Honoring a trailblazer

FREDDIE GOOSBY EVANS, 34th Line, will be celebrated with a portrait installed in the Gussie Nell Davis Rangerette Residence. The virtual ceremony begins 7 p.m. (Central) Saturday, Feb. 26. In 1973, Evans became the first Black Kilgore College Rangerette. Page 3

LEFT PHOTO: FREDDIE GOOSBY, TOP CENTER, IN THE 1974 RANGER YEARBOOK RIGHT PHOTO: GOOSBY, COURTESY OF JOANYETT MAYS-SCOTT



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KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2022

Get ready for Revels

TWO WEEKS: The Kilgore College Rangerettes' annual Revels opens with an invitation-only, red-carpet event 7:45 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in Dodson Auditorium on the Kilgore College campus. A matinée is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3. Additional shows are 7:30 nightly Wednesday through Saturday, April 6–9.

TICKETS: Tickets are \$30 and must be purchased via Rangerette.com. Groups/classes that want to sit together should designate a point person to select and buy tickets. In late February, dues-paying Rangerettes Forever members will be emailed a special link to purchase tickets for all dates. Tickets go on sale to the public March 7.

RECEPTION: Prior to the matinée, join us for a come-and-go reception 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Sunday, April 3, in the Deana Bolton-Covin Rangerette Gymnasium.

SHOWCASE SHOPPING: Showcase merchandise will be sold in Rangerette Gym the second week of Revels.

KILGORE COLLEGE FILE PHOTO

Second Hit-the-Hat scholarship drive kicks off



PHOTO/CHAMPAGNE PHOTOGRAPHY

Sophomore Karis Toleman hits her hat at a fall 2021 football-game performance.

Donors have raised nearly \$19,000 for the second annual Kilgore College Rang-

KICK IN NOW

Click here to learn

more about the

campaign, and

click here to give.

erettes Forever Hit-the-Hat campaign, which aims to raise \$100,000 to increase the principals of five scholarships endowed by the Forever organization.

This year's five targeted scholarships are named for the late: Jeanne D. Hale, founder of Rangerettes Forever; Mike Miller, friend and supporter of the

Rangerettes; Major H.L. Walker, early band director of Kilgore College; former Kilgore

College President Randolph Watson; and Archie Whitfield, former public-relations director of Kilgore College. Click here to learn more about how these scholarship namesakes are connected to the Rangerettes.

The campaign continues through April 30.

Please see more SCHOLARSHIP on page 6.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We couldn't do all we do without you

orevers, Friends and Families, It is such an honor to lead the Forevers organization this year. I may be the leader, but it is really a collaborative effort of so many wonderful people. I am "the lucky one" to be a part of it.

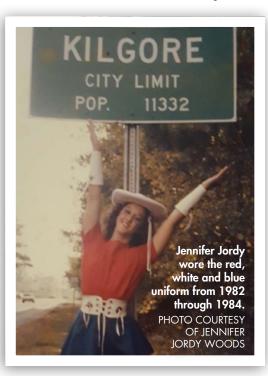
My journey to Kilgore began in early high school. My older sister, Janet Jordy Newton, was a member of the 40th Line, and I never even thought of attending anywhere else. Thank goodness I made the team! I didn't even apply to any other schools.

JENNIFER JORDY

WOODS 43RD LINE

Someone recently asked me what I wanted for my legacy as Forevers board president. My first thought was sisterhood and increased cohesion among the alumni. I believe that the last few years — even with all of the craziness of Covid — has been positive for our organization. While we all struggled in so many areas, we have reconnected. Every day, I see new friendships formed between ladies who wore the red, white and blue. It doesn't matter if they are young or "more mature" — we are creating relationships across generations. Stories are shared and new memories are made. It is such a heartwarming feeling to see our sisterhood grow.

I truly believe the positivity of our organization is a direct reflection of the incredible job the directors are doing. Dana, Shelley and Angela, you amaze me every day. Thank you for keeping



the traditions alive while building the Rangerettes into what it is today.

Forevers: Thank you for always stepping up on every occasion. From cheering on the team to "hitting the hat," you show up. We couldn't do all that we do without you, and I am forever thankful.

I hope to see you soon.

Jennifer Jordy Woods

43rd Line

Rangerettes Forever president 2021-22

DON'T MISS OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

For information directly from the board of directors, make sure you're following RANGERETTES FOREVER ANNOUNCEMENTS on Facebook and Instagram.

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Submit contact info to Rangerettes Forever: https://goo.gl/forms/7Wi6bi7sjy4GxqWf2

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CHARMING CHANGE

One of Megan
DeHoyos' myriad of
duties as Rangerette
Museum and Showcase
manager is to facilitate
the tradition of
sophomores giving their
little sisters a pendant
in the fall semester. The
jewelry's decades-old
design depicts a Kilgore
College Rangerette
standing an inch tall, in
Rangerette position.

In 2020, DeHoyos asked the sophomores for their sisters' hair colors as usual and began to inventory the charms she had in stock. The options were blonde, brunette or redhaired.

Please see more **CHARMING** on page **6.**

Artistic history



REPRESENTATION OF KILGORE COLLEGE'S FIRST BLACK 'RETTE TO BE DISPLAYED IN RESIDENCE

he portrait of Freddie Goosby Evans, the first Black Kilgore College Rangerette, will be installed in the Rangerette Residence 7 p.m. (Central) Saturday, Feb. 26 in a virtual ceremony. (See "Watch the event" for participation instructions.) Evans was a member of the 34th Line, from 1973 to 1975.

"I've always felt that Freddie should be memorialized because it is part of Black history," Joanyett Mays-Scott, 51st Line and the eighth Black Rangerette, said. "... She's always been a part of history — her and all the others that came before me."

Mays-Scott, who orchestrated the portrait project, discussed the inspiration and strength she drew from her predecessors.

"Freddie — and all the other Black Rangerettes before me — were truly pioneers for me, and if they could do it, I could do it," she said.

The idea of a portrait came to Mays-Scott's mind as a way to give back, she said. Mays-Scott worked with Georgia-based artist Juan Rodriguez, who created an 8-by-10-inch portrait framed in black and gold. A gold plate is engraved with Evans' name, line and years.

WATCH THE EVENT

Click here to join the virtual portrait dedication via Zoom. The Meeting ID is 837 308 0047 and passcode is 4Kg5Nx. If you are not already a Zoom user, you will need to install the application on your mobile device or install software on your computer. Footage will be posted to Facebook after the event for later viewing.

Evans will attend the event virtually. Watch for her statement on the Forever Announcements Facebook page. **Click here** to read more about Evans at EastTexasHistory.org.

Click here to visit the Forever Facebook page to read profiles of other Black Rangerettes. ★

OUR BLACK RANGERETTES

Freddie Goosby, 34th Line Regina Hodge, 35th Line Cynthia Caraway, 37th Line Danice Warren, 38th Line Regina Lowrey, 41st Line Toralyn Foster, 45th Line Sonja Harris, 47th Line Joanyett Mays ~, 51st Line DeeDee Adams *^, 52nd Line Lakisha Johnson, 54th Line Monica Goffney, 56th Line Taryn White ~, 60th Line Davan Orr §, 60th Line Otitolola Olatunji, 61st Line Latricia Tatum \$\omega\$, 61st Line Windy Houston, 61st Line Kristi Freeman, 62nd Line Maria Williams, 66th Line Tai'Shea Butler \$\omega\$, 67th Line Adiah Prince \$\Delta\$, 68th Line

Jazzy Price §, 69th Line Briana McLaughlin §Ø, 72nd Line Whitney Robertson §, 72nd Line Robin Richardson § Σ^* , 73rd Line Kevelyn Jones, 74th Line Taylor Walker Δ , 74th Line Cera Taylor, 74th Line Skylar Morgan §, 76th Line Erin Phillips, 76th Line Lana Louis, 77th Line Kelee Norris Ø*, 79th Line Brea Landry, 81st Line

- ~ Served in U.S. military
- * Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader
- ^ Dallas Mavericks Dancer
- § Swingster
- Σ Head Swingster
- @ Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
- ♦ KC Homecoming court
- Δ KC Homecoming queen
- Ø Rangerette officer

INFORMATION COMPILED BY JOANYETT MAYS-SCOTT

Line representatives boost class connections

The new line-representative program, begun this past fall, is increasing communication within the Rangerettes Forever organization.

Line representatives act as liaisons between the Rangerettes Forever board of directors and Rangerette classes. They participate in quarterly meetings with the board to learn about new initiatives and programs and to provide input into Rangerettes Forever activity. They are tasked with sharing information and news with their class throughout the year.

While some line representatives wore a white uniform during their time at Kilgore College, officer service was not a

FIND YOUR REP

If you class is not listed and you would like to volunteer to represent it, or if you do not know how to contact your class' rep, email RangerettesForever@gmail.com.

requirement for these new positions.

Line reps, with classes they represent in parentheses, are: Delight Allen Flanagan (17); Kay Potthoff Wallace (23); Betty "Fork" Spoon Chomel (25); Barbara "Pill" Harmon Malm (26); Edna Post Hodges (29); Katherine Jackson Shealy (30); Martha Hale Deen (31); Marsha Cheves Scroggins (32); Ramona Gonzales Abshere Guillory and Cyndy Keith Gillespie (33); Kit Royal Bolte (34); Carole Harrison Cahill (35); Kim Chapman Oden and Debra Pullen Roth (36); Susan Reed (38); Brenda Marek Fielding (39); Lesley Molder Allen (40); Pam Row Stepczyk (41); Kelly Crow Bumgardner and Tena Royal (42); Cathy Hart Raffield (43); Barbara Veale Dumaine (44); Barbara Veale Dumaine, Sherise Matlock Ralston and Lora Miller Snyder (45); Katie Finley Malik and Annette Bailey Stark (46); Shellie Kammer Smith (47 and 48); Silvia Lamazares Brozak and Tami Bush Prevett (49); Tara Butler Norris (50);

Please see more CLASS on page 6.

Forevers begin their service as board members, officers

Rangerettes Forever board members and officers newly elected in August are:

JENNIFER JORDY

WOODS previously served on the board and is now president. HAYLEY (DRU) DAWKINS **STINE** previously served on the board and is now president-elect. MARY MOSELEY **TAYLOR** previously served on the board and is now treasurer and registered agent. AUDREY **HOLD LAMBERT** previously was treasurer and is now on the board.

SHANNAN SWANSON-BRYAN (board), 49th Line,

graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. She is a Clioaward-



SWANSON-BRYAN

winning TV producer for ad-

vertising and marketing firms who has worked in Hollywood, New York, Austin, Dallas and Mexico. Swanson-Bryan is fine-arts group lead for Belton Middle School, teaching middle school and high school art. She is mother to daughter Emily and son David.

SHELBY HOLLY

HLADKY (board), 72nd Line, graduated from Texas A&M

University. She is assistant director of the Marquettes at Marcus High School in Flower Mound and is



HLADKY

a staff member of Encore Creative Productions. She and her husband, Micah, are the proud parents of daughter Leighton.

CHRISTINE KLEINECKE (board), 73rd Line, was the first Rangerette social-media manager. A graduate of Texas A&M

University, she has been a staff

member for Crowd Pleasers Dance since 2013. She is director of the College Station Strutters.

ERICA



GLENN KERBY (board) was a Swingster on the 69th Line. She earned her BFA in dance

from Texas State University and is a Barre3 Frisco instructor. She lives in Mckinney with her husband and two daughters.



KERBY

KIM SINGLETON MOLI-

NA was left middle lieutenant of the 61st Line. She was assistant director Westwood High School SunDancers in Austin from 2003 to 2012. She served with the International Women's Organization for Charity in La-

gos, Nigeria, from 2013 to 2018. She lives in Houston with her husband and two children.

KALLI



STURMAN O'MALLEY

(board), 39th Line, graduated from Sam Houston State

University and University of Houston Law Center. As a prosecutor, she enjoyed courtroom and trial work



O'MALLEY

and working with victims of crime. She founded the Houston chapter of Girls Incorporated, a national organization empowering young women.

Click here to read extended biographies of all board members. ★



A day for Miss Davis

CONNECT WITH GUSSIE NELL DAVIS' HISTORY

Click here

to visit the Farmersville Historical Society's Facebook page.

Click here to visit the Farmersville Heritage Museum's Facebook page.

Click here to read more about Gussie Nell Davis at Rangerette. com.

'RETTE FOUNDER'S HOMETOWN FÊTES WORLD-FAMOUS RESIDENT

In the town where Gussie Nell Davis spent her formative years, current and past members of the dance/drill team she formed — the Kilgore College Rangerettes — gathered to honor the group's founder and first director. Gussie Nell Davis Day, held Oct. 9 in Farmersville, was a celebration of Miss Davis' enduring work and raised funds to help that legacy continue.

An Oct. 8 auction — comprising items donated by Forevers and other supporters — raised thousands of dollars for Rangerette scholarships, said Farmersville resident and city council member Terry Williams, a manger for the 33rd and 34th lines. Williams and his wife, Sue Davis Williams, 34th Line, were instrumental in the planning for Gussie Nell Davis Day. He lauded Farmersville's historical society, heritage museum and "a lot of

help" in the event organization.

"They were anticipating it being a silent auction," Williams said of the far-fromquiet event that more than 100 people — most of them former Rangerettes — attended. "Ask anybody that was there. It was the best time ever."

Proceeds from activities arranged by American Dance/ Drill Team, an organization Miss Davis originated with Dr. Irving Dreibrodt in 1958, also benefited the Rangerettes.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TERRY WILLIAMS

Kilgore College Rangerettes explore an exhibition of photographs by O. Rufus Lovett and artifacts from Rangerette history at the Farmersville Heritage Museum.

The fête offered opportunities to explore Miss Davis' hometown, about 50 miles from Dallas and 117 miles from Kilgore. At the Farmersville Heritage

Please see more DAVIS on page 6.

SCHOLARSHIP continued from page **1**

Our first Hit-the-Hat campaign raised \$151,573, exceeding its goal by more than \$50,000.

Endowed scholarships pay out based on interest on the principal amount. When the market performs poorly, as it did in 2020, some scholarships As giving continues, follow Rangerettes Forever Announcements on social media to see progress toward hitting the hat.

cannot be awarded; even in better years, scholarships do not come close to covering all a Rangerette's college expenses. In a typical year, each scholarship pays out approximately 4% of the endowment: A scholarship with a \$17,500 principal pays about \$350 a semester. The Hit-the-Hat campaign aims to boost principals to benefit Rangerettes at higher financial levels — and help preserve our legacy.

Matches by select companies can increase the strength of your gift, too. **Click here** to learn about company matching.

Next year, Rangerettes Forever plans to select five additional scholarships to enhance.

Click here to give, and **click here** for more information about the program.

Send questions to board member Maria Diaz Ritchie at maria.d.ritchie@gmail.com. ★

CHARMING continued from page 3

"It just really struck me in that moment that we needed representation, and it was just something that was on my heart," the 66th Line Forever said. "I was very fortunate to be able to speak with our vendor, and they were glad to make that adjustment for us."

Rangerette memorabilia is infused with emotion, but this jewelry arrived with a new level of intensity.

"I teared up when we got them in because I got to open and see them first," DeHoyos said. "I looked down, and I saw myself. It was a really neat moment. It was a long time coming." "I looked down, and I saw myself. It was a really neat moment. It was a long time coming."

> MEGAN DEHOYOS SHOWCASE DIRECTOR

Rangerette drop charms are not listed in the Showcase's online store because only current Rangerettes and Forevers may purchase them. To order a charm, call the Showcase at 903-983-8265. Charms are \$45 each, plus tax and shipping. All hair colors and skintones are available in line-member and officer uniforms. ★



PHOTO COURTESY OF TAI'SHEA BUTLER HYDE

"This post isn't about me, but the necklace I'm wearing. Notice we're the same color!" Tai'Shea Butler Hyde, 67th Line, wrote when she posted a photo of herself wearing her new 'Rette necklace.

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Joanyett Mays-Scott (51); Carey Christie (52); Angela Clark-Oates and Matilde Rubio-Padilla (53); Holly Williams Lyons and Michell Zeig (54); Kelly Moore Mabry (55); Amy Scholtz Larson (56); Kelly Cunningham Rutledge and Claire Raney Yancey (57); Brooke Beauchamp Wilson (58); April Pickral Farmer (59); Kathryn Morton (60); Erin Oian Boyd (61); Courtney Lewis Klepfer (62); Meredith Oden Root (64); Jessica Bradley-Noxon (65); Kayla

Kenney Norman (66); Darius Bell-Hall, Tai'Shea Butler-Hyde and Amy Mims Bruyere (67); Ryan Garcia and Mackenzie Oden McCall (68); Ashley Austin Jones and Sydney Nelms Pierce (69); Mary Elizabeth Pennington Thompson (71); Shelby Holly Hladky (72); Kacie Standfield Hawkins (73); Catherine Shore Halvorson (74); Kierstin Dornak and Jenna Gerwels (75); Shaena Rinehart (76); Shelby Reynolds (77); Haley Hockenberry (78); Rachel Clower (79); and Ariana Hickman, Claire Hodges and Caroline Rhodes (80). ★

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Museum, an exhibition about Miss Davis included artifacts from the Kilgore College Rangerette Showcase and Museum and 30 years of Rangerette images by photographer O. Rufus Lovett. The city's Bain-Honaker House also hosted a Gussie Nell Davis exhibit. Additional activities included a visit to Miss Davis' grave, a dance intensive and photo opportunities with the Rangerettes.

The culminating Gussie Nell Davis Day parade included a handful of high school drill teams, more than 20 Forevers and the Rangerettes themselves.

"It's an event for the Rangerettes because they perform all over the country and all over the world, always for somebody else," Williams said. "This was for them."

The commemoration came a few weeks shy of Miss Davis' 115th birthday. Farmersville previously observed a Gussie Nell Davis Day in 1970, and Texas marked a statewide Gussie Nell Davis Day in 1979. Explorations are underway for future Gussie Nell Davis Days, Williams said. ★

Right: Martha Hale Deen, left, and Barbara "Pill" Harmon Malm display Rangerette cookies in the Gussie Nell Davis Rangerette Residence. East Texas Rangerettes Forever delivered the cookies to Rangerettes during their work week in August.

Below: East Texas Rangerettes Forever write notes to the Kilgore College Rangerettes before the team's trip to Hawaii.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MARTHA HALE DEEN



CHAPTER HAPPENINGS



Forevers who assembled healthy-snack boxes at Plano East Senior High School are, front row, from left: Mackenzie Oden McCall, Kim Chapman Oden and Jennifer Jordy Woods. Back row, from left, are Carole Harrison Cahill, Jennifer Jones Durrett, Stephanie Neaville Scheich and Elizabeth Davis Wisdom, PHOTO COURTESY OF KIM CHAPMAN ODEN



The EAST TEXAS RANGERETTES FOREVER:

- Surprised Rangerettes during their work week in August with goodie bags of healthy snacks and fun items as well as Rangerette cookies provided by Kellyn Rozier Drayer.
- Treated Rangerettes to sno-balls after a fall field practice. Click here to watch an appreciation message from the Rangerettes.
- SHARE NEWS FROM YOUR FOREVER CHAPTER

Send an email to RetteForever News@gmail. com. If possible, include a highresolution, color photo and caption information.

- Prepared good-luck notes for the Rangerettes' trip to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- Delivered valentine surprises to the team. **FOREVERS DFW**:
- Donated supplies for and assembled healthy-snack boxes for the Rangerettes' Cotton Bowl rehearsals. ★

REVELS RECEPTION

11 A.M.–1 P.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 3, IN THE DEANA BOLTON COVIN RANGERETTE GYM



Swingsters, selected in November, are, front row, from left, Mikayla McMillan from Baytown; Fiona Shields, Fort Worth; Megan Ramos, Tomball; Zoë Dale, Celina; Claire Kimbel, Lewisville; Morgan Webb, Spicewood; Mackenzie Salazar, Kyle; Bailee Boyd, Whitehouse; and Ally Cullen, Buda. Bailee Boyd is head 82nd Line Swingster. Eighty-first Line Swingsters are, top row, from left, Saranda Adame, Deer Park; Mariana Vega, Katy; Baylie Senkel, College Station; Ivy Adams, Lantana; Katelyn Dickerson, Beaumont; Ashley Schutte, Garland; Kylie Dauper, McKinney; Emmy Brozak, Richardson; and Ivy Rose Sepulvado, Friendswood. Vega is head 81st Line Swingster. Click here to watch footage from Swingster tryouts. ★

SERVING WITH THEIR TALENTS





FRESHMAN LEADERS: Miller Kerr, left, of Dallas is sergeant, and Bailee Boyd of Whitehouse is treasurer of the 82nd Line. ★





SOCIAL-MEDIA MANAGERS: Managing social media for the Kilgore College Rangerettes this year are, from left, sophomores Lexi Leftwich of Combine and Allegra Norman of Farmers Branch. ★



Drive with pride

Does your Texas vehicle still lack a Kilgore College Rangerettes license plate? Know someone whose car needs one? To purchase a plate or extend the term of your existing one, **click here** or call 888-769-7528. Your plate helps keep the Rangerette design on the road. Plates start as low as \$35 a year for a five-year plan with random letter/number combinations.



Rangerettes appear in coverage across Texas

SHARING OUR HISTORY

KTBS 3 News went live in the Rangerette Showcase and Museum in August. **Click here** to watch the footage.

REVOLUTIONARY HONORS

The Samuel Paul Dinkins Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded two posthumous Women in American History awards in October to women with ties to the Rangerette organization. Rangerettes Director Dana Blair accepted Rangerettes founder Gussie Nell Davis' award. Martha Hale Deen, 31st Line, accepted the award on behalf of her late mother, Jeanne Denman Hale, founder of Rangerettes Forever. Click here to read more about the honors.

WORTH THE TRIP

Travel-show host Chet Garner filmed an episode of "The Daytripper" in Kilgore, and the Rangerette Showcase and Museum was on the list of must-see spots. Click here to watch the Rangerette segment of the show, in



which Garner attempts a high hick. **Click here** to watch full episode of the public-television show. ★

Top photo: Rangerettes Director Dana Blair, left, accepts the posthumous award for Rangerettes Founder Gussie Nell Davis. With her are, from left, Martha Hale Deen and Patti Cunyus of the Daughters of the American Revolution and sophomore Rangerette Lyy Adams. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARTHA HALE DEEN

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The Rangerette name, logo and the K-Girl image are trademarked property of Kilgore College. The unauthorized use of the name and images is a violation of law. Kilgore Col-

lege is committed to protecting the image and reputation of the Rangerette organization. Before using the Rangerette name, logo or K-Girl images in any manner, contact the Kilgore College marketing department.

• Do not allow posts on your social-media sites that include unauthorized

REPORT VIOLATIONS

Contact Kilgore
College's marketing department to
report unauthorized
use of the Rangerette name, logo or
K-Girl image:

MANNY ALMANZA,

KC director of marketing, malmanza@kilgore. edu or 903-983-8623

merchandise bearing the trademarked name or images.

• Report to KC Marketing any known individuals or companies using the trademarked name or images on goods or merchandise.

-Michael W. Jenkins,

Kilgore College executive vice president

WHAT ABOUT THE BIG HAIR GIRL?

Carolyn Thomas Raney holds the copyright for the Big Hair Girl. The copyright has been in place since 1971. For permission to use the Big Hair Girl, you must email Raney at carolynraney@sbcglobal. net, using the subject line "Big Hair Girl request." Violators using this artwork without approval will receive a cease-and-desist letter.

DONATE ANY DAY: Click here to give to a Rangerette scholarship.

RANGERETTE HOMECOMING ROYALTY



Rangerette Manager Kyle Stallard of Kilgore was crowned Kilgore College Homecoming king at the Nov. 6 game. Lt. Katie Rock was part of the Homecoming court. **Click here** to view more Homecoming photos from Kilgore College, and **click here** to view photos from Champagne Photography.



Kerryn M. Rock, left, accompanied daughter Katie Rock onto the field for the Homecoming court presentation. PHOTO/CHAMPAGNE PHOTOGRAPHY

Have your member card?

Membership cards went out in 2020 to reflect the updated Rangerettes Forever memberships. The organization offers two lifetime membership tiers: Platinum and Classic. Annual dues payment is no longer available.

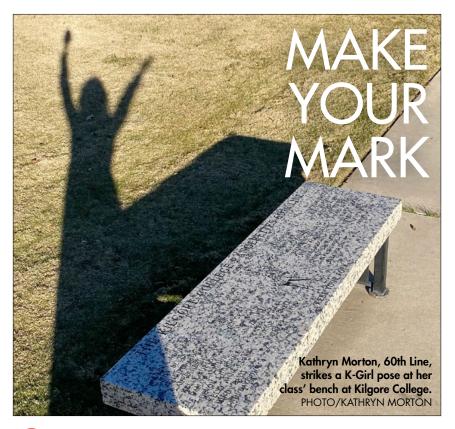
Unfortunately, we don't have complete records going back to the beginning of our organization. If you joined Rangerettes Forever as a lifetime member prior to October 2019 and



missed the messages and reminders about new cards, contact kcforevermembership@ gmail.com for details about ordering a replacement card. Send a picture of your lifetime plaque, as shown above, to expedite the process.

Click here to learn more about membership and to join.

STAY IN TOUCH: Click here to submit your contact and sister-line information to the Rangerettes Forever. When we have your most up-to-date details, you'll be the first to learn important information.



ommemorative 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 basic engraving or \$2,850 to list all names in a class. Only a handful of benches remain available. For details and to reserve your bench, contact 903-988-7523 or akinsey@kilgore.edu. ★



Show-offs returns to familiar venue — with worldwide audience

how-offs returned to Kilgore College's
Dodson Auditorium Aug. 20, with hundreds
of Forevers and Rangerette fans attending
in person — and more joining worldwide via a
livestream. Last year's program took place at R.E. St.

John Memorial Stadium, to observe COVID-19 safety protocols.

After their introductions, freshmen performed the kick. Sophomores performed this season's field kick and jazz.

The evening included the introduction of Rangerettes Forever officers and board members (see "Forevers begin their service as board members, officers," page 4) and a recap of Forever campaigns of the previous year.

After a months-long

tryout process, officer candidates from the 81st Line performed the strut in combinations. Outgoing officers passed their batons to Right End Lt. Emmy Brozak of Richardson, Right Middle Lt. Katelyn Dickerson of Beaumont, Left Middle Lt. Katie Rock of Plano, Left End Lt. Kylie Benavidez of Tatum and Capt. Mari Vega of Katy.

Read more about the officers on page 12.

Managers are Jacob Lucas, Alexis Jaramillo,
Ernesto Sanchez, Scott Silvey and Kyle Stallard. ★



Click here for more images from Champagne Photography

Click here, here, here and here for images from Frozen in Time Photography.

Click here to watch the full program recording, and **click here** to watch the recap.

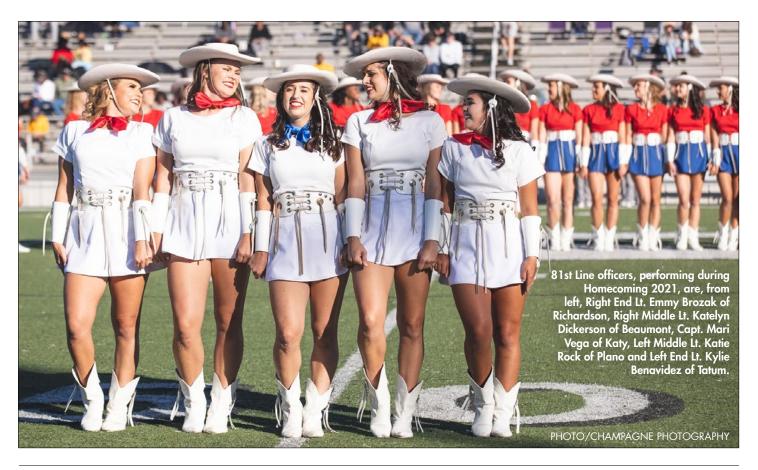






Leading ladies

AS THEY GUIDE THEIR TALENTED TEAM,
OFFICERS SHARE LIFE LESSONS — AND LAUGHS



RIGHT END

Lt. Emmy Brozak

WHAT'S A PERSONAL HABIT THAT HELPS YOU CONTINUE TO GROW AS A

LEADER? A personal habit I have that helps me grow as a leader is to remind myself every day that tomorrow is not guaranteed. To push my leadership abilities and qualities each day and never settle for a good day or fall back when there is a bad day. Treating each day with an open mindset and confident attitude helps me grow as a leader each day.

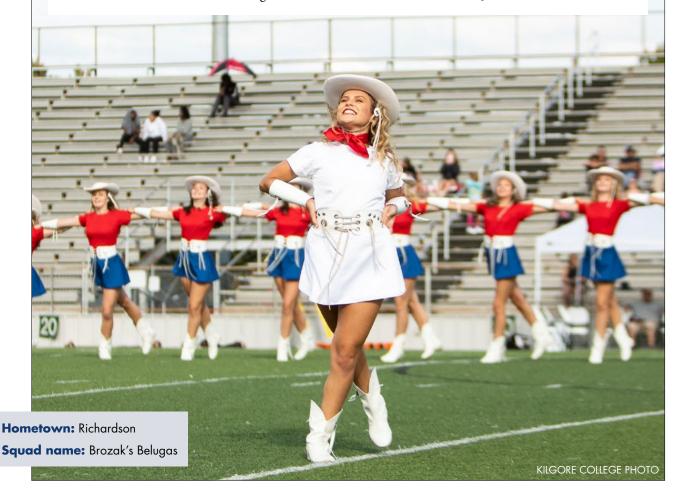
WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED AS AN OFFICER THAT YOU THINK WILL HELP YOU MOST THROUGHOUT THE REST OF

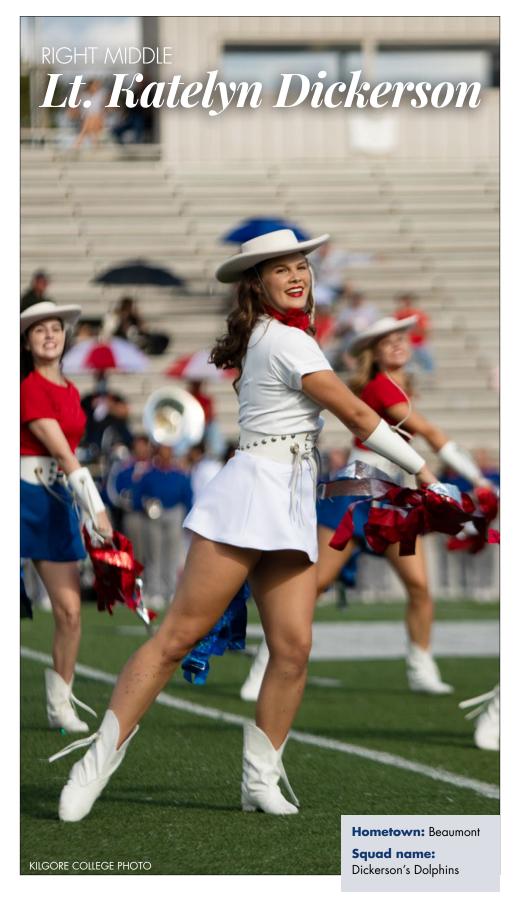
YOUR LIFE? Being an officer so far has taught me a lot of valuable life lessons. One thing that I have

really learned is that planning ahead, organizing my time well and living for the moment are just a few of the simple but most valuable things I have learned being an officer. Taking in others' opinions and working well as a team are things I've learned to get better with being in an officer position.

WHAT'S THE MOST HUMOROUS OFFICER EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD?

So far, there has been many great officers experiences. One really funny moment was when we were so delusional one night and we're planning our agenda for the next day and we ended up planning out all our squad songs one night in the movie room and laughed so hard and we're so delusional the whole night. *





WHY DID YOU TRY OUT FOR RANGERETTE OFFICER? I

wanted to try out for officer to have an opportunity to give back all that I've gained from Rangerettes to my class and the organization itself. Having freshman year to step back, become a better follower, and grow my love for my class and the organization, I was sure I had to try out when the time came. Additionally, coming out of an unfinished senior year, I missed being able to lead a team and help/teach others, which was another reason I had for trying out.

BESIDES PAST AND CURRENT DIRECTORS, WHO'S A LEADER WHO INSPIRES YOU AND

WHY? Stephanie Aumiller Snyder-Zuasnabar (72nd Line captain) is someone who I have looked up to from the day I met her. I had the pleasure of learning from her in high school as my drill-team director, and learned about Rangerettes through her! The reason I chose her is because of how passionate she is in everything she does. She really knows how to push you in a way that will make you grow, which I am forever grateful for. Her heart is always in the right place, she is down to business, and always prepared. I'm forever thankful I had such a great leader to look up to during my very impressionable years in high school!

WHAT'S THE MOST HUMOROUS OFFICER EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD?

The funniest thing that has happened so far as an officer line was when we thought the directors were taking us to Urban Air when we were all wearing cute dresses. It turned out that we were actually going to the escape rooms right next to the Urban Air. We really thought the directors were taking us to go jump on trampolines in cute dresses for a few minutes! *



LEFT MIDDLE

Lt. Katie Rock

WHY DID YOU TRY OUT FOR RANGER-

ETTE OFFICER? I really enjoyed being an officer my junior and senior years of high school and wanted to fulfill a similar role on Rangerettes. As a freshman, I looked to my officers and really wanted to be a leader like them who displayed qualities like selflessness, dedication, and strength, during all moments. If I were to be chosen as an officer, I intended to lead by example and do everything in my power to make the year remarkable and unforgettable, alongside four other supportive officers and my class.

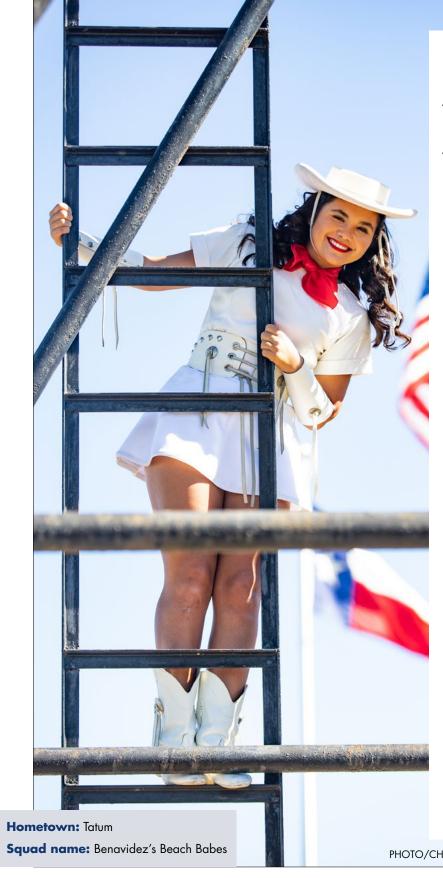
WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED AS AN OFFICER THAT YOU THINK WILL HELP YOU MOST THROUGHOUT THE REST OF

YOUR LIFE? As an officer so far, I have learned the importance of communication within our class, to the freshman, and with the directors and vice versa. The ability to appropriately and properly express the feelings and ideas of our class to the directors or freshmen is such a crucial component of our year being successful. No matter what the information is, the officers have the responsibility of being the liaison between all individuals within Rangerettes. This necessary skill will transfer over from Rangerettes to my everyday life outside of the organization.

WHAT'S THE MOST HUMOROUS OFFI-CER EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD?

During an officer practice, Kylie Benavidez (left-end lieutenant) was really cold and she saw a random jacket laying in the gym. She asked "Is it weird if I put this jacket on?" And we said no. She proceeded to put it on, but then one of the officers said, "Wait that's the custodian's!" And the custodian was upstairs but she was busy so she didn't hear us, but Kylie ran so fast and put the jacket back. This was the funniest moment ever. *

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LEFT END

Lt. Kylie Benavidez

WHAT'S A PERSONAL HABIT THAT HELPS YOU CONTINUE TO GROW

AS A LEADER? One habit that I find myself doing often is looking at all possible viewpoints before making a decision on anything. Whether that's looking at every outcome that could arise, viewing both sides of an argument, or something as simple as putting myself into someone else's shoes. I've learned that if I'm trying to argue the side that I'm opposed to, it helps me gain a better understanding of what the other person is thinking. I believe it is a healthy habit to have, especially when making decisions as an officer line.

BESIDES PAST AND CURRENT DIRECTORS, WHO'S A LEADER WHO INSPIRES YOU AND WHY?

There have been multiple leaders that have had an impact on me throughout my life. However, a leader that continues to inspire me daily would have to be my captain, Mari Vega. She is possibly the most selfless person I've ever met, all while providing the entire team with motivation and encouragement. She is the epitome of what leadership should look like. I can't believe I got so lucky as to be on an officer line with her.

WHAT'S THE MOST HUMOROUS OFFICER EXPERIENCE YOU'VE

HAD? (During a couple practices this fall), the officers thought it would be funny to switch up our positions while strutting and in the high kick just see what it would feel like. The directors did not notice and still have not said anything to us about it. It's like our little secret we laugh about from time to time. ★

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Hometown: Katy

Volcanoes

Squad name: Vega's

the strut during practice and the directors didn't notice ...

twice! ★

Back in the groove

RANGERETTES' SCHEDULE PICKS UP THE PACE WITH FAMILIAR EVENTS AND WHIRLWIND OPPORTUNITIES



FOOTBALL SEASON returned to its usual fall schedule, and the Rangerettes' season included special experiences with high school teams and younger Ranger Cuties. Performances include the season's high kick, a field jazz, pom and ladder routine. Click here and scroll down to view additional football-season images from Champagne Photography. Click here and scroll down to view multiple albums of football-season photos from Frozen in Time Photography.



Rangerettes helped open the **STATE FAIR OF TEXAS** Sept. 24 with performances in front of the Hall of State. **Click here** to watch.

COTTON BOWL HALL OF FAME

The Rangerettes traveled to AT&T Stadium for the **COTTON BOWL HALL OF FAME**. **Click here** to read coverage in The Dallas Morning News.





The Rangerettes, wearing maroon-and-gold costumes, performed in the MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE opener — watched by millions of viewers. Their Big Apple adventures included a master class with Emmy-winning choreographer Travis Wall. Click here to watch a video about their trip. Click here to view more photos from Champagne Photography. Click here for news coverage that preceded their travels.

The Rangerettes had a quick stop in Texas between New York and their next flight — to Hawaii, where they performed as part of ceremonies for the 80th anniversary of the attack on PEARL **HARBOR**. Click here to watch a video about their trip.



The Rangerettes have become part of the holidays in Kilgore — from lighting the derricks downtown to parades. The CHRISTMAS SHOW, a tradition since 2011, included guest performers from area school and studio groups. The program, "Home for the Holidays," concluded with a Rangerette high-kick extravaganza. Click here for photos from Champagne Photography and click here for photos from Frozen in Time Photography.



GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC

After last year's recorded performance, the Rangerettes returned in person to the **GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC** Dec. 31. **Click here** to watch the Rangerettes' Cotton Bowl memories. **Click here** to watch footage of the halftime. **Click here** to read coverage in the Longview News-Journal.

GUSSIE NELL DAVIS DANCE CLASSIC



The Rangerettes performed for exhibition at the GUSSIE NELL DAVIS DANCE CLASSIC competition Feb. 12 at Kilgore College. Click here to watch the kick. Admissions and ADTS patch sales raised more than \$10,700 for Rangerette scholarships, thanks to Joyce and C.R. Pennington of American Dance/Drill Team.





SEE THE RANGERETTES NEXT

REVELS: The Rangerettes' annual show opens with an invitation-only red-carpet event 7:45 p.m. Saturday, April 2, in Dodson Auditorium on the Kilgore College campus. A matinée is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 3. Additional shows are 7:30 nightly Wednesday through Saturday, April 6–9.

DANCE CONCERT: The Kilgore College Dance Department's annual concert is May 7. Watch KCDD social media for details.

MINI CAMP: Registration opens March first for two high-school/college mini camps: June 8–11 and June 12–15. Elementary- and middle-school camps will not be held this year. **Click here** and scroll down for more camp information.

PRE-TRAINING: New Rangerettes will be announced June 30 after an audition period that begins June 25. Tryout information is posted at Rangerette.com.

SHOW-OFFS: The first performance of the 2022–23 school year is tentatively set for Friday, Aug. 19, in Dodson Auditorium. Admission is free and seating is first come, first served. The event will be live-streamed. Watch Rangerette.com and Rangerette social media for details, as the event nears.

Tales from the continued adventures of Forevers and supporters



PHOTO COURTESY OF SYDNE ESTEL

Heritage High School in Frisco named SYDNE MILLER ESTEL, 71st Line, Teacher of the Year for 2021-22. She directs the Heritage Highsteppers with **ASHLEE CLOUD BLYTHE**, 73rd Line, assistant director.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBIN RICHARDSON

ROBIN RICHARDSON,

73rd Line, won a Telly Award for "Lights, Cameras, Tortillas," a feature story for Spectrum News 1 Texas. She is a multimedia journalist and culture reporter with Spectrum.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEE ANN PEDERSON

DEE ANN PEDERSON, 39th Line, published a 2022 Nature's Inspirations calendar titled "Lions and Tigers and Bears, OH MY!" Copies of the 4-inch-by-6-inch calendar are available on her website by clicking here.



LORI SUTTER, 46th Line, spoke about wetlands in the documentary "Sacred Waters: The Okefenokee in Peril" that premiered in fall 2021. She is introduced at about the 21:30-minute mark. Click here to watch the documentary. She started a new job this semester as an assistant professor in the Department of Biology and Marine Biology at University of North Carolina Wilmington.



PHOTO/O. RUFUS LOVETT

Longview Ballet Theatre is honoring founder PAT GEORGE MITCHELL, 26th Line, as she takes her final bow as artistic director after 50 years. Click here to learn more about the special performance. Next January, Arts!Longview will award her its first Lifetime Achievement Award for Artistic Excellence. Click here to read more about the honor.

SHARE YOUR SUCCESSES AND MILESTONES!

We want to hear about your exciting new jobs, promotions and achievements. Email your news to RetteForeverNews@gmail.com. Include a high-resolution, color photo and caption information.

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PHOTO/HOUSTON TEXANS CHEERLEADERS

LAUREN CHAPMAN, 71st Line, is a fifth-year Houston Texans Cheerleader.



PHOTO/HOUSTON TEXANS CHEERLEADERS

MORGAN COVIN, 76th Line, is a second-year Houston Texans Cheerleader.



PHOTO/DALLAS COWBOYS
CHEERLEADERS

AMBER MCMILLAN, 74th Line, is a fourth-year veteran Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader. She is also a second leader for one of the team's groups and in DCC's Show Group.



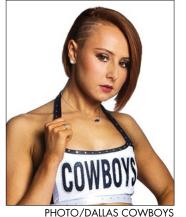
PHOTO/DALLAS COWBOYS CHEERLEADERS

KELEE NORRIS, 79th Line, is a rookie Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader. **Click here** to read more about her making the team.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE LOCCISANO

MICHELLE MAYO
LOCCISANO, 69th Line, is a new fifth-grade teacher at Palmetto Elementary School in Poinciana, Fla. She performs seasonally as a Beauxbaton dancer in the TriWizard Spirit Rally in Harry Potter World, Hogsmeade, at Universal Studios in Orlando.



RHYTHM & BLUE
MARYELLE STEPHENSON,

75th Line, is in her fourth year with Dallas Cowboys Rhythm & Blue.



PHOTO/TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS CHEERLEADERS

KIRSTIE TULLIS, 71st Line, is a third-year Tampa Bay Buccaneers cheerleader.



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS PHOTO/ STEVE SANDERS

ALLISON NICOLE EIGSTI, 76th Line, is a field veteran with the Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders.



JENNA JUDKINS, 77th Line, landed a position as a tax associate with KPMG's San Antonio office, where she will begin work in the fall. In October, she became assistant manager of the New Braunfels Orangetheory Fitness, where she is also social-media captain.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNA JUDKINS

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DIANA ZUNIGA, 27th Line, is profiled in the book "SHE: (Believed She Could So She Did)" by Deborah Cole. Zuniga is president and owner of Investors Alliance Inc. in Austin. Click here to learn more about the book. This year, her office project at 7th and Rio Grande in Austin won an Outstanding Construction Award from the Austin Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.



NATALIE SASSAMAN, 77th Line, is a new nurse resident at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.



STALCUP FINCHER, 73rd Line, opened a second location of Intensive Dance Company in Kilgore. She owns and directs the company that also has a studio in Henderson.



JORDYN EWING
MCNIEL, 72nd
Line, earned two
International Society
of Arboriculture
certifications, was
named area safety
representative and
was promoted to lead
consulting utility
forester with Ohiobased ACRT Services
Inc.



PENNY HETH, 78th Line, is a new fifth- and sixth-grade science, technology, engineering and mathematics teacher at Sloan Creek Intermediate School in Fairview.



360 West magazine named CARMON
JONES GORDON,
47th Line, one of its Best Real Estate
Agents and Top
Producers of 2021.
She is a Realtor with
Burt Ladner Real
Estate in Fort Worth
and owner of Events,
a fine stationery and
gifts business.



Houston Business
Journal named
MARGO KOCHRAN
COSTELLO, 36th
Line, Most Admired
CEO. She is president
of Bellaire-based
Riverway Business
Services.



JENNA HELDUSER, 73rd Line, is a client-engagement coordinator with College Station-based Flippen Group's Capturing Kids' Hearts program.



MARLA
CODRINGTON
VALK, 50th Line, won
Texas Dance Educators
Association's lifetime
achievement award. She
is Round Rock ISD's
fine-arts coordinator.
She taught at Westwood
High School for 25
years and directed the
school's SunDancer
dance team for 17 years.



Texas Dance Educators Association inducted SHELLEY STOECK WAYNE, 46th Line and Rangerettes assistant director and choreographer, into its Hall of Fame.

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MCCUTCHEON
WALKER, 45th Line,
was promoted to
national real estate lead
with McDonald's.



MINDY DAVIS, 60th Line, was promoted to executive in charge of production with ViacomCBS in New York City.



RACHEL HARVEY DUDLEY, 70th Line, is a new oncology nurse with START Center for Cancer Care in San Antonio.



MACKENZIE

JARDELL, 72nd Line, is a new mental-health therapist at Clarity

Counseling in northern Virginia.



SKYLAR MORGAN, 76th Line, is a new kindergarten teacher at E.C. Brice Elementary School in Mount Pleasant.



OF MADELINE BENOIT

BENOIT, 75th Line, is a first-

MADELINE DOERR

year Knicks City Dancer.



PHOTO/DALLAS STARS ICE GIRLS



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EMILY SHYMKIW, 75th Line, is a fourth-year Dallas Stars Ice Girl

MADISON BLALOCK, 78th Line, is a rookie Dallas Stars Ice Girl. ABIGAIL LYON, 78th Line, is a rookie Dallas Stars Ice Girl.

More Kicks & Cadence on page 25.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ROCHELLE RODRIGUEZ, 56th Line, designed and manufactured Spirit of America Production's danceproduction costume for the 2021 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

ERIN CUMMINGS, 56th Line, has become an ambassador for Baby Quest

Foundation. **Click here** to watch her discuss the nonprofit that awards financial assistance for fertility expenses.

JAMIE SHIVES WALLACE-GRINER,

59th Line, is a hero in Season 6 of "Queer Eye" on Netflix. Watch her episode, "Snow White of Central Texas." She is founder of Safe in Austin rescue ranch. Learn more at SafeInAustin.org.

Click here to read an article about her experience on the show.

See ASHLEY (MARTIN) ATWOOD,

61st Line, portray Older Aileen in "Aileen Wuornos: American Boogeywoman," on Netflix. Atwood, a newly licensed real estate agent, owns Sunshine Hill Properties and is a Realtor with The J Group RE in Arizona.

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EMILY FOSTER VEGA, 59th Line, is now a special-ed inclusion teacher in Alief Independent School District.



PHOTO COURTESY OF EMILY VEGA

O G E T E S O

SAMANTHA STAPPER GONZALEZ, 75th Line, is teaching life skills at Forest Ridge Elementary in College Station.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SAMANTHA GONZALEZ

ET VIEW named
AMY MIMS
BRUYERE, 67th
Line, to its 40 Under
Forty Class of 2021.
She teaches at Judson
STEAM Academy.
HOLLY TRYON
PATTERSON, 70th
Line, was a runner up
in the photography-



and-graphic-design category. She runs Holly Patterson Photography. **COURTNEY LEWIS KLEPFER**, 62nd Line, was runner up in the marketing-and-advertising category. She is business development director for Ross & Shoalmire PLLC, with offices in Tyler and Longview. PHOTO COURTESY OF AMY BRUYERE

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Looking for a gift for your adopted Rangerette? Or a present for your favorite Forever? **Click here** to purchase a lifetime membership to Rangerettes Forever.

In loving memory:

BARBARA JO DAMUTH

DICKSON, Sixth Line, passed away in September. **Click here** to read her obituary.

DORIS JOAN CULVER SAMPSON,

Sixth Line, passed away in February. **Click here** to read her obituary.

SARA THOMAS BULLARD,

Seventh Line, passed away in October. She was a lieutenant her freshman year and captain her sophomore year. **Click here** to read her obituary.

ELAINE PETTY ALLEN, Eighth Line, passed away in October. **Click here** to read her obituary.

JEWEL ERNESTINE PLAYER BOYLES, Ninth Line, passed away in October. **Click here** to read her obituary.

WYLAND "WALLY" WORTH FULLER, a manager in 1950–51, passed away in August. Click here to read his obituary.

CAROLYN WATKINS KENNEDY,

13th Line, passed away in January. **Click here** to read her obituary.

CHARLENE ANN CORBAN RENSHAW, 14th Line, passed away in November. **Click here** to read her obituary.

PATRICIA PORTER
CASTERLINE, 15th Line, passed away in January. Click here to read her obituary.

ADA MAXINE "SISSY" MCCULLOUGH DUPRE, 15th

Line, passed away in February. **Click here** to read her obituary.

LORETTA GAY JENKINS WOLF

HUFF, 17th Line, passed away in November. **Click here** to read her obituary.

JANE ELLEN PRITCHARD

HARWELL, 21st Line, passed away in January. **Click here** to read her obituary.

GLENDA SMITH BUTTS, 21st

Line, passed away in January. **Click here** to read her obituary.

PAT HODGES, 25th Line, passed away in August. **Click here** to read her obituary.

TERRIE SUZANNE ALLEN

ROGERS, 32nd Line, passed away in September. **Click here** to read her obituary.

FONDA MULLINS WILDS, 35th

Line, passed away in January. **Click here** to read her obituary.

KEMBERLY GALE KIBBE, 37th

Line, passed away in November. **Click here** to read her obituary.

LISA FARRELL SMENTEK, 41st Line, and KRISTI FREEMAN,

62nd Line, passed away in February, as this edition was in its final stages. Look for their obituaries in the next newsletter.