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## Butte Tribe members parade in Pollock



Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux traveled to Pollock, La. to participate in the annual Dogwood Festival Parade. Standing (L-R): Chief Rodger Collum, Charla Collum, Belinda Brooks, Andrea Roddy, Norma Scallion, Lilly Grace Lonadier, Megan Simone Lonadier, Levi Shane Lonadier, Joseph Keith Hernandez, Brad Desadier, Alissa Collins, Brooklyn Perkins, Tonia Lonadier, James Algor, Linda Banes, Maley J'Nae Sanders, Christopher Lonadier, and Richard Banes; (Kneeling) Gracie Lachney, Casey Lacaze Lachney, Mickey Lacaze, Natalie Claire McCartney, Bethany Monnette Banes, Caroline Blake Weisskope, Noah Lane Pardue, and Shyann Elizabeth Pardue.

world, and I think they're a little bit more curious about how that gets made and what options there are for working in the industry."

The film studies minor complements an existing concentration in film available to students earning a degree in English. With countless skilled personnel employed in the production of so many modern films, Rittmayer says the minor offers three core classes to introduce students to terminology, basic cinematography, and animation, and students will then choose from a variety of additional courses based on their interests. She suggests the divergent careers available in the film industry create room for the program to grow. "We

are looking at other options and expansions in the future," she says. "We're spread across three different departments."

Rittmayer's interests in film studies include international cinema productions, films created by women and other minority directors, and experimental film. She describes what constitutes experimental film. "Avant-garde, it's a lot of playing with the medium itself and always pushing the boundaries of whatever technology your working with, whether that's celluloid 35 millimeter film, 16 millimeter film, or digital technology," she says. "I think we are seeing some of that come into more mainstream

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Painted Flower Blossom, Andrea Ezell Roddy, walks the parade route modeling her beautiful Native American regalia. In the back ground, she is followed by Lilly Grace Lonadier, and Chief Rodger Collum. Andrea and her brother, Taunting Bear, Michael Ezell, produce the monthly BEAR Tribe Podcast to partner with the Louisiana Governor's Bureau of Minority Health Access & Promotions.