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February 7, 2025

## City of Sanger recognizes Shani Bradshaw for leadership in bringing Tom Thumb Grocery Store to Sanger

February 3, 2025 The City of Sanger proudly recognized Shani Bradshaw, Director of Economic Development, for her instrumental role in bringing a Tom Thumb grocery store to the community. During the Sanger City Council meeting on February 3, Bradshaw was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation, acknowledging her dedication and leadership in facilitating this major development project.

The certificate presented to Bradshaw read: "We extend our

personal gratitude and sincere appreciation for your tireless efforts working with Randall's Food and Drugs, LP, to bring Tom Thumb Grocery to the City of Sanger. We understand that projects of this magnitude require a great deal of time andmost importantly—a team of dedicated individuals working towards the same goal. None were more dedicated to this project than you. We recognize the crucial role you played in keeping that team focused and leading the negotiation efforts throughout the entire proce

This project is an enormous accomplishment. It will have positive and direct impacts on our community for decades, and it paves the way for rapid, future economic development. Your commitment, overall leader-



Shani Bradshaw

ship, and the example you set are true reflections of your professionalism. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment, and to have you as part of our

In response to the recognition, Bradshaw expressed her gratitude, stating, "I am incredibly hum-

bled and grateful to have

ceived a recognition award from the Sanger City Council for my contribution to the Tom Thumb project. A huge thank you to my amazing team, community, and everyone involved. I'm excited to continue working on projects that positively impact our community. Thank you, City of Sanger City Council, for this honor-your support motivates me to keep

pushing forward." The new Tom

Thumb grocery store will be a significant addition to the Sanger community. Located at the southeast corner of FM 455 and I-35 within the Sanger Crossing Retail Development, the 50,000-squarefoot store will offer a full range of services, including a pharmacy with a drive-thru service window, as well as departments for fresh produce, deli, bakery, meat, seafood, and floral. Customers will also have the option to shop online for delivery or pickup via the DriveUp & Go™ service.

Beyond the grocery store, the Sanger Crossing development, led by Malouf Interests, will include more than 500 multi-family homes, townhomes, duplex units, more than 250 single-family residenc-



es, and 18 commercial lots. This expansion marks a significant milestone in Sanger's economic growth, enhancing local amenities and opportunities for residents and businesses alike.

The City of Sanger commends Shani Bradshaw for her unwavering commitment and leadership, which have helped shape the future of the community.



## Annual SEF Gala is sold out, but vacation raffle and silent auction available online: BID NOW

The Sanger Education organized exclusively for Annual Gala will be held Friday, February 21, 2025 at the Palazio Event Center in Denton. The Gala has reached capacity and is SOLD OUT.

However you can still support and make a difference through the extensive and really quite amazing ONLINE SILENT AUC-TION EVENT at https:// sangeref2025.ggo.bid or just scan the QR code. Also the Destination Vacation Raffle is still available. SEE PAGE 4:

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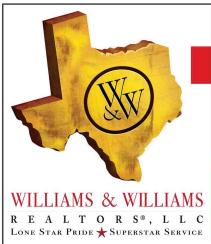


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Gary Bilyeu and Victor Gann present Shani Bradshaw with a framed shovel from the ground breaking of the new Tom Thumb Grocery Store.





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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Jennifer Michele Nicholsen

October 1, 1974 - January 26, 2025

Jennifer Michele Nicholsen "Jenn", 50, was born on October 1, 1974, in Goldsboro, North Carolina to parents, Hans "Nick" & Linda Nicholsen. She passed away at her home in Sanger,

Texas, on January 26, 2025. Jennifer was a beautiful, kind person who always had a smile on her face and enjoyed helping others. She absolutely loved her family and spending time with them and Charlie, the beloved golden retriever. She loved gardening and was creative with decorating and making special cards and gifts. She was pursuing her aspirations in accounting, counseling and the pharmaceutical field.



Those left to cherish her memories are her parents; two daughters, Elizabeth Kimber and husband Jose Chavez of Atlanta, Georgia, and Lilith Holland of Tampa, Florida; one son, Ethan Kimber of Atlanta, Georgia; one sister, Deborah Brown and husband Billy of Sanger; one brother, Hans Nicholsen, Jr. and wife Jerilyn of Fenton, Michigan; Aunt Wanda Schmidt and husband Rick, of Lynchburg Virginia, Uncle Hayden of Irving, Texas; seven nieces and nephews, Christopher, Nickolas, Hunter, Austin, Alex, Andrew, Taylor; one adoration for deep sea fishing. While living on the Gulf great niece, Winsley Rose, one great nephew, Hans Michael; and several special cousins and friends.

Please offer your condolences to the Nicholsen Family at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.

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## Benjamin Florian Huston

April 17, 1938 - January 27, 2025

Benjamin Florian Huston, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend took his "final flight" at age 86. Ben passed away peacefully in Denton, Texas on January 27, 2025. He was born in Gulfport, Mississippi to Thomas Boone and Lila Jane Huston on April 17, 1938.

Ben spent his childhood on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where, as a young man, he helped his father on their dairy farm. In 1957, in Gulfport, Mississippi, he met the love of his life Mary Long. They were married in 1959 and in July 2024 they celebrated 65 wonderful years together.

As a young man, he served in the Mississippi National Guard while obtaining his associates degree at Perkinston Junior College. During this time,

he also started working to fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot. His dream grew even bigger as he became a commercial pilot in 1966. His employment as an airline pilot started with Braniff International and then Tower Air for a total of 33 years of commercial service. After the "mandatory age 60" retirement from flying, he continued in the industry as an instructor for American

Although flying was his first love, Ben also had an Coast, frequent trips were made aboard his Sea Bird fishing vessel appropriately christened "Proud Mary".

Ben and Mary raised five children, Dianne, Ben, Tom, Marion and Wes. After moving the family to Sanger, Texas in 1975, he farmed and raised cattle for many years. He was a loving and supportive father, always encouraging his children to follow their dreams as he had done with his love for flying. The family continue to live on the property located near the grass runway and airport known as "Ironhead Airport" which was developed by Ben and his sons. Ben spent much time sitting on his front porch along with Mary watching the airplanes come and go on the "little grass strip".

Upon full retirement at the age of 77, Ben continued to enjoy flying, tinkering with airplanes, taking trips back to the Mississippi Gulf Coast (as often as possible) and most importantly spending time with family. Ben was very proud to be recognized as a lifetime member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He actively participated for many years in serving people and communities through benevolent programs committed to the ideals of charity and patriotism.

Ben is preceded in death by his parents and brother Thomas Edward Huston, Sr. He is survived by his wife Mary, children Dianne Crawford Johnson and husband Bill, Ben E. Huston and wife Diana, Tom Huston and wife Kelly, Marion Wynne and husband Greg and Wes Huston and wife Cristy. Grandchildren Bailey Crawford Renaud and husband Andrew, Lila Huston, Ben Huston, Caitlin Huston, Matthew Huston, Nathan Huston, Jonathan Wynne, Justin Wynne, Tom Huston, Travis Huston and Great Grandchild Rowyn Renaud.

Ben aka Dad, Daddy, Grandfather, Uncle Ben, Big Ben, Captain Huston, you left an impression on many, you will be missed! Family, Flying, Fishing, Farming one might say you did all to "perfection".

We are at peace knowing that God has now given you your heavenly wings. Fly High!

'And once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you would return."

-John H. Secondari

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

#### Jose Martinez

Jose Martinez, 89 of Sanger, Texas passed away on February 2, 2025 in Denton, Tx.

Jose is survived by his daughters, Ester Martinez, Guadalupe Martinez, Carmen Martinez, and Gabina Martinez, sons, Maximo Martinez, Felipe Martinez, and Armando Martinez, sisters, Petra Martinez, Berta Martinez, Josephina Martinez, and Monica Martinez. his brothers, Jose Martinez, and Pedro Martinez. He was preceded in death by his wife, Maria Martinez.

A Rosary was said on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 6PM, until 7PM at DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton, Texas.

## 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 Stanislawa Kaminski Niestemski. On October 10, 2010, he married the love of his life, Angela Dawn Seagler, in Plano, Texas.

Thaddeus was 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 Rent-

al 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

Coker Funeral Home in Sanger was in charge of arrangements.

#### Billie Jean Parsons

September 25, 1930 - February 4, 2025

Billie Jean Parsons, 94, went to Heaven at 5:15 am on February 4, 2025. She was born in Valley View, Texas, on September 25, 1930, to Grover and Winnie Mae Sebastian. In 1957, Billie married Wade L. Parsons.

Billie is survived by her son, Rex Parsons, and wife, Cindy; daughter, Carol Schluter and husband, Dan; and brother, Additionally, Jim Sebastian. three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also

vived her.

A visitation for Billie will be from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on

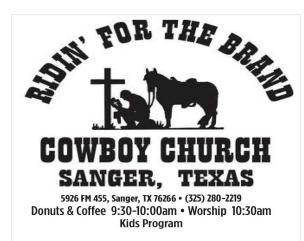
Thursday, February 6, 2025, at Coker Funeral Home. Graveside services are at 10:00 am on Friday, February 7, 2025, in the Pavilion at the Sanger Cemetery, with John Payne officiating.

In lieu of flowers, we request that memorial donations be made to the Cherokee Children's Home at chc4kids.org.

We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to the staff and friends at Denton Village. The care and love that Billie received was a true blessing.

Services are under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. You may offer condolences to the Parsons Family in our online guest book at at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.





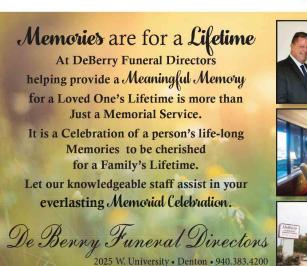








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## **OBITUARIES...**

## George Monroe Thompson

August 14, 1941 - January 23, 2025

George Monroe Thompson, 83, passed away Thursday, January 23, 2025 in Pilot Point, TX. He was born August 14, 1941 in Madill, OK. He married Patricia Ann Rucker in Krum, TX on May 13, 1977.

George retired from USPS in 1992 after twen-

ty-eight years then went to work for Denton County Road and Bridge for twenty years. He was involved with Denton County Livestock Association and Blue Ribbon Club for over forty years. He was a member of Midway Church and enjoyed volunteering at the North Texas Fair. George had many interests and hobbies that included reading, fishing, hunting, and



spending time with his children and grandchildren. His greatest lessons in life were to work hard and take care of family. His most treasured accomplishment was honoring Pat by giving to the kids through scholarships, being able to serve and volunteer.

He is survived by his son, John Thompson of FL; five daughters, Georgina Webb and husband Doug of Pilot Point, TX; Pattie Pennington and husband Roy of Sanger, TX; Maryanne Marick of Krum, TX; Lynn Thompson of Sanger, TX; Angela Hagar of Denton, TX; six grandchildren; four great- grandchildren; sister, Sam Beard-Hunt and husband Tommy of Abilene, TX; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat; mother and step- father, Edith Katherine and Robert Adrian Frazier; and sister, Edith Fave Blood.

A visitation was held 6:00-7:00PM, Monday, January 27, 2025, at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. A funeral service was held at 1:00PM, Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at Midway Church in Aubrey, TX with John Theison, Steve Womble, and Randy Carroll officiating. Interment followed at Jackson cemetery in Krum, TX.

Memorial donations may be made to the Blue Ribbon Club Scholarship Fund. Donations can be sent to: Blue Ribbon Club Scholarship Fund, c/o Jana Bullock, 6791 Hawkeye Road Krum, TX 76249.

On-line condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

#### James "Jim" Andrew McDaniel

February 19, 1949 - January 29, 2025

James "Jim" Andrew McDaniel left this world peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior Christ Jesus early Wednesday morning on January 29, 2025, in Justin, TX at the age of 75. He was born in Kerrville, TX on February 19, 1949, to Andrew and Lucy (Glenn)

McDaniel and then his family moved to Denton, TX where he graduated from Denton High in

After graduation he began working at Sears while he went to school to study law enforcement. It was at the Sears in Denton that he met his future bride Beverly Swink in 1969, and they married on March 3, 1973, in Denton, Texas. They would have celebrated 52 years married this March, but Beverly proceeded

Jim in death in 2015. His love for her never faded and he waited patiently for his day to be called home to Heaven to see his beautiful bride once more.

Jim enjoyed a twenty-year stretch in a career he was very enthusiastic about law enforcement. Working for Cisco, Lewisville, and finally Sanger Police Department where he retired in the 90's. He loved this career and especially loved keeping his community and family safe. He was fond of telling stories of his time behind the badge with his favorite memories of catching "bad guys," especially robbers. He was proud of this role and was beloved by many, earning the nickname "Buzz the Fuzz" to his daughters and their friends. After his career in law enforcement, he decided on a different career path, something less stressful. He began working as a warehouse supervisor at Dealers Electric Supply in Denton where he worked until his retirement in 2010. When he was not working, he was busy spending time with his wife, kids, grandkids, and friends. He was devoted to his girls, as his world was filled with lots of incredible women. He and Beverly had two daughters, three granddaughters, and he was just weeks away from meeting his first great-granddaughter. He was over the moon excited about becoming a great-grandfather and was anticipating the arrival of Karsynn Raelynn Shands. He told everyone about her upcoming arrival and was overjoyed when speaking of her to those in his life. He enjoyed his quiet time fishing anywhere he could find a bite or watching reruns of Gunsmoke and

The Rifleman. He loved hanging out with his grandkids and watching them cheer or play in the band. A strong believer in Christ, he read his bible and shared the gospel of Jesus with whoever would listen. He anticipated Sundays every week when he knew his best friend of 57 years would faithfully pick him up and take him to church. Robert Genova was the best man in their wedding and a lifelong friend.

Jim had many friends and was thankful to be in the company of friends. Jim was quick to give a compliment to a pretty lady, often caught smiling his way into so many hearts that had the pleasure of knowing him. He was hilarious, always joking, dancing crazy, or enjoying laughter with his daughters, grandchildren, loved ones and friends. He loved eating good Sunday dinners and having fellowship with his people. It was hard to be in a bad mood around him, his spirit was light, and he never met a stranger. He had a gift for storytelling and could captivate those around him with his life tales. We are all better for having spent time with Jim

He is survived by his eldest daughter, Andrea Brentz, and her husband, Eric Brentz of Fort Worth, Texas; his youngest daughter, Amanda "Mandy" Mc-Millon, and her husband, Travis McMillon of Valley View, Texas. He leaves behind three grandchildren: Kyrstin McDaniel and her partner, Jaden Shands of Lewisville, Texas, as well as Gillian and Emma Brentz of Fort Worth, Texas. Additionally, he is survived by his sister Sharon McDaniel Lindsey, and three grandsons from his late son Chad-Jacob, Josh, and Joel.

He is proceeded in death by his wife Beverly Sue (Swink) McDaniel, his father, Andrew Jackson Mc-Daniel, his mother, Lucy Ann (Glenn) McDaniel, his sister Cordellia Anne Bailey, his brother William "Bill" McDaniel, and his son Chad McDaniel.

A memorial service will be on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 11:30AM at Denton County Cowboy Church at 400 Robinson Rd. Ponder, TX 76259. A fellowship meal with family and friends will be directly following the service provided by the church. Please join us to bid Jim farewell by doing what he loved the most, celebrating our Lord and Savior and having fellowship with the people he loved.





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- 4 Nights in Nassau, Bahamas: Relax in a 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom home for up to 4 guests with access to

- Grand Canyon Glamping Experience (3 Nights): Stay in a deluxe sky dome for up to 5 people, featuring nightly s'mores, live music, and telescopes for stargazing. (Airfare not included.)

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 picture below, for the QR code for the raffle and the online auction items for the Gala.











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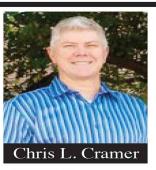
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January 15 - February 14, 2025

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The City Council consists of a Mayor and five Coun-

cil Members, all of whom are elected at large. Positions

Election for Councilmembers

Places 1,3 & 5

## **2024 Public Works Highlights**

#### 01

#### Water and Sewer Infrastructure

- · Relocated 90% of the water and sewer lines along I-35 in preparation for TXDOT construction. The other 10% will be complete by February/March of 2025.
- · Added water/sewer availability to the west side of I-35 near Lois Road.
- · Installed new "smart" water meters for all residential customers and began installation for commercial customers.
- Performed an inventory of water service lines as required by the EPA to identify lead service lines.
- Began quarterly entry-point testing for PER and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

#### 02

#### **Electric and Utility Upgrades**

· Installed backup electric generators at the Fire Department, Police Station, City Hall, Utility Road Well, and Well #6.

#### 03

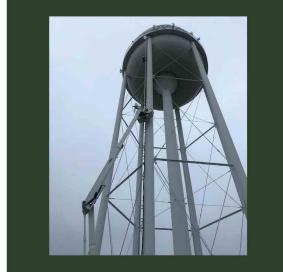
#### **Road and Street Improvements**

- · Gathered initial data for the Street Utility Maintenance Program (SUMP) to identify future maintenance projects.
- · Reconstructed roadways and paved Duck Creek Road, Rising Star Lane, Brooke Drive, Benjamin Drive, Laney Drive, Brook Glen Drive, and Fairfield Circle.
- · Began construction design for Marion and Belz Roads.

#### 04

#### **Storage Tank Maintenance**

· Painted the Acker Elevated Storage Tank.



#### Goals for 2025

- Complete water and sewer line relocations along I-35.
- and allocate funding.
- · Receive designs for Marion and Belz Roads and bid projects.
- and 5th Street, Jackilu Street between 2nd Street and 3rd Street, Locust Street between 2nd Street and 3rd Street, Marshall Street between 3rd Street and 5th Street, Wayne Street between 3rd Street and Aster Drive, and Wood Street between 2nd Street and 5th Street.
- · Add an additional blower at the

- · Rebuild sub-grade and pave 3rd Street between Willow Street and Wayne Street, Austin Street between 3rd Street and 5th Street, Church Street between 2nd Street
- wastewater treatment plant.

## 2024 Fire Department Highlights

#### Staffing and Personnel

- · Expanded daily staffing model with additional Texas Commission on Fire Protection-certified firefighters.
- · Ensured all personnel are also Texas Department of State Health Servicescertified paramedics.

#### 02

#### **Emergency Response and Performance**

- · Maintained exceptional response times and high-quality performance in the primary response district.
- · Operated at the highest level in statewide mutual aid, including:
  - Deployment within the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS).
  - · Participation in Texas Task Force 2 flooding response and severe weather operations.
  - · Assistance with the Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) during the largest wildfires in Texas history (February 2024).

#### 03

#### **Facilities and Transition**

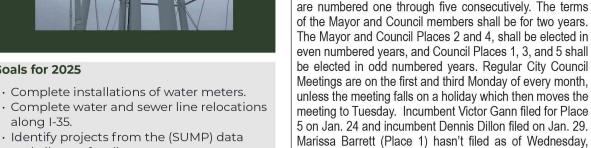
- · Secured a temporary fire station, with operational start planned for March 2025.
- Preparing to transition all emergency responses to the new location, marking the first departure from the original volunteerbuilt station since 1988.

- The City's first-ever aerial apparatus is set to arrive in the first quarter of 2025. In preparation, all current Sanger Fire personnel have completed both the Aerial Apparatus Course and the Driver Operator Course, earning state certification for both positions. Additionally, members have ttended the Fire Officer I & II course to furth their education in the fire service.
- are scheduled to begin in late 2025. During until the station's complete remodel is finished. The updated facility will feature a redesigned
- A third ambulance will be placed in service in late 2025. Efforts are also underway to acquire land for a second and third fire station to support future
- implementing the Medic Lieutenant position in quarter, and remounting the rescue unit in the first quarter.



#### Goals for 2025

- Renovations on the volunteer-built fire station construction, operations will temporarily relocate floor plan to accommodate future apparatus and
- Additional developments in 2025 include
- the last quarter, remounting M671 in the second



#### 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.

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The main Early Voting polling place is Denton County Elections Administration, located at 701 Kimberly Dr., Denton, TX 76208, room A111.

\*\*\*and other locations as designated by Denton County Filing for a Place on the Ballot:

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

Last Day to file an application for a place on the ballot is February 14, 2025

|  | Mayor/Council Member | Place   | Term Expires | First Term |
|--|----------------------|---------|--------------|------------|
|  | Thomas E. Muir       | Mayor   | May 2026     | May 2010   |
|  | Marissa Barrett      | Place 1 | May 2025     | May 2019   |
|  | Gary Bilyeu          | Place 2 | May 2026     | May 2010   |
|  | Dennis Dillon        | Place 3 | May 2025     | May 2019   |
|  | Allen Chick          | Place 4 | May 2026     | May 2014   |
|  | Victor Gann          | Place 5 | May 2025     | May 2021   |

#### Qualifications / Eligibility to File

City of Sanger Home Rule Charter Section 3.04 Code of Ordinances; Each candidate for an elective office shall meet the following qualifications: Be a qualified voter; Be 21 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as applicable; Must have resided in the State for twelve months and within the City limits for twelve months immediately preceding the date of the regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot; Shall not be employed by the City; Shall meet all other eligibility requirements of the Texas Election Code



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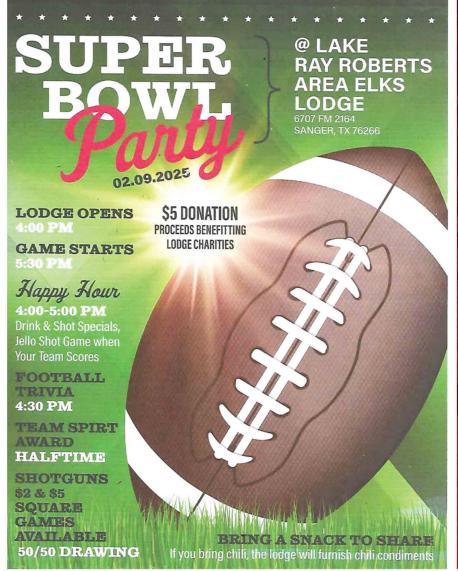
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# SAVE THE DATE



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

Incumbents Cody and Hunter to run again, Drew Hall also files for a place

An election for two places on be announced at a later date. 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

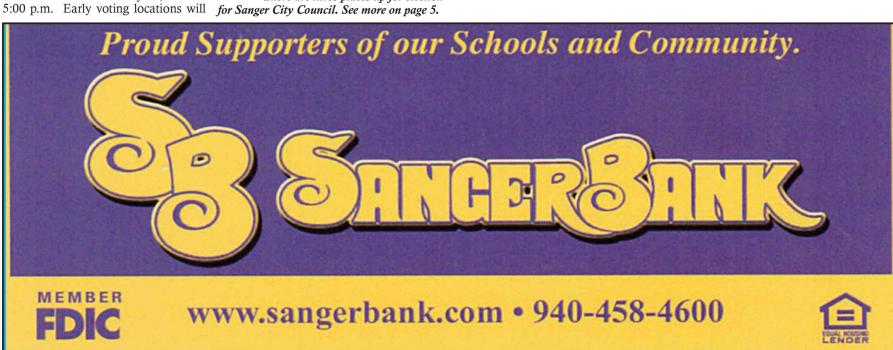
Both Cody and Hunter have filed for their respective places and Drew Hall, an SHS alum, realtor / home builder in Sanger has filed for Place 5, as well.

Applications for a place on the ballot began on January 15, 2025 at 8 a.m. and end on February 14, 2025 at

The SISD Board of Trustees consists of seven Board Members 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









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Marusich Monden Blake Olivia Montgomery Muir Julia Piercy Lillian Pomerov Rachel Robinson Jackson

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White

11th Grade - All A's

Luke

Aaliyah

Valeria Andrade Gutierrez Katherine Berrios Cruz Cepeda Aleyda Paige Child Darah Cook Preslev Corbin Charli Davis Lauren Giddens Farah Hughey Angelo Ga Manacap Jake Mikas Harley Miller Mollye Morgan Katrian Morphis Morphis Spencer Cesar Ortega Christia Parada Maggie Kyle **Phelps** Phelps Nathan Luke

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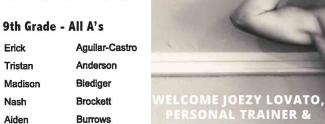
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This week, Sanger ISD celebrates and thanks the incredible school counselors for the important role they play in supporting the students' academic, social, and emotional success. Their dedication helps shape bright futures, and SISD is so grateful for their impact on the Sanger ISD community.



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## **SPORTS**

## Lady Indians varsity basketball advances to playoffs after third place finish in district

The Lady Indians (23-9 overall, 8-4 district) finished third in a tough 9-4A District, behind Frisco Panther Creek, who finished 12-0 in district. Lake Dallas is the runner-up at 10-2.

The Bi-District Playoffs are Feb. 10-11. As of Wednesday, afternoon, before press deadline, there was no playoff information available. Check the Sanger ISD and SHS Facebook pages for updated playoff

Sanger won their last district game last Friday 63-25 over Gainesville.

| Sanger | High | School   | Varsity |
|--------|------|----------|---------|
| Girls  | Bask | etball R | oster   |

| #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" |
|     |                  |     |      |

Head Coach: Derek Hilliard Head Assistant / A.D.: Tracy Sykes Assistant Coaches: Allison Odom, Scott Montgomery, Jeremey Harvey

Sanger: 12,18,20,13: 63 Gainesville: 7,3,5,10: 25

Sanger scorers: Presley Bumpus 8 Molly Schmucker 12

Taylor Galbreath 14 Blair Lewis 8 Bailey Newton 3 Brittyn Baird 4 Am'arie White 2 Sarah Dee 12

#### DISTRICT 9-4A VARSITY **GIRLS FINAL STANDINGS**

| Opponent             | W-L-I | PF  | PA  | W-L-T |
|----------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Panther Creek        | 12-0  | 785 | 395 | 22-6  |
| Lake Dallas          | 10-2  | 561 | 395 | 20-10 |
| <b>S</b> Sanger      | 8-4   | 550 | 418 | 23-9  |
| © Celina             | 5-6   | 508 | 535 | 13-14 |
| Van Alstyne          | 4-8   | 492 | 538 | 12-20 |
| Aubrey               | 2-10  | 304 | 546 | 6-21  |
| <b>G</b> Gainesville | 0-11  | 275 | 648 | 8-21  |

## SHS football wins National High School Academic Excellence Award!

Sanger High School Football was named the Texas 4A Finalist for the NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award, presented by The Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation! Out of 200 eligible 4A teams, THSCA narrowed the field to six finalists, and Sanger High School was ultimately named the WINNER!

To earn this prestigious honor, teams had to meet rigorous academic



standards, including a minimum cumulative team GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, superior academic application and performance, and have a successful football season.

A HUGE congratulations to the entire team and coaching staff under the Academic Leadership of Michael Mann for this outstanding achievement!





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#### One thing is set in the District 9-4A varsity boys basketball division, Frisco Panther Creek will finish as the district champion and be the number one seed. The final three playoff spots are up in the air with Sanger, Aubrey, Celina and Lake Dallas with a chance. The Indians are 6-4 in district and had a bye on Tuesday. The Indians face Celina at home on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 and travel to Van Alstyne on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Indians need one more district win to make

playoffs, have chance to finish in second place

Sanger needs to win one of those games to get in the playoffs. If they secure both victories, Sanger has a solid chance at finishing as the runner-up in a tough district.

Bi-District Playoffs are Feb. 17-18 and expect the Indians to be there for the third straight season under head coach Bubba Stastny.

#### **DISTRICT 9-4A VARSITY BOYS STANDINGS (2 games remaining)**

| Opponent             | W-L-T | PCT   | PF  | PA  | W-L-T |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Panther Creek        | 11-0  | 1.000 | 843 | 596 | 24-8  |
| <b>\$</b> Sanger     | 6-4   | 0.600 | 615 | 611 | 22-6  |
| Aubrey               | 6-4   | 0.600 | 598 | 639 | 20-9  |
| Celina               | 6-5   | 0.545 | 665 | 627 | 20-13 |
| Lake Dallas          | 5-5   | 0.500 | 591 | 560 | 15-17 |
| <b>G</b> Gainesville | 2-8   | 0.200 | 567 | 692 | 17-17 |
| Van Alstyne          | 0-10  | 0.000 | 482 | 636 | 7-24  |
|                      |       |       |     |     |       |

#### 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 Thoma  |
| _ | C.   | 6 2  | Didon Drouge |

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's top scorer Hunter Nelms (3) celebrates with teammates.

#### **MONTHLY - SANGER HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

| Date      | Opponent   | Location  | JV   | Varsity | Туре       |
|-----------|------------|-----------|------|---------|------------|
| Feb 8     | Centennial | Sanger    |      | 10:00   | Scrimmage  |
| Feb 8     | S&S        | Sanger    |      | 1:00    | Scrimmage  |
| Feb 11    | Pottsboro  | Pottsboro | 5:00 | 6:30    | Game       |
| Feb 13-15 | Tournament | RL Turner |      | TBD     | Tournament |

#### **MONTHLY - SANGER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

| Date         | DAY      | TYPE          | Location                | VARSITY             | TIME | JV        | TIME      |
|--------------|----------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------|-----------|-----------|
| Feb 8        | Saturday | Scrimmage     | Away                    | Boyd                | 2:00 | Boyd      | 12:00     |
| Feb 11       | Tuesday  | Scrimmage     | Home                    | Ponder              | 7:00 | Ponder    | 4:30      |
| Feb 15       | Saturday |               | Blue and Gold Scrimmage |                     |      |           |           |
| Feb 17       | Monday   | Non-District  | Home                    | TACA                | 7:00 | TACA      | 4:30      |
| Feb 20-22    | Thur-Sat | Tournament    | Away                    | Denton Ryan         | TBA  | Aubrey JV | TBA       |
| Feb 27-Mar 1 | Thur-Sat | Tournament    | Away                    | Frisco Independence | TBA  | Ponder JV | TBA       |
| Mar 3        | Monday   | District 9 4A | Away                    |                     |      | Bonham    | 5:30/7:00 |





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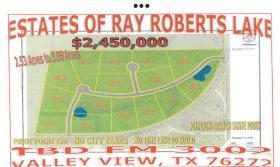
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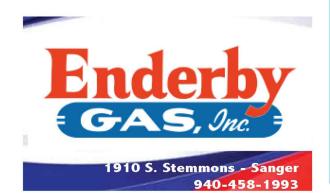


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