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Sanger City Manager Honored as American City & County Exemplary Public Servant

The City of Sanger is proud to announce that City Manager John Noblitt has been named one of American City & County's Exemplary Public Servants for 2024. This prestigious national recognition honors Mr. Noblitt's outstanding leadership, innovative vision, and unwavering commitment to enhancing the lives of Sanger residents.



Sanger City Manager John Noblitt

Mr. Noblitt's selection highlights a year of transformative achievements that have set the City of Sanger on a path toward sustainable growth and long-term prosperity. Among his notable accomplishments:

- Securing Reliable Electricity for Sanger's Future: Mr. Noblitt negotiated a groundbreaking 16-year agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to provide reliable electricity at a low, fixed-rate with no ancillary fees. This agreement is projected to save the City

millions of dollars over its term, freeing up funds for critical infrastructure investments.

- Strategic Infrastructure Planning: Under his leadership, Sanger acquired property to develop a regional wastewater treatment plant, expand water storage capacity, and enhance utility systems. The property will also feature parks and trails, providing valuable recreation-

al space for residents.

- Attracting a Grocery Store and New Development: In response to years of resident requests for a local grocery store, Mr. Noblitt worked with developers, property owners, and the Economic Development Organization to secure a Tom Thumb grocery store as part of a 2,000-home development. This project will bring essential services and new retail opportunities to the community.

- Advocating for City Staff and Retirees: Recognizing the need for competitive compensation, Mr. Noblitt commissioned a comprehensive salary study that resulted in significant pay increases for City employees—up to 20% or more in some cases. He also increased pension matches and secured cost-of-living adjustments for retirees, ensuring fair compensation across the board.

"I offer congratula-

tions to John upon his receipt of this award," said Mayor Thomas Muir.

The Exemplary Public Servants program recognizes individuals who go above and beyond in their service to the public, embodying the values of dedication, innovation, and accountability. Mr. Noblitt's contributions to Sanger have been instrumental in fostering economic development, ensuring financial stability, and improving the overall quality of life for residents.

"I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from American City & County," said Mr. Noblitt. "This award reflects the collective efforts of our City staff, community leaders, and residents who work together to make Sanger a vibrant and thriving City. It is a privilege to serve this community, and I look forward to continuing our progress in the years to come."

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Tickets are just \$100 each, with only 100 tickets available for purchase through any SEF Board Member or directly through the Foundation Office at 400 Bolivar Street, Suite 102 in the WILFONG BUILDING. The winner will be announced during the Education Foundation Gala on February 21. You do not need to be present to win. Don't miss this unique opportunity to Discover Your Dream Destination! Purchase your tickets now and make a difference for education in Sanger.

For more details contact Valerie Foster at (940) 600-8890. **See flyer on the back page, which includes QR code for the raffle and the online auction items for the Gala.**

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OBITUARIES...

Victor Allen Kirby

August 18, 1958 - January 20, 2025

Victor Allen Kirby, 66, of Sanger, passed away in Denton, Texas, on the morning of January 20, 2025.

Victor was born on August 18, 1958, in Denton, Texas, to John Harold and Theda (Scoggin) Kirby. Raised in Sanger, Victor attended all grades in Sanger schools and graduated from Sanger High School in the Class of 1976. He started working for Bounds Paint Company in high school, where he would work for the next forty-five years. He retired when he was diagnosed with cancer, and against all odds, he was cancer-free. Victor was a great guy who was loved and will be missed by many.



He leaves behind his mother, Theda Kirby of Sanger; two children, Melissa King of Valley View and Chris Kirby of Whitesboro; two sisters, LeAnn Flowers of Sanger and Julie Jackson of Heath. Three grandchildren, Dawson King, Briley King, and Billie King, also survive him. His father, John Harold, and brother, Rex Kirby, precede him in death.

Victor's visitation was from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Graveside services were held at 2:00 pm on Monday, January 27, 2025, at the Sanger Cemetery in Sanger, Texas. Monya Howard officiated the services.

Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral in Sanger. Please offer your condolences to the Kirby family in our online guestbook at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.

Thaddeus Joseph Niestemski

August 20, 1949 - January 20, 2025

Thaddeus Joseph Niestemski, 75, of Sanger, went to be with the Lord on January 20, 2025. Thaddeus was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on August 20, 1949, to Thaddeus and Stanislaw Kaminski Niestemski. On October 10, 2010, he married the love of his life, Angela Dawn Seagler, in Plano, Texas.

Thaddeus was a co-founder of Torn Veil Ministries in Sanger, Texas. He and Angela were members of Era Community Church in Era, Texas. He worked for Enterprise Rental Car in the Decatur and Gainesville locations.

He leaves behind his wife, Angela Niestemski; his mother-in-law, Elaine Seagler; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe and Shelley Seagler; his niece Sloane Seagler; his puppies Benjamin, Moshe, and Sable and countless friends who became family throughout the years.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to www.tornveilministries.com.

Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral in Sanger. Please offer your condolences to the family in our online guestbook at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.

Brenda Jo Ramsey

January 11, 1942 - January 22, 2025

Brenda Jo Ramsey, 83, of Sanger, Texas passed away January 22, 2025 at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital of Denton, Texas. She was born on January 11, 1942 in Gainesville, Texas to J.W. and Dorothy (Magers) Morrison.

Brenda retired from Tetrapak of Denton, Texas in 1997. She was a member of Grace Friendship Baptist Church, Gainesville, Texas. She spent her free time doing crafts, shopping and going to the casino and watching The Price is Right.

Brenda is survived by her daughter Tina Williams (Scott), daughter Teresa Montoya (Jeremy), daughter Kriste Ramsey (Tom), brother Keith Morrison (Lisa), brother-in-law Eddie Lynn Ramsey (Sherry), sister-in-law Nita Ramsey, sister-in-law Glenda Fleitman (Danny), 9 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Ramsey, her parents, 2 brothers; Allen & Paul Morrison, sister-in-law Faye Morrison and brother-in-law John Ramsey.

Graveside services will be at Reed Cemetery of Myra, Texas on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.



Jerry Wayne Wallace

February 18, 1947 - January 21, 2025

Jerry Wayne Wallace, a devoted family man and hardworking soul, passed away on January 21, 2025. Jerry's life was defined by his dedication to his loved ones and an unwavering work ethic that served as an inspiration to all who knew him.

Jerry was the youngest of ten siblings born on February 18th, 1947, to Linnie Bell Flanagan and Ernest David Wallace in Marshall, Texas. He married the love of his life, Sue Ann Wallace, on May 14th, 1976. He took pride in providing for his family and instilled in them the values of perseverance, integrity, and love. Jerry found his greatest joy in spending time with his family, whether through shared meals, heartfelt conversations, or simply being present in their lives. His strong sense of responsibility and his kind, selfless nature left a lasting impact on everyone around him. Jerry will be remembered as a man who worked tirelessly, loved deeply, and gave generously. He found immense happiness in watching his children grow and build their own lives, always offering guidance, encouragement, and support. As a grandfather, Jerry delighted in spoiling his grandchildren, sharing stories, and creating memories that will be cherished forever. His role as a great-grandfather brought him even more joy, as he revealed in seeing the next generation carry forward the values of love and togetherness, he held so dear. Jerry's legacy of unconditional love, patience, and care lives on in the hearts of his family. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered as a man who made family his greatest treasure.



Jerry is preceded in death by his beloved mother and father, his ten brothers and sisters, and the love of his life—his wife, Sue Ann Wallace, whose memory he cherished endlessly. Jerry's wife was not just his partner but his greatest companion and source of joy. Their love story was built on decades of shared experiences, laughter, and steadfast support. Jerry often spoke of how blessed he felt to have her by his side, and he loved her with a depth that words could scarcely describe. She was his rock, his inspiration, and the light of his life. Her passing left a void in his heart, but he carried her memory with him every day, finding comfort in the thought of being reunited with her one day. His family finds peace knowing that Jerry is now reunited with his wife, parents, and siblings, surrounded by the love that defined his life.

Jerry is survived by his four children; Tony and Kristen Wallace of Sanger, Texas, Alesia and Daniel Vasquez of Sanger, Texas, Windy and Eric Schluter of Ponder, Texas, and Lonny and Susan Wallace of Sanger, Texas; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services for Jerry Wayne Wallace were held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Faith Tabernacle Assembly of God, 1101 Audra Lane, Denton, Texas. Visitation began at 9:00 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 10:00 a.m. Jerry was laid to rest immediately following the service at Roselawn Memorial Park, 3801 Roselawn Drive, Denton, Texas.

Charles Patrick Rosenberg

February 1, 1979 - January 28, 2025

Charles Patrick Rosenberg, 45, of Gainesville, Texas, passed away on January 28, 2025 after a hard fought battle with cancer.

Patrick was born February 1, 1979 in Dallas, Texas to Mike & Dot Rosenberg.

Patrick was a proud graduate of Sanger High School, where he excelled in powerlifting, earning letters all four years. He went on to serve his country in the United States Navy before embarking on a career as a Cable Service Technician in the telecom industry. He loved fishing, Red Seal tobacco, driving back roads and was a firearms enthusiast.

Patrick is preceded in death by his father, Mike Rosenberg. He is survived by his mother, Dot; his sister and brother-in-law, Sarah & Chris; and his nephew and niece, Witten and Ellie Grace.

In honor of Patrick's memory, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, located at 316 S. Chestnut, Gainesville, TX 76240.



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When is a good time for Roth conversion?



Nikki Smith
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In life, you often get second chances — and the same is true with investing. To illustrate: You might not have been able to contribute to a Roth IRA during your working years due to your income level, but you may get that opportunity as you near retirement, or even when you are retired — through a Roth conversion.

Why is a Roth IRA desirable for some people? Here are the key benefits:

Tax-free withdrawals — You put in after-tax dollars to a Roth IRA, so you can withdraw your contributions at any time, free of taxes and penalties. And if you've had your account for at least five years and you're at least 59½, you can also withdraw your earnings free of taxes.

No RMDs — With a traditional IRA, you'll have to start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — when you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later. But there's no RMD requirement with a Roth IRA — you can essentially leave the money intact as long as you like.

Tax-free legacy for your heirs — When your heirs inherit your Roth IRA, they can withdraw the contributions without paying taxes or penalties, and if the account has been open at least five years, they can also withdraw earnings tax free.

But even if you were aware of these advantages, you might not have been able to invest in a Roth IRA for much of your life. For one thing, you might have earned too much money — a Roth IRA, unlike a traditional IRA, has income limits. Also, a Roth IRA has only been around since 1998, so, in the previous years, you were limited to a traditional IRA.

As you approach retirement, though, you might start thinking of just how much you'd like to benefit from a Roth IRA. And you can do so by converting your traditional IRA to a Roth. While this sounds simple, there's a major caveat: taxes. You'll be taxed on the amount in pre-tax dollars you contributed to a traditional IRA and then converted to a Roth IRA. (If you have both pre- and after-tax dollars in your traditional IRA, the taxable amount is based on the percentage of pre-tax dollars.)

If you have large amounts in a traditional

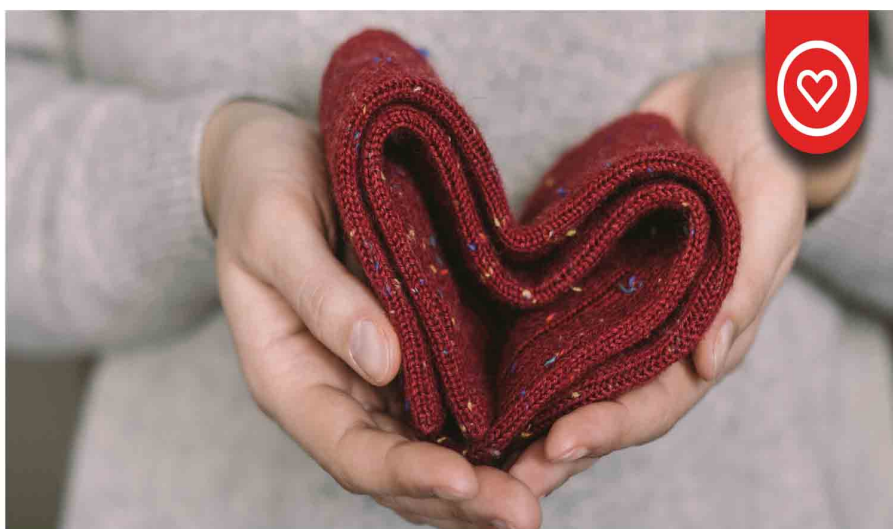
IRA, the tax bill on conversion can be significant. The key to potentially lowering this tax bill is timing. Generally speaking, the lower your income in a given year, the more favorable it is for you to convert to a Roth IRA. So, for example, if you have already retired, but have not started collecting RMDs, your income may be down.

Timing also comes into play with the financial markets. When the market is going through a decline, and the value of your traditional IRA drops, you could convert the same number of shares of the underlying investments and receive a lower tax bill or convert more shares of these investments for what would have been the same tax bill.

Finally, you could lower your tax bill in any given year by stretching out your Roth IRA conversions over several years, rather than doing it all at once.

You'll want to consult with your tax advisor before embarking on this conversion — but if it's appropriate for your situation, you could find that owning a Roth IRA can benefit you and your family for years to come.

Nikki Smith is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Sanger. She can be reached at 940-458-7866.



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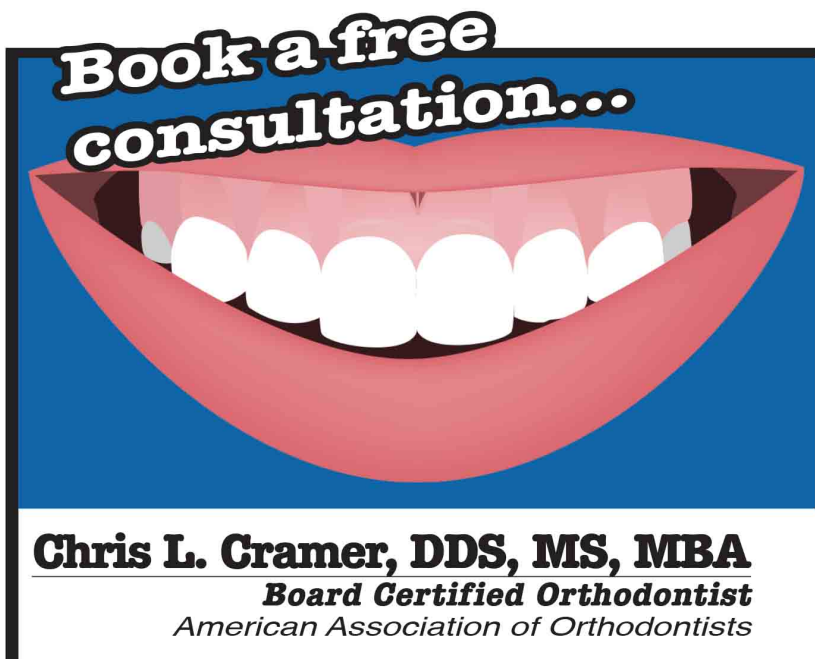
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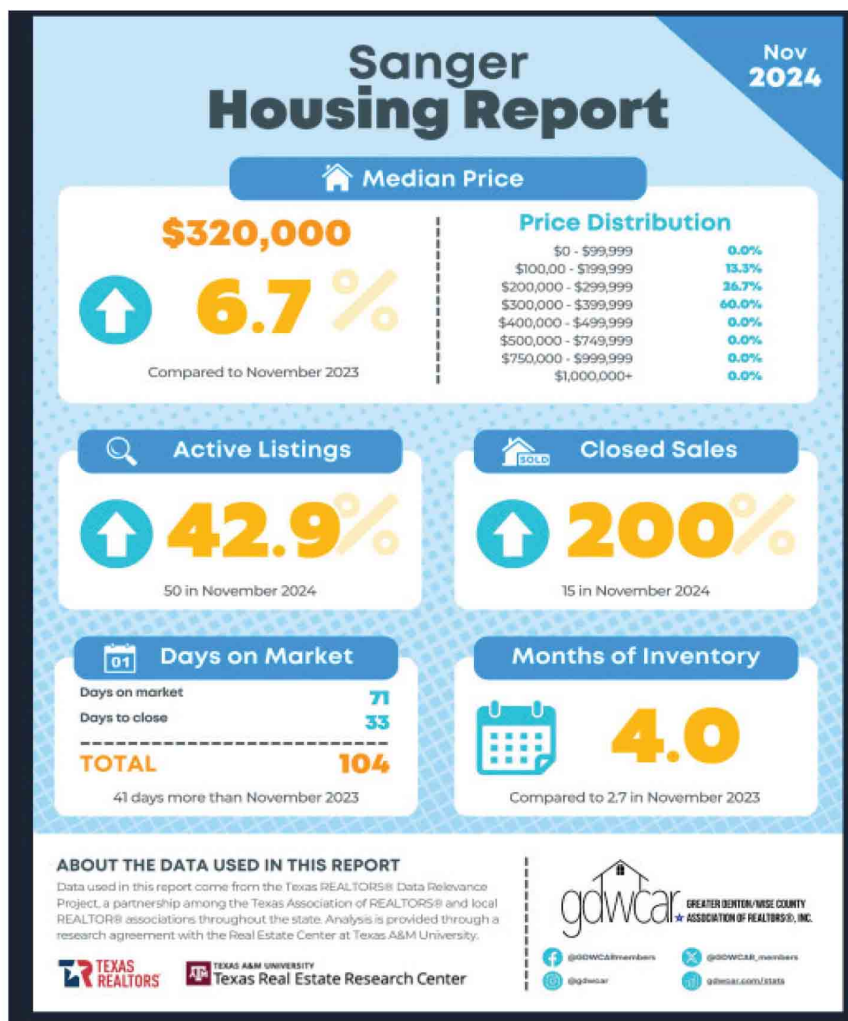
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Filing for a Place on the Ballot
January 15 – February 14, 2025

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Date and Location of next Municipal Election:

The next City of Sanger General Election will be held on May 3, 2025, to elect Councilmembers for Place 1, Place 3 and Place 5 for a two-year term.

Sanger Community Center – 101 Freese Street, Sanger, Texas 76262

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Filing for a Place on the Ballot:

First Day to file an application for a place on the ballot is January 15, 2025

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Victor Gann	Place 5	May 2025	May 2021

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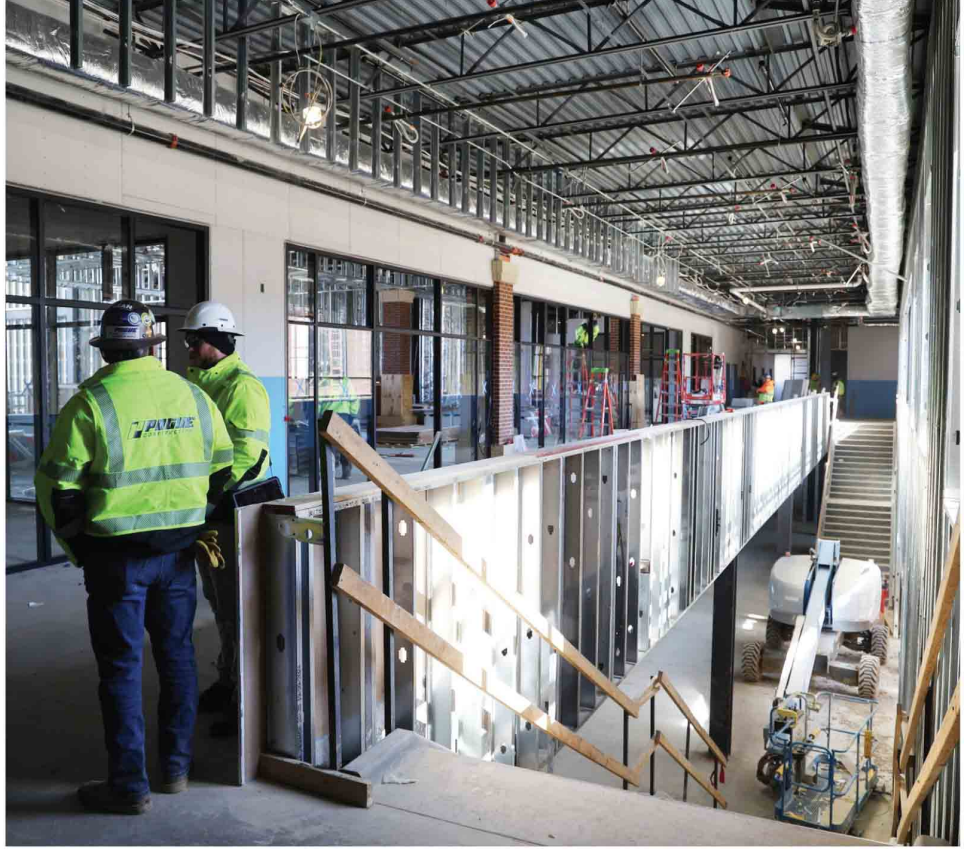
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Last week, city officials and members of the Sanger Education Foundation, Inc. Board toured the new Sanger High School, led by Sanger ISD administration and Pogue Construction. This state-of-the-art facility represents a bright future for the students and the community. It is a testament to the collaboration and dedication of everyone involved in bringing this vision to life. "We are excited to see the incredible opportunities this campus will provide," said Sanger ISD Superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter. The new campus is on track to open next school year.



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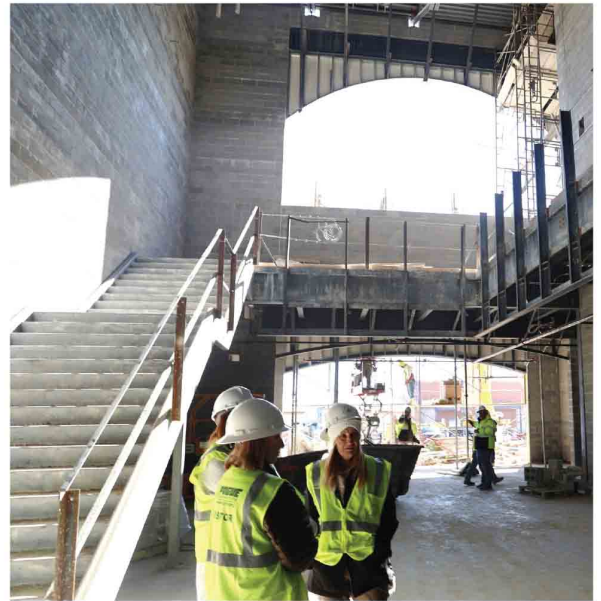
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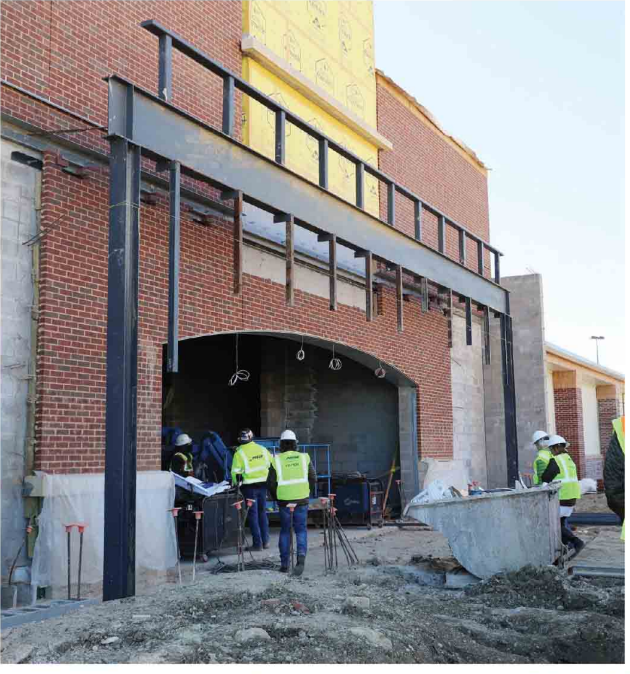
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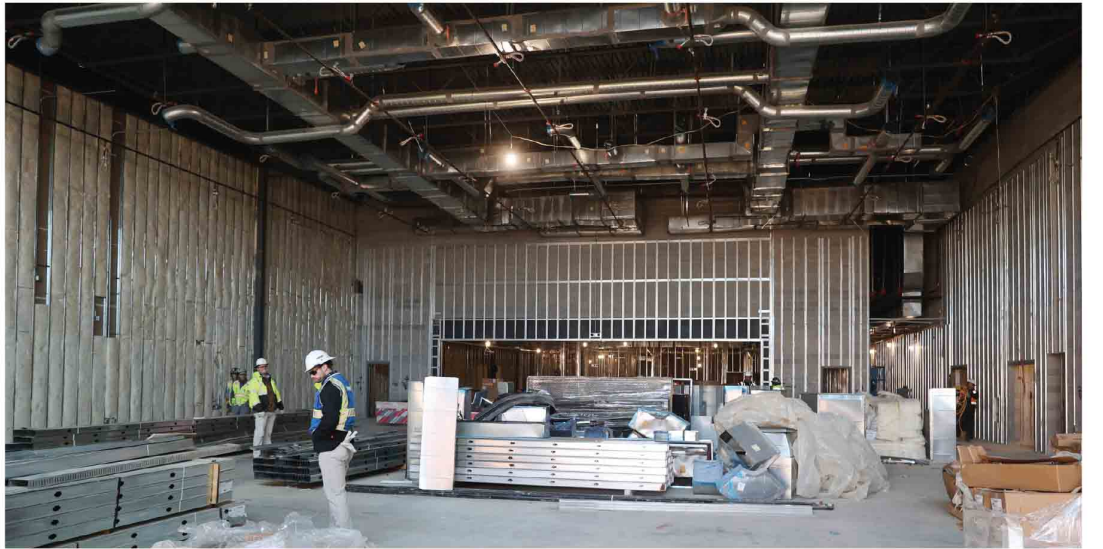
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 Gray Ellis
 Isabelle Escobedo
 Gabriela Garcia
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 Whitney Taylor
 LEXY THOMPSON
 Trayson Tipton
 Andrew Tocquigny
 JOSEPH TRAILL
 Maddox VanderRoest
 Callie Windham
 An'Dreya Yancey

7th Grade - All A's

Nathaniel Aldrich
 Kenzi Amerman
 Sonny Anderson
 Gabrielle Berger
 Luke Brown
 KAIL CABRERA
 JAXON CHILD
 Jack Dickinson
 Abigail Harrington
 Laila Hendricks
 Addison Irvan
 Liam Jones
 Benjamin McRae
 Angel Medrano
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 Nanci Nunez Aguilar
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 ISAAC PIERCE
 AISLEE PUTMAN
 Luke Reed
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 Karma Swink
 IRELYNN TAYLOR
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7th Grade - A/B's

ANTHONY ALANIS
 Alexander Barrera-Correa
 Hadlee Berry
 Liliana Blakemore
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 Colt Brown
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8th Grade - A/B's

Brianna Alvarado
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 Chanan Anoh
 Miranda Barraza Martinez
 HALLIE BATES
 MADISON BATES
 LONDON BROWN
 Tyson Bush
 Kevin Cail
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 Jonathan Looper
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Lisa Cody

What do you find most rewarding about being on the School Board?

Being on the school board gives me the chance to make a meaningful impact on the future of our district and community. It's incredibly rewarding to know that the decisions we make help shape the educational opportunities for our students and give them the foundation they need to succeed. I love seeing how the programs we support positively influence not only the students, but also their families and the broader community.

What do you enjoy most about being involved in the school district's community activities?

I love the sense of connection and unity that comes from community activities. It's inspiring to see parents, students, and staff come together to celebrate achievements and work toward shared goals. Whether it's attending a school play, cheering at a football game, or participating in a fundraiser, these events remind me why our schools are the heart of our town. It's always a great day to be a Sanger Indian!

What do you think is the most important quality for a school board member to have?

I think the most important quality is a deep commitment to listening. A good school board member should be open to the ideas, concerns, and needs of students, parents, teachers, and the community. It's also vital to approach every decision with integrity, fairness, and a focus on what's best for the children. Balancing these qualities helps build trust and ensures we're making thoughtful, impactful decisions.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

In my free time, I love being with my grandkids, traveling with my husband in our RV and tending to my chickens.



Two places up for May 3, 2025
Election on Sanger ISD School Board

An election for two places on the Sanger ISD School Board will be held on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of: Selection one each for Sanger ISD Board of Trustee:
Place 4 – (3 yr. Term) currently held by Jesse Hunter
Place 5 – (3 yr. Term) currently held by Lisa Cody

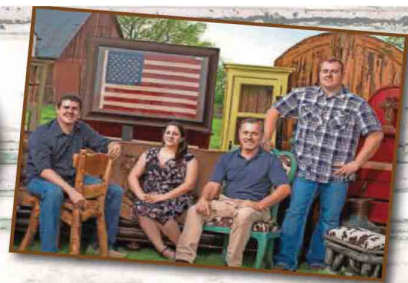
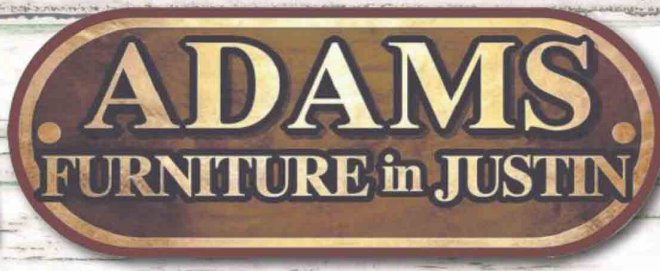
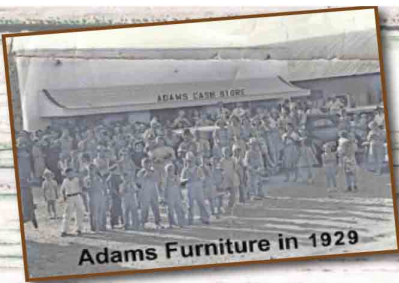
Applications for a place on the ballot began on January 15, 2025 at 8 a.m. and end on February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting locations will be announced at a later date.

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elected to serve, without compensation, for overlapping terms of three years each. Due to HB 1, School District elections must be held in conjunction with either the city or the county. While candidates run for specific places, they do not represent specific geographical areas; rather, each represents Sanger ISD at large. Following the annual election, an Election of Board Officers of Board Officers (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) by a vote of the Trustees is conducted.

There are three places up for election for Sanger City Council. See more on page 5.

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SPORTS

Sanger varsity boys basketball beats Lake Dallas

Sanger and Lake Dallas traded blows throughout Tuesday's crucial District 9-4A clash, but the Indians got the last word in a 64-58 victory.

The Falcons held the lead through one quarter behind a hot-shooting narrow halftime lead and held on down the stretch to split the season series and notch a big win for its playoff hopes.

The Indians leaned on

a balanced performance to get it done as five players scored nine or more points on the night.

"We've got four games left, and I'm telling my guys it's a four-team tournament," Sanger coach Bobby Stastny said. "We win four in a row, it'd help us out a great deal. If we go 2-2 again, it's going to get tight. We started off tonight with a win."

"It's too bad somebody had to lose. They're a good

club. Luckily, we came out with the win tonight."

Alex Dee led the way with 16 points, five rebounds and three assists, while Dylan Brown added 12 points, six rebounds and two assists. Kevin Thomas notched 11 points, eight boards and three assists; Hunter Nelms had 11 points, 10 rebounds and two assists; and Baylor Beard added nine points and four rebounds.

Every victory has become more important down the home stretch of 9-4A play with the next four teams below district-leading Frisco Panther Creek (22-8, 9-0 in district) all tight in the standings.

Sanger (21-6, 5-4) jumped into third place with the victory, one game behind Aubrey (20-8, 6-3), while Lake Dallas (14-16, 4-4) fell to fourth with just a half-game lead over Celina (18-13, 4-5). Those four are set to continue battling for the district's three re-

maining playoff spots in the coming days.

Sanger's season sweep of Aubrey could come in handy if the Indians are able to finished tied with or above the Chaparrals.

It also makes each win crucial as Sanger aims to close the gap.

"Very important, because they beat us at our place," Stastny said of the win over Lake Dallas. "It's just that tight, so we just have to stay focused. Maybe we can come out in second or third and not have to be bunched up. We'll see what happens."

Lake Dallas jumped out to a 14-6 lead through the first four minutes, but a Thomas layup and back-to-back Beard 3-pointers tied the contest and helped Sanger trail just 21-15 through a quarter. The Indians finished the second period on a 7-0 run with a Thomas jump shot, Beard triple and Nelms jumper at the horn giving them their first lead and a 33-31 half-



Sanger High School basketball seniors - Left to right: Hunter Nelms, Victor Gonzalez, Daylen Richardson, Seth Cox, Dylan Brown, Kevin Thomas, Kason Peebles and Hub Cooper.

time edge.

Dee knocked down three 3-pointers of his own for all nine of Sanger's third-quarter points as it extended the lead to 42-39 entering the fourth period. The Indians led the rest of the way, fending off a few Lake Dallas rally attempts down the stretch.

Lake Dallas continues district play Friday at Celina, while Sanger hosts Gainesville.

"Our kids just have to

stay focused and sharpen up on some little things," Stastny said. "As long as we find a way to win, that's what it's all about. An ugly win is better than a pretty loss."

Reporting by John Fields
Staff Writer of Denton Record-Chronicle



See game photos and full story at:
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Sanger High School Varsity Boys Basketball Roster

0	Soph	5-10	Tyler Grimes
1	Soph	5-10	Baylor Beard
2	Soph	5-10	Alex Dee
3	Sr	6-4	Hunter Nelms
4	Sr	6-1	Kevin Thomas
5	Sr	6-3	Dylan Brown
12	Sr	5-5	Victor Gonzalez
13	Sr	5-10	Seth Cox
21	Sr	6-3	Kason Peebles
22	Sr	5-10	Hub Cooper
33	Sr	6-4	Daylen Richardson

Head Coach: Bubba Stastny, Assist.
Coaches: Erik McCairy, Kyle Stifflemore

Sanger varsity girls have clinched playoff spot, lose to Lake Dallas

Lake Dallas and Sanger came into Tuesday's District 9-4A clash with playoff spots clinched and likely to end up in different postseason brackets.

That didn't stop the pair from playing a high-intensity game, however.

Sanger (22-9, 7-4 in district) led for much of the first three quarters before Lake Dallas (18-10, 8-2) rallied to take it 55-42.

The Lady Falcons went on a 25-2 run over more than seven minutes of game time from late in the third period to late in the fourth as they flipped a 14-point halftime deficit into what eventually became a 13-point victory.

Lake Dallas held on to second place in the 9-4A standings with the win, while Sanger remained in third with the defeat. The current playoff field would have Lake Dallas as the district's top 4A Division I seed with Celina second and Sanger as the district's second 4A DII seed behind Frisco Panther Creek.

Van Alstyne earning a long-shot playoff bid over Celina, however, would bump district-leading Panther Creek into Division I with Lake Dallas and would give Sanger the district's top DII seed over Van Alstyne.

Molly Schmucker led Sanger's scoring effort with 13 points, while Vivianne Lynch and Taylor Galbreath added nine apiece, and Presley Bumpus had six.

Sanger opened the contest on a 10-3 run behind a pair of Bumpus 3-pointers and led 13-5 through one quarter after a late triple from Lynch. The Lady Indians stayed in control throughout the second period as Galbreath scored five points in the quarter and Sarah Dee added four to help them lead 26-12 by halftime.

Sanger led by 12 points with less than two minutes left in the third quarter before Gillam scored a 3-pointer and a layup plus the foul as part of an 8-0 Lady Falcon run to make it 37-33 entering the fourth period. The Lake Dallas surge continued through much of the final quarter to solidify its victory.

Sanger finishes district play Friday versus Gainesville, while Lake Dallas plays its penultimate game in district Friday at Celina.

Reporting by John Fields
Staff Writer of Denton Record-Chronicle



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Sanger High School Varsity Girls Basketball Roster

#1	Presley Bumpus	SR.	5'7"
#2	Vivianne Lynch	SO.	5'6"
#4	Hope Hughey	SR.	5'7"
#5	Molly Schmucker	SO.	5'9"
#10	Lily Wilson	JR.	5'7"
#15	Taylor Galbreath	SR.	5'8"
#21	Blair Lewis	JR.	6'2"
#24	Brittyn Baird	JR.	5'7"
#33	Am'arie White	JR.	5'8"
#44	Sarah Dee	SO.	5'7"

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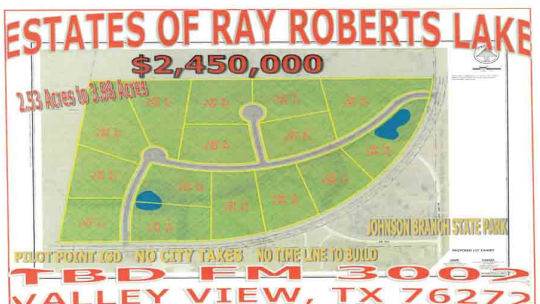
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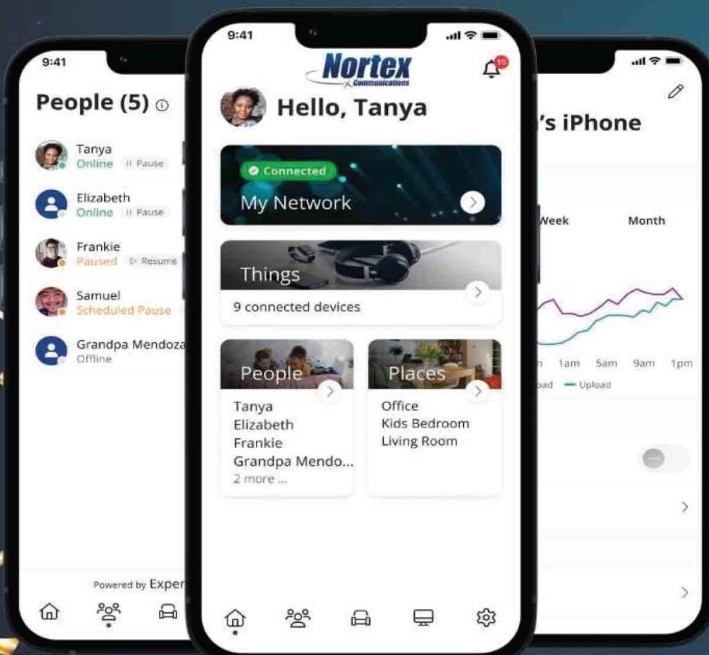


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