



## HELP A 'RETTE PACK HER SUITCASE

The Kilgore College Rangerettes are headed to New York City for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Hawaii to honor the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and to Washington, D.C. Consider sponsoring a Rangerette for these trips. Any amount makes a difference, and you can specify your donation for a particular team member. "It costs more to do the things the Rangerettes have always done," Megan DeHoyos, 66th Line and manager of the Rangerette Showcase and Museum, said. "It truly is a need." Click here to download a sponsorship form, or send a check to Kilgore College Rangerettes, Attn: Shelley Wayne, 1100 Broadway, Kilgore, TX 75662. Write "Sponsor a Rangerette" in the memo line of your check.



KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2016

The Kilgore College Rangerettes line up at the end of their halftime performance Sept. 17 at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore.

# Homecoming!

Join us for Homecoming festivities throughout the day Oct. 29:

**EX-STUDENT LUNCH:** 11 a.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom. KC will honor the 1966 championship Ranger football team as Ex-Students for 2016. Reservations required. Contact [eashley@kilgore.edu](mailto:eashley@kilgore.edu) or call 903-983-8182. Cost: \$10 for non-honorees.

**THE TAILGATE:** 1:30 p.m. at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium. Alumni Association members are invited to a free tailgate. Need to become a member? Visit [Kilgore.edu/alumni](http://Kilgore.edu/alumni) for details.

**THE GAME:** Kilgore College takes on Tyler Junior College 3 p.m. at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium.

**CASINO NIGHT:** 7-11 p.m. Lazy S Ranch Party Barn, 1005 S. Danville Road, Kilgore. Play for prizes, silent auction. \$30 ticket includes barbecue dinner, poker chips and entertainment. Buy tickets at the game, at the Rangerette Showcase or at the door.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

# This organization is your heritage

Greetings Forevers,

What a special time of year this is for Forevers when we can reflect back on our memories at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium. When we take that drive to East Texas to see our heritage live on the Kilgore College football field. I know it is so much easier in our busy lives to watch the performances on Facebook, but there is nothing like going there and walking into the same stadium where you once performed. Bring your family and bring your friends. They need to see where this phenomenon began, and you need to be back among the vibrant energy of the Rangerette organization. Maybe the names and faces have changed, but the heritage has not. This is your heritage. You are part of making it great!



**BEVERLY  
ROCHIN  
SWATZELL**  
36TH LINE

The fall began with work week, and the Forevers sponsored a pizza night for the team, during which Forevers shared some of their favorite memories. Next was Show-offs, with the naming of the new officers and the introduction of the new line. The Forevers sponsored an event immediately after Show-offs for Forevers, family and friends to get together and celebrate the new line and officers. It was a full house and fun for everyone. The excitement of the event was seeing director Dana Blair getting to share the evening with her very deserving and talented daughter, Alexa. This amazing woman, who has brought the 'Rettes to the next level and raised the standards of the Rangerette program, is now experiencing it as a mom.

At the same time, the Forevers were meeting and discussing our next projects and fundraisers. The first one is Casino Night immediately after the Homecoming game

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on Oct. 29. We are doing this in lieu of the traditional luncheon. The fun begins 7 p.m. for an evening of barbecue, entertainment by the Rangerettes, games and prizes, casino fun and a silent auction. It is BYOB, so it is geared toward an adult event. The Kilgore community is invited, and we have some fantastic celebrity dealers for your fun. Also, the 36th Line (1975-77) is celebrating their 40th reunion and invited their sophomores and freshmen. Tickets are on sale Homecoming weekend at the game, at the Rangerette Showcase or at the door. The money we make will go to Rangerette scholarships and helping Rangerette programs. For info, email [RangerettesForever@gmail.com](mailto:RangerettesForever@gmail.com).

Our second initiative has been securing a place on Amazon Smile to earn an additional scholarship for the Rangerettes. Velma Yount and I have been working with Kilgore College President Dr. Brenda Kays, Leah Gorman and the KC Foundation to get the KC Foundation accepted on Amazon Smile, and the foundation has agreed to give the first profits to the Forevers for a Rangerette Scholarship. To help, go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and pick the Kilgore College Foundation as your charity. We will automatically get a percentage of your purchases. Be sure and log into Amazon Smile every time so we can capture that money for our girls. And please spread the word to your family and friends who use Amazon. It is an easy switch. So click on Amazon Smile and buy, buy, buy!!

Forever yours,  
**Beverly Rochin Swatzell**, '75-'77, 36th Line  
Rangerettes Forever president

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## Bits & Boots

### Back to the ball

The Rangerettes were invited back to perform at the Texas State Society's Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball. A group of 19 sophomore Rangerettes will make the trip to Washington, D.C., thanks to the support of Kilgore Mayor Ronnie Spradlin and Southwest Airlines. For details about the Jan. 19 event, visit [www.texasstatesociety.org/events/black-tie-and-boots-inaugural-ball](http://www.texasstatesociety.org/events/black-tie-and-boots-inaugural-ball)



Rangerettes perform at the 2013 Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO

**NAMES NEEDED:** The Rangerettes Forever organization is accepting nominations for its next elections. All officer positions and half the board will be open. The nomination deadline likely will be in early August.

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. Rangerettes Forever lifetime membership is \$150. Alumni Association annual membership is \$25 per year or \$250 for a lifetime.



**HONORARY FOREVERS:** The Rangerettes Forever board selected Jon Vashey and Chris Craddock as honorary lifetime Forevers, to be announced at Homecoming halftime Oct. 29.

Both consistently have supported the Rangerettes and Rangerettes Forever in their fields of expertise.

Craddock, himself a Kilgore College graduate, is KC's coordinator of public and sports information. He has served the college and the Rangerettes with eloquence and accuracy since 2007. Vashey was Kilgore College's coordinator of marketing and graphic design services from 2010 until this past summer.



**HALL OF FAMER:** The late Miss Gussie Nell Davis, creator and first director of the Kilgore College Rangerettes, was inducted into the Kilgore College Athletics Hall of Fame Oct. 15. [Click here](#) to read more.



Zepeda



Brown

**NEW LEADERS:** Andress Zepeda of Deer Park is sergeant, and Myah Brown of Midlothian is treasurer of the 77th Line.



Sophomores perform the jazz. PHOTO/MICHELLE CAMPBELL



# TALENT ON DISPLAY

Freshmen perform their sophomore song, to the tune of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" theme, "Lip Gloss" by Lil Mama, "My Boo" Ghost Town DJs, "One Dance" by Drake, "Where You Lead" by Carole King, and "History" by One Direction.



PHOTO/MICHELLE CAMPBELL

## Show-offs presents new freshmen, officers, dances

**W**eeks after they became a team, the 76th and 77th Lines performed for family, friends and Forevers during Show-offs Aug. 19 in Dodson Auditorium.

After their introductions, freshmen performed the kick and their sophomore song. Sophomores performed this season's field kick, "Phoenix," and jazz, "Uprising."

The event recognized Forevers in the audience, including Gay Culp, the only living member of the First Line.

Payton Kornegay of Deer Park was named social media manager.

In the finale of their months-long tryout process, officer candidates performed the strut in combinations, with the batons settling on Lt. Gabby Azios, right end; Lt. Kyla Drake, right middle; Lt. Lauren Ligon, left middle; Lt. Shaena Rinehart, left end; and Capt. Madison Cashion. ★

### SCENES FROM THE SHOW

**Click here** to view additional Kilgore College photos from the event.

... and **here** for images from Rette, White and Blue magazine's Facebook album.



The new officer line  
KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO/JAMIE MALDONADO



Joann Rambo Hankins, Sixth Line, left, sits with Gay Culp, the only living member of the First Line.

PHOTO/MICHELLE CAMPBELL



Lt. Lauren Ligon earned the same left middle spot as her mother, Kim Barnett Ligon, 44th Line.

PHOTO/MICHELLE CAMPBELL

# Kick in for the 'Rettes

## ADOPT AN ACTIVE

It's never too late to adopt a Rangerette. Email [RetteAdoption@gmail.com](mailto:RetteAdoption@gmail.com) with the name of the Rangerette you'd like to adopt or to request an assignment. (Please do not use personal email addresses or Facebook messages.) The goal is for each Rangerette to have multiple Forevers, so adopting a Rangerette with a fellow alumna is an option.

If you adopted a freshman Rangerette last year, you keep her as your adoptee her sophomore year.

After adopting her, please contact your Rangerette at least three times a month — by email, phone, social media or a letter/card.

## CONTRIBUTE TO TRAVEL

Consider sponsoring a Rangerette for her upcoming trips. Any amount is accepted and makes a difference. Details on page 1.

## DONATE TO A SCHOLARSHIP

Honor the second Rangerette director, the late Deana Bolton Covin, by making a donation to her Rangerette Scholarship. There are two ways to give:

- Send checks (made payable to the Kilgore College and referencing the Deana Bolton Covin Scholarship in the memo line) to Kilgore College, c/o Paula Jamerson or Leah Gorman, 1100 Broadway, Kilgore, TX 75662.
- Pay online via the KC Foundation website at <https://www.kilgore.edu/node/4893>. To designate your donation for the scholarship, select "Scholarships" in the "I'd like my gift to go toward" field, then select "In memory of" and enter "Deana Bolton Covin." You do not need to enter her address.

## JOIN THE NEW KC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

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

Free tail gate 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

**Sports Grill:** 10 percent off purchases

**Ranger Café:** Flat rate meal for only \$5

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

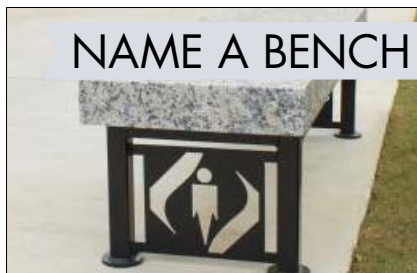
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## Keep our plates on the road

Purchase a Kilgore College Rangerettes license plate or extend the term of an existing one at [MyPlates.com](http://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.

## NAME A BENCH

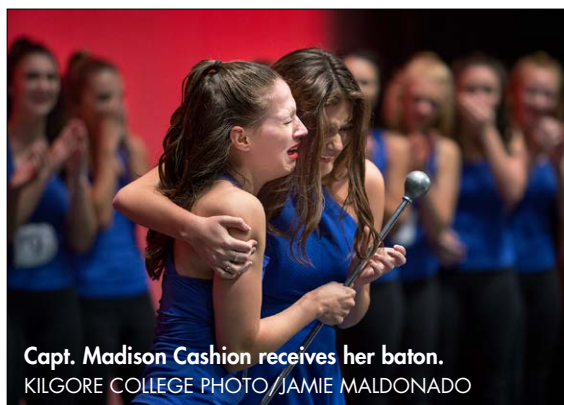


Commemorative benches in Kilgore College's new Mike Miller Plaza offer an opportunity to honor classes, officer lines and other Forevers. The 30 granite-and-iron benches can be personalized with an inscription limited to three lines of up to 60 characters. Bench customization requires a single or collective donation of \$2,500.

**Click here** to read more about the benches on the Kilgore College website.

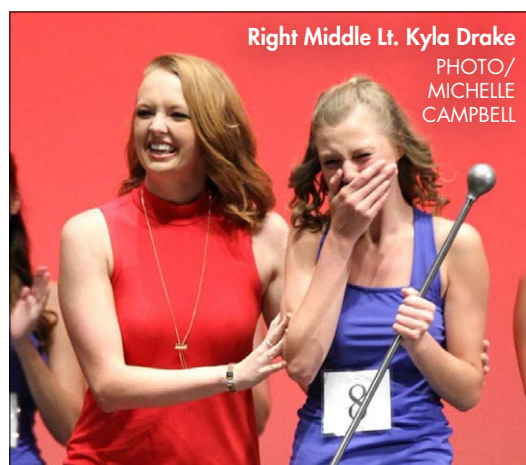
To purchase a bench or for details, contact 903-988-7521 or [lgorman@kilgore.edu](mailto:lgorman@kilgore.edu).





# All about the O's

MEET THE LEADING LADIES OF THE 2016–17 LINE



RIGHT END

## *Lt. Gabby Azios*

### WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING LESSON YOU LEARNED IN THE OFFICER-TRYOUT PROCESS?

The most surprising lesson I learned in the officer audition process was that it is essential to lean on your friends for support. They want to be there for you as much as they can during the process.

### WHAT WERE YOU THINKING THE FIRST TIME YOU DID THE STRUT ON THE FIELD AS AN OFFICER?

The first time we did the strut on the field I was incredibly nervous. I couldn't believe that it was my name they were announcing over the speakers. It was so surreal and I was just trying to take it all in.

**Hometown:** Cedar Park

**Squad name:** Azios' Alpacas

### Favorite leadership quote:

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." —Ronald Reagan

### WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER SO FAR?

The most important thing I have learned as an officer so far is that it is so important to communicate and put what's best for the organization at the forefront! ★



RIGHT MIDDLE

## *Lt. Kyla Drake*

### WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING LESSON YOU LEARNED IN THE OFFICER-TRYOUT PROCESS?

The amount of support our class has for one another. It was incredible to see our class constantly encouraging the candidates as well as all of us cheering on each other. Although I definitely knew we were a close class to begin with, I think this entire process brought us together and unified us even more.

### WHAT WERE YOU THINKING THE FIRST TIME YOU DID THE STRUT ON THE FIELD AS AN OFFICER?

The first time I did the strut on the field was the most surreal feeling. There is truly nothing like having that baton in your hand, wearing the white, and having your name announced over the speaker. It is truly so humbling as well, getting to strut out with your team knowing that we

**Hometown:** College Station

**Squad name:** Drake's Dragons

### Favorite leadership quote:

"Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better."  
—Bill Bradley

have all worked so hard for this moment. I cannot think of a better word than just amazing.

### WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER SO FAR?

Thinking about the team as a whole. We always think about all the possible outcomes and how it will affect our entire team. This helps to keep us cohesive and remain a unit in all that we do. ★



KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTOS/JAMIE MALDONADO





Officers during a 2016 football game, from left: Right End Lt. Gabby Azios, Right Middle Lt. Kyla Drake, Capt. Madison Cashion, Left Middle Lt. Lauren Ligon and Left End Lt. Shaena Rinehart. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO/JAMIE MALDONADO

CENTER

## *Capt. Madison Cashion*



### **WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING LESSON YOU LEARNED IN THE OFFICER-TRYOUT PROCESS?**

Always remaining confident in what I had to offer. I was created to be myself and no one else. I told myself throughout the process that God had already picked out the officers for my class, and that gave me peace.

**WHAT WERE YOU THINKING THE FIRST TIME YOU DID THE STRUT ON THE FIELD AS AN OFFICER?** My thoughts were honestly all over the place. I do remember having a moment while waiting for the fight song where I thought, "This time last year, I would have never guessed this would be my view tonight." I could not and

**Hometown:** College Station

**Squad name:** Cashion's Creatures

**Favorite leadership quote:** "The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant."  
—Max DePree

still cannot believe that this is the life God chose for me.

**WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER SO FAR?** Definitely relying on my fellow officers. It is vital to always remain unified and to take on every situation, good or bad, together. ★



LEFT MIDDLE

## Lt. Lauren Ligon



### WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING LESSON YOU LEARNED IN THE OFFICER-TRYOUT PROCESS?

You were created to be YOU. Be comfortable with who you are and all that you bring to the table. If you truly believe in yourself, you can accomplish great things. All will fall into place just how it is supposed to.

### WHAT WERE YOU THINKING THE FIRST TIME YOU DID THE STRUT ON THE FIELD AS AN OFFICER?

I was in awe that this moment that I had been waiting for was finally here. I felt so much pride to be strutting on the same yard line with the same baton that my mother acquired 32 years prior. To be able to be in this position is such a privilege. To be able to follow so many talented young ladies is an honor!

**Hometown:** Richardson

**Squad name:** Ligon's Ligers

**Favorite Leadership Quote:** "Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, how you leave others feeling after having an experience with you becomes your trademark." —Jay Danzie

**WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER SO FAR?** There is peace in the process. The responsibility of being an officer requires hard work, dedication and motivation. With all of these requirements, there is also so much enjoyment in serving your team and having the opportunity to positively impact others. ★

LEFT END

## Lt. Shaena Rinehart



### WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING LESSON YOU LEARNED IN THE OFFICER-TRYOUT PROCESS?

That the 76th line is composed of some of the most amazing girls I've ever met. I knew they were all great, but during that week, the 76th Line was my backbone. Everyone, whether they were trying out or not, was so incredibly supportive and loving. I have so much appreciation for each and every one of them.

### WHAT WERE YOU THINKING THE FIRST TIME YOU DID THE STRUT ON THE FIELD AS AN OFFICER?

It was a perfect combination of thrill and anxiety. I was still in awe of the fact that I was doing the strut. It wasn't until I heard the announcer say my name

**Hometown:** Nederland

**Squad Name:** Rinehart's Reindeer

**Favorite leadership quote:** "Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." —John Wesley

that it felt completely real. It's a feeling that I will never forget.

### MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER?

To be confident in yourself and lean on your other officers. Being an officer comes with a lot of responsibility and decision-making. By being confident and supporting your other officers, you are able to make quick decisions that will overall help the team grow and thrive. ★

# Out & about

'Rettes lend their support — and kicks — at events

## S.A.F.F.E. DAY

RANGERETTE PHOTO



The Kilgore College Rangerettes were guests at the Sept. 15 premiere of a Chip Hale-directed documentary about **S.A.F.F.E. DAY**, an event hosted by Kilgore Fire Department. Hale, a former Rangerette manager, previously created "Sweethearts of the Gridiron," the award-winning documentary about the Kilgore College Rangerettes.

## UP NEXT

Here's where you can see the Kilgore College Rangerettes next:

**HOMECOMING GAME:** 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium

**KILGORE DERRICK LIGHTING:** 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in downtown Kilgore.

**MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE:** Watch 8 a.m. Central Time Thursday, Nov. 24, on NBC. Details: [www.macys.com/parade](http://www.macys.com/parade)

**KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29.

**RANGERETTE CHRISTMAS SHOW:** 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in Dodson Auditorium. Details: [Rangerette.com](http://Rangerette.com).

**GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC:** Jan. 2, 2017, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Details: [www.goodyearcottonbowl.com](http://www.goodyearcottonbowl.com).

**BLACK TIE & BOOTS PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL BALL:** 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at Gaylord National Resort in the Washington, D.C., area. Details: [www.texasblacktieandboots.com](http://www.texasblacktieandboots.com)

KC President Dr. Brenda Kays speaks at the dedication.

KC PHOTO



## PLAZA DEDICATION

Rangerettes attended the dedication of **MIKE MILLER PLAZA** July 29 at Kilgore College.

Freshman Taylor Hobbs, top, and sister Megan Roberts display their passdown sign.

KC PHOTO



## KC KICKOFF

Rangerettes showed their spirit at **KC KICKOFF** Sept. 1 at Kilgore College.

## STATE FAIR

Sophomore Rangerettes performed the high kick at the opening ceremony of the **STATE FAIR OF TEXAS** Sept. 30. [Click here](#) to watch a video from the Dallas Police Department.







## Now available in the Showcase

This blue top featuring the lyrics "Lift your head and hold it high" is for sale in the Rangerette Showcase and Museum. Shirts are \$30 each. Call 903-983-8265 for availability. Order over the phone or visit the Showcase the next time you're on the Kilgore College campus.



# Rangerettes Forever

## CASINO NIGHT

**7-11 p.m. Oct. 29, 2016 • Lazy S Ranch Party Barn**

DETAILS ON PAGE 1



# Kicks & Cadence

Tales from the continued adventures of Forevers and supporters

PHOTO COURTESY OF RACHEL BUMGARDNER



Rachel Bumgardner, bottom left, and Amy Tidwell with their team

**RACHEL KELLER BUMGARDNER**, 71st Line, is the new director of the Robert E. Lee High School Southern Belles in Tyler. She previously was the group's assistant director. The Belles' new assistant varsity director and JV director is **AMY FUNDERBURK TIDWELL**, 66th Line.



**MICHELLE MAYO**, 69th Line, moved to Orlando to work at Walt Disney World as a parade performer.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE MAYO

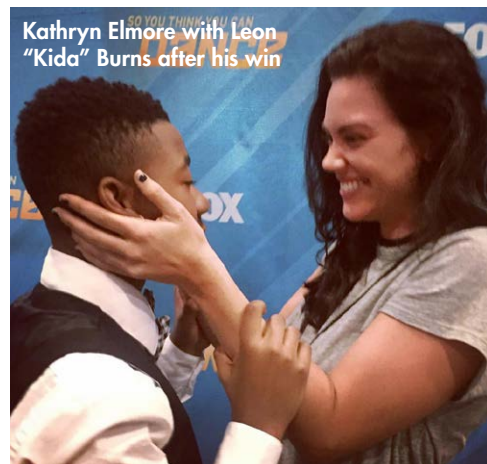


Michelle Mayo in Walt Disney World



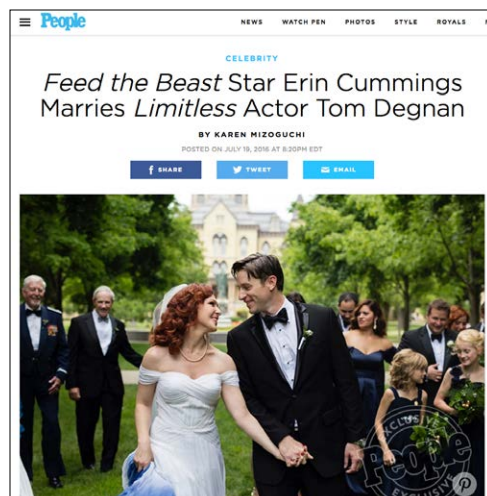
PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINE KLEINECKE

**CHRISTINE KLEINECKE**, 73rd Line, is assistant director of the Sapphires at Rick Reedy High School in Frisco, where she also teaches algebra and dance.



Kathryn Elmore with Leon "Kida" Burns after his win

**KATHRYN ELMORE**, 70th Line, is dance agent of Leon "Kida" Burns, who won "So You Think You Can Dance: The Next Generation." Elmore is an agent at Clear Talent Group in California. PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHRYN ELMORE



**ERIN CUMMINGS**, 56th Line, married actor Tom Degan in July wearing a dress by **ROCHELLE RODRIGUEZ**, 56th Line. [Click here](#) to read the article and see photos on People.com.

Please see more *Kicks & Cadence* on page 13.



## Kicks & Cadence

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY CUPPLES

**ASHLEY CUPPLES**, 71st Line, is an Arizona Cardinals Cheerleader.

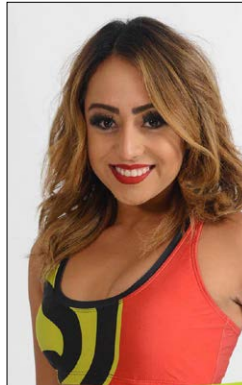


PHOTO COURTESY OF ARIANA SALAZAR

**ARIANA SALAZAR**, 71st Line, is an Atlanta Hawks Cheerleader.



PHOTO/DALLAS STARS ICE GIRLS

**NICOLE AHLFINGER**, 69th Line, is a Dallas Stars Ice Girl.



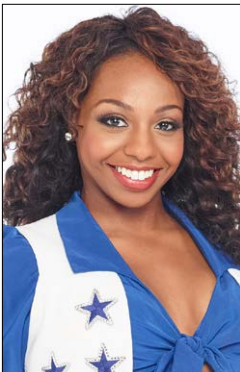
PHOTO/ALLEN AMERICANS ICE ANGELS

**WHITNEY ROBERTSON**, 72nd Line, is Allen Americans Ice Angel.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CASSIE DYSON

**CASSIE ROWLAND DYSON**, 70th Line, is teaching geometry at Allen High School, her alma mater.



**ROBIN RICHARDSON**, 73rd Line, returned for her second year as a Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader. She also made the team's elite Show Group. Watch her in this season's "Making the Team" on CMT.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DALLAS COWBOYS CHEERLEADERS



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZABETH DAVIS

**ELIZABETH ELDRIDGE DAVIS**, 61st Line, is the new director of Jasper Jazz drill team at Jasper High School in Plano.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LIBBY POWER

**LIBBY POWER**, 73rd Line, is director of the new competitive drill team at Tammy's Dance Center in Waxahachie, her home studio.



PHOTO/HTC

**LAUREN CHAPMAN**, 71st Line, is a rookie Houston Texans Cheerleader.



PHOTO/HTC

**ASHLEY SIMIEN**, 68th Line, is a third-year Houston Texans Cheerleader.



**LAUREN GIBLER**, 68th Line, was featured in DFW.com's 2016 Hot Issue. **Click here** to view images from her photoshoot and read her interview in the publication.



### GIVE A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Looking for a gift for your adopted Kilgore College Rangerette? Or a present for your favorite Forever? Annual dues are \$20, but you can become a lifetime member for \$150 — at any time. Membership benefits include priority purchasing for Revels tickets, travel opportunities and social events. Send your check to Rangerettes Forever, 1100 Broadway, Kilgore, TX 75662.

Share your successes and milestones! We want to hear about your exciting new jobs, promotions and achievements. Tell us about weddings and new family members, too. Email your news to [RetteForeverNews@gmail.com](mailto:RetteForeverNews@gmail.com). Include a high-resolution, color photo and caption information.

## FOREVER SPOTLIGHT

## Praying for perfection — and finding faith

BY MEGAN SHUFFLE SHEPHERD

**M**ichele DuVall Summerall been helping coaches pick out the perfect poms for their teams for more than a decade. “My job is a huge blessing,” she said. “It is my great joy to stay connected to the many greats of the drill team world: the directors who daily impact the kids they love through the platform we all love: dance/drill team.”

**What made you want to be a Rangerette?**

In my senior year, my drill team director, Lisa Owens Miller, encouraged me to try out for Rangerettes all year long, but I was a hard sell. It wasn't until my close friend Carla Rudiger Weaver, who was a year behind me in high school, promised she would try out the following year if I went that year. That apparently was the extra push I needed. I was drawn to the program after I saw in person how majestic their uniform was and how amazingly talented they were when they performed at Mike Miller's Miss Texas Drill Team Contest during my senior year.

**What are you most proud of in your life?**

My family. My talented, loving husband who could do most anything for a career but who has chosen ministry and our two funny, kind-hearted boys.

**How did your time at Kilgore shape you into the woman you are now?** I could say that Kilgore turned me into a hard worker or taught me the importance of details or that it honed my time management skills; however, I was kinda good at those things beforehand, which was why I was drawn to Rangerettes. Over the years, I have often thought about how Kilgore shaped me into

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the woman I am now. It's a big answer.

When I was Rangerette, I was hyper-focused on never making a mistake during a performance. I would literally practice the material behind the scenes even right up to the minute we would take the field or the stage. The team would pray in a big circle before each performance. After the prayer, the girls would start casually chatting and doing normal things, but I would go off by myself and just keep frantically practicing at high speeds. During those minutes alone, I am not sure what possessed me to say this prayer, but I did: “God and Jesus who sits at the right hand of the Father, please help me



**Michele DuVall Summerall served as a lieutenant her sophomore year.** PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHELE DUVALL SUMMERALL

to perform well and not make a mistake.” He would faithfully answer that prayer, so the next performance, I would pray that exact prayer again — I prayed it for two years. What's interesting is that I didn't know who Jesus was at the time. I was just repeating words about Him that I heard somewhere. What's awesome (although not surprising) is that God heard my empty words repeated time and time again and in His timing brought me into a relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus. I now know there is power when you call on the name of Jesus. When I was a Rangerette, I thought I just needed His help getting through the performance, but God knew I needed Him in a much bigger way.

**What is your grand, audacious goal?**

My “goal” is to walk closely with the Lord all the days of my life. My hope is to raise God-fearing men who love their wives and children well. ★