



One of our own

MAZIE MATHEWS JAMISON ('69) will be honored as a distinguished alumna at this year's Homecoming. Learn more about this former Kilgore College Rangerettes Forever president and perpetual supporter of the Rangerette organization. **Page 16**

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KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

Welcome home

Join us for Homecoming festivities throughout the day Oct. 24:

RANGERETTES FOREVER BRUNCH: 10:30 a.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance via Rangerette.com. No tickets will be sold at the door.

EX-STUDENT LUNCH: 12:30 p.m. in the ballroom. No tickets required, but please R.S.V.P. to Paula Jamerson at pjamerson@kilgore.edu.

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



The Kilgore College Rangerettes perform on the 75th anniversary of their first appearance at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO

FROM THE SHOWCASE



Thank you, Kilgore College

The Rangerette Showcase and Museum has undergone a significant change this fall, but it's probably not one you'll spot the next time you visit.

When the Showcase opened in 1979, Kilgore College began providing an operating budget, custodial and maintenance services, utilities, salaries and employee benefits.

For more than 30 years, KC continued to house and support the Showcase, asking nothing in return — not even merchandise proceeds, all of which went to Kilgore College Rangerette scholarships. Since the late 1970s, Kilgore College gave countless dollars toward what has become an archive, meeting place and recruitment tool.

Until last month, the Rangerettes Forever benefited from KC's generosity. We continue to do so now, just in a different way.

The economy is not what it was in 1979. State funding for community colleges is down. Budgets are tighter. In the wake of such financial constraints, KC proposed the Rangerettes Forever run and finance the

Showcase — including salaries and benefits for museum employees.

After intense discussion, the Rangerettes Forever board voted for the college to continue operating the Showcase but now to keep merchandise proceeds.

This new trade-off is a small price for more than three decades of hospitality and generosity.

At first glance, this might not look like the most beneficial arrangement for Fovers and Rangerettes, but this new trade-off is a small price for more than three decades of hospitality and generosity. Because of KC's perpetual backing, current Rangerettes, Fovers and supporters continue to enjoy the memorabilia and merchandise that have become a quintessential

part of the campus and Rangerette experience.

Certainly, Showcase proceeds were a valuable source of scholarship money, but Rangerettes Forever has other fundraisers that will assist current and future lines.

We thank Kilgore College for its continued support in operating this invaluable facility, and we look forward to finding new ways to fund the Rangerettes' academic needs. ★

NEW LEADERSHIP The president's council met the week of Show-offs and selected a new slate of officers. Officers will be voted on and installed at Homecoming, which is Oct. 24. The box at right reflects current position-holders. Incoming officers are Velma Yount ('76), president-elect; Beverly Swatzell ('77), president; Mazie Jamison ('69), vice president; Erin Oian Boyd ('02), secretary; and Nancy Greer ('78), treasurer. New board members are Regina Hodge Wyatt ('76), Mackenzie Oden ('09), Lara Miller ('96) and Lisa Walker ('86).

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MINI CAMPS, MEGA RESULTS

Kilgore College Rangerette Hopefuls hit the ending position of the kick routine at the first high school camp this past summer. Rangerette summer camps raised more than \$70,000. Proceeds go toward Rangerette scholarships. RANGERETTE PHOTO



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic Jan. 30, 2016, at Kilgore College. Email lisa@encorecp.com if you can work a shift or donate a snack to the director hospitality room.

What's full color and 'Rette all over?

The 2015 issue of Rette, White & Blue magazine is available at www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/957753 and in the Rangerette Showcase and Museum on the Kilgore College campus. The magazine is a product of Forever DFW, and all proceeds go to Rangerette scholarships. Visit the magazine on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RetteWhiteBlue.



INVITE AN ACTIVE TO BRUNCH

Looking for something special to do for your adopted Rangerette, special friend or grand? Consider covering the cost of an active Rangerette's Homecoming banquet ticket. All outstanding Rangerette meals will be covered, but your sponsorship is appreciated. Order tickets online at Rangerette.com by selecting "Invite a Rangerette" in the ticket-reservation area. You can pay Rangerettes Forever annual dues or purchase a lifetime membership in the same transaction.



'Sweethearts' prepares for KC debut

The award-winning documentary about the Kilgore College Rangerettes has continued to play at film festivals throughout Texas. And, like its namesake performers, "Sweethearts of the Gridiron" has traveled internationally — to Spain and England.

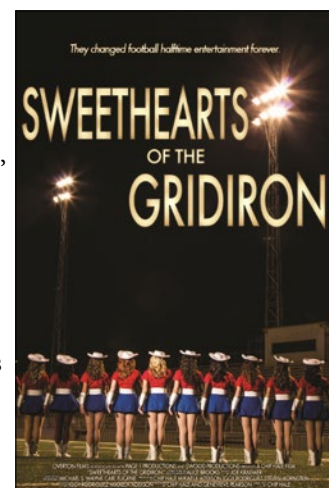
It's soon coming home.

Showtimes for the East Texas premiere are 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, in Dodson Auditorium on the Kilgore College campus. Tickets are \$15, plus \$1.75 in fees, at <http://sweethearts-of-the-gridiron--kilgore-premiere.ticketleap.com>. All moviegoers should check in at the Rangerette Gym to obtain a wristband for admission into Dodson.

Follow "Sweethearts" on social media for updates about additional festival acceptances and showings:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SweetheartsOfTheGridiron

Twitter: @SweetheartsGrid



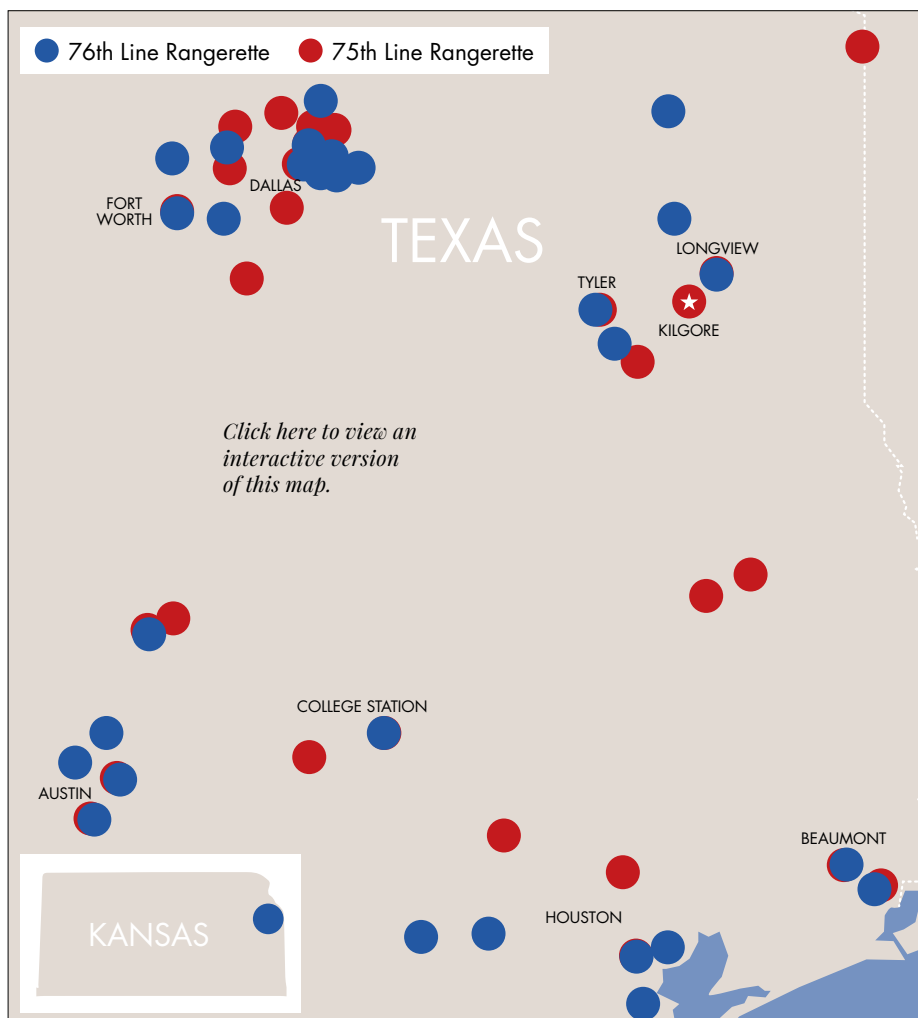
CORRECTION: Those still holding Rangerettes Forever leadership positions for the next two years include officers Beverly Swatzell ('77), Megan DeHoyos ('07) and board members Lisa Fortenberry ('85), Mindy Davis ('01) and Beverly Tallent ('65). This list was incorrect in the email version of the June edition of the newsletter.



76th Line member Payton Kornegay, right, joined her older sister Kylee as a Kilgore College Rangerette. The sisters are from Deer Park. PHOTOS/ MICHELLE CAMPBELL

They're from everywhere

On July 17, 96 Hopefuls learned who had earned spots on the 76th Line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. Here's a closer look at the cities and towns from which this year's Rangerettes hail.



FRESHMAN RANGERETTES

Gabriela Azios	Cedar Park
Hannah Burns	Sachse
Madison Cashion	College Station
McKenna Cook	Haslet
Morgan Covin	Gilmer
Emma Cox	Rockwall
MacKenzie Cumpian	Beaumont
Kyla Drake	College Station
Allison Eigsti	Shawnee, Kansas
Debra Lyneé Elliott	Flower Mound
Autumn Fleet	Tyler
Taylor Gallaway	Sealy
Téa Jaime	Arlington
Keilin Jeter	Tyler
Lauren Kite	League City
Payton Kornegay	Deer Park
Lauren Ligon	Richardson
Caroline Lucke	Baytown
Cameron Maldonado	Austin
Monica McCarson	Fort Worth
Maddie Minser	Whitehouse
Skylar Morgan	Mount Pleasant
Elise Padilla	Austin
Holly Patterson	Longview
Abby Penprase	McKinney
Erin Phillips	Rowlett
Emily Posey	Rowlett
Shaena Rinehart	Nederland
Megan Roberts	Richardson
Annie Rojas	Garland
Ramsey Shobe	Pflugerville
Emma Soard	Belton
Barbara Vega	Katy
Emma Walls	Plano
Olivia Westmoreland	Georgetown
Juliana Yolland	Baytown



Officer candidates take the stage for a combination. Meet the officers on page 6.
KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTOS



Sophomores perform this season's field jazz, "Paint it Black."



Freshman Rangerettes sing their sophomore song.

Leaders selected at annual debut

BY DEZIRAE BURNETT

The 36 members of the Kilgore College Rangerettes' 76th Line made their debut performance Aug. 21 at the annual Rangerette Show-offs.

The freshmen performed the 2015-16 season field kick, choreographed to Earth, Wind and Fire's "In the Stone."

Following the freshmen's performance, the sophomore Rangerettes introduced this season's field jazz to "Paint it Black."

The sophomores then performed the field kick one more time.

The freshman Rangerettes serenaded their sophs to a medley including popular songs such as "Hit the Quan," "Trap Queen" and Beyoncé's "Say My Name."

Morgan London of Kilgore was named social media manager.

Concluding this year's Show-offs, the 2015-16 officer line was selected.

After multiple combinations, the 11 officer candidates, as well as the rest of the 75th and 76th lines, cheered as Mary Williford of Beaumont was named right-end lieutenant; Lainey Bergen, also from Beaumont, as right middle; Madeline Doerr of Frisco as left middle; and Plano's Kelsey Moore as left-end lieutenant.

And in the center, from Pflugerville, is Capt. Brooke Luna. ★

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.



MEET THE

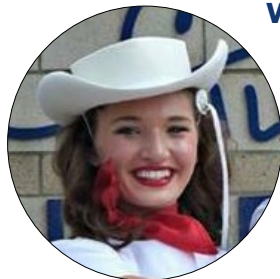
Officers, from left, Lt. Mary Williford, Lt. Lainey Bergen, Capt. Brooke Luna, Lt. Madeline Doerr and Lt. Kelsey Moore after their selection at Show-offs.
KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO

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RANGERETTES FOREVER

RIGHT END

Lt. Mary Williford



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

I loved the fact that all of the officer candidates supported and encouraged one other even when we were stressed and nervous. We were all truly rooting for one another all summer long, and it eased my mind to know that we always had each other's backs and were working together to accomplish tasks rather than competing against each other.

WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD THE

MOMENT YOU LEARNED YOU WERE AN OFFICER?

"Was that a typo? Am I dreaming?!" Definitely one of the most surreal, crazy moments of my life.

MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER SO FAR? It's OK to ask for help because this job is not intended to be done alone, and no one of us could lead the team without the other four alongside her. I've learned that a person's support system is much bigger than they might think — there is always someone who believes in you.

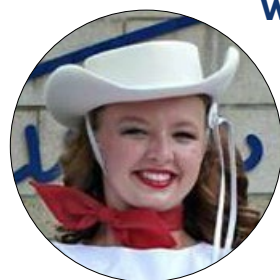
FAVORITE LEADERSHIP QUOTE AND WHY:

"It is not your business to succeed, but to do right; when you have done so, the rest lies with God."

I've learned that nothing a person achieves is due entirely to his or her own merit, but rather because God put that accomplishment in their life's plan. This quote reminds me to work hard at what is right, for the right reasons, and not worry about success so much. We can only work so hard at something, and then it's out of our hands. In the context of Rangerettes, we can oftentimes become so caught up in how hard we work at a performance or in our day-to-day lives that we forget who put us in this incredible life in the first place. ★

RIGHT MIDDLE

Lt. Lainey Bergen-Henengouwen



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

The most surprising lesson I learned in the officer-tryout process would have to be my personal ability to rise above and deal with obstacles. Having torn my ACL at the start of this process, I made it a personal goal of mine to only let my knee situation affect what it had to, and I continually surprised myself with all that I was able to do despite my injury.

WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD THE MOMENT YOU LEARNED YOU WERE AN OFFICER?

Honestly that night was such a blur, but it was probably along the lines of "Am I dreaming?"

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

The most important thing I've learned so far is the importance of teamwork. We as an officer line work so very well together, and I could not imagine making any decision without them. We have and will

continue to be a united force to reckon with.

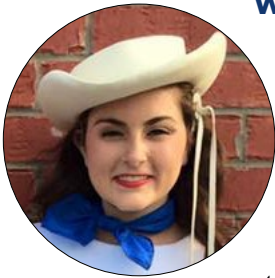
FAVORITE LEADERSHIP QUOTE AND WHY:

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
—Mark 10:45

This verse is the definition of servant leadership, and a verse I attempt to model my life and leadership after. I am here to serve this organization and the people in it as best as I can, and I am lucky enough to be able to do it from an officer position. ★



IN THE CENTER

Capt. Brooke Luna**WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING LESSON YOU LEARNED IN THE OFFICER-TRYOUT PROCESS?**

The most surprising lesson I learned during officer tryouts would have been

learning how to stay true to myself. With the added stress of being watched or evaluated, I can definitely become robotic in order to avoid saying and doing the wrong things. Throughout this process I had to remind myself that if I were to just embrace every task and obstacle in the most genuine way possible I would not only be able to show the team what I truly had to offer them, but I would enjoy

the entire process even more.

WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD THE MOMENT YOU LEARNED YOU WERE AN OFFICER?

Honestly I think my mind was blank due to the immense amount of emotion I was feeling!

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

I think I have learned to just go with the flow of things. There are some days where I wake up thinking I know what is going to be happening that day, and the day ends up going completely different than planned. You really just never know what is going to

happen! I've learned it's better to just have an open mind, and take things as they come.

FAVORITE LEADERSHIP QUOTE AND WHY:

"To lead people, walk beside them ... As for the best leaders, the people do not notice their existence." —Lao-tzu

I've realized that Rangerettes almost has so little to do with performing, and so much to do with the beautiful people I get to be on this team with. It's the moments I realize we are making memories and learning lessons that will last us a lifetime that I realize why I wanted to try out for officer in the first place. I've concluded it is a honor stand in front of the team, but it is a privilege to stand beside them. ★

LEFT MIDDLE

Lt. Madeline Doerr



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

Being authentic in pursuit of your goals can only be understood when you present a bona fide front. When you sense your purpose in every scenario and work toward goals with genuine intentions, you inspire others to do the same and bring out their best qualities, ensuring great success.

WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD THE MOMENT YOU LEARNED

YOU WERE AN OFFICER?

I finally understood how the significance of a mere moment could shape my life and my story.

MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER SO FAR:

To function, every person in the officer line must find their niche. We all possess such different qualities that could be immensely beneficial if utilized the correct way. Once we all figured out how our talents could be used, allowing the team to reach their ultimate potential, we knew we held the ability to be successful.

FAVORITE LEADERSHIP QUOTE AND WHY:

"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent."

—Douglas MacArthur

This is ultimately my favorite leadership quote because of the final point it presents. Leaders in Rangerettes never set out to be leaders, they aren't given ample opportunities to lead as a freshman, but sometimes presenting yourself as a leader isn't necessary. In the midst of being a follower, you can view sincere motives and a kind heart more clearly and find leadership potential. ★

LEFT END

Lt. Kelsey Moore



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

Through the officer process I have learned what it truly means to believe in myself. All the officer candidates were great and worked so hard, but there were always moments of doubt in myself through the tryout process. Having friends by my side and having faith in God, I've learned to not doubt my own abilities and compare myself to others, because we're all unique in our own ways.

WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD THE MOMENT YOU LEARNED YOU WERE AN OFFICER?

I don't remember what I was thinking, but I do remember saying "All to Him I owe" and hugging my fellow officers.

MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU'VE LEARNED AS AN OFFICER SO FAR:

I have learned and seen what it's like from the other perspective from the line, freshman year, to an officer. By being an officer now, I see how important rules and traditions come into play during a practice or in a performance

environment. Also, how important it is to keep the standard of The World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette organization, an organization that continues to inspire and raise the bar of talent and class every year.

FAVORITE LEADERSHIP QUOTE AND WHY:

"Great leaders don't set out to be a leader ... they set out to make a difference. It's never about the role — always about the goal" —Unknown

This exemplifies what it truly means to be a servant leader; it's about putting others before one's self and making a difference because you want to — not because it's your job. ★



Fall smiles

Rangerettes' semester includes multiple Dallas-area appearances

BY KYLEY KORNEGAY

AUGUST

Over the summer, Kilgore College Rangerettes appeared at the **MACCABI GAMES** at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. They met and talked to people from all over the world and got to watch them play a variety of sports.



SEPT. 13

On Sept. 13, the Dallas Cowboys took the field for the opening weekend of the 2015 football season, and the Rangerettes were right there to join them. The 75th and 76th Lines danced during **HALFTIME OF THE COWBOYS VERSUS GIANTS GAME**. They performed the high kick for an audience of 93,579 people. [Click here to watch the performance on the big screen and here on the field.](#)



The Rangerettes with Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and Forevers Rachel Lunsford, left, and Robin Richardson, right.



PHOTO/MICHELLE CAMPBELL

SEPT. 19

The Kilgore College Rangerettes have been celebrating 75 years of dance/drill team for the past year, but Sept. 19, 2015, was the **75TH ANNIVERSARY** to the date of their first performance. To celebrate, the Rangerettes performed their 2015 field jazz along with hundreds of high school drill-team members from across the state. Of course, the Rangerettes also did the traditional high kick that has been their trademark for so long. Click [here](#) to watch the kick and [here](#) to watch the jazz.

SEPT. 25

The sophomore Rangerettes performed at the grand opening of the **TEXAS STATE FAIR** Sept. 25. They helped kick off the celebration of 129 years of all things Texas by performing the high kick and the Texas jazz. Click [here](#) to watch the performances. ★



PHOTO/MIGUEL MANJARRES



Catch a glimpse of the Rangerettes in the background of a 1991 Texas Rangers game in the ESPN 30 for 30 Shorts video "First Pitch." The Rangerettes appear around the 10:35 mark. Click [here](#) to view the film.

COMING SOON

Here's where you can see the Kilgore College Rangerettes next:
KILGORE COLLEGE VS. CISCO: 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium

HOMECOMING GAME: KC vs. Tyler Junior College, 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium

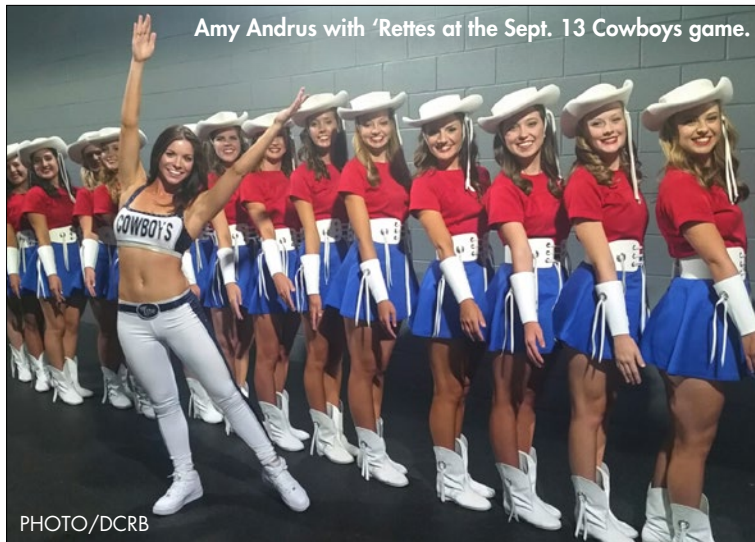
KILGORE CHRISTMAS PARADE: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in downtown Kilgore. Details: www.kilgorechamber.com

RANGERETTE CHRISTMAS SHOW: 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Dodson Auditorium. Details: www.Rangerette.com.

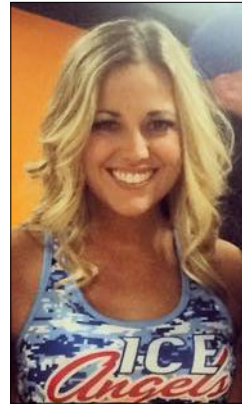
GOODYEAR COTTON BOWL CLASSIC: Dec. 31 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Details: www.goodyearcottonbowl.com. Volunteer or donate to the Rangerettes' Cotton Bowl healthy snack break. Watch the Forevers DFW Facebook group for details.

Kicks & Cadence

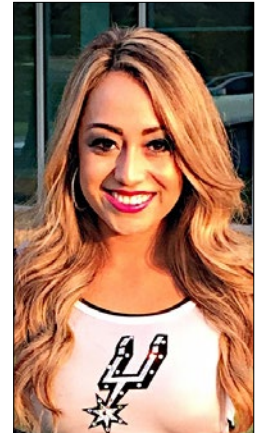
Tales from the continued adventures of Foreverers and supporters



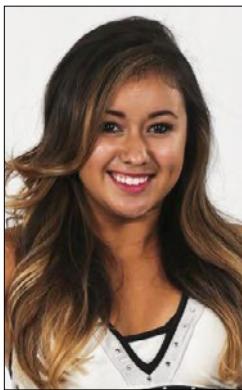
AMY ANDRUS, 68th Line, returned to the Dallas Cowboys Rhythm & Blue hip hop dance team.



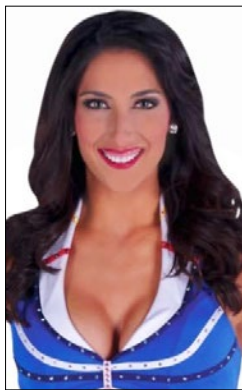
CASSIE ROWLAND, 70th Line, earned a spot on the Allen American Ice Angels professional dance team.



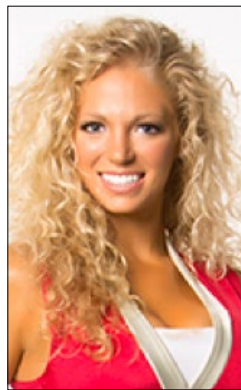
ARIANA SALAZAR, 71st Line, is in her rookie season dancing as a San Antonio Spurs Silver Dancer.



JACKIE GARZA, 71st Line, began her third year on Austin Spurs' Capital City Dance Team. She is captain of the group.



KARA ROBINSON, 69th Line, was selected for her second year as a dancer with the NBA's OKC Thunder Girls.



CASEY POTTER, 68th Line, is a Houston Rockets Power Dancer for the second time. Click [here](#) to watch a video about HRPD auditions. Potter traveled to China this summer with the team. Click [here](#) for photos and [here](#) for coverage of the trip.



RACHEL LUNS福德, 69th Line, and **ROBIN RICHARDSON**, 73rd Line, are Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders. Richardson is a rookie, and Lunsford is a third-year veteran who will appear in the 2016 DCC calendar. Click [here](#) to go behind the scenes of her photo shoot.

See more *Kicks & Cadence* on page 13.

Kicks & Cadence

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Dinner at Fredericksburg Brewing Co.
PHOTOS COURTESY OF JESSICA NOXON



At William Chris Vineyards

The **65TH LINE** in July met in Fredericksburg for a weekend reunion. They chose Sign Drop day — when the newest group of Rangerettes was being revealed — to begin celebrating their 10-year anniversary. Jackie Sackett came the farthest — from Germany — to attend. Other long-distance travelers were Donna

Hood from California and Jayla Peterson from Colorado.

On July 17, the group played games and getting-to-(re)know-you activities and dined at Fredericksburg Brewing Co. Saturday they shopped in downtown Fredericksburg and met at William Chris Vineyards for wine-tasting and a brunch

overlooking the vineyard.

“It was the best time!” Jessica Bradley Noxon, 65th Line, said. “The group was thrilled to get to spend an entire weekend together remembering all the wonderful things the Rangerette organization did for each one of them.”



Did you spot the mention of **ERIN CUMMINGS'** ('97) engagement in People magazine in July? The star of this summer's “The Astronaut Wives Club” is slated to appear opposite Richard Dreyfuss and Blythe Danner in “Madoff,” a miniseries on ABC.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAUREN GIBLER

LAUREN GIBLER, 68th Line, is in her sixth season as a Dallas Mavericks Dancer.



It'll be a Forever bonanza in Chicago this November. Special events/performance company Coast2Coast

Productions, under the leadership of Forevers **MEGAN DEHOYOS** and **ANGELA FALCONE** (66th and 68th Lines), was accepted into the 2015 McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade. **KALI BOYD**, 65th Line, will choreograph for C2C dancers, who will wear this design by 56th Line member **ROCHELLE RODRIGUEZ**, owner of Sparkle.

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PRESIDING OVER HISTORY

From Revels to travels, retiring KC leader reflects on Rangerette memories

BY ASHLEY AUSTIN JONES

For more than 40 years, Dr. Bill Holda has been an integral part of Kilgore College. First as an instructor and eventually as president, he has seen the college grow and change. Soon, his time at Kilgore College will come to a close. On Jan. 31, 2016, Holda will officially retire.

He was first hired by Kilgore College as an instructor of voice, opera workshop, ear training and music theory. Holda served as director of fine arts and eventually transitioned to dean of admissions and registrar. In July 1996, he accepted the prominent position of college president.

Throughout the years, Holda has been a major supporter of the Rangerettes and Rangerettes Forever. As president, he has seen the organization through countless performances and traveled to many places. Although he will soon be leaving KC, his service to the college, especially to the Rangerettes, will not soon be forgotten.

Holda took the time to answer a few questions about his relationship with the organization especially for the Rangerettes Forever newsletter:

Where have you traveled with the Rangerettes? New



KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO
Dr. Bill Holda, in suit, with then-Gov. George W. Bush and 58th Line Rangerettes.

“(Rangerettes) is the organization by which the college achieved national and international recognition; it is the branding for the college, the city of Kilgore and for Texas.”

DR. BILL HOLDA
KILGORE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

York; Romania; Connecticut; Pittsburgh; Chicago; Cotton Bowl; Austin; Washington, D.C.; Houston; cruises; Hawaii; Ireland and Scotland; and numerous other cities.

In your opinion, what is the impact of the Rangerette orga-



Caroline Bentley and Kilgore College President Holda accept the Texas Medal of Arts award in 2015. RANGERETTE PHOTO

nization for Kilgore College?

It is the organization by which the college achieved national and international recognition; it is the branding for the college, the city of Kilgore and for Texas. They are a disciplined group and were the very first precision dance and drill team.

How has the organization shaped your decision-making

for the college? Only to the extent that I try to support them extensively in their efforts and I always support the decisions of the directors.

What is your favorite Rangerette-related memory? Probably too many to remember. Going back to Spring 1976: working with Gussie Nell and Deana on Revels, traveling with them many, many times, and most recently, the organization receiving the Texas Medal of Arts in Dance. Also, appearing with them and George W. Bush when he announced for his second term as governor, right before he ran successfully as president.

What are some of your favorite memories of Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Wayne? Many great moments traveling with them, and watching Shelley take on the bus and airline companies when they messed up. Again, difficult to select just one favorite.

Do you have a favorite Rangerette performance? No. Each year's Revels is quite different, and they continue to top the previous year.

Will you continue to follow the Rangerettes after your retirement? Absolutely. However, I will keep an appropriate distance to allow the new president space to create a new legacy. ★

FOREVER SPOTLIGHT

From Dodson Auditorium to stages nationwide

BY MEGAN SHUFFLE SHEPHERD

Brooke Beauchamp Wilson is a Texas native who has spent her life performing, educating and inspiring others. Through her time living in both Texas and New York City, Beauchamp has graced the stage at Theater Under the Stars, The Alley Theater, Merry Go Round Theater and Stages Repertory Theater, among other theaters nationwide.

What made you want to be a Rangerette?

My drill team director in high school talked so highly of it. We went to Show-offs in 1995-96 and I was instantly in love with the excitement, performance quality and camaraderie that I saw. I was so impressed with the tradition and excellence of the organization, and I knew I had to be a part of it.

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What's the most wonderfully unexpected compliment anyone has ever paid you?

Any compliment I get from a student about making an impact on them warms my heart. I am also humbled by the feedback I get from my colleagues about my work on stage.

What are you most proud of in your life?

I am very proud of the fact that I am living out my dream of being a performer as my career. It is a very hard profession and takes strong character, a lot of sacrifice and

**BROOKE BEAUCHAMP WILSON****Hometown:** Friendswood**Rangerette years:** 1997-99**After Kilgore College:** Texas A&M, bachelor of science in psychology**Career:** Singer, actor, dance teacher

On stage: See her as Gov. Miriam Ferguson in "Bonnie and Clyde" Oct. 1-11 at Theatre Under the Stars in Houston; "A Christmas Carol," Nov. 20-Dec. 28 at The Alley in Houston; and "All the Way" Jan. 29-Feb. 21 at The Alley and March 3-27 at Dallas Theater Center.

thick skin. Becoming a Rangerette and officer is something I am very proud of, too!

How did your time at Kilgore shape you into the woman you are now? I still remember parts of my time at Kilgore like it was yesterday, and a huge part of who I am was shaped there. It taught me about loyalty, hard work, respect and true friendship. It has also helped me in my profession. If



Brooke Beauchamp Wilson served as a lieutenant her sophomore year. PHOTOS COURTESY OF BROOKE BEAUCHAMP WILSON

I start to feel overwhelmed at an audition or with a lot of material I have to tackle, I think, "Wait ... I was a Rangerette ... I GOT THIS!!" I would give anything for one more week there with my class, my Sophs and Fresh. What a gift it is to be a part of.

What is your grand, audacious goal?

What do you wish people to know, believe, do? My goal is to slow down and enjoy life. I have been on such a driven path to achieve my entire life, that it has taken away precious time with friends and family. It seems like such a simple thing, but I think I get so wrapped up in work/success, that I can forget to focus on the beautiful simplicity of time. I want people to know that kindness and tolerance trumps everything. I would hope that we can all live and let live and open our hearts to acceptance and love as opposed to ignorance and hate when someone is different or unlike us. As Rangerettes, we are leaders and trend-setters, and I think we have the power to set the example wherever we go. My hope is that we choose the example of love. ★



MAZIE MATHEWS JAMISON

Hometown: From DeKalb, currently lives in Dallas

Rangerette years: 1967-69

After Kilgore College: The University of Texas at Austin (B.A.), and Texas State University (M.A.)

Career: A retired chief public policy officer and senior director of public policy from North Texas' only pediatric teaching hospital. "In other words," Jamison said, "a lobbyist — a person you hire to protect you from the people you elect."

Family: Husband of more than 35 years, Ron, and dogs Truffle and Bandit.

Not-so-hidden talent: Can run an eight-minute mile "indoors with creature comforts like A/C and TV," she said.

Adventures: Traveled from Havana to Hallsville, from Antarctica to Austin, from Galapagos to Galveston.

On faith: She's a "Christian who tries keeping a balance between not being so sinful that God can't use me and not being so holy that nobody on Earth wants to deal with me."

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Photos, from left: Jamison with husband, Ron; Mike Miller; and George W. Bush.

Prepared for service

Distinguished alumna credits 'Rettes, KC for life lessons

Mazie Mathews Jamison grew up less than 100 miles from the Kilgore College campus, but she'd never been on a drill team and had only seen one live Rangerette performance before she auditioned for the 28th Line in 1967.

More than four decades later, this 2015 distinguished alumna continues to give back to the organization and college to which she credits so much.

"I simply cannot imagine what my life would be like had I not been a Rangerette — the friends I would not know, the laughter I would have missed. It's too depressing to speculate," she said. "I left Kilgore College and the Rangerette organization better prepared for what was ahead. If I can make that happen for just one Rangerette, I'm fulfilled."

Jamison was co-chairwoman for the 50th, 60th and 75th Rangerette anniversaries. She's been an active member of Rangerettes Forever from its launch in 1979,

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performing with those peers twice. She served on the Kilgore College Foundation board of directors.

"Mazie is respected by both state and national elected officials," said Paula Jamerson, Kilgore College coordinator of alumni relations. "Those relationships benefit the Rangerettes through opportunities that wouldn't happen otherwise."

Through it all, Jamison continues to use the lessons she learned while wearing the Red, White and Blue.

"One of Miss Davis' cornerstones was remembering the names of those to whom you're introduced," Jamison said. "I cannot estimate the value of this in my career life as well as my personal life." ★

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