign Drop images by Frozen in Time Photography.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Sophomore Madison Blalock hugs new freshman Lindsey Surles of Tyler.

Sophomore Ashlyn Fleet, center, takes a celebratory photo with freshmen Reagan Wells of Flint and Karsen Conser of Tyler.

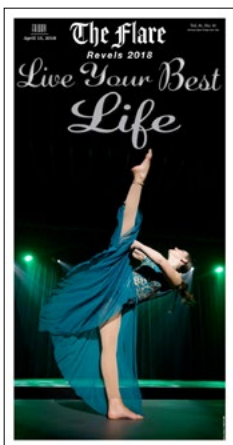
Freshman Trinity Ewing of Port Arthur shares a moment of triumph with one of her sophomores.

Rachel Clower of Kilgore, right, and sophomore Alyssa Moreno point to Clower's number on the sign that announced the new line.



Kilgore College Rangerette sophomores share their message to "Be a Part of Something Unforgettable," for their class dance and penultimate number in "Live Your Best Life," Revels 2018. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTOS/JAMIE MALDONADO

Revels 2018 encourages audiences to embrace opportunity, live to fullest



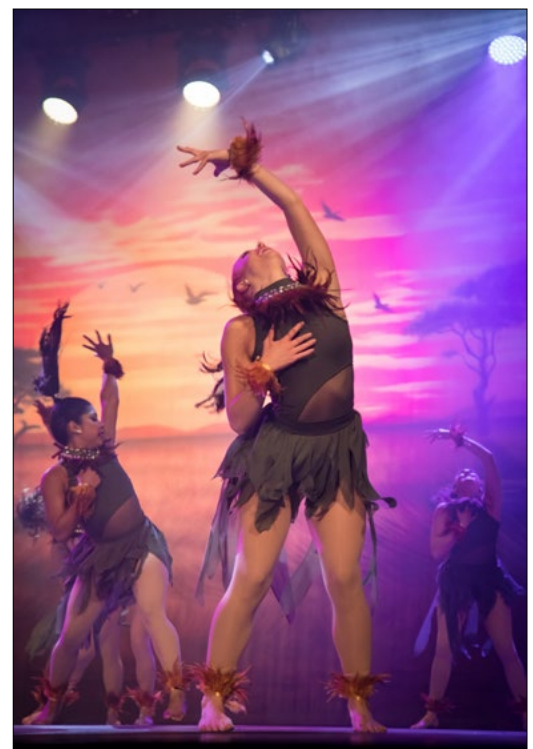
Click here to read the Revels edition of The Flare, Kilgore College's student newspaper.

Revels inspires audience members every year — the Hopefuls dreaming of performing on the Dodson Auditorium stage, the parents awed by how much their daughters have accomplished in one or two years on the team, the Forevers proudly cheering for the women who carry on Rangerette traditions. This year's Kilgore College Rangerette Revels uplifted audiences with added intensity and intention: "Live Your Best Life" was the theme of the April 11-14 run.

Each number focused on a life lesson, from "Open the Doors to Possibility" to "Be a Part of Something Unforgettable," in two acts, "Create the Life You Want to Live" and "Live Life to the Fullest." Tiffany Nolan Jehorek, executive director of the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, guided audiences through the show with her narration.

The show culminated with the Rangerette Extravaganza high kick performed in their traditional red, white and blue uniforms.

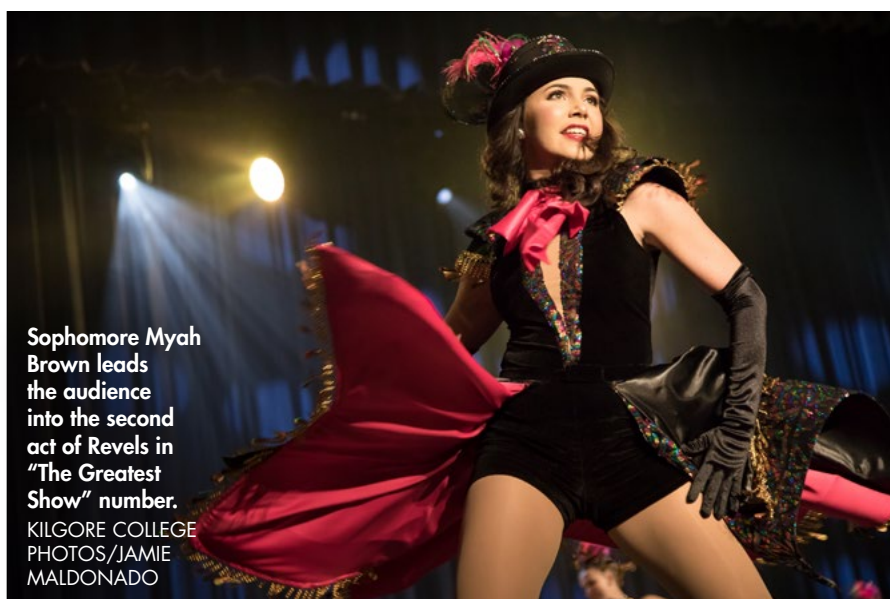
Forevers, friends and family mingled at a reception in the Deana Bolton Covin Rangerette Gym between Saturday shows. ★



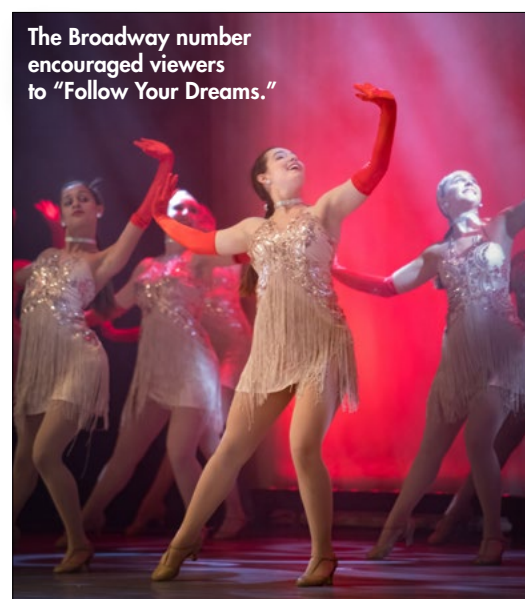
Lt. Natalie Poss, center, performs the African number that encouraged viewers to "Explore Your World." Click here to view additional Revels photos on Kilgore College's Flickr page.



The Rangerettes hit their final position of the Rangerette Extravaganza of "Live Your Best Life." PHOTO/FROZEN IN TIME PHOTOGRAPHY



Sophomore Myah Brown leads the audience into the second act of Revels in "The Greatest Show" number. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTOS/JAMIE MALDONADO



The Broadway number encouraged viewers to "Follow Your Dreams."



Lt. Baleigh Williams dances in "Expect the Unexpected."



"The Greatest Show" incorporated lighted props and other costume surprises.



Alexa Blair, left, sits with her mom, Dana, and Ryan Wayne, far right, sits with her mom, Shelley, during a re-creation of a family photo taken in 2003. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTOS/JAMIE MALDONADO

Like mother, like daughter

Rangerette directors instruct daughters in once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for organization



As the directors' daughters, Alexa Blair, left, and Ryan Wayne grew up in the Rangerette organization.

BY JAVIER ORTA

Reprinted with permission from the April 13 edition of *The Flare*, the newspaper of Kilgore College

Rangerette directors Dana Blair and Shelley Wayne have been side-by-side for the last 25 years, leading the Rangerettes through football games, parades, international appearances and Revels performances. This year, the two add "Rangerette Mom" to their repertoire of shared experiences.

Alexa Blair, Dana's daughter, made last year's group up as a member of the 77th Line. Ryan Wayne, Shelley's daughter, joined as a freshman this year. The two have shared days

of dance recitals, sleepovers and childhood memories, but tonight they share the stage as teammates during the Rangerettes' two-hour variety show held each spring — Revels.

The two grew up understanding the Rangerettes were a strict, well-disciplined organization with world-wide fame. They knew of the team's long practice hours, in all kinds of weather. But Alexa, a former Longview High School Viewette captain and now a Rangerette line officer, was willing to commit.

"She was pretty nervous about trying out, but was absolutely willing to put in all the hard work and was not afraid of the discipline," Dana said.

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Alexa, as a child following her mom around with a clipboard, embraced the experience.

"I have been around Rangerettes my entire life. I could not imagine starting my college career any other way," she said.

"I do feel like it is more challenging sometimes. That there is a little more pressure on me to be good at everything, and I must earn and truly deserve everything I am rewarded," Alexa said. "Even though (my mom) watches the whole team, she is also always watching me."

Ryan, a two-year captain for the Kilgore High School High-steppers, said she has wanted to be a Rangerette "since I was about 3 years old."

"I have always looked up to the Rangerettes, and I wanted to inspire others the same way they inspired me," Ryan said. Going to the head choreographer for advice has never been a problem for the life-long dancer.

"With my mom as my director my whole life, if I ever wanted extra help or guidance, she offered it to me," Ryan said. "As I got older, I went to her a lot more with dance needs. Now I just get even more guidance and help with dance, it's just in the form of a correction at practice."

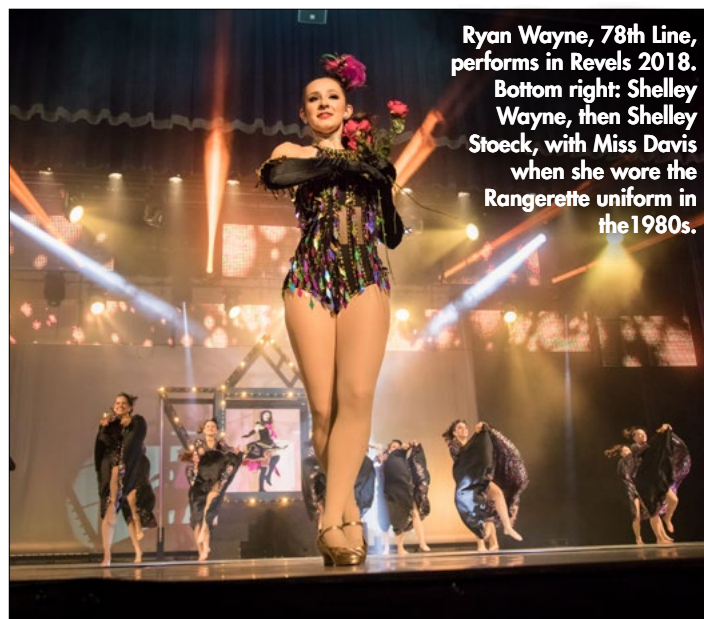
Even though there are 72 women on the Rangerette line, working with their moms every day is still special.

"I love seeing my mom at practice because it feels like I never really left home," Alexa said. "Most people never get to



Alexa Blair, 77th Line, performing at a September 2017 football game, earned the left-end lieutenant officer spot her sophomore year. Her mother held the same position when she was a Rangerette officer.

Below: Dana Blair, then Dana Brown, with Rangerette founder Gussie Nell Davis in the 1980s.



Ryan Wayne, 78th Line, performs in Revels 2018. Bottom right: Shelley Wayne, then Shelley Stoeck, with Miss Davis when she wore the Rangerette uniform in the 1980s.



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see their parents that often in college so I am very blessed by the situation."

Ryan enjoys working with her mom because, "we are very similar in how we think and how we both expect Rangerettes to operate. I can almost predict what she's going

to say to us before she says anything."

And in the dorms, they're just like sisters — and just like their teammates.

"They understand the camaraderie of the team and they don't act any differently than the other girls," said

Shirley Arredondo, the Gussie Nell Davis Residence Hall house mother, who remembers them growing up in the organization. "They are just like the other young women who live here — amazing dancers, awesome young ladies." ★

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SHERIDAN MCDOWELL, 72nd Line, is a second-year Dallas Mavericks Dancer. PHOTO COURTESY OF SHERIDAN MCDOWELL



Jaye Midkiff Hansen, second from right, with her family and "Family Feud" host Steve Harvey, fourth from left. PHOTO COURTESY OF JAYE MIDKIFF HANSEN

JAYE MIDKIFF HANSEN, 43rd Line, and her family competed on a "Family Feud" gameshow episode that aired in April. "It was a lot of fun to be on the show," she said. "We didn't win big money!"



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY CUPPLES



At the P-R-O Convention in Atlanta in June are Forevers, from left, **OLIVIA SHARP THOMPSON**, **KIRSTIE TULLIS** and **ASHLEY CUPPLES**. Thompson, 74th Line, is a rookie Houston Texans Cheerleader. She is the new assistant director of the Tiger Belles and dance teacher at Klein Collins High School in Spring. Tullis, 71st Line, is a rookie Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleader. Cupples, 71st Line, accepted a clinical fellowship position with Therapy Rehabilitation Services in Scottsdale, Ariz. In June, she graduated from Midwestern University in Glendale, Ariz., with her Master of Science degree in speech-language pathology. She is returning for her third season with the Arizona Cardinals Cheerleaders.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JACKIE GARZA

JACKIE GARZA, 71st line, is a Houston Rockets Power Dancer for a second year.



The Longview News-Journal interviewed **JO PRUITT SPARKS SUMMERS** of the First Line. [Click here](#) to read the 95-year-old North Richland Hills resident's memories of the Rangerette organization's nascent days.

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The **57TH LINE** celebrated its 20th reunion during Revels 2018. Classmates met at Kiepersol Bed & Breakfast and Vineyard in Tyler on Friday night. On Saturday, they took a bus to Kilgore to attend the Revels matinee, followed by the reception and a visit to the Rangerette Showcase and Museum.

"We also got to capture a special photo of the directors with their daughters because we consider ourselves the 'baby class,' meaning we were the only class that went through Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Wayne's pregnancies and births," line member Amy Vidos Meierhofer said. "It was such a unique experience especially coming back and seeing their sweet girls



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMY VIDOS MEIERHOFER

in our place on stage 20 years later!"

The bus shuttled the group to dinner at Villa Montez in Tyler and back to the B&B for a pajama party.

"We reminisced while watching our two Revels shows and looked through our scrapbooks," Meierhofer said, noting that 24 classmates attended the reunion.

TOP: The 57th Line's reunion included a pajama party, where they watched Revels videos and perused scrapbooks. **ABOVE:** The "baby class" with the Rangerette directors and their daughters, Ryan Wayne, bottom row left, and Alexa Blair, bottom row right, at Revels.

"It was such a memorable weekend! It felt as if we were reliving our days in Davis Hall."

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CORRECTION: Thank you to Kay Potthoff Wallace, 23rd Line, for this clarification about a memoriam in the March Rangerettes Forever newsletter: *"The true first daughter/mother Rangerettes were Evelyn Metcalf Rodieck (First Line) and Johanna Rodieck (24th Line) ... Johanna was one of my freshman. Miss Davis adored her and MANY times called Johanna her 'first grandchild.'"*

In loving memory:

MAXINE BURGER, a Rangerette in the 1940s, passed away in April. [Click here](#) to read her obituary.

JOY HOLLAND COLEMAN, 11th Line, passed away in June. She was a lieutenant both years as a Rangerette. [Click here](#) to read her obituary.

VIRGINIA GREY "GAY" LAW CULP, First Line, passed away in July. [Click here](#) to read her obituary.

STACY LAWRENCE DANIELSON, 57th Line, passed away in July. Since 2003, she directed the Celebrities and Emeralds dance teams at Cedar Park High School in Cedar Park. [Click here](#) to read her obituary, which includes information about a fund for her 10- and 12-year-old sons and how to donate to her Kilgore College scholarship.

ELAINE VATALOS MAYO FREDERICK, 13th Line, passed away in April. [Click here](#) to read her obituary.

LINDA GREEN RIDDER, 24th Line, passed away in July. [Click here](#) to read her obituary.

CATHY TAYLOR SCHLEIER, 32nd Line, passed away in April. [Click here](#) to read her obituary.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELBY WHITE

Second-year teacher **SHELBY WHITE**, 74th Line, will teach sixth-grade math at Moore Middle School in Tyler this coming school year.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF NIKKI FULPS

NIKKI FULPS, 72nd Line, is the new director of the Spring Hill High School Pacesetters drill team.

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Some members of the **69TH LINE** met in Fredericksburg for a reunion weekend in July. They met at an Airbnb, where they watched Revels and reminisced over Rangerette photo albums. The following day, they toured the area's wineries.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBIN RICHARDSON

ROBIN RICHARDSON, 73rd Line, is a weekend anchor with KPLC7 in Lake Charles, La. Previously, she was Dallas Cowboys special projects reporter. The three-year Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader was voted Veteran of the Year for her farewell season.



PHOTO/JAY DORAN

Michelle Mayo performs during the Festival of Fantasy parade at Walt Disney World.

MICHELLE MAYO, 69th Line, performed this summer in the ensemble of "Guys and Dolls" at Theatre Under the Stars in Houston. She is a parade performer at Walt Disney World and a Beaumont dancer in the Tri Wizard Spirit Rally at Harry Potter World at Universal Studios. Her fiancé proposed May 5 in Hong Kong, where he was performing at Hong Kong Disneyland.

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The **37TH LINE** held its 40-year reunion during Revels. The class' freshmen and sophomores joined them to celebrate in festivities that culminated at Clower's Party Barn in Overton.

PHOTO COURTESY OF TINA PITTMAN RITZEMA



PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGHAN ROBERTSON BOWEN
Meghan Robertson Bowen, top row, third from left, with Parish Episcopal School Rosettes.

MEGHAN ROBERTSON BOWEN, 69th Line, is the new director of the Rosettes at Parish Episcopal School in Dallas. She also will teach middle-school dance and work with the arts program.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JENN SIMMS

JENN SIMMS, 69th Line, is the first infant teacher at Upbring School of Arts & Science - Central Austin. She graduates in August from the University of Texas at Austin.

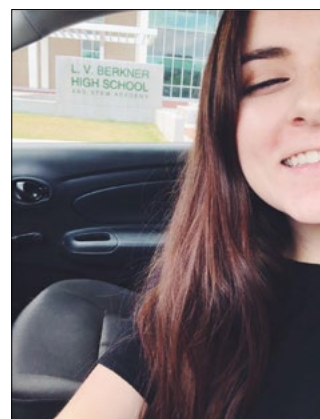


PHOTO COURTESY OF BROOKE LUNA

BROOKE LUNA, 75th Line, is the new assistant director of the Bandoleras at Lloyd V. Berkner High School in Richardson.



Voyage Dallas profiled **RHONDA DAVIS SMIGA**, 49th Line, and her McKinney-based business, Rhonda Smiga Photography. [Click here](#) to read the interview.



Voyage Houston profiled **KRISTEN ROSS SCHAEFER**, 62nd Line, and her Humble-based business, Nostalgia Photography. [Click here](#) to read the interview.

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MORGAN VAN DRESAR, 75th Line, is the new assistant director of the James Earl Rudder High School RangeRettes in Bryan.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MORGAN VAN DRESAR
Morgan Van Dresar, left, with James Earl Rudder High School RangeRettes.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SKYLAR MORGAN GODFREY

SKYLAR MORGAN GODFREY, 76th Line, is the new art and dance teacher at E.C. Brice Elementary School in Mount Pleasant, her hometown.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELBY WESTOVER

SHELBY WESTOVER, 74th Line, is the new assistant director of the Emeralds at Clear Falls High School in League City.

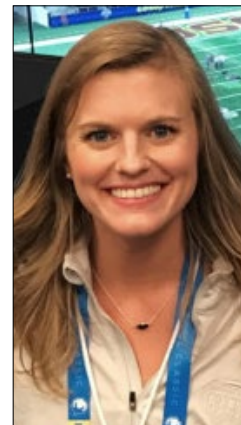


PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA VICKERS

JESSICA STOVALL VICKERS, 72nd Line, started a new job as a writing consultant with PartnerComm Inc. in Dallas.

Gov. Greg Abbott appointed **MAZIE MATHEWS JAMISON**, 28th Line, to the Texas Board of Nursing. The Board, legislatively established in 1909, regulates the safe practice of nursing in Texas. Jamison's term began in July. "I believe my career at North Texas' only pediatric teaching hospital gave me a unique perspective into the field of high quality nursing and its obvious impact on patients and patient families," she said.

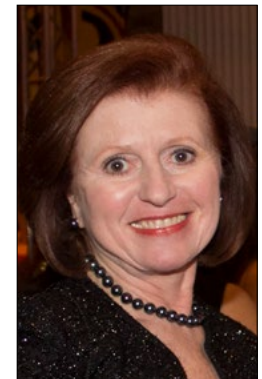


PHOTO COURTESY OF MAZIE JAMISON



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The **DALLAS-FORT WORTH FOREVERS** chapter held its annual Summer Sizzler luncheon Aug. 4 at Pappadeaux in Dallas. The event, which drew Forevers from the 1960s to today, included a silent raffle with proceeds benefiting the Forevers DFW Rangerette scholarships. The group is more than halfway to endowing its second scholarship. Sophomore Rangerette Kandace Tuttle and her mother, Katy, spoke about the team's trip to Switzerland this summer. Join the chapter's **Facebook group** to view more photos.