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Lone Oak Road bridge over Lake Ray Roberts may stay closed until May

TxDOT hopes to reopen the damaged FM 3002 span in March, but Commissioner Jason Snuggs tells drivers to plan on the FM 922 detour into spring.

The FM 3002 bridge over Lake Ray Roberts in southern Cooke County will probably stay closed until spring. Precinct 2 Commissioner Jason Snuggs told residents in a public Facebook post that the Texas Department of Transportation hopes to reopen it in March, but that drivers should expect May.

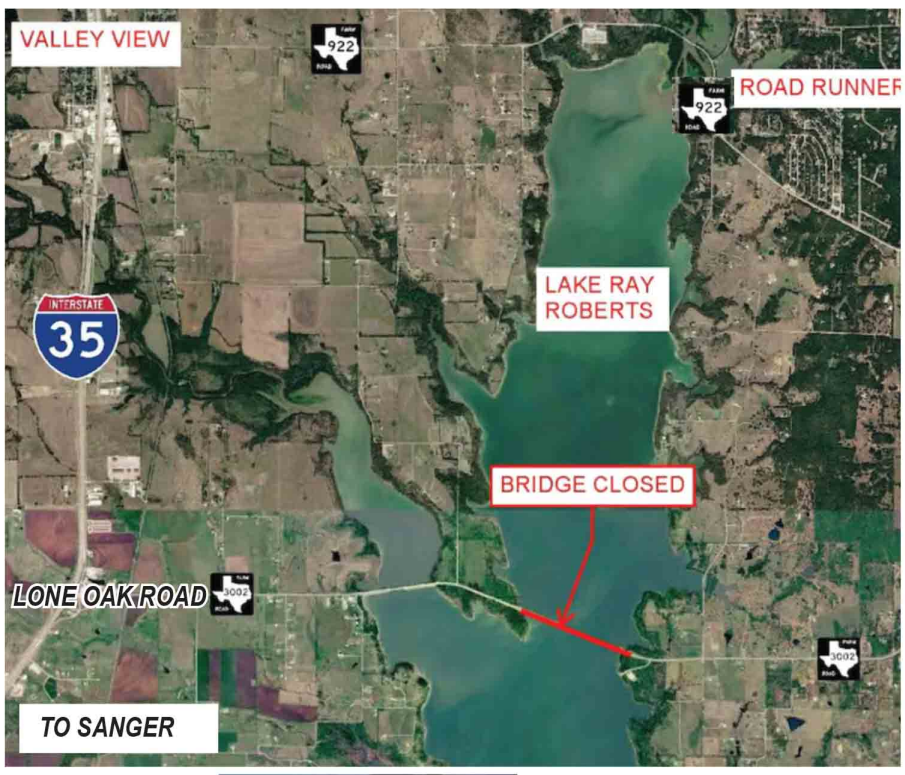
"Lone Oak Bridge update… It's not good folks…TxDOT is hopeful for March, but with the winter weather we are slated to have and normal construction setbacks…PLAN FOR MAY. Don't kill the messenger," Snuggs wrote.

FM 3002 is the state highway signed as Lone Oak Road. It runs about 8.5 miles east from Interstate 35, just north of Sanger and crosses two arms of Lake Ray Roberts and ends at FM 372. The whole route lies in Cooke County.

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

The closed span is the eastern of the two lake bridges. TxDOT underwater bridge inspectors found damage to one of its columns on the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 30, and the agency closed the bridge that evening.

The repair is not a replacement. TxDOT's headquarters in Austin authorized an emergency repair order, and the agency's Bridge Division is drawing the repair plans. TxDOT will award an emergency contract once those plans are done.





David Martinez hugs his mother after SHS won the UIL Class 4A Cross Country State Championship. *Photo by Hope Hughey*

Sanger HS boys cross country team won its first state championship last Friday. They've medaled as a team several times, but never brought home the team title.

The Indians won the Class 4A title at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock in commanding fashion with a total of 97 points from their five scoring runners, finishing 27 points better than second-place Canyon's tally of 124 points.

Sanger senior David Martinez led the way by finishing 13th individually with a time of 16:06.00. Junior runner Travis Martinez turned in a strong showing of his own to place 23rd individually with a time of 16:30.0. Senior Angel Zepeda (37th place), junior Kaden Plaugher (47th place) and sophomore Bryden Meade (49th place) all earned top-50 finishes as well to help secure the state title.

The state title was made more meaningful by the fact it came after Sanger alum Sam Musgrave and Sanger junior Daniel Martinez, both cross country runners, died following a vehicle accident in late May. This season was dedicated to the two cross country runners. Sanger was preseason no. 1 in the state and lived up to that mark last week, bringing home the UIL state championship trophy.

Daniel and twin brother David were supposed to run this championship together, but Daniel's presence was felt throughout the day during the victory.

"Since Friday I have been trying to wrap my mind around the events that have unfolded over the past six months and I have come to the conclusion that

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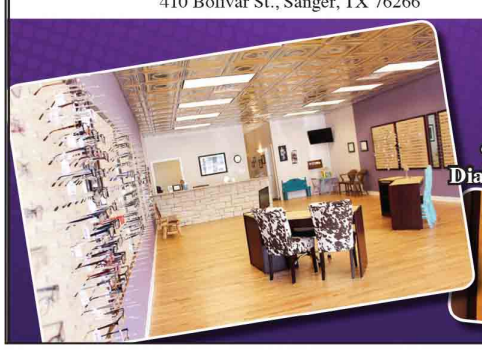
David Martinez hugs his father after SHS won the UIL Class 4A Cross Country State Championship.
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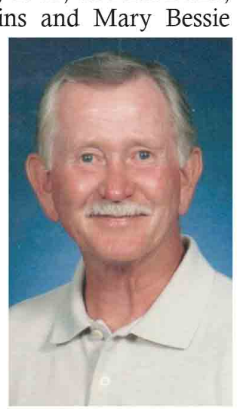
OBITUARIES...

Gerald Harvey "Jerry" Jenkins

August 8, 1943 - November 5, 2026

Gerald Harvey "Jerry" Jenkins, of Sanger, Texas, lived a life centered on family and service to his country and community.

Jerry was born on August 8, 1943, in Pilot Point, Texas, to Lloyd Lafayette Jenkins and Mary Bessie Grace. He attended Pilot Point High School and served in the United States Navy. He went on to a 31-year career with the Dallas Fire Department, where he formed treasured friendships with his fellow firefighters before retiring in July 1993 as Captain of the Communications Department.



His commitment to serving others extended to his community. From 1985 to 1995, Jerry served as a Sanger City Council member and mayor pro tem. In 2000, he received the Sanger Silver Service Award in recognition of his contributions.

Above all, Jerry considered his family his greatest accomplishment. He and his wife, Vickie Cole Jenkins, shared 56 years of marriage. His fondest memories included roaming the countryside with his brothers and sisters, spending time with his wife and children, and enjoying the company of his granddaughters and friends. His years with the fire department and the camaraderie he shared with fellow firefighters also held a special place in his heart.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Vickie; his children, Stephen Ben Campbell of Lantana and Staci Jenkins Moore and her husband, Byron, of Sanger; his granddaughters, Tait Moore Knight and her husband, Tanner, and Tessa Moore, all of Weatherford; and his sisters, Sandra Meine of Denton and Gail Gibbs and her husband, Sonny, of Pilot Point. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Katherine Jenkins Redfearn, Joe Jenkins, Frank Jenkins, Bill Jenkins, and Danny Jenkins.

Services will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2026, at DeBerry Funeral Directors Family Center, located at 2020 Emery St. in Denton, Texas 76201. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jerry's name to the Alzheimer's Association .

Jerry's legacy lives on through the family he cherished, the friendships he treasured, and the community he served.

Braden Dylan Barnes

August 15, 2006 - November 1, 2026

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Braden Dylan Barnes on November 1, 2026. He was born on August 15, 2006 in Waterloo, Iowa. He was 20 years old and deeply loved by family and those closest to him. He will be remembered for his contagious smile, amazing artistic nature, love for his brothers and sister, and his selfless desire to put all others above himself. He loved working on cars, running cross country, and loved all animals especially our two Doberman Isabella and Katarina, whom he affectionately called his "sisters".



Braden made Texas his home after moving to Sanger in 2016 with his family. His freshman year in high school he made the Varsity Cross Country team. He was also the youngest on the team, at just 13 years old. He made it to Regionals his sophomore year and State his Junior year. He also ran the Germanfest 5k in Muenster, TX and not only was he the youngest runner, he was the only juvenile to have ever finished on the podium overall.

While in high school he was voted best dressed and most artistic by his peers. Braden's Senior Quote was: Life's not about being better than everyone else, it's about being better than you were yesterday. Which is a true testament of his character and his way of life.

He is survived by his Mother Christina, Step-father Marco, brothers Matthew and Arie, sister Jennifer, brother-in-law Gray, and nephews Colt and Clay, Uncle Amos III, and his grandfather Amos Jr. His uncle Raymond, Ronda, and cousins. Grandparents Mario and Rosie Garza. His selfless love and compassion remains a guiding presence for all who knew him.

A viewing was held on November 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM, followed by service at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church in Sanger, TX.

Services were entrusted to Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home in Denton.

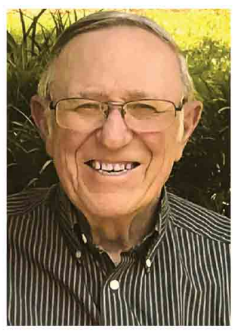
You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived
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You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on
-David Harkins

Joseph Bernard "J.B" Haisler, Jr.

August 8, 1935 - November 8, 2026

Joseph Bernard "J.B." Haisler, Jr., 91, passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 8, 2026, while at his home in Sanger, Texas with his wife of 69 years.

Born August 8, 1935, to Joe and Rose Haisler, J.B. graduated from Denton High School in 1953 and from Southern Methodist University with a degree in electrical engineering in 1958. He enjoyed a distinguished career as an aerospace engineer, working at Ling-Temco-Vought, Beech Aircraft, Honeywell, Conductron, McDonald Douglas, and Lockheed Corporation. Among his professional accomplishments was his work on control systems for Apollo 11 and guidance systems in the early stages of the Patriot missile. A highlight for him was meeting Neil Armstrong during the testing phase of the Apollo Program.



J.B. married Shirley Ann Trietsch on August 31, 1957, and together they raised five children. In the early years of their marriage, they followed work opportunities to Wichita (KS), Minneapolis, Marietta (GA), and St. Louis. They made it their aim in each place to expose their children to museums, local parks and the unique sites and history of each area. Additionally, they took great pleasure in making new life-long friends in each place where they lived. In 1974, J.B. and Shirley lived out their dream to return to Texas and build their own home on their farm outside of Sanger. J.B. drew the house plans and did most of the construction on the house himself, along with his wife, brother and children.

Despite his many accomplishments, J.B. was never one to make much of them. Alongside his career, he and Shirley loved working on the farm, raising cattle and crops, and sharing his love of the land with his children and grandchildren. He was a devoted father and grandfather who was proud of them all and found joy in the simple pleasures of family life. He especially doted on his grandchildren and never tired of finding something new and fun to do on the farm when they came to visit, whether it was taking them fishing or to swim in the creek, buying a horse for them to ride on the farm, or letting them "drive" the four-wheeler mule over the bumps in the pasture. As they got older, he always wanted to know what math they were doing, and five of his ten grandkids followed in his steps to become engineers. J.B. enjoyed sharing that when he first started working on analog computers, one computer was the size of an entire wall. He showed his love for his family by peeling oranges for everyone and offering ice cream all the time!

As a teenager, J.B. was active in the Future Farmers of America, 4-H and the Blue Mound United Methodist Church Youth Group, and while in college, in the student branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the Institute of Radio Engineers. As an adult, he was an active supporter of his kids' involvement in 4-H, Boy Scouts and other youth activities, including band and orchestra, and continued support for young people as a member of the Denton County Blue Ribbon Club. J.B. was a great lover of classical music and games such as dominoes, Forty-Two, Bridge and Hand and Foot. He was an innovator on the farm, always looking for a new and better way to do things, including a new method to increase the nitrogen in hay, yielding grand champion in the North Texas Fair Hay Show. J.B. had an insatiable curiosity for learning and passed that on to his family - always in interested what they were doing and in meeting other people — he never met a stranger! J.B. and Shirley enjoyed travel to see new sites and especially to visit family and friends around the country and the world, and J.B. was especially pleased to have been to all 50 states. He was an active member of the church and treasurer for Blue Mound United Methodist Church for 28 years.

J.B. was preceded in death by his parents; his younger son, John Robert Haisler, in 1975; and his older son, James Michael Haisler, in 2021. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and daughters, Jeanne Elizabeth LeVelle (Jim), Julia Anne Knight (Bruce), Jacqueline Kay Jones (Scott); grandchildren, Hannah LeVelle, Jason LeVelle (Carol), Amy Herder (Adam), Katherine Knight, Rachel Hargett (Josh), Denton Knight (Madison), Bekah Schanuth (Colton); Valerie Kelman (Yarden), Tori Jones and Josh Jones; and great-grandchildren, Relly and Andy LeVelle and Alex and Averie Herder. J.B.'s loss is also mourned by his brother, Melvin Haisler, and sister, Mary Ann McCutcheon, and in-laws Evelyn and Clyde Yeatts and Kay Trietsch. He will be missed by numerous nieces and nephews and other family and friends, including longtime friends Gerda and Ernie Schellhase and special family friend, Elizabeth Wilkerson.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to the Alzheimer's Association or Blue Mound United Methodist Church in J.B.'s memory.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 15, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm, at Blue Mound United Methodist Church, with the service starting at 3:00 pm. He will be laid to rest at Blue Mound Cemetery.

Services are entrusted to Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please share a memory or offer condolences to the Haisler Family at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.

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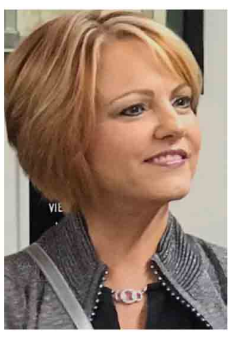
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OBITUARIES...

Deborah "Debbie" Gayle

August 12, 1950 - November 5, 2026

Deborah "Debbie" Gayle (Russell) Cler ,76, of Valley View, Texas passed away November 5, 2026 at Medical City Dallas, Texas surrounded by loved ones. She was born on August 12, 1950 in Littlefield, Texas to Joseph Tipton and Thelma Faye (Bounds) Russell.



Debbie attended Muenster ISD, after graduation she met the love of her life, Wayne Cler and they were married on January 20, 1969. Debbie worked at National Supply many years until they closed and then she went to work for Peterbilt until her retirement. She attended Church at Crossroads Baptist Church of Gainesville, Texas. Debbie loved to entertain, she was a fantastic cook and homemaker. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Debbie is survived by her husband Wayne Cler of Valley view, Texas, son Anthony Cler (Erica) of Sanger, Texas, daughter Tami Otto (Dwayne) of Muenster, Texas and daughter Amy Henley (Jason) of Houston, Texas. Grandchildren; Kevin Henley, Jacob Cler, Matthew Cler, Cler Henley-Rodriguez, Hayden Otto, Ashley Henley, Bayley Otto, Collin Otto, sister Carol Hoover, sister Pam Barrows, brother Robert Russell, brother Phillip Russell and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Joseph Tipton Russell and Thelma Faye (Bounds) Russell and her brother Ronnye Russell.

The family will receive friends at Crossroads Baptist Church of Gainesville, Texas on Saturday, November 14, 2026 beginning at 10:00 AM with funeral services to follow at 11:00 AM. Pastor Randy Taylor will be officiating the service. Mrs. Cler will be laid to rest at Valley View Cemetery.

Susan Carol Barthold Dodd

February 18, 1940 - October 28, 2026

Susan Carol Barthold Dodd passed into eternal life on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, with her family around her bedside—just as she wanted—in her own home that she loved. Susan was born on Feb. 18, 1940, and was raised in Krum, where she attended school in the same class as her husband, Denney Dodd, who passed away a year before her. She and Denney eloped on April 19, 1958, in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Both Susan's and Denney's families had lived in Krum their entire lives and all attended Krum United Methodist Church. Susan was a descendant of the Barthold family, among Krum's earliest settlers.



Susan began working at Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Krum, which was started by her grandfather and one of her uncles, and she eventually retired from there before it became the Krum Heritage Museum. For almost 20 years, Susan worked at Moore Business Forms in Denton before the business relocated out of state. She and Denney had three sons whom they raised in the Methodist church in Krum, where she sang in the choir alongside her father and mother-in-law while her mother played the piano. Susan was an avid gardener, an excellent cook, and a wonderful seamstress. She made beautiful quilts for each of her five grandchildren and kept her granddaughter, Kelly, in the cutest clothes and adorable Halloween costumes year after year. Susan loved to travel; she and Denney loved taking trips with their travel buddies: John and Judy Holley, Marvin and Peggy Morgan, and Hugh and Sandy Pruett. During the last year of her life, she took two riverboat cruises down the Columbia and Mississippi rivers, a train ride through the Canadian Rockies, and a fall color road trip during the first week of October from Camden, Maine, to New York City, where she enjoyed the sights and visited the 9/11 Memorial. She loved it!

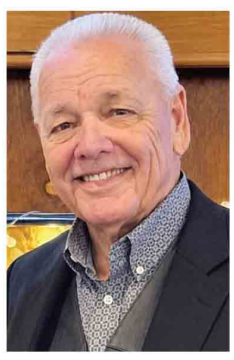
Susan was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Marjorie Barthold; her sister, Mayme Kathleen (1937–1939); her brother, Rodney Barthold, and his wife, Nina; and their son, Rod "Buddy" Barthold; her brothers-in-law, Fermin Trevino and Dan Dodd; as well as her husband of 67 years, Denney Dodd. She is survived by her sons, Dr. Russ Dodd and his wife, Karla, of San Antonio; Kenneth and his wife, Kay, of Krum; and Ron Dodd of Brooklyn, New York. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Staff Sergeant Sean Dodd, U.S. Army, stationed in South Korea; Kelly Foster and her husband, Blaze, of Raleigh, North Carolina; Klay Dodd and his wife, Chloe, of Corinth; Katy Bone and her husband, Cody, of Columbia, South Carolina; and Kooper Dodd and his wife, Chainey, of Krum. Nana, as she was known to all her grandchildren, had seven great-grandchildren, with her eighth born five days after her passing: Asher, Lectie, and Skylar Dodd; Correy, Daivy, and Teddy Bone; and Emery and newborn Nora Dodd. Susan is also survived by her sister, Jane Trevino; her sisters-in-law, Kathryn Dodd, Dorothy Dodd, and Robbyn Dodd;

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Danny Ray Brown

June 2, 1952 - November 4, 2026

Danny Ray Brown, 74, passed away on November 4, 2026, following a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. Surrounded by the love of his family, Danny peacefully entered the arms of his Lord and Savior.



Born on June 2, 1952, in Houston, Texas, Danny was the son of Marvin Brown and Betty Brown Morris, both of whom preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Marvin Brown.

Danny was raised Baptist, and his faith remained an important part of his life. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps beginning in 1969. Following his military service, he worked in painting and drywall before pursuing a career in law enforcement. Throughout his career, Danny served in several capacities, ultimately retiring in 2007 as a criminal investigator with the Denton County Sheriff's Department. He also played an instrumental role in helping establish the Children's Advocacy Center in Lewisville, leaving a lasting legacy of service to the community and to the children and families it serves.

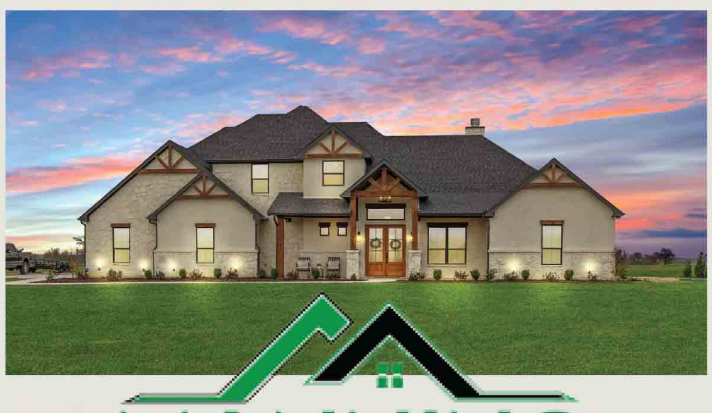
Danny enjoyed life and treasured the people who made it special. He loved fishing, traveling, and especially cruising with family and friends. He enjoyed socializing, spending time with friends at Elks Lodge #2446, where he was a member, and trying his luck at the casinos. He particularly valued the friendships he built throughout his years in law enforcement and maintained many close relationships with former colleagues and friends at the Denton County Sheriff's Department. Whether exploring new places, gathering with friends, or simply sharing stories and laughter, Danny knew how to enjoy the moments that made life meaningful.

Above all, Danny's greatest joy was his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, nephew, and friend who cherished the time he shared with those he loved. Danny is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Darla Brown; sons, Shawn Brown and Michael Brown and his wife, Melissa; and their mother, Brenda Matheus; his sister, Sharon Moores, and brother-in-law, Fred; his sister-in-law, Janette Brown; and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Paula and Tim Chambers. He also leaves behind his nephew, Casey Chambers, and his wife, Pam; and his niece, Kristin Seals, and her husband, Garrett. His beloved grandchildren include Gage Brown and Chelsea Jenness; Makaela Brown and Hector Rodriguez; and Shane Brown, Ryan Brown, and Zane Brown. His great-grandchildren include Scarlett Jenness-Brown, Nayeli Rodriguez, Brenda Rodriguez, and Liam Rodriguez. He is also survived by his great-nieces, Collins Chambers and Bailey Malar; and his great-nephews, Garrett Malar, Colt Seals, and Nolan Seals. Numerous other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, extended family members, and dear friends will continue to cherish his memory. He is also survived by his faithful companion, our toy poodle Bernie Brown.

As Danny faced the reality of leaving this life, one of his greatest concerns was having to say goodbye to the family and friends he loved so dearly. He often expressed how much he would miss everyone and how difficult it was to imagine being away from the people who

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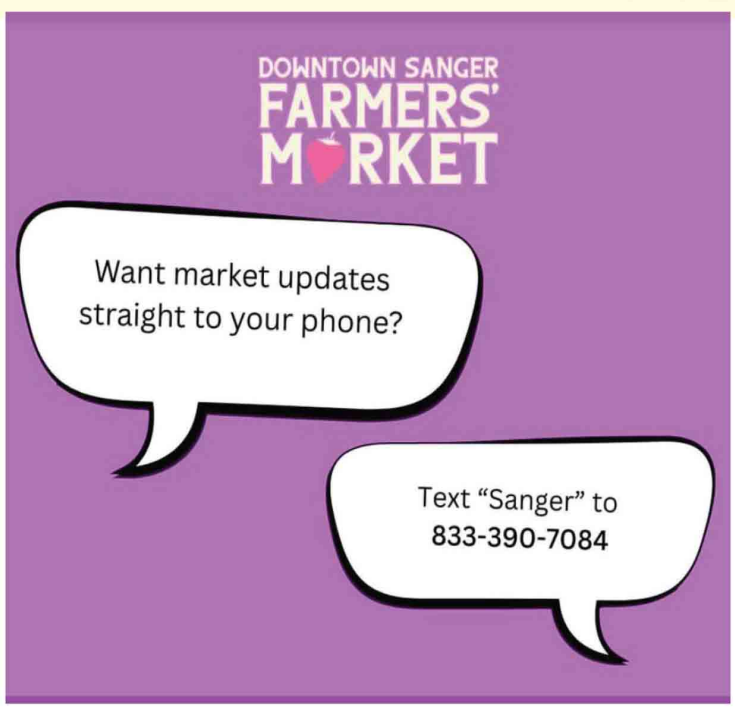
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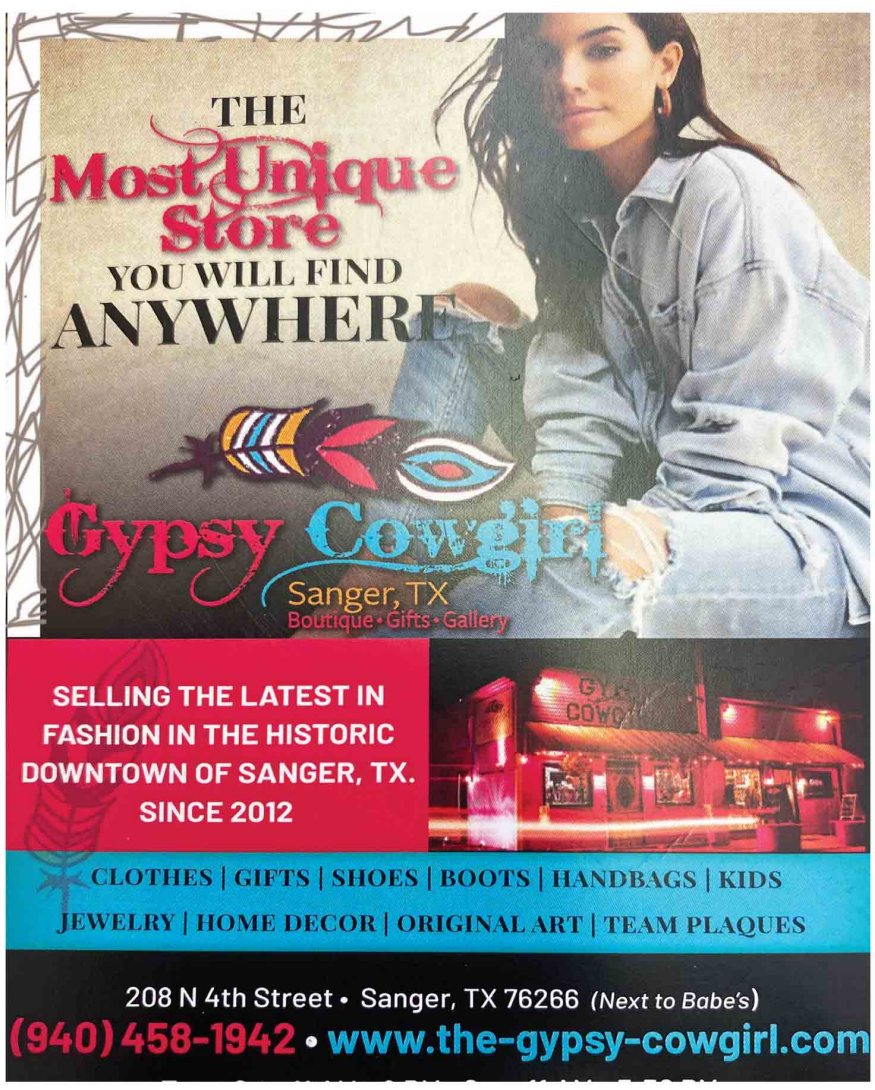
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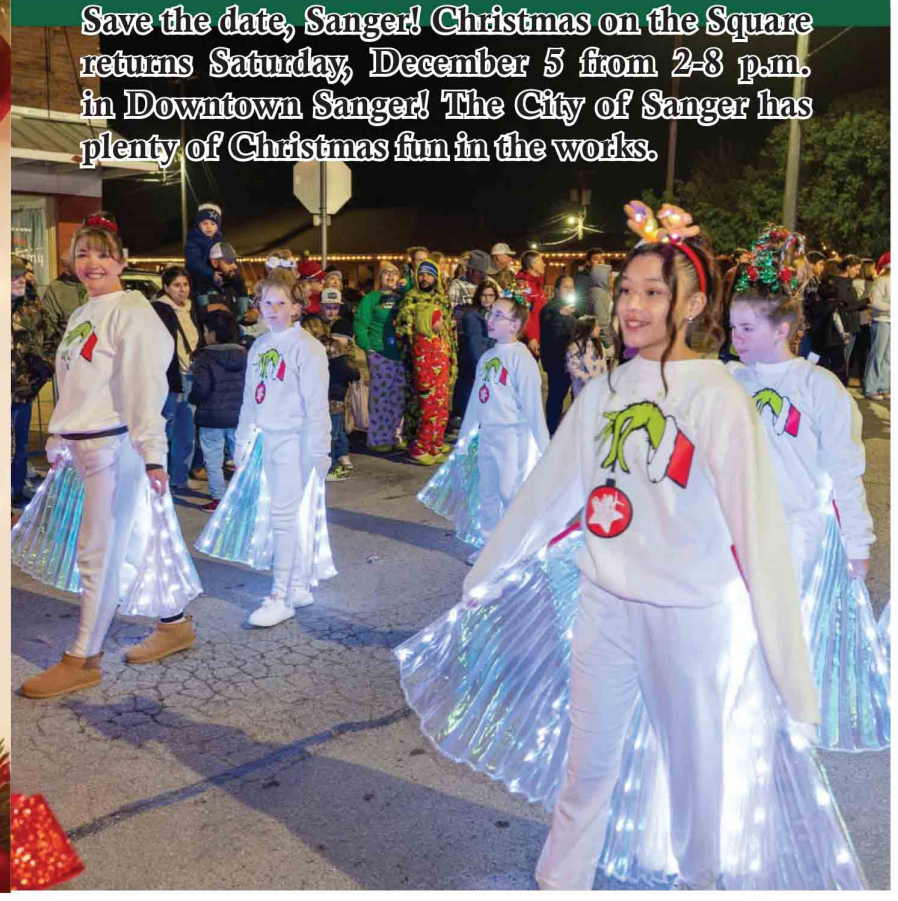




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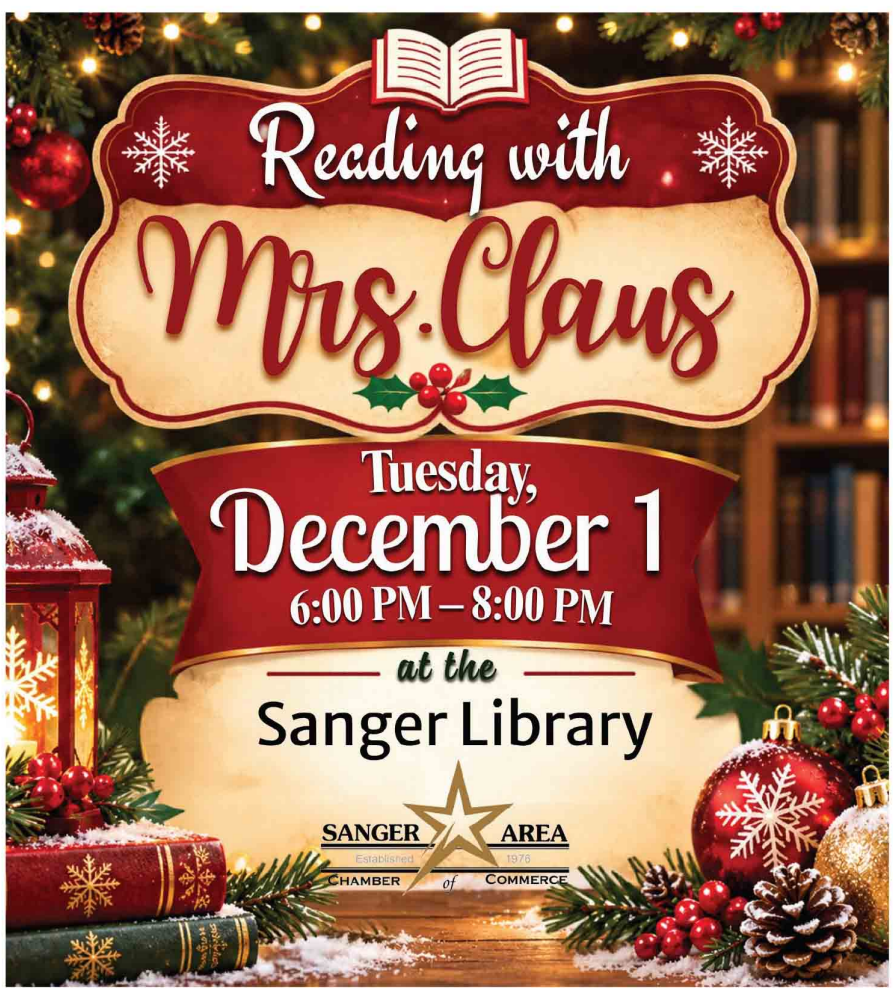


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November 2, 2026



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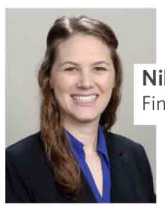
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Put your finances in position for 2027



Nikki Smith
Financial Advisor

As 2026 comes to a close, now is a good time to look for opportunities to strengthen your financial plan before the new year. A year-end review can help ensure your financial decisions remain aligned with your long-term goals, identify potential planning opportunities and help you enter 2027 with greater confidence.

Here are several planning opportunities:

Reflect on your progress. Start your review by evaluating how the past year impacted your long-term plan. Consider how any life changes may have affected your goals and update your strategies as necessary.

Consider your tax situation. Work with your financial advisor and tax professional to understand your tax situation and identify year-end opportunities that may benefit you. If you're 73 or older, be sure to take any required minimum distributions (RMDs) if necessary.

Increase contributions to your savings goals. Consider increasing contributions to your health savings account (HSA), workplace retirement plan or, if you're saving for education, a 529 plan. These accounts can help build financial security and may offer tax advantages. Even small increases today can make a meaningful difference over time.

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Monitor your long-term strategy. If you haven't done so this year, now is as good a time as any to review your portfolio for the year to make sure it is still in line with your goals, time horizon and comfort with risk. If need be, you can rebalance. You might also want to check beneficiaries on your financial accounts, investments and insurance policies, especially if your family or circumstances have changed.

Work with your professionals. Making necessary year-end moves in ways that benefit your situation can feel complicated. Your financial advisor and tax professional can help you identify opportunities and avoid pitfalls.

A few proactive steps before 2027 can help you enter the new year with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of where you stand financially. By reviewing your progress, evaluating tax and savings opportunities and confirming your long-term strategy remains on track, you can start the year focused on what matters most to you.

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

Brown

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meant the most to him. This was a reflection of the deep love he carried for his family and the life they shared. Even in his final days, his thoughts remained with those he loved. While his family and friends will miss him beyond words, they find comfort in knowing that his long battle is over and that he is now at peace in the arms of his Lord and Savior.

The love Danny shared, the friendships he built, the lives he touched, and the memories he created will live on through the many people who were fortunate enough to know him.

He will be deeply missed, forever loved, and never forgotten.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Aspen Hospice for the excellent care, compassion, and support they provided to Danny and his family. Their kindness and dedication meant so much during this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Children's Advocacy Center of North Texas in honor of Danny and his commitment to helping children and families in need.

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The family received friends on Sunday, November 8, 2026 at 2:00 PM, until 4:00 PM, at the DeBerry Family Center, located at 2020 Emery Street, Denton, Texas.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, November 9, 2026 at GracePointe Church in Denton, Texas at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Sanger Cemetery in Sanger, Texas.

Pallbearers were; Shawn Brown, Michael Brown, Shane Brown, Casey Chambers, Garrett Seals, and Gage Brown.

Honorary Pallbearers were; Tim Chambers, Hector Rodriguez, Ryan Brown, Zane Brown, Colt Seals, and Nolan Seals.

Dodd

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her former sisters-in-law, Jan Hall and Wanda Dodd; her brother-in-law, Don Dodd; her nieces, Kathy, Linda, Angela, and Donna; her nephews, Derek, Donovan, and Darren, and their families; and her close family friend of decades, Nancy Stevens. She is also survived by special family friends Lance and Nardeen Boxell, Nash, and Finley. Her son Ron's mini-dachshund, Henry, was also her beloved companion and lived with her during the last eight months of her life.

The family would also like to extend a special thank you to Concho Hearts Hospice and her three amazing nurses, Genevieve, Kristen, and Michelle, for the love and care they provided to Susan and her family.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11:00 a.m. at Blue Mound United Methodist Church, 8421 N. I-35, in Denton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Blue Mound United Methodist Church or the Krum Heritage Museum, both of which were close to Susan's heart.













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SR	2	Austin Martin	QB
SR	3	Levi Hendricks	WR/DB
SO	4	Chanan Anoh	WR/DB
SO	5	Lane Clark	RB/LB
SR	6	Luke Hendricks	WR/DB
SO	7	Cruz York	QB
JR	8	Chris Ramirez	RB/DB
FR	9	Lane Taylor	QB/DB
SR	11	Kale Barr	RB/LB
SR	12	Jonas Autry	WR/DB
FR	13	Cruz Chacon	WR/DB
SR	14	Abimbola Ogunwuyi	RB/DB
SR	15	Wyatt Pennington	WR/LB
SR	16	Roman Wright	RB/DL
SR	17	Asher Van Dyk	RB/DL
JR	18	Taylor Slade	QB
JR	19	Cameron Glover	RB/LB
JR	20	Levin Smith	WR/DB
SO	21	Bobby Rodriguez	WR/DB
JR	22	Christian Bush	RB/DL
SR	23	Jayden Neal	WR/DB
SR	25	Chandler Taylor	WR/DB
SR	26	Brayden Binkley	WR/DB
SR	27	Nico Fabela	WR/DB
SR	32	Creedon Boerner	H/LB
SO	33	James Cook III	H/DL
JR	40	Seth Del Rio	H/LB
SR	50	Josh Lindsey	OL/DL
SO	52	Asher Nalley	OL/DL
SR	54	Riley Childress	OL/DL
SO	55	Everett Kloewer	OL/DL
JR	56	Anthony Lopez	OL/DL
JR	63	Rylan Davis	OL/DL
SR	65	Landry Rea	OL/DL
JR	67	Brody Camp	OL/DL
SO	70	David Foster	OL/DL
SO	73	Tucker Dillin	OL/DL
SO	75	Tyson Bush	OL/DL
SO	77	Santos Villa-Hernandez	OL/DL
SR	85	Jordan Gonzalez	WR/DB
JR	88	Niko Beck	K/WR
SR	90	Dezmond Sampson	TE/DL

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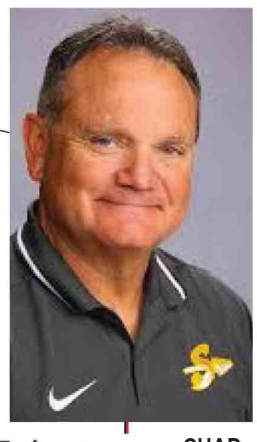
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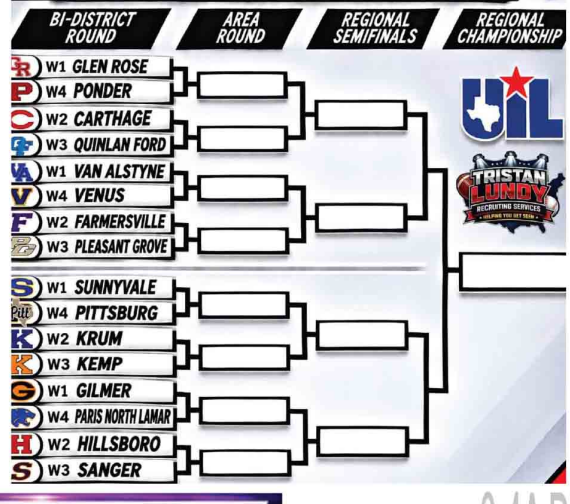
Indians earn third seed in the playoffs

Sanger fell to Van Alstyne in the final district contest last Friday 49-28. The game was close until late in the game. Sanger finishes 7-3, 3-2.

The Panther's went undefeated in district play with Krum second and Sanger in third place. Ponder finished in fourth.

The Indians face Hillsboro in the bi-district playoff game at Aledo this week. Hillsboro is 4-6 with wins over Kemp (43-26), Venus (78-30), Blooming (53-12) and Lake Worth (66-6). Hillsboro losses are Frisco Legacy Christian (62-8), Glen Roser (58-7), Peaster (76-49), Rogers (50-46), Whitney (68-26) and West (40-22).

The winner of Sanger and Hillsboro will move on to play Gilmer, who should beat Kemp this week. Gilmer won District 8, beating Carthage, Texarkana Pleasant Grove, Longview Spring Hill, and Center. Gilmer lost 49-48 to Pittsburg in district play.





GAME SUMMARY

Sanger scored first to lead 7-0, but Van Alstyne answered with 21 unanswered points to take a 21-7 lead. The Indians battled back to tie it 21-21 late in the 2nd quarter, but the Panthers scored on the final play of the half to lead 28-21 at halftime. Sanger opened the 2nd half with an onside kick and score to tie it 28-28 early in the 3rd, but the rest of the game belonged to Van Alstyne as they pulled away for a 49-28 win.

RUSHING

	ATT	YDS	TD
Austin Martin	15	85	2
Chris Ramirez	7	36	1
Bola Ogunwuyi	21	117	1

PASSING

	C/ATT	YDS	INT
Austin Martin	15/24	168	3
Cruz York	1/2	43	0

RECEIVING

	REC	YDS
Wyatt Pennington	7	101
Levi Hendricks	4	72
Jordan Gonzalez	3	28

DEFENSIVE STATS

PLAYER	SOLO	AST	TOT	TFL	PRESS	SACK	INT
Asher VanDyk	9	1	10	5	2	3	
Kale Barr	6	2	8				2
James Cook	5	1	6		4		
Dezmond Sampson	5	1	6	1	2	1	
David Foster	3		0		1	1	
Max Taylor	2	1	3				
Creed Miller	1		1				
Chanan Anoh	1	1	2				
Lane Taylor	1		1				
Bobby Rodriguez	2		2				
Chandler Taylor	2	1	3				

District 6-4A DII Standings

Team	Dist.	Overall
Van Alstyne	5-0	9-1
Krum	4-1	7-3
Sanger	3-2	7-3
Ponder	2-3	5-5
Lake Worth	1-4	2-8
Gainesville	0-5	0-10

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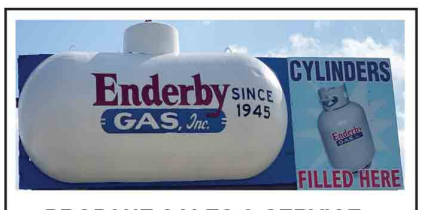
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Lady Indians volleyball make regional finals

Sanger advanced to its first regional final since 2018 with a competitive 3-0 win over Sulphur Springs in their 4A Division I regional semifinal at Wylie High last Friday.

The Lady Indians, ranked No. 9 statewide in 4A Division I by the TGCA, won the opening set 25-17 before pulling out narrow victories of 25-23 and 26-24 in the last two sets to finish off the victory.

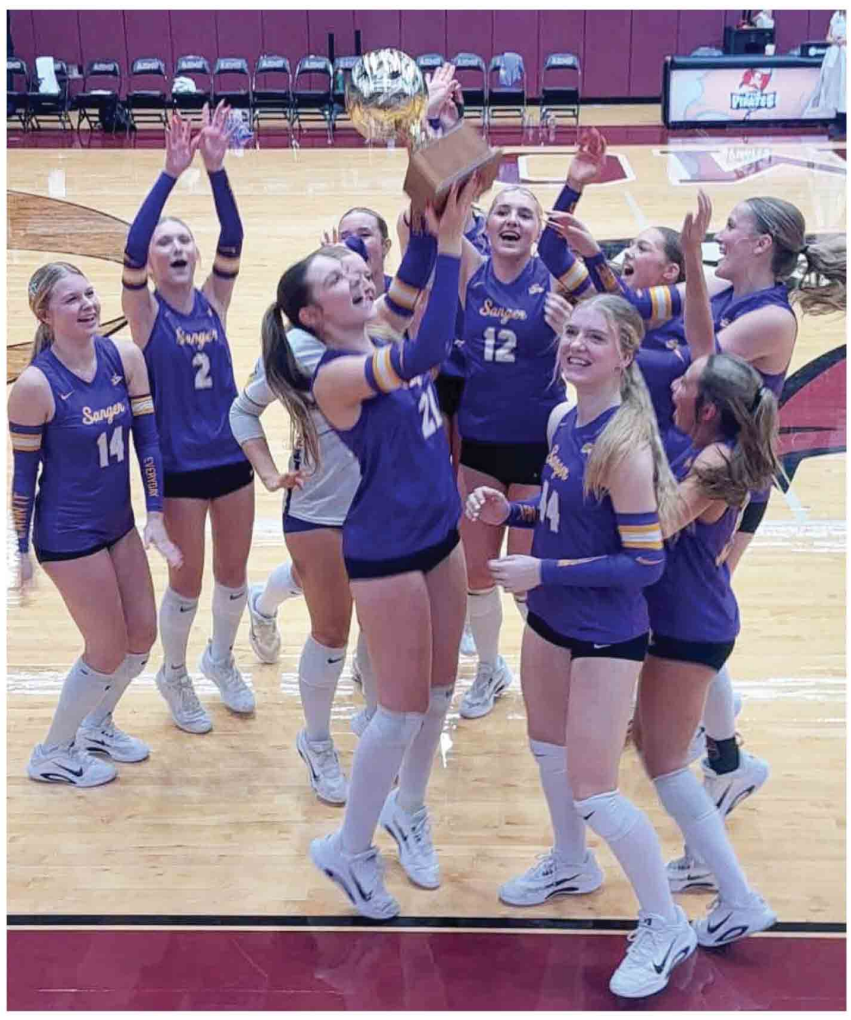
Sanger (31-13) advanced to play in its first regional final since 2018 and faced District 9-4A rival Aubrey (42-6) on Tuesday at Denton Guyer High School. See result on page 12:



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#	Name	Class
3	Kirsten Lindberg	SR
4	Daijah Green	SR
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**





Congratulations Lady Indians Cross Country!

The Lady Indians cross country team finished in 11th place at the UIL State Cross Country Meet last Friday. SHS had a great season with another trip to state.

Sanger Individual Results:
Ashton Grahl, Sr., 33rd place, 12:00.6
Camryn Cochran, Fr., 75th place, 12:48.8
Tatum Cochran, Jr., 78th place, 12:51.2
Magaly Soto, So., 113th place, 13:15.9
Ellory Herb, Fr., 123rd place, 13:28.5
Dulce Gervacio, Sr., 133rd place, 13:51.9
Melanie Soto, Fr., 137th place, 13:57.8



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Great Season SHS Volleyball

Aubrey High School is headed to the program's first state semifinal since 2024 and third over the last five years after beating Sanger 25-18, 25-18 and 25-13 in their 4A Division I Region II final at Guyer High on Tuesday evening.

Aubrey (43-6) advances to face Decatur (35-10) in the 4A Division I state semifinal round at 4 p.m. Saturday at Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center in Fort Worth. Decatur has won each of the last two 4A Division I state championships.

Sanger finishes its season with an overall record of 31-14 after making it to the program's first regional final since 2018.

Sanger Sports Corner said it best: "The Lady Indians' season came to an end in the regional final against Aubrey, but this final score cannot capture what this team accomplished.

They fought their way through the playoffs and reached the regional final for the first time since 2018. Along the way, they gave Sanger a season full of moments to celebrate and a run this community will remember.

To every player and coach: thank you for the work, heart, and pride you put into this season. Sanger is proud of you!"



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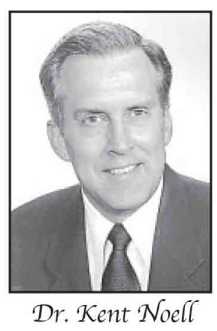
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National Honor Society students put service into action



Last week, 45 Sanger High School National Honor Society (NHS) juniors and seniors put service into action at Feed My Starving Children in Richardson.

Working on assembly lines, the students packed over 24,000 MannaPacks—nutritional meals designed to support families and children in impoverished areas—in just one hour! These life-saving meals are now on their way to assist children in Haiti.

The students made a fantastic impression on community volunteers, who praised their enthusiasm, hard work, and "top-notch behavior". Even Whataburger, the meal stop, was so impressed that they showered the team with free swag!

Whether through peer tutoring or partnering with local organizations like the Lions Club and campus booster clubs, the NHS students continue to live out the 4 pillars of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Proud to be Sanger Indians!











This week, November 9–13, we want to recognize our amazing school psychologists who make a difference in the lives of our Sanger ISD students every day!

Please join us in celebrating:

Emilee Keuten – BES

Shelby Day – CTE/CCE

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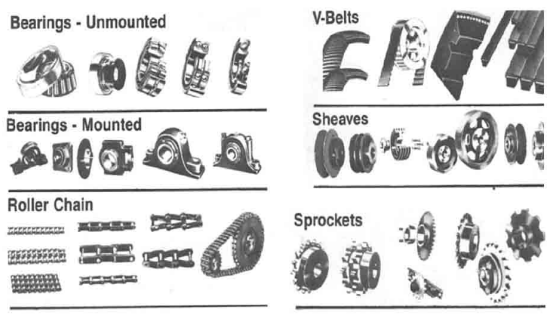


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25	Travis Martinez	16:30.0
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50	Kaden Plaugher	16:59.5
52	Bryden Meade	17:02.5
53	Gabriel Soto	17:02.7
78	Jesse Jacobs	17:22.9



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God is real, he is here and on Friday he allowed me a front row seat to witness his grace," said SHS boys cross country coach Tanner Rankin. "This state championship is a bow on the gift that through tragedy of any kind, if we abide in him, he will remain victorious and bring those who are faithful with him."

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