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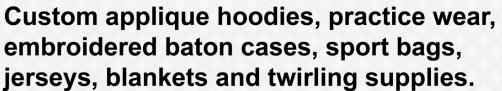
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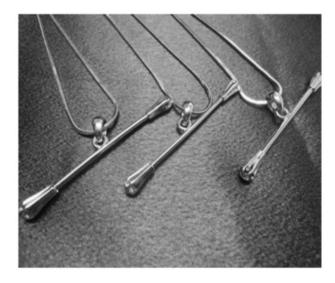
#### Jamie Renee Heathington Bizzell

Friday, August 7, 2015 – It is with great sadness to report that the twirling community lost a young member. Former Texas baton twirling champion and a Featured Twirler with the University of Houston Marching Band – 1998 to 2003, Jamie Renee Heathington Bizzell suddenly passed away.



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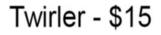


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### IN THE NEWS

#### Give it a twirl: Baton groups in Pittsburgh region

### Re-energized after decline in popularity

Artistic, expressive, and athletic, the sport of baton twirling appeared to hit its peak in the 1960s and 1970s, with majorettes high stepping during halftime shows at high school and college football games. Many a young girl back then dreamed of donning those signature white boots and tossing a gleaming baton high into the air before an appreciative crowd. But times changed. More girls got involved in sports, and interest in baton twirling waned. These days, however, twirling groups in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania region are in the midst of a resurgence fueled by a new interest among young men and by the fanfare surrounding one local twirling team, the Modernettes, that recently won a world championship —for the eighth time. Twirling groups in Pittsburgh include: Top Hats Performance Ensemble, Sensations Marching Unit, Golden Triangles Performance Ensemble and others. All groups are seeing a renewed interest among twirlers, especially among boys. During summer, many local twirling groups perform at parades and community events for fun, but when the winter season begins, they gear up for competition with other local guard teams. The groups are nonprofit, stitched together by parent volunteers and unpaid coaches who sacrifice thousands of hours for the students they watch growing up. Twirling also provides life lessons for students. "They learn confidence — first and foremost — and they learn teamwork, discipline and how to get along with others," Ms. Sikorski said. "It prepares them for life." "It teaches them to work with others as well as the give and take of being on a team," Ms. Schaeffer said "They learn all the things you want your child to learn growing up, such as respect, accountability, responsibility and discipline," Ms. Parisi said. "For teenagers to show that kind of determination and make that kind of sacrifice is amazing."

#### For the full article, please click on this link:

http://www.post-gazette.com/life/recreation/2015/08/07/Give-it-a-twirl-Baton-groupsin-Pittsburgh-region-re-energized-after-decline-in-popularity/stories/201508070008? utm\_campaign=echobox&utm\_medium=social&utm\_source=Facebook



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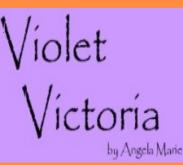
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