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Sanger family wins first place on America's Funniest Home Videos



Alfonso Ribeiro talks to the Vance family on the Sunday, November 1 broadcast on national TV (ABC).

Jake and Mikayla Vance and children, Rylan and Kyson, were one of the three finalist families that appeared on America's Funniest Home Videos last Sunday. They ended up winning first place at $20,000.00.

"Although the episode aired on November 1, we actually filmed on September 26th. Keeping the experience a secret for more than a month proved to be one of the biggest challenges, especially when it came to convincing the boys they couldn't tell any of their friends until after the episode aired," said Mikayla.

"The November 1st broadcast brought an exciting birthday surprise, as it also happened to fall on Mikayla's birthday. Watching the video air on national television was already an unforgettable experience, but hearing their video announced as the first-place winner made the night even more special.

The outpouring love and support from the community has been more than we ever imagined. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who watched, shared the excitement, and cheered us on throughout the experience."

The video shows the family giving the youngest son Rylan a pregnancy test result, informing him that he would have another brother or sister. He quickly responded, "I thought you took pills," and then laughter erupted. And the excitement isn't over just yet! The video will air again during the $100,000 round on December 6, giving the community another opportunity to watch and cheer them on.

Both the Vance boys attend Sanger Schools. Their father and step-mother are both graduates of Sanger ISD. Mikayla is the daughter of Mike and Dixie Berry and the granddaughter of Glenna Krueger, all of Sanger. Jake is the son of Robb and Brandii Vance, formerly of Sanger. Rylan

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Tractor Supply Company is coming to Sanger, just west of Sanger High School and Sanger Middle School. State filings reveal plans for a $4,000,000 commercial project to construct the brand-new store in the Sanger Town Center South Addition, situated along Sable Creek Boulevard near FM 455 in Sanger. The ground-up new construction will feature a freestanding 23,957-square-foot retail building, perfectly paired with a massive 25,000-square-foot fenced outdoor display area for larger agricultural equipment, fencing, and supplies.

Construction on the new farm and ranch staple is scheduled to begin in the spring on May 3, 2027, with an estimated seven-month timeline targeting completion by December 1, 2027.

Earlier this year a state filing revealed a new McDonald's will also be constructed in the Sanger Town Center. A new project titled "MCD Indian Lane" has been registered, signaling a brand-new McDonald's is coming to the intersection of East Chapman Drive (FM 455) and Indian Lane.

The $1.5 million project involves the ground-up construction of a 4,061-square-foot restaurant on the Southwest Corner of the intersection. This places the new fast-food spot directly across the street from Sanger High School, making it a prime destination for students, staff, and families attending games at the nearby athletic complex. This location is distinct from the existing McDonald's on the I-35 frontage road (Stemmons St), suggesting a strategic move to serve the residential growth and school traffic on the eastern side of town.

Early voting record at Sanger location

Democrats score historic victories in Texas on election night



More than 319,000 ballots were cast in Denton County for the 2026 midterm election during the early voting period. A big step up from early voting totals for 2022 and 2018.

The Sanger Community Center had a record 4,797 ballots filled out during the early voting period. The highest numbers were the first day (628) and last day (568). Election Day voting totals by location were not released as of Wednesday morning on vote.denton.gov.

Democrats scored historic victories in Texas on Tuesday night, with James Talarico winning the state's closely watched U.S. Senate race and Republican Gov. Greg Abbott losing his reelection bid to Democratic challenger Gina Hinojosa.

Talarico's victory over Republican Ken Paxton marks the first time a Democrat has won a U.S. Senate election in Texas since 1988. Hinojosa's win ends three decades of Republican control of the governor's office.

The results mark a major political shift in a state where Republicans have dominated statewide elections for decades.

Tuesday night's returns come after counties across Texas saw a surge in early voting. More than 7.4 million Texans voted during the state's two week early voting period, according to the latest results from the Texas Secretary of State's Office and The Associated Press. Including mail ballots, more than 7.7 million votes were cast before Election Day — representing over 40% of the state's 19 million registered voters.

Democratic state Rep. Vikki Goodwin beat Republican incumbent Dan Patrick in the race for Texas lieutenant governor.

Texas Democrats, shut out of every statewide office for more than three decades, toppled Republicans from the top of the ballot to the bottom, remaking the political landscape of the nation's largest conservative state in a single earth-shattering night.


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Karen Claudetter (Wallace) Lambert

December 30, 1951 - October 29, 2026

Affectionately known as Nana, Mommasita and Mom, Karen joined our Heavenly Father, October 29th, 2026.

Karen was born on December 30, 1951, to Melva (Ashcraft) and Roy Wallace in Dallas Texas. The second oldest of 4 kids attended school and graduated Valedictorian from Ponder High in 1970.



In 1972 she met her husband, Glenn, on a blind date and were married 6 short months later in Durant, Oklahoma. A blended union of his and hers later became his, hers and theirs and in 1979, they moved their family to the once small town of Sanger to raise their children.

On October 6th, they celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary.

In the 1980's and early 1990's, Karen was a staple in the community, manning Outta Sight Pizza/Video, working for the Sanger Courier, and the Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce where she contributed countless hours to the Sanger Sellabration, BBQ Cookoff and the Little Angel program. Later, you could find her at the front desk of a local dentist's office before she officially retired from Winstar World Casino.

Karen enjoyed her tenure at the casino and often spoke about the great women that became her friends, while employed. During retirement, you could find her in random fabric shops, purchasing countless yards of fabric for her many sewing endeavors, tending to her cats, or checking in on grandkids and great grandkids and of course her weekly Wednesday night calls to her best friend Beckie to address the current events happening on Survivor.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Claudia, her brother, Doug, one stepdaughter, Tamara Beth, and a daughter in love Allison.

Left to cherish her memories are her husband, Glenn of the home, son, Byron of Denton, son Heath and wife Cheri of Sanger, daughter, Amanda and husband Guy of Sanger, her cootie, Skylie Jo of Denton, stepdaughter, Marci of Cypress, a sister Jodi of Highland Village, several nieces and nephews, 11 grandkids and 19 great grandkids with one more due in December and her best friend of 55 + years, Beckie, of Indiana.

A visitation for Karen will be held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 4th, 2026, at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger, Texas.

Please share a memory or offer condolences to the Lambert family in our online guestbook at www.cokerfuneralhome.com

Sanger Bargain Depot and Crisis Center in need of food items for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is almost here and we are in need of food items for our annual Thanksgiving dinners. Please keep in mind the dates.

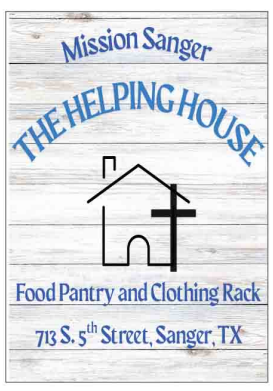
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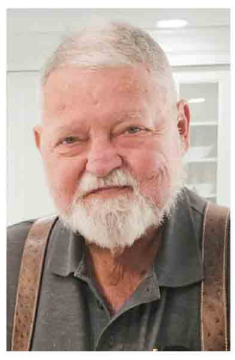
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Ret. Major John Michael "Mike" Phillips

August 2, 1949 - October 23, 2026

Ret. Major John Michael "Mike" Phillips, 77, of Justin passed away peacefully on Friday, October 23, 2026, in Denton, Texas. Mike was born on August 2, 1949, in Portsmouth, Virginia, to the late John Talmadge Phillips and the late Edith Pauline (Williams) Phillips.



After graduating from high school, Mike continued his education and earned a bachelor's degree in business from North Texas State University, now known as the University of North Texas. On April 6, 1974, he married Carol Ann Lenihan at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, California. Together they built a loving family and were blessed with two children, Elizabeth and John Samuel. They shared fifty-two years of marriage.

Mike enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for twenty years during the Vietnam War, Iran-Iraq conflict, and the Gulf War. Through his distinguished military career, he served as an Air Operations Officer Navigator while flying the AC130 Gunships, and Navigator Electronic Warfare Officer and Navigator Weapon Systems Officer Fighter, while flying the F4 Phantom Fighter Jet.

His military decorations and commendations include but are not limited to the Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oakleaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and One Oakleaf Cluster, Longevity Service Award Ribbon with Four Oakleaf Clusters. National Defense Medal Service Medal with Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with One Oakleaf Cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal with One Oakleaf Cluster, and Small Arms Expert Marksmanship.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Mike and Carol moved to Justin, where Mike discovered he had a passion for raising Longhorn cattle. He was a collector of all things country, from music and cowboy boots to longhorn cattle, old trucks, and books. He never missed an opportunity to cheer for the Dodgers, enjoy time at the beach, or learn more about military and World War II history. An avid traveler, he enjoyed exploring America's different highways, driving across the country to see as much of the United States as possible. His adventurous nature was fueled by a curiosity to discover what was on the other side of the next hill…. He enjoyed spending time with his family and loved every moment with his grandchildren, who lovingly called him "Pipi."

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife Carol of Justin; daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Michael Bournazakis of Penfield, NY; and son and daughter-in-law John Samuel and Lindsey of Hornell, NY; seven beloved grandchildren, Nikos Bournazakis, Mateo Bournazakis, Madelin Phillips, Kinsley Phillips, Isabelle Phillips, Liam Strong, and Lola Strong. He is also survived by his brother Terry Phillips and wife Jan; his beloved cousin Leah Phillips; along with many cherished extended family members and friends from California to South Carolina.

A visitation for Mike will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Committal Services with military honors will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Air and Space Forces Aid Society at www.afas.org/donate or a charity of your choice.

Services are entrusted to Coker Funeral Home in Sanger, Texas. Memories and online condolences may be shared with the Phillips family at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.





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Donald Aaron "Don" Yeatts

April 24, 1942 - October 28, 2026

These were the things he loved, and they reflected so much of who he was - a God-fearing, hardworking, loving man.



Don Yeatts, 84, passed away on October 28, 2026, in Denton, Texas. Don was born on April 24, 1942, In Sanger, Texas, to Aaron Harvey and Flora Ethel Kreger Yeatts.

On December 22, 1962, he married the love of his life, Emily Jane Anthony at Calvary Baptist Church in Denton. Together, Don and Jane shared more than 63 years of marriage and raised their two children. They were members of Towne North Baptist church in Denton

A dedicated and determined man, Don spent 38 years with Victor Equipment where he worked as a tool and die maker. Don loved the Lord and his family and found great joy in the simple things in life: being outdoors, hunting and fishing, farming and gardening, woodworking, working with his hands, and fixing or building just about anything.

Don always brought a sense of wit to the room. He kept us laughing and had a mischievous, playful side that made life with him fun. These were the things he loved, and they reflected so much of who he was - a God-fearing, hardworking, loving man who found joy and contentment in a life well lived.

Most importantly, Don would want those who knew and loved him to share in the hope that he found in Jesus Christ.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Jane Yeatts, and his two children. His daughter Janet Yeatts Ackerman, and her husband, Kevin, and their family: grandchildren Kaylin Thies and her husband, Job, and Ashley Ackerman; and great-grandchild, Chloe Thies. His son, Ronnie Yeatts, and his wife, Sondra, and their family: grandchildren Ryan Yeatts and his wife Madi, and Sean Yeatts and his wife, Madison. He is also survived by his brother, Clyde Yeatts, and sisters, Yvonne Cain and Susie Yeatts. Don was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Fred Yeatts.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to a charity of your choice. Most importantly, Don would want those who knew and loved him to share in the hope that he found in Jesus Christ - the assurance that, in Him, this goodbye is not forever.

Don's visitation will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 10:00 - 11:00am in the chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors, with the service starting at 11:00. Following the service, he will be laid to rest at Jackson Cemetery in Krum, Texas.

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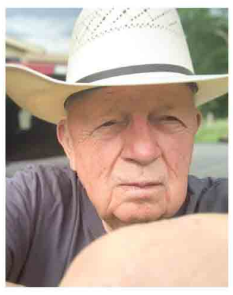
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Elzy Dee "Buba" Johnson

February 26, 1939 - October 26, 2026

Elzy Dee "Buba" Johnson, 87, passed away October 26, 2026 in Denton, Texas. He leaves behind a legacy of strength and compassion for all who knew him. He loved life and all the adventures that he had throughout his lifetime.



Born February 26, 1939 in Frisco, Texas to A.D. Johnson and Juanita Hart Johnson. Buba grew up in the Frisco/Little Elm area, graduated from Frisco High School in 1957, served in the US Army as a medic; he later attended University of Texas and University of North Texas.

He joined Texas Instruments in Dallas, and he later worked for General Instruments Manufacturing, Parson's Sales and later joined Southern States Marketing as business partner where he spent 20 plus years as the sales representative in Oklahoma, Arkansas and parts of North Texas for several major electronic manufactures. Retiring in 1999 he followed his lifelong dream of farming and ranching. He loved antique tractors but his heart was always Farmall tractors. He took raising cattle a step above by raising registered limousin cattle, and he enjoyed spoiling them daily. He would sponsor FFA students by providing them with a heifer to show for a couple of years and offer his help more than they may had expected because he loved seeing young leaders grow and flourish in the industry.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Linda Gail Swafford Johnson, his sister Patricia Whitworth and husband Kenneth of Frisco, his daughters Karen Smith and husband John of Bogue Chitto, MS, Kara Meyer of Krum, his sons Micheal Johnson of Caddo Mills, Keith Copp and wife Kassandra of Ponder, Kraig Copp and wife Kerri of Krum. Grandchildren Tessa Jara-Smith and husband Jacob of Garland, Micah Dee Johnson of Dallas, Kristyn of Dallas, Kaelin Dee of Waco, Keaton Meyer of Krum, Karol Meyer of Krum, Kayla Diemer and husband Daimon of Edmond, OK, Katlyn Copp of Krum, Kramer Copp and wife Cortney of Ponder, Kendra Kaylakie and husband Chris of Decatur, Kade Copp and wife Krystal of Ponder. Ten greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews, cousins.

He loved life and all the adventures that he had throughout his lifetime.

He is preceded in death by his Father, Mother, Brothers Jerry Johnson, Tommy Johnson and Keith Johnson.

Services are entrusted to Deberry Funeral Home in Denton, Texas. Memories and online condolences may be shared at www.billdeberry.com.

Maryann Pels

December 11, 1932 - October 29, 2026

Maryann Pels was born on December 11, 1932, in Muenster, Texas, to Henry Sicking and Mary Knabe. She passed away on October 29, 2026, in Sanger, Texas.



Maryann was truly a one-of-a-kind woman who never met a stranger. She loved visiting with others and could talk just about anyone's ear off, especially over a good cup of coffee. Whether she was tending to the livestock or spending time cooking and baking, she always kept herself busy. Maryann and her husband, Francis Jerome Pels, shared 67 years of marriage before his passing in 2018. Together, they built a home, a farm, and a family. Their farm was more than just land and livestock; it was a place where memories were made, lessons were learned, and generations grew up. Maryann loved the Lord and lived out her faith through her servant's heart and the kindness she showed to others. She willingly gave her time to volunteering at church, helping at the local nursing home, and visiting with those who needed a friend. Although Alzheimer's took away many years of conversations, laughter, and memories, her family will always remember the woman she was long before the disease entered their lives. They will remember her love for the Lord, her love for her family, and the joy she found in a good conversation over a fresh pot of coffee. The home and family she helped build, along with the legacy of hard work, love, and faith she leaves behind, will carry on for generations.

Those left to cherish her memory include her sons, Mark Pels of Collinsville, Texas; Randy Pels and wife Marcia of Pilot Point, Texas; and Kenneth Pels of Pilot Point, Texas; her daughters, Wanda Cargile and husband James of Pilot Point, Texas; Barbara McFarlane and husband Tom of Decatur, Texas; and Brenda Pels and partner Jan Wilson of Denton, Texas; 15 grandchildren, Shea, Christy, Brad, Brian, Dustin, Joey, Chris, Lindsey, Allen, Shawn, Adam, Thor, Kathy, Polly, and Marisa; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Francis Jerome Pels; her parents, Henry Sicking and Mary Knabe; grandson, Tommy Boerner; daughter-in-law, Joy Pels; mother-in-law, Agnus Speed; brothers, Wilford "Boots" Sicking, Roy Sicking, and Harry Sicking; and sisters, Christine Gieb, Gladys Gieb, Clara Black, and Henrietta Collman.

A rosary was held on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Slay Memorial Funeral Center, followed by a visitation. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, November 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Pilot Point, Texas.

Arrangements were under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Thomas Keith Larussa

November 11, 1955 - October 26, 2026

Thomas Keith Larussa, of Sanger, known to many as Tom, passed away on October 26, 2026, in Denton, Texas due to health complications associated with a recent lymphoma diagnosis while hospitalized. He was born on November 11, 1955, in DeKalb, Illinois.



Tom earned his PhD in Counseling Education at the University of North Texas and spent over 35 years at his private counseling practice, bringing compassion and insight to all whom he served. In addition, Tom spent over 30 years at FEMA, a long and meaningful career in which he deeply impacted all that knew him. Tom was also an avid Chicago Cubs and Andy Griffith Show fan.

At the heart of Tom's life was his family. He is survived by his cherished wife of 32 years, Donna, and his beloved children Raegan Fallon (Andrew), Haley, Micah, Abigail Weiske (Brent), Gabrielle, grandson Rowan Fallon, his sister Dianne Beth Larussa, and brother Jim Larussa. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anne Larussa.

A faithful Catholic, Tom's relationship with God was at the center of his life, something he lived each day through his service, his love for others, and his unwavering commitment to his family and community. He was a steadfast member of St. Mark Catholic Church, where he enjoyed teaching OCIA, was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and active in the ACTS retreat community. Through his faith and service, Tom inspired others and lived out his calling to bring Christ's love to the world. He reminded his family often: "What's the plan? To all meet up in heaven."

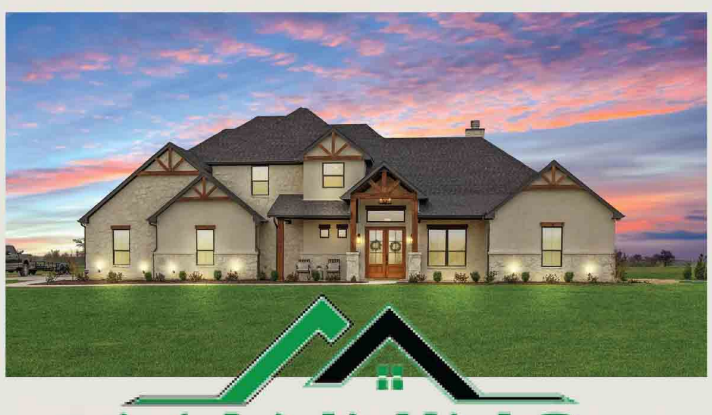
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Tom had a God-given ability of making others feel heard, valued, and cared for, offering support without judgment and love without hesitation. His strength was rooted in his faith, his love for his family, and his deep concern for others. He was a source of stability and peace, and his example will continue to guide and comfort those whose lives he touched.

A Rosary and visitation to follow was held from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on October 30, 2026, at St. Mark Catholic Church, 6500 Crawford Rd., Argyle, TX 76226. The funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on October 31, 2026, also at St. Mark Catholic Church in Argyle, with a potluck reception to follow.

Though his presence will be deeply missed, the lessons he taught, the comfort he offered, and the love he shared will remain with us always.

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23


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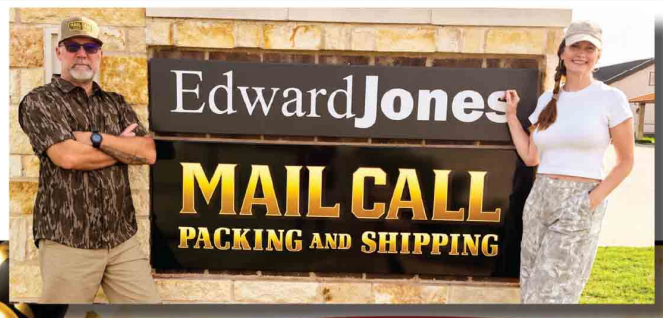
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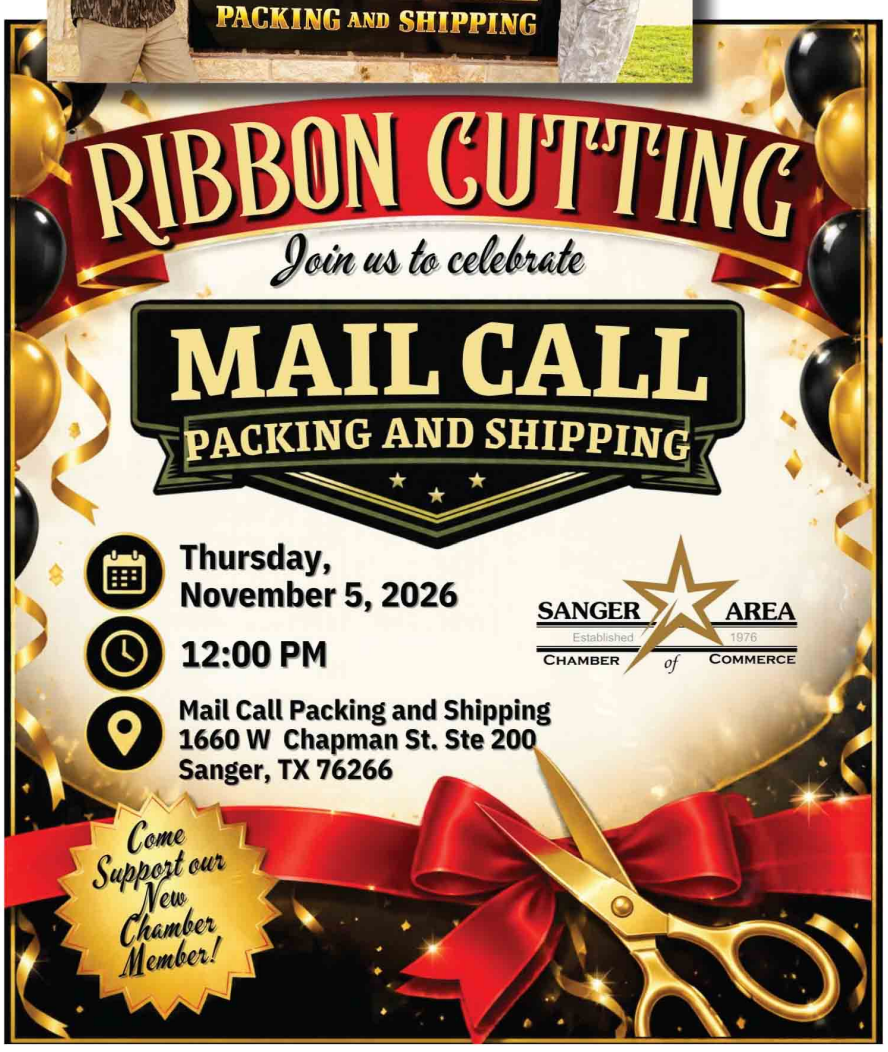
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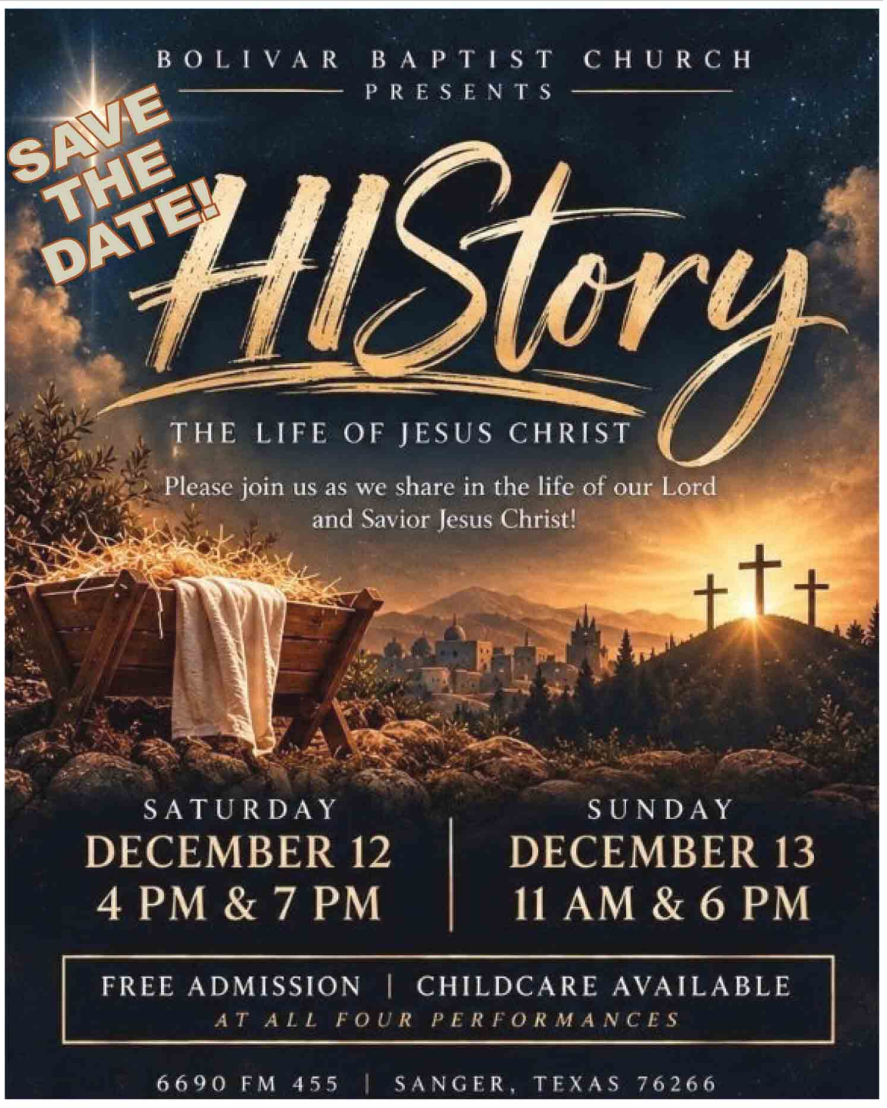

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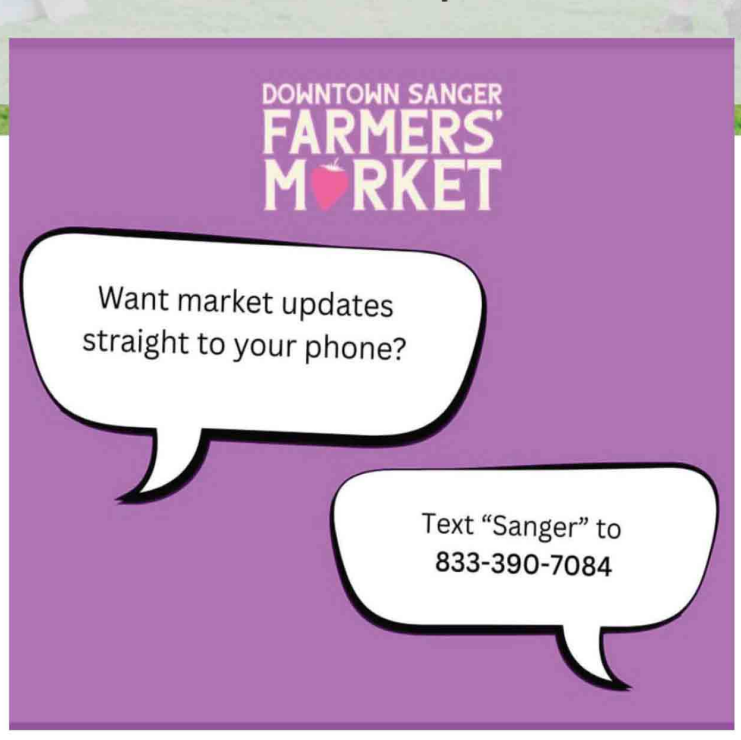


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Events at the Sanger Tx Senior Center November 2026

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Thursday, Nov. 5th - Celebrate Nov. Birthdays – stop by for a treat during our open hours 9-4. - Members

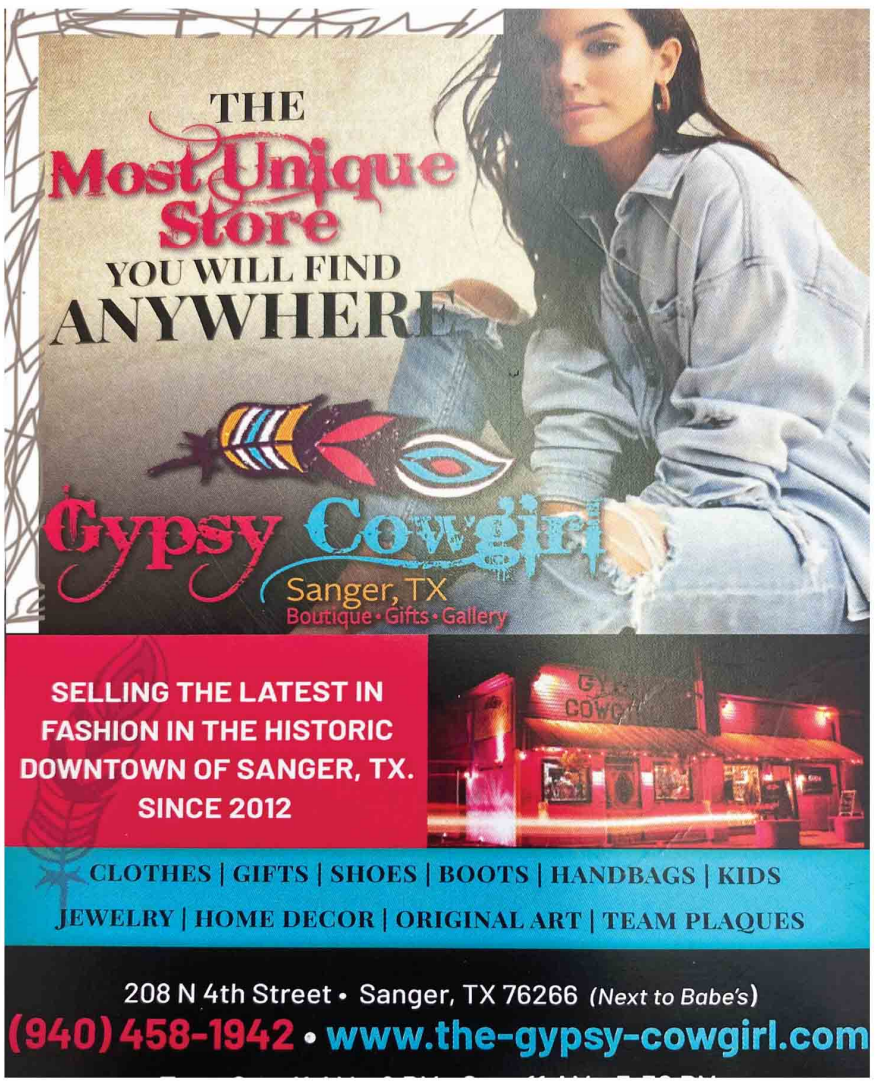
Fri, Nov. 6th – 9-4. Medicare Consultations with American Senior Benefits – call for additional information – free event open to the public

Tues, Nov 10th – Brunch & Bingo. 9:30am Come share some yummy brunch snacks provided by our Sponsor, Concho Hospice – followed at 10:15 by some BINGO. SSC members are free and guests are $5.00

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Mon, Nov. 30 – 10-3 Medicare Consultations with American Senior Benefits – Free event open to the public







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Save the date, Sanger! Christmas on the Square returns Saturday, December 5 in Downtown Sanger! We have plenty of Christmas fun in the works, and we'll be sharing more soon.



Christmas on the Square parade registration is NOW OPEN!

Get your floats, vehicles, groups, and organizations ready to bring a little Classic Christmas magic to Downtown Sanger on December 5!

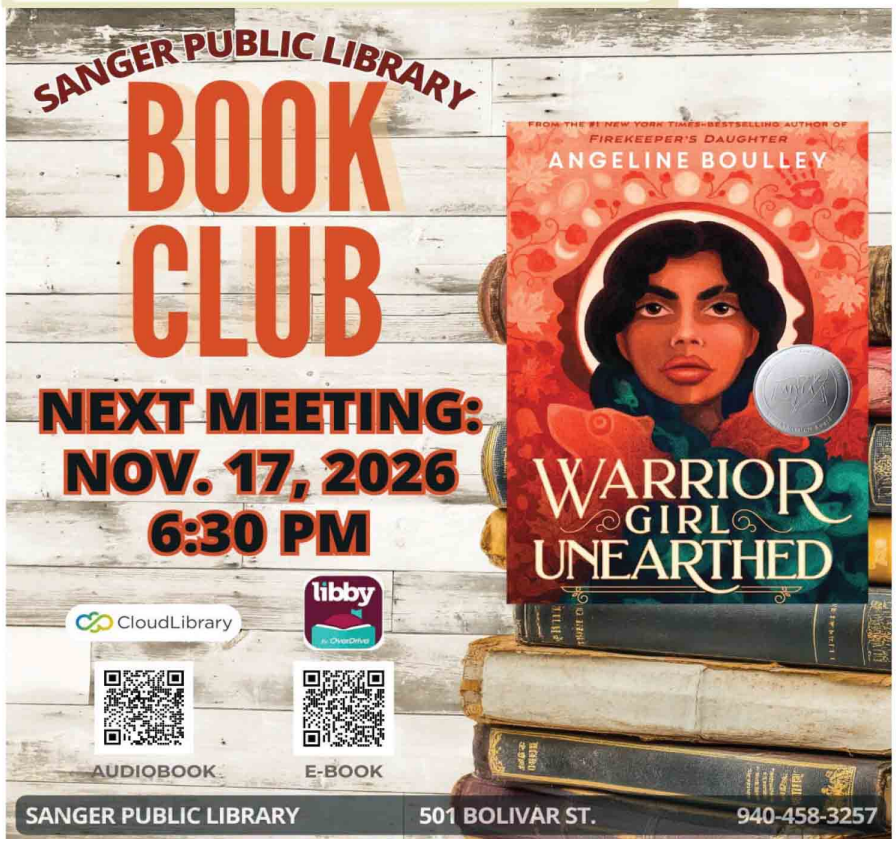
- 2026 Theme: Classic Christmas
- Parade Registration is open now
- Visit discoversanger.com for details and to register

A big thank you to Coserv for sponsoring this year's Christmas parade!



Help us give the library a Holiday makeover!

Join us on Tuesday, October 6th at 4:30 pm as we decorate with a Christmas tree and lots of fun holiday decor! Come get creative, have fun, and help make the library festive for the season! Teen volunteers will earn volunteer credit for this program!





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The City of Sanger offers CodeRED by Crisis24, an emergency notification system that helps keep you informed when emergencies affect your home, business, or community.

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Public Notice

CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7 th Street, Sanger, Texas at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026, and by the City Council on Monday, December 7, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, for the purpose of considering the following:

A Request for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Temporary Batch Plant for Elada Ph 1 Paving to be Located Approximately 1800 ft West of the Intersection of Belz Rd and the I-35 Frontage Rd.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7 th Street, Sanger, Texas at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2026, for the purpose of considering the following:

A Replat of Estates at Windsong Hill Addition Blk A, combining Lot 11 and Lot 12, into one lot 11R being approximately 3.269 Acres of Land Generally Located at 10294 Finch Rd.

All interested citizens and property owners are hereby notified of their right to appear and be heard on this matter.





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Tickets for the Sanger Christmas Parade of Homes are available NOW! Join us for beautiful homes, festive inspiration, and Christmas cheer—benefiting the Sanger Senior Center!

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TxDOT announces emergency bridge closure over Lake Ray Roberts



TxDOT announced that the eastern bridge on FM 3002 over Lake Ray Roberts has been closed until further notice.(KXII)

LAKE RAY ROBERTS, Texas (KXII) - TxDOT announces emergency bridge closure over Lake Ray Roberts

TxDOT stated that underwater bridge inspectors found damage to one of the columns Friday afternoon, and they closed the bridge Friday evening.

Drivers will be detoured along FM 922 to get from the west side of the bridge to the east before heading onto FM 372 to get back to FM 3002.

Engineers are unsure when the bridge will reopen. However, Austin has authorized an emergency repair order. TxDOT's Bridge Division will be designing plans to repair the structure. An emergency contract will be let as soon as the plans are complete.

Pumpkin Patches, Football Fridays, and Family Stress: Taking Care of Your Mental Health This Fall



Tiffany Stone, LMFT
Owner, New Hope Counseling Services

Fall in North Texas is something special. Between Friday night lights, fall festivals, pumpkin patches, and the first cool evenings we've had in months, October has a way of feeling full and festive. And it is.But for many families, the busyness of the season also brings a particular kind of stress.

Schedules tighten. Kids' activities multiply. The holidays start creeping up on the calendar. Couples who got through the summer suddenly find themselves running in opposite directions. Parents are stretched thin. Teens feel the pressure of school, social life, and everything in between. And somewhere in all of it, the adults forget to check in with themselves.

Mental health doesn't take a season off. In fact, the transitions that come with fall; changing routines, increased demands, less daylight, and the anticipation of the holiday season can amplify stress, anxiety, depression, and relationship tension for a lot of people.

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Honoring Veterans in Sanger

American Legion Post 268 will be honoring Veterans in the Sanger area on Saturday, November 7, 2026 starting at 10:00 a.m. by placing flags on the Veterans grave site at the Sanger Cemetery. Any citizen wanting to volunteer to assist with the placing of the flags is welcome to attend and help the American Legion members with this event.

American Legion Post 268 will also be having a hamburger and hot dog luncheon from 12:00 – 2:00 on the square in Sanger at the gazebo in the middle of the square. This event will take place during the Farmers Market event also scheduled for November 7, 2026.

This event is for Veterans and their families to honor Veterans Day which is November 11, 2026. All Veterans, First Responders and their families from the Sanger area are invited to this event and you can also check out the Farmers Market at the same time.

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The Sanger issues are searchable through The Portal to Texas History at https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/SANG/ or SCAN QR CODE:

SHS Cross Country



The UIL Cross Country State Championships for high schools in Texas take place on November 6–7, 2026 at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, Texas. The event spans two days across various conferences. The SHS boys will run on Friday, November 6 at 11:25 a.m. in the Class 4A Division. The SHS Girls start at 10:55 a.m.



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5	Molly Schmucker	SR
6	Mikayla Keckeissen	SR
7	Sophia De La Rosa	SR
10	Izzy Escobedo	SOPH
11	Estelle Whitlock	SR
12	Kyla Sheriff	JR
20	Blakely Pennington	SOPH
21	Kinsy Ribinskas	SR
44	Sarah Dee	SR
14	**Lindsay Swaim**	**SR**

MANSFIELD — For the first time since 2018, Sanger is headed to the volleyball regional semifinals.

The Lady Indians advanced past Round 2 of the playoffs for the first time since 2021, when they won in the regional quarterfinals, with Monday's 3-0 win over Godley in their 4A Division I area round match at Mansfield Legacy High. Sanger punched its ticket by winning a competitive first set 25-21, then controlling the next two by margins of 25-10 and 25-17.

"They deserve this," Sanger head coach Scott Montgomery said of his group. "They've worked their tails off for this, and this is a great group of girls. I've done this before. Not that I don't enjoy it, but I enjoy it for them. I want them to experience this.

"We're knocking on the door of things we've never done before."

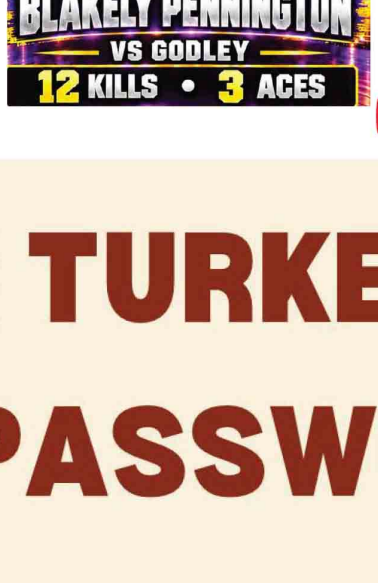
Sanger (30-13) advances to face Sulphur Springs (33-11) who won over Longview Pine Tree (28-12) in the regional semifinals on Tuesday night. They will play later this week. Details are to be determined before press time.

Check out the Sanger Sports Corner FaceBook Page for updates about SHS volleyball playoffs.

By eliminating the Lady Cats, Sanger also achieved its second 30-win season since Montgomery took over as the program's leader in 2018. The Lady Indians posted 29 wins and advanced to the regional final round during his debut season, matching the program's deepest-ever playoff run. Their best record of Montgomery's tenure came in 2022, how t 31-11 and fell in the area round. See the full article at:

dre Denton Record-Chronicle
dentonrc.com

By John Fields Staff Writer







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Indians beat Ponder, play Van Alstyne this week to determine playoff seedings

The Sanger Indians delivered a huge district victory last Friday night, defeating the Ponder Lions 41-27 in the first-ever regular-season varsity football meeting between these two neighboring communities

It was a night of explosive offense, hard-hitting defense, and big-time performances as the Indians improved to 7-2 overall and 3-1 in District 6-4A Division II.

Ponder, coached by former SHS graduate Marcus Schulz took and early 3-0 lead in the first quarter, and the Indians responded with a 58 yard touchdown run by Abimbola Ogunwuyi with 10:30 left in the second quarter to take a 7-3 lead. Ponder regained the advantage 10-7 with a touchdown pass to Kannon Clark. Sanger led at halftime 14-10 after an Austin Martin 45 yard touchdown run late in the second period.

Sanger built their lead to 20-10 with 9:08 in the third period on a Chris Ramirez 12 yard touchdown run (missed extra point). Ponder wouldn't go away and showed their fight. They cut it to 20-17 early in the fourth quarter with a 31-yard touchdown completion. That's when Sanger mashed the gas pedal and pulled away. Just a few minutes later, Sanger quarterback Austin Martin broke loose for a 31 and 18 yard touchdown runs to make it 34-17. Bola capped the scoring on a 46 yard touchdown run for the 41-21 lead.

OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION...

The Indians piled up yards on the ground, led by two outstanding rushing performances: Martin (#2), 23 carries | 185 yards | 3 TDs, 7-of-9 passing | 105 yards; (Bola) (#14), 16 carries | 222 yards | 2 TDs, Including touchdown runs of 58 and 46 yards; Chris Ramirez (#8), 2 carries | 16 yards | 1 TD.

RECEIVING LEADERS...

Wyatt Pennington – 5 catches | 70 yards; Levi Hendricks – 2 catchesfor 35 yards.

DEFENSE CAME READY TO BATTLE...

The Indians defense made its presence felt all night, recording an impressive: 110 total tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 22 quarterback pressures, 7.5 sacks, 2 forced fumbles, 3 pass breakups.

DEFENSIVE STANDOUTS...

Kale Barr (#11) – 17 tackles, 2 TFL, 3 pressures, 1 sack and 2 pass breakups; Creedon Boerner (#32) – 14 tackles and a forced fumble; James Cook (#33) – 13 tackles, 5 TFL, 4 pressures, 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble; Dezmond Sampson (#90) – 12 tackles, 6 quarterback pressures and 1 sack; Max Taylor (#0) – 11 tackles, 4 TFL and 2 sacks; Asher VanDyk (#17) – 11 tackles, 2 TFL and 1 sack; Jonas Autry (#12) – 11 tackles and 3 quarterback pressures.

THE MOMENTS THAT MATTERED...

Bola broke loose for a 58-yard touchdown on 4th-and-2 to give Sanger its first lead; Austin Martin answered a Ponder touchdown with a 45-yard scoring run; Chris Ramirez found the end zone from 12 yards out to extend the lead to 20-10; With Ponder closing the gap to 20-17 in the fourth quarter, the Indians responded with three consecutive touchdowns; Bola put the finishing touches on the victory with a 46-yard touchdown run.



When your offense puts up over 500 yards and scores SIX rushing touchdowns, you know somebody up front is doing some serious work!

This week, Sanger Sports Corner recognized the ENTIRE SANGER INDIANS OFFENSIVE LINE as our SSC Players of the Game following Friday night's 41-27 victory over the Ponder Lions!

BY THE NUMBERS:

•512+ Yards of Total Offense

• 407 Combined Rushing Yards from Austin Martin & Bola

•6 Rushing Touchdowns

•41 Points on the Scoreboard

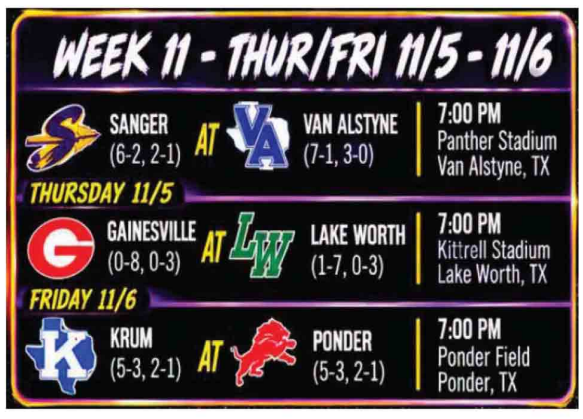
Austin Martin and Bola put on a show, combining for 407 rushing yards and 5 touchdowns, but those explosive runs don't happen without the guys doing the dirty work up front!

These young men battled in the trenches all night, creating running lanes, protecting their quarterback, and helping the Indians control the line of scrimmage.

RIGHT: Austin Martin and Bola combined for 407 yards rushing and five touchdowns against Ponder.









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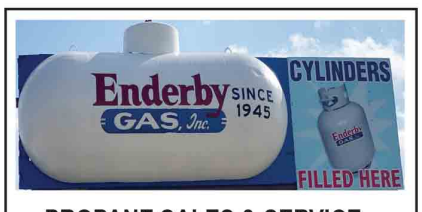
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2	KRUM	3-1	6-3	209	77
3	SANGER	3-1	7-2	214	83
4	PONDER	2-2	5-4	182	97
5	GAINESVILLE	0-4	0-9	0	227
6	LAKE WORTH	0-4	1-8	33	263

SANGER vs VAN ALSTYNE VARSITY FOOTBALL HISTORY

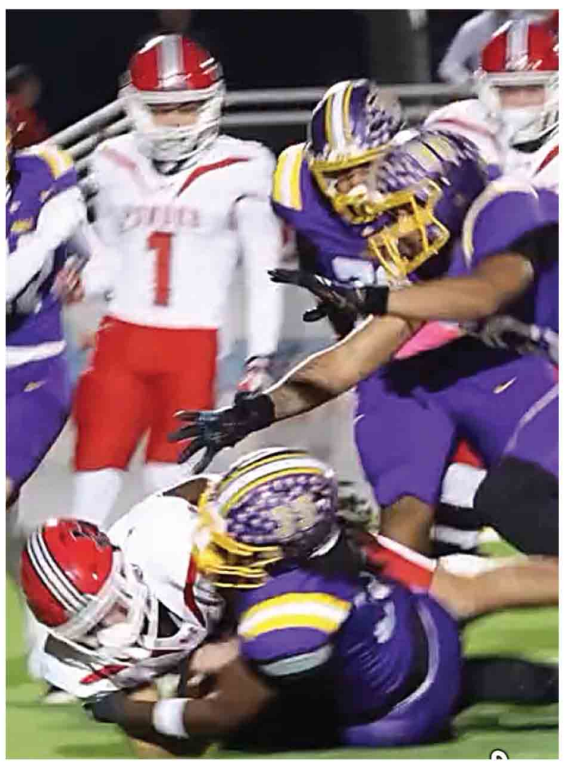
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12 documented meetings • 1962–2025

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1962	14	6	2020	42	7
1963	0	28	2021	22	45
2002	18	10	2022	35	52
2003	42	19	2023	13	49
2006	49	35	2024	41	42 (OT)
2007	29	7	2025	73	23




Asher Vandyk sacks the Ponder quarterback.


James Cook and his Indian teammates swarm a Ponder ball carrier.


Jonas Autry tackles a Ponder receiver.


Wyatt Pennington goes up high to make a spectacular catch against Ponder.


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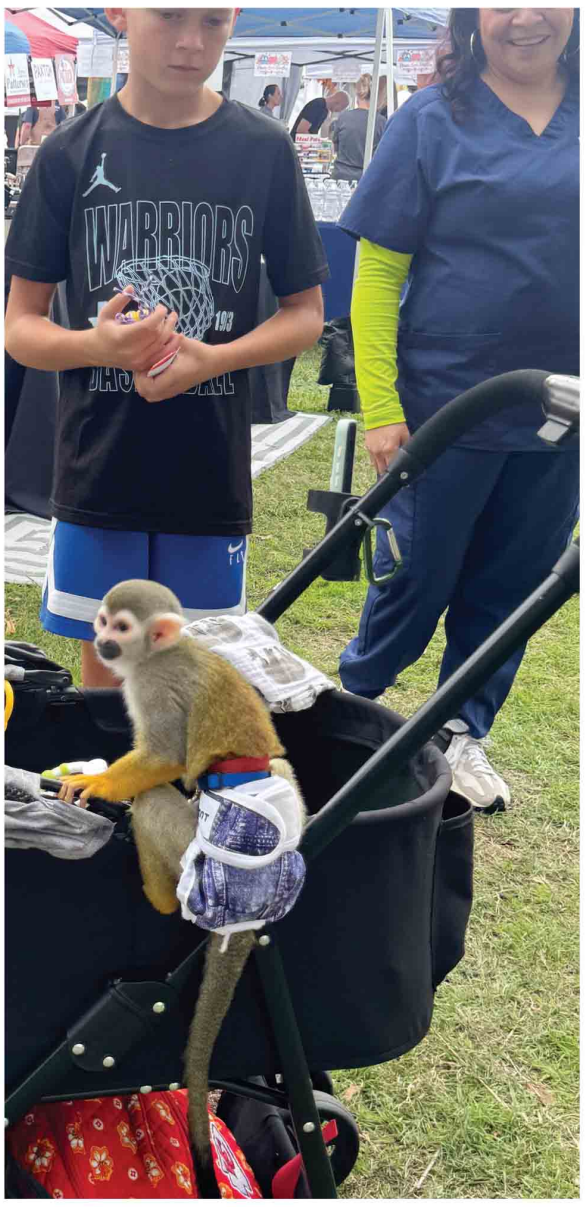
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Halloween Costume Winners

This squirrel monkey enjoyed the Sanger Sellabration. A squirrel monkey is a small, New World primate belonging to the genus Saimiri and the subfamily Saimiriinae. Native to the tropical forest canopies of Central and South America, they are known for their lively behavior, high intelligence, and small size. Physical Characteristics

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• The weather was absolutely BEAUTIFUL, the turnout was amazing, and all of our events turned out fantastic! We are so thankful for everyone who helped make this day one to remember!

We have some very special THANK YOUS to share!

• City of Sanger – THANK YOU for allowing us to close down our beautiful downtown streets to host this event! Thank you for providing the water, bleachers, dumpsters, and all the behind-the-scenes support that helped make everything run smoothly. We truly appreciate everything you did to help us have a successful day!

• TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING DOWNTOWN SANGER BUSINESSES – A very special THANK YOU for your patience, understanding, and support as we closed down the downtown streets for Sellabration! We know that closing the streets can affect your daily business operations, and we truly appreciate your willingness to work with us to make this event possible. Thank you to those who helped prepare, participated, welcomed visitors, and went above and beyond to make the day even better! Our downtown businesses are the heart of Sanger, and we are so grateful for your continued support. We couldn't do this without you!

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• A-1 Party Potties – Thank you for providing the portable restrooms for our event!

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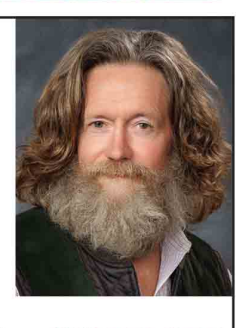
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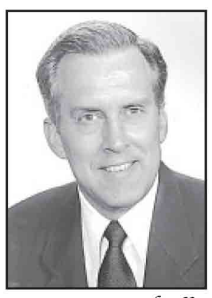
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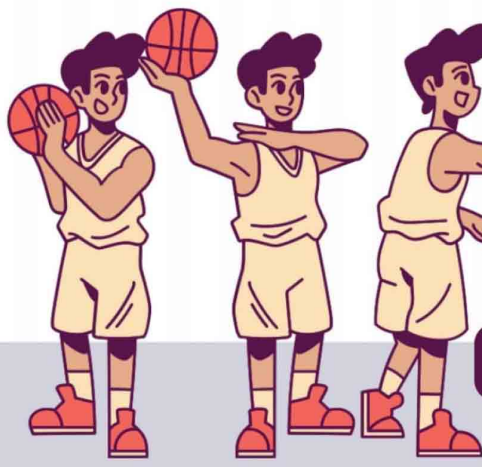
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Certified/Cashier's check or acceptable bidder's bonds, payment without recourse to Owner in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of total bid submitted must accompany bid. Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities and technicalities.

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Questions regarding the project should be directed through CivCast or to JT Hale, P.E. at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. via email JT.Hale@kimley-horn.com or by phone 469-949-9044.

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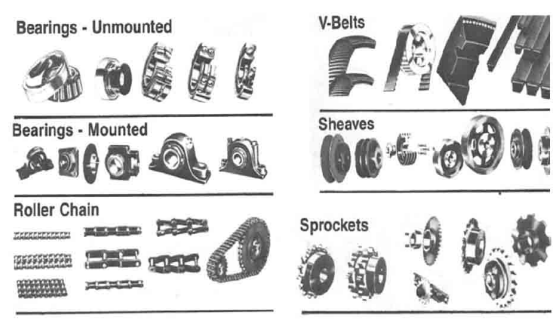
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Sellabration

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• ALL OF OUR AMAZING JUDGES – Thank you for taking time out of your day to help judge our contests and activities! Every event turned out wonderful, and we appreciate your time and dedication!

• TO ALL OF OUR VENDORS – THANK YOU for showing up, setting up, and helping make downtown Sanger come alive! We know how much hard work goes into preparing for an event like this, and we appreciate each and every one of you. You are a huge part of what makes Sellabration so special!

• TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS – We cannot thank you enough! Your generosity and continued support help us bring this wonderful tradition to our community year after year. We truly could not do this without YOU!

• TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED BEHIND THE SCENES – Thank you for your hard work, long hours, and willingness to jump in wherever needed. Your help means the world to us!

• AND FINALLY, TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY! □

THANK YOU for coming out, supporting our local vendors and downtown businesses, participating in our contests, enjoying the entertainment, and spending your Saturday with us in Downtown Sanger!

Seeing our downtown filled with families, laughter, smiles, and community spirit is exactly why we love putting on this event!

From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for making Sanger Sellabration 2026 such an AMAZING DAY!

We are so proud of our community and grateful for everyone who helped make it happen!

-- With gratitude,
Jamie Mitchell
Executive Director
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Denton County Toys For Tots Toy Run staging area at Sanger High School

A decade of riding. A lifetime of giving. Join us Saturday, November 14, 2026 for the 10th Annual Denton County Toys for Tots Toy Run. Ten years of riders and drivers coming together for local kids, and this one's the big one. You don't have to participate in the ride, just drop off a toy or monetary donation.

Motorcycles, Spyders, Slingshots and Jeeps. All makes, all riders and drivers welcome.

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• Staging: Sanger High School, 100 Indian Ln, Sanger, TX 76266
• Registration: 8:00 to 10:30 AM
• Kickstands up: 11:00 AM
• The ride finishes at American Eagle Harley-Davidson.
• What to bring:
Rider: $15 or unopened toy
Rider and passenger: $20 or two unopened toys

Pre-register online now, or choose Will Call and pay your fee on ride day. Either way, bring the toy.

• Register: https://bit.ly/10thAnnualDCTFTMotorcycleRun

Why it matters: in 2025, Toys for Tots in Denton, Cooke, Wise and Montague counties distributed 121,883 toys to 40,627 children. Every toy you strap to your ride stays local.

• Planned route: https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit...

America's Funniest Home Videos

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Sanger. Rylan and Kyson's mother and step-father are Crystal and Josh Bowlin of Sanger.

"This video was taken in January when Jake and I found out about our pregnancy. We found out that morning, and funny enough later that day Rylan walked up to us telling us he was ready for us to have a baby, so we decided to tell Rylan and Kyson together that night.

As many of you know, we lost our baby in March. This is not a new pregnancy announcement. It took several months before I even submitted this video to AFV (shoutout mom) as we had been healing from our loss. The process moved rather quickly after that, but I was not expecting the video to make it TV let alone to WIN our episode!

It has been hard to dig into this wound that hasn't healed yet, as it has obviously gained quite a bit of attention, however this just goes to show that there is sunshine in the storm.

We are so blessed and so so thankful. All glory goes to God in giving us something to feel joy about in such a hard time of our lives."

You can see the video on Mikayla Vance's FaceBook Page or go to https://www.afv.com/winners-circle.

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