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The Sanger Sonic has a new modern look and logos. It will feature double drive-thru and entrance and exits from 8th and 10th streets, on each side. Management is hoping to be open by next month on Chapman Drive.

**Sanger Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon held at Creekview Venue**



The annual Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon was well attended at the Creekview Venue on FM 455 W last week.

The local chamber is thriving. They have 146 business members and held 10 ribbon cuttings in 2021. There are four more ribbon cuttings slated in the near future.

The awards presented were: Teacher of the Year - Katie Grant (Chisholm Trail Elementary); Business of the Year - BnB Stone (owners Chance and Kelsi Bannahan); New Business of the Year - K's Gourmet (owner Kara Meyers); Person of the Year - Amanda Gibson (The Gibson Agency / Farmers Insurance); Chamber Appreciation Award - Donny Mack (Beaver Builders); and the Business of the Month - McDorman Signs.

**See more photos on pages 4-8:**

LEFT: The Creekview Venue at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon.

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance available at Sanger Public Library on Saturday's**

United Way of Denton County's free tax preparation program returns to in-person services for the 2022 tax season with trained volunteers ready to help families in Denton County who earn up to \$60,000 annually.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, created by the IRS and implemented by United Way of Denton County since 2008, helps thousands of hard-working households file their



federal income taxes accurately, on time, and for free. From January to Tax Day on April 18, IRS-certified volunteers at four sites across the county will be ready to help taxpayers retrieve every dollar of refund and credit they are due, including the high

value Child Tax Credit, Earned Income Credit, and more.

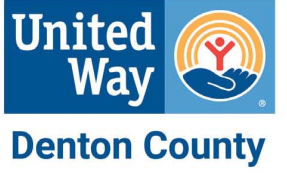
"This program is a vital resource for struggling families, those we refer to as A.L.I.C.E. - Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed," explained Gary Henderson, United Way of Denton County President & CEO. "These families work hard but struggle to make ends meet. Our VITA volunteers are critical to ensuring families receive the full

tax refund possible, while saving them hundreds in tax preparation and filing fees."

Several VITA locations will be setup throughout Denton County, open until April 15, 2022. Income tax returns are prepared at Sanger Public Library on Saturdays, between 9 and 12 (arrive by 11:30). The same team of local volunteers from 2015 to 2020 is again here to help you.

This program has a

family income limit of \$60,000 to qualify; larger amounts need paid preparers. You should bring with you: photo ID for taxpayer and spouse (if joint), SS cards for taxpayer(s) and all children listed on the return. Small one person family businesses can often be done; (if employees, inventory, or depreciation it is out of scope for us). Forms they typically help with are: W-2, 1099 INT and DIV, SS 1099, 1099-R, 1099-C, 1099-MISC,



1098-T 1095-A, capital gains, and others.

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# OBITUARIES...

## Michael Joe Mays

August 28, 1949 - January 26, 2022

Mike was born August 28, 1949, in Denton Texas to James A. and Bobbie Allen Mays and was the eldest of four children, graduated from Denton High School in 1967, and was a 1977 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Master's of Education.

Mike was an active citizen throughout Denton County serving as President of Green Springs Water Supply Cooperation, President of the Green Valley Cemetery Association, and former President of the Texas Lathe and Plastering Association. Mike carried on the family business, Mays Plastering, and Stucco for more than thirty years.

Mike spent the last 12 years enjoying life with Andrea Simons and her two daughters Jana and Sara. He had fun traveling the country and enjoying horse shows with them and their friends. They had lots of laughs and fun along the way.

The family had a visitation at the DeBerry Funeral Home on Monday, January 31, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Funeral Services took place in the Chapel at the DeBerry Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 starting at 2:00 PM. Burial was held at Green Valley Cemetery in Aubrey, TX.

Mike was predeceased by his father, James A. Mays,



brother, Pat Mays, sister, Debbie Bowles, and grandson, Connor Montgomery.

Survivors include his mother, Bobbie Allen Mays, sister, Cindy (Bill) Bounds, children Carrie Palmer and Lori Montgomery, grandchildren, Whitney Watkins, Riley and Hayden Palmer, Michael Montgomery, and two great-grandchildren, Dezirae and Skyelar Watkins.

Mike will be deeply missed by his family and the countless friends he cherished though his professional career and team roping world.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to MD Anderson cancer center.

## Dakota Charles Cotten

April 11, 1994 - January 23, 2022

On Sunday, January 23, 2022, Dakota Charles Cotten (27) left this earth to share his dazzling smile and sparkling eyes with the angels. He will be missed by family and friends.

Born on April 11, 1994, Dakota brought joy to all who knew him. He is survived by his father, Scott Cotten of Montague, Tx; his sisters, Trish Ruiz of Ft. Worth, Kristine Cotten of Lewisville, and Ashlynn Forry of Rockwall, Tx.; grandfather, Bill Sexton, stepfather Paul Fox of Sanger, Tx.; and stepsister Dina Nawab of Little Elm, Tx.; and various nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his mother, Tonya Sexton, grandparents June Sexton and Nadine and Jerry Cotten.

Dakota, a 2012 graduate of Sanger High School loved all sports, but excelled at football. He went on to coach an amazing under-six football team who loved him dearly. The Denton Spartans, and bragged about them to anyone who would listen. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. He recently bagged a prize buck which is currently being mounted for show. He was very proud of his accomplishment. He was currently working towards his journeyman in electricity and loved to practice his skills for anyone who might need electrical help. Playing the guitar, piano, trombone, and drums came naturally to Dakota. He loved to pick up an instrument and see what he could do with it.

His family and friends will miss his indescribable presence at each gathering and especially at Thanksgiving. No one ever knew for sure where Dakota might be. He might be throwing a small child over his shoulder and giggling so hard they were both crying. He might have been running from room to room saying "Hey, are we going to play cards or what?" Or, you might find him sitting quietly talking golf with his Uncle Pete. He loved his family, and each of them loved him right back. He had many friends from all walks of life. It would be true to say, "Dakota never met a stranger." His presence just seemed to put people at ease. He loved to stay home and hangout with family or friends and good food, but he was quick to round up people to go out and dance somewhere. The only thing he really was not very good at, was sitting still.

His family knows with certainty that Dakota's presence is now brightening the souls of Heaven. He is dancing with his momma across the golden bricks, and the two of them are watching over those of us who are missing them on this side of the gates.

A graveside service was held 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 28, 2022, at Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville, Tx. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 27 at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville.

## Addie Lee (Durham) Kitchell

May 13, 1947 - January 30, 2022

Addie Lee (Durham) Kitchell passed away at the age of 74 on Sunday, January 30, 2022, in Denton, Texas.

The daughter of Paul Homer and Eunice Bell (Hanley) Durham, Addie was born on May 13, 1947, in Lubbock, Texas.

Addie married Jackie Lee Kitchell on October 29, 1983, in Clovis, New Mexico, and they moved from West Texas to Sanger. Before her retirement, Addie was a department manager for Walmart in Denton for over 18 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Jack, a sister, and a brother. Her children, Michael Shawn Tuscana of McKinney and Jackie Lee Pointer of Sanger, survive her. Eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren also survive her.

Graveside services were Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pavilion at the Sanger Cemetery, 525 McReynolds Road, Sanger, Texas.

Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. You are welcome to share a memory or offer your condolences to the Kitchell Family.

## Linda Darlene Raabe

August 12, 1948 - January 29, 2022

On the evening of Saturday, January 29, 2022 the world lost a beautiful soul, Linda Darlene Raabe at the age of 73 years young. Her journey in life began in Joppa, IL on August 12, 1948, born to Irving Lester and Gracie Lee (Skaggs) Bolds.

In her early years the family lived in many different areas due to her dad's career, but settled in Clinton, OK where Linda graduated with the Class of 1966. She continued her education at Southwestern State University in Weatherford, OK. Linda obtained her Bachelor of Art in Science degree graduating with the Class of 1970. From 1963 to 1972, she worked in all operations of the Westside Superette Grocery Store that her parents owned and operated. In 1984, she taught children ages 9-12 in all academic subjects for two semesters in the Christian School operated by Reigning Life Christian Fellowship of Longview, TX. Linda was a hard worker and volunteered in many capacities for her community and church. From 1985 - 1990, she served on the City Council of the City of East Mountain, TX. She was appointed to fill a vacancy and then was later elected to the same position twice. Linda married Jon William Raabe on May 27, 1997 in Denton, TX. She worked for Martin Marietta Materials as an accounting specialist from 2001 retiring in 2012. Linda was a member of the North Texas Trinity Cowboy Church in Sanger, TX where she was the intercessory prayer leader. She also led the Prayer For The Nation at the church. Linda coordinated with the Sanger High School to assist with the Backpack Food Program to help aid children. She enjoyed fishing, cooking, baking, canning, gardening, and photography. Linda loved spending time with her great-nephew "Little John."

Left behind to cherish her memory is her husband, Jon Raabe of the home; stepson, Chris Raabe and wife Karen of Denton; stepdaughter, Anita Raabe and husband Matt Hill of Brookings, SD; niece, LesLee Gage and husband Sean of Marietta, OK; and great-nephew, John Lester Gage of Marietta.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Irving and Gracie Bolds, and a sister, Jerri Bolds.

Services to celebrate Linda's life will be held at 12:00 p.m., Monday, February 7, 2022 North Texas Trinity Cowboy Church in Sanger with Pastor Ken Peterson officiating. Services are under the direction of Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Marietta.



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# OBITUARIES...

## Nancy J. Schwark

July, 1944 - January 23, 2022

Clyde, Nancy Jo Dowless Schwark, age 77, passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2022, at Asheville Specialty Hospital.

Born in July, 1944 at the Carlisle Barracks Army Hospital in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Nancy Rebok Dowless. Nancy traveled around the world as an Army daughter. She attended Southwest Texas State College where she was a member of the Strutter dance team and performed for Lyndon B. Johnson's inauguration in 1964. After graduating with her bachelor's degree, she went on to receive her Master of Education degree from North Texas State University. She taught in the Texas Education System for over 30 years. After moving to North Carolina, Nancy taught 4th grade at Junaluska Elementary School. She was very active in the community and served as Guardian Ad Litem for 15 years in Haywood County. Nancy enjoyed knitting, painting and was a master gardener. She was very artistic and an avid rug hooker. She was recently featured on the cover of "Celebration" magazine for her prize-winning rug design "Autumn Sun". She was a member of Long's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 25 years, Doug Schwark; son, David Bounds, and his wife, Kelly; two grandchildren, Cullen and Caroline Bounds, of Sanger, Texas; sister, Sarah Beth Dowless-Black, and her husband, Jan, of Asheville; stepson, Christopher Schwark, and his wife, Jessica, of Houston, Texas; and her former husband, Billy Art Bounds, of Sanger, Texas.

A celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022 in the sanctuary of Long's Chapel United Methodist Church with Reverend Betsy Caudill officiating.

In honor of Nancy's favorite cause, the family requests that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the National CASA/GAL Association for Children. Donations can be made at: <https://nationalcasagal.org/>. The National CASA/GAL Association for Children supports and promotes court appointed volunteer advocacy for both children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect. Nancy helped children in Haywood County for 15 years serving as their advocate.

The care of Mrs. Schwark has been entrusted to Wells Funeral Home of Waynesville and an online memorial register is available at "Obituaries" at [www.wellsfuneralhome.com](http://www.wellsfuneralhome.com)



## Tommie Jean Thompson

March 7, 1940 - January 22, 2022

Tommie Jean Thompson, of Denton, died Saturday, January 22, 2022, at her home. She was born on March 7, 1940, in Atoka, OK to James Nunley and Juana Jean (Hunnicut) Bray. She was raised in Oklahoma, and Midland TX. She married Thomas Thompson II (Tony) of Childress, and together they raised three children.

During her professional career she worked as a legal secretary for Minor and Knight Law office, she was Vice President of Loans for Denton Savings and Loan. She was also an Escrow Officer for U.S. Life Title, Safeco Land Title, and retired from Title Resources.

Tommie Jean enjoyed camping, fishing, and taking trips with her friends and family, and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids. The family often vacationed in Red River, New Mexico, where she enjoyed cabin-life, and the outdoors. She also enjoyed 'going across the river' with Maxine and the gang. She attended Denton Bible Church.

Tommie Jean is survived by her daughters, Tina Grahl (David) of Sanger, Traci Thompson of Denton; son, Tony Thompson III, (Karen) of Denton; "Memaw" also leaves behind seven grandchildren, Jesse Grahl (Mari), Steven Grahl (Megan); Casey Futch (Alisa); Kristen McElroy (David); Hannah Thompson; Leah Shriver (Davis); and Sarah Thompson; Great-grandchildren, Adrian, Audrey, Gracie, Ashton, Ellie, Wesley, Harrison, Cason; sisters, Jo Anne of Austin, Patsy of Tennessee, Gaylene of Austin, and close friend Maxine Jones of Denton. She was preceded in death by Tony Thompson II, two brothers and one sister.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM Saturday, January 29, 2022, in the chapel of Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home, 705 N. Locust, Denton. Online condolences may be made at [www.mulkeybowlesmontgomery.com](http://www.mulkeybowlesmontgomery.com)

## Patsy Ann Johnson

August 26, 1953 - January 24, 2022

Patsy Ann Johnson, 68, of Krum, Texas passed away at her home, surrounded by her family on Monday, January 24, 2022. She was born in Houston, Texas on August 26, 1953 to Fred and Lela Yount.

She was a devoted woman of God and cared deeply for her family and friends. As a mother, she always put family first and her life was a living example to her daughters. Patsy adored her spouse of 16 years and shared many special memories. Her life displayed nothing but love and kindness and that spilled over to her beloved grandchildren. Gran was such a blessing and many cherished memories will live in the hearts of her grandchildren.

She worked as a service representative for AT&T for over 30 years where she established many friendships over the years.



She is preceded in death by her infant daughter, Michelle Olivia Vowell; her parents, Fred and Lela Yount; brothers, Fred Yount, Jr., and Bobby Bamburg; and sister, Joy Stutts.

Patsy is survived by her loving husband Stephen Johnson, of Krum, Texas, daughter Melissa and husband Matthew Linnenburger, daughter Ashley and husband Bret Farris, her three grandchildren, Matthew Linnenburger, Avery Farris, and Noah Farris. She is also survived by her brother Fred Bamburg and wife Pauline, sister Ruby and husband Johnny Ruggles, sister Carolyn and husband Charles Galavitz, sister Gloria and husband Cecil Johnson, brother Tommy Yount and wife Edna, as well as numerous other family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at Hope Church at 770 Pineloch Dr. in Houston, Texas on Saturday, February 19 at 10:30am.

## Guy Charles Beckham

July 11, 1955 - January 11, 2022

Guy Charles Beckham, 66, of Sanger, passed away on January 11, 2022, in Denton, Texas.

Guy was born in Kerrville on July 11, 1955, to Jess Miles and Alice Mae (Tyson) Beckham. His family relocated to California, where he grew into a man with a strong work ethic. He attended The University of California Santa Cruz.

In the late '70s, Guy returned home to Texas and met Susan Ellen Hilliard. On August 22, 1983, Guy and Susan married and remained happily married until her death in 2021. Early on, Guy joined the Water Department for the City of Denton and worked for them until his retirement in 2010. Guy had a mischievous sense of humor, saw the funny in everything, and enjoyed fishing, golfing, and playing the drums. He admired drummers Charlie Wood, Ginger Baker, and Ringo Starr.

Guy was preceded in death by his wife and parents. Always the "Switzerland" to his four sisters, they who remain to cherish his memory are Cynthia Sharp of Irving, Sandra Hicks-McCullum (George) of Dallas, Carolyn Escott (Mark) of Pacifica, CA, and Claudia Binnert of Mesa, AZ. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive him.

Services for Mr. Beckham will be held privately by the family.

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# NOTE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

John Noblitt  
Sanger, City Manager



February has long been known as the month of love. Each year on February 14, Valentine's Day, people exchange cards, candy, or flowers with their special "valentine" as a sign of their affection. As I reflect on Valentine's Day, it leads me to think of all the other things we love in our lives. Of course, we love our spouse, our kids, pets, and our families, but have you ever stopped to think about the love you have for the place you live? I don't mean your home. I am talking about more than the place you lay your head each night. I am talking about your city.

Each of us "chooses" our place to put down roots. Many things can go into making that decision such as family living close by or the proximity to work. Beyond those things, most of us pick our location to settle down because of the connection we feel to the place and how being there makes us feel.

Cities want and need to be loved. Cities that are loved become more prosperous. When you love your city, you spend time there, you are more likely to invest, you tell others about your city, and they spend time there. This cycle leads investors to notice your city. They see the passion the community has for it and they want to invest.

As I meet all of you, the residents of Sanger, I feel your passion and love for your hometown. We all share a love for Sanger,

our small town with a big, big, heart. With all the growth that is coming, I believe our connection and love for Sanger can become even stronger.

I challenge each of you to reflect over this month of love on what makes Sanger great and do more of it. First, love your neighborhood. An unloved neighborhood appears neglected. Loved neighborhoods have residents that focus on improving the overall condition and appearance. Second, love your neighbors. Work to improve your neighborhood relations through inclusivity and communication. Attend events and functions where you can meet more of your neighbors. Third, love the businesses of Sanger. Support our local shops so they can continue to be successful and invest more into their business. Finally, love your city employees. We are working diligently to build a transparent, customer-focused organization. We all focus on the next project that needs to be completed. Remember to thank that street worker, police officer, fireman, or teller the next time you see them for the well-done jobs they have completed.

Together, we can build a destination city. Love your neighbors. Love what you do. Love where you live.

-John Noblitt

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## First Staff Meeting With Chief Rhodes

Ask any officer, and they will tell you that much anxiety runs through the department when a new Chief takes command. It is only natural. Change, especially that you don't control, is scary and often uncomfortable. It is fair to say that our Sanger Police Department officers have been experiencing their fair share of concern with the new Chief spending his first whole week on the job. On January 13, Chief Rhodes called his first staff meeting to outline his expectations of all staff and his management style. He was thoughtful enough to invite me to attend.

As the group arrived at the old church, some dressed in uniform because they were either ending or preparing to start their shift. In contrast, others were dressed in their civilian clothing showing their off-duty personalities; you could feel the brotherhood of the team. They laughed and teased each other, much like brothers and sisters would do. Finally, Chief Rhodes and Assistant Chief Perkins arrived. The team quietly walked into the church. Several stopped to shake Chief's hand as they took their seats. A hush fell over the room as Chief began to speak.

I have to say that Chief Rhodes knows how to read and command a room. I am sure that his experience over the last 35+ years has taught him this skill. He began the meeting by outlining his expectations of the team. "Our image sets the standard for how the residents of Sanger will feel about us as a department and as a city. Integrity, transparency, and customer service will always be at the forefront of everything we do".

When it comes to the department image, many of the officers had concerns about how things could change particularly about type of utility vest/belt they would use. Knowing that these items were a top concern for the team, the Chief addressed these items first.

As Chief began to talk, the team's shoulders started to relax. He noted that appearance is of utmost importance. Keeping clean, pressed uniforms is essential. To everyone's relieve, he agreed that they can continue to use the vest for their utilities. The relief that washed over the group could be felt. After the elephant was cleared from the room, Chief began to outline his further expectations.

Management Style – "As a team, we can make the Sanger Police Department better and there is no reason why we can't be on of the best in the State, particularly in Denton County." Chief went on to say that he had received excellent feedback so far, and he wanted that trend to continue. He sets very high expectations, will provide each officer the tools and training needed to succeed. He does not micromanage, and gives the officers the freedom to do their jobs.

Rhodes indicated that training is key to success. He intends to increase training for all officers significantly. Chief said, "We are a growing department. There will be many opportunities for each of you to grow and advance. Think about where you want to take your career and seek out the necessary training to market yourself for when the role becomes available. I will support the training requests."

He went on to further discuss the PD image. "The image of one reflects on us all." He talked about his expectations on everything from the cleanliness expectations of the office, the patrol cars – he referred to as their office on wheels – accurate and complete reporting, officer conduct, and respect. Respect was top of the list. He said, "We must treat every stop with the same dignity and respect that we would want." He noted that spot-checks would be performed monthly to ensure that everyone complies.

As Chief closed out the meeting, he gave us a glimpse into how the visible branding would change. As uniforms are replaced, the team will be moving to one cohesive look. They organized a uniform committee to approve and select the new uniforms. The new-look will begin to roll out over the next few months. Additionally, keep your eye out for a new design for the police cars!



## Remembering The History of Sanger Famous People & The Train Station

Submitted by the Sanger Area Historical Society

Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railway began its journey towards Purcell, Indian Territory (before becoming the state of Oklahoma) to connect with the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe. The Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe was a subsidiary of the Santa Fe Railway and continued to be operated as a separate organization. Three hundred miles of rail track was laid from Fort Worth to Purcell, Indian Territory passing through the Sanger area in 1866. The rail line was later known as the Santa Fe Railway and was



William H. Taft

the only location in the immediate area to board a passenger train in later years.

Passenger service was used by many well-known people and everyday citizens trying to reach a destination other than using a vehicle.

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Sanger's first well-known celebrity visitor was an ex-President of the United States. On April 24, 1919, William H. Taft, former POTUS, made a brief address from the platform of his train as he passed through Sanger en route to Indian Territory (later to become the state of Oklahoma). The town learned early in the morning that he would be stopping, the school classes were dismissed, and a large crowd gathered at the station when the train arrived. President Taft spoke briefly in favor of the League of Nations as he traveled through Texas speaking on this subject.

President Taft was not the only presidential party known to have passed through Sanger. Fred Scheu, station manager of the depot in Sanger, was contacted by the FBI informing him that Eleanor Roosevelt, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President of the United States, would be arriving on November 1, 1939. Mrs. Roosevelt was to travel through Sanger after her dedication of the Little Chapel in the Woods at Texas



Eleanor Roosevelt

State College for Women (TSCW and later to be known as Texas Woman's University). At this time, Sanger was the nearest place to board a passenger train to head northbound. The arrival of the FLOTUS was to be kept secret, but the word got out, and the town turned out to see Mrs. Roosevelt. People crowded the downtown streets as though a festival was happening in town.

The Sanger High School Home Economics class and their teacher got the front-row standing room next to the car awaiting the train's arrival to pick up this very important passenger. As the car turned off old Highway 77 (formerly known as The Pike and now known as Fifth Street), Scheu walked from the station up to the west end of Bolivar Street to meet the car and to have the crowds make way for Mrs. Roosevelt's arrival. As her car arrived, they pulled in from the south end of the station to a stopping point among the crowds of people. The high school girls and their teacher were close by. Mrs. Roosevelt rolled down the window in her car and asked the Home Economics girls their names. They told her they were with the Home EC class, and she asked what they were currently learning in their classes. When they replied they were learning to can vegetables, Mrs. Roosevelt said she had just canned 32 quarts of green beans from the garden of Hyde Park that summer. Here was the FLOTUS, in her fur coat and orchid corsage, from her speaking engagement at TSCW, talking about canning green beans. The train arrived, and Mrs. Roosevelt and her son and his family, who resided in Fort Worth, boarded the train. The next day Mrs. Roosevelt wrote an article in her daily newspaper column named "My Day" thanking the town of Sanger and the station manager, Fred Scheu.

Fritz (Fredrich) Kreisler, a famous Austrian-born concert violinist, performed a concert at TSCW on November 17, 1939. He arrived to board the midnight-passenger train in Sanger after his

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# Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR - Katie Grant - Chisholm Trail Elementary School with Jan Howard - DATCU and Cari Cockrell - Chisholm Trail Elementary School Principal



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH - McDorman Signs...Debbie Reeves - Chamber Administrator presents the award to Melissa Critter and Tex McDorman.



Valerie Foster - Sanger Education Foundation; Thomas Muir - City of Sanger Mayor



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## Remembering Sanger

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Fritz Kreisler

show and learned there was no food service on the late train. Fred Scheu, station manager, took Mr. Kreisler to his home for a late-night snack of fresh-baked bread and home-churned butter. Kreisler boarded the midnight train and thanked Scheu for his hospitality. Scheu later received a signed photograph for Kreisler's appreciation with a personal note describing the meal as one of the best he had ever had.

W.B. Skirvin moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (then known as Indian Territory) and built the Skirvin Hotel, which



Perle Mesta

would open in 1911. His wife had died in 1908 and left him with three children. Skirvin and the children resided in the hotel. Skirvin and children would travel to Texas for shopping at the finer stores in the area and would stop in Sanger on their way home to spend the night. His daughter, Perle Skirvin, later known as Perle Mesta, was later to become an Ambassador to Luxembourg under President Harry Truman. She became known as "The Hostess with the Mostest" in Washington, D.C., social circles under several U.S. presidents' terms in office. She spent her years in public life in D.C. However, her fond memories of the stopovers her family made in Sanger on their travels to Texas she would spend her downtime in the quaint community of Sanger, Texas, residing in a small duplex at Plum and 8th Streets. Very few people knew of Mesta living in Sanger during her years as a part-time resident.

Sanger is a "Special Place," and our history proves it to have always been a special place.

## Filing for School Board and City election moving slow

Three places are up for the May 7 General Election on the Sanger ISD School Board. Place 4 - (3 year term) currently held by Ken Scribner; Place 5 - (3 year term) currently held by Lisa Cody; and Place 7 - (1 year remaining of 3 year term) currently held by Dr. Dale Gleason. Mr. Gleason said he is happy to be filling in temporarily, but will not run for Place 7 on the board. Two people have picked up election packets for Place 7, as of Wednesday (Feb. 2) morning. Cody has already filed for Place 5 and no one has picked up a packet for Place 4. Mr. Scribner, who is president of the board relayed in a text to the Sanger News, last week, it was to be determined if he was running again.

The City of Sanger General Election will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to elect a Mayor, currently held by Thomas Muir; Councilmember for Place 2, currently held by Gary Bilyeu and Councilmember for Place 4, currently held by Allen Chick of the City Council.

As of Wednesday morning (Feb. 2), no one had officially filed for any of the spots. But Mr. Muir, reached by email, stated he will seek another term. "The city has many key projects underway and promising growth headed our way. This is an important time for consistent and informed leadership to see us through the upcoming years."

Applications are available for pick-up for filing a place on the ballot at Sanger City Hall, 502 Elm Street, Sanger, Texas.

- The first day to file for a place on the ballot was January 19, 2022, at 7:30 a.m.

- The last day to File for a place on the ballot is February 18, 2022, by 5:00 p.m.

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The General Election Day will be held Saturday, May 7, 2022. Early voting is scheduled for April 25-30, and May 1-3.



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# Martin reaches 1,000 career points as a junior

It was apparent just how special of a night Friday would be inside Indian Gym for Sanger's District 9-4A clash with Anna.

From the balloons and streamers to the signs dazzled with glitter, Friday night was going to put the spotlight on Lexi Martin in front of a packed house. And rightfully so.

While the Indians (24-4, 9-0) bullied their way to a 62-26 win over Anna to push their winning streak up to 11 games, it was Martin who stole the show on a 3-pointer with just under three minutes left in the first quarter to nab her 1,000th career point at Sanger.

"I was happy that all my hard work paid off," Martin said. "And to be able to celebrate with my family and friends, and just personally all the hard work in the gym and after practice, I was happy."

"I know that so many people were behind me and want me to succeed, and [that] just makes me want to succeed even more."

Of all the advocates and supporters who flocked to Sanger High School on Friday, perhaps there was none bigger than Martin's coach, Derek Hillard.

"She's the type of player that everything she does is contagious," Hillard said. "I know every single day what I'm going to get from her. If she's not scoring baskets, she's guarding their best players, or she's getting other people involved. Her energy, her attitude, everything about her — it's amazing to watch."

As for the game itself and what the Lady Indians got from Martin, the junior guard racked up 16 points in a game that Sanger dominated from the tipoff to the final buzzer. After rolling through the first quarter with a 16-4 lead, Sanger allowed Anna to close the gap by halftime to 29-15.

Then the Indians exploded for 20 points in third quarter and put the clamps on Anna defensively by going on a 15-0 run to begin the second half to put the game out of reach.

But it was not just Martin who had in hand in Sanger's big win on Friday. Bella Ringenberg compiled 12 points while Carly Schmucker finished with 11 points and Elaine Pomeroy tallied 10.



Lexi Martin holds a commemorative basketball for her 1,000 career points after the Anna game on Friday.



Students hold signs for the SHS varsity girls basketball team during pre-game player introductions.

## Lady Indians beat Melissa

Sanger 16 13 11 10 = 50  
 Melissa 11 10 5 4 = 30

Sanger scorers:  
 Abby Odom - 3  
 Carly Schmucker - 6

Kate Couch - 1  
 Bella Ringenberg 16  
 Elaine Pomeroy 14  
 Lexi Marin 10

Record: 25-4, 10-0

Sanger 16 13 20 13 = 62  
 Anna 4 11 8 3 = 26

Sanger scorers:  
 Abby Odom 5  
 Carly Schmucker 11  
 Kate Couch 3  
 Bella Ringenberg 12  
 Taylor Galbreath 3  
 Elaine Pomeroy 10  
 Morgan Hartman 2  
 Lexi Martin 16

## SHS LADY INDIANS VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTER

#	Player	Class	#	Player	Class
1	Bumpus, Presley	Fr.	15	Galbreath, Taylor	Fr.
2	Odom, Abby	Sr.	22	Hansen, Madison	Jr.
3	Bloom, Kaitlyn	So.	23	Pomeroy, Elaine	Jr.
4	Hughey, Hope	Fr.	24	Hydock, Samantha	So.
5	Schmucker, Carly	Jr.	25	Hartman, Morgan	Sr.
10	Couch, Kate	Sr.	32	Martin, Lexi	Jr.
12	Ringenberg, Bella	Sr.			

## Indians varsity basketball results:

The SHS varsity basketball team traveled to Melissa on Tuesday, Feb. 1 and lost to the Cardinals 69-42.

Individuals for Sanger: Chupp 14, Brown 8, Maxon 7, Collendrina 5, Nelms 4, Smart 2, Spoon 2.

They hosted Anna last Friday and Coyotes 83-34. Individuals for Sanger: B.Hodge 13, Chupp 12, Spoon 7, Maxon 2.

## SHS Varsity Boys Basketball Roster

- 0 Kaden Spoon G • So. • 6' 3" • 150 lbs
- 2 Ridge Brockett G • Jr. • 5' 8" • 140 lbs
- 3 Tayt Chupp G • Sr. • 6' 1" • 185 lbs
- 4 Brandon Hodge G • Jr. • 6' 3" • 175 lbs
- 5 Jordyn Brown G • Jr. • 6' 0" • 150 lbs
- 11 Rylan Smart F • Sr. • 6' 3" • 215 lbs
- 12 Austin Shackelford F • Jr. • 5' 11" • 165 lbs
- 15 Hunter Nelms G • Fr. • 6' 2" • 150 lbs
- 20 Nick Maxon G • Sr. • 5' 9" • 135 lbs
- 21 Steven Bush G • Jr. • 5' 11" • 170 lbs
- 23 Jordan Collendrina G • Sr. • 5' 8" • 165 lbs
- 24 Ben Turnbow G • Jr. • 5' 9" • 160 lbs
- 25 Barrett Gruber F • Jr. • 5' 11" • 165 lbs
- 30 Erie McKinney G • Jr. • 5' 11" • 135 lbs
- 32 KD Hodge F • Sr. • 6' 2"

## Sanger Indians HS Basketball Monthly Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Freshman	JV	Varsity
Feb. 8	Gainesville	Away	6:15	5:00	7:30
Feb. 15	Van Alstyne	Away	5:00	6:15	7:30

## Sanger Lady Indians HS Basketball Monthly Schedule

Feb. 4	Celina (Senior Night)	5:00 / 6:15 / 7:30	JVP / V / JVG
Feb. 8	@Gainesville	5:00 / 6:15 / 7:30	JVP / V / JVG
Feb. 14-15	Bi-District	TBA	Varsity

## Sanger High School Softball Monthly Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Times	Team	Type
2/4	Whitesboro	Sanger	6:00	V	Scrimmage
2/7	Denison	Sanger	5:00/6:30	JV-V	Scrimmage
2/12	Gunter/S&S	Gunter	11:45/1:00	V	Scrimmage
2/15	Sherman	Sherman	5:00/6:45	JV-V	Game

## Sanger High School Baseball Monthly Schedule

VARSITY				JUNIOR VARSITY			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 8	Ranchview	SANGER	6:00p	Feb. 8	Ranchview	SANGER	4:30p
Feb. 11	Springtown	SANGER	12:00p	Feb. 11	Springtown	SANGER	2:00p
Feb. 14	Pilot Point	SANGER	6:00p	Feb. 14	Pilot Point	SANGER	6:00p
Feb. 18	R.L. Turner	R.L. Turner	7:00p	Feb. 18	R.L. Turner	R.L. Turner	5:00p



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NUMBER: 10 POSITION(S): Guard/Post  
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SIBLINGS: Olivia (23), Wilson (21)  
LIVED IN SANGER: My whole life  
HOBBIES: Playing basketball, Wizard 101, hanging out with friends  
FAVORITE PRO TEAM: The Heat  
FAVORITE COLLEGE TEAM: Texas Tech  
FAVORITE BAND: SZA  
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GOALS FOR THIS SEASON: Score every game.



NAME: Hunter Nelms GRADE: 9th  
NUMBER: 15 POSITION(S): Shooting Guard, Small Forward  
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