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I-35/Chapman Drive Bridge Demolished



The 3rd Annual Small Town Takeover Car & Truck Show is this Sunday. Make sure to come out to the show on August 31st and check out the amazing rides, vendors, local restaurants and shops and bring plenty of money for merchandise and raffle tickets (They will be accepting cash, Venmo and Zelle for the merchandise and raffle.) They will have a motorcycle class this year. Get those motorcycles cleaned up and bring them out to the show.

The north bound bridge at I-35 and Chapman Drive (FM 455) was completely demolished this past weekend. The demolition was done in less than three days and all debris hauled off. The intersection was back open Tuesday morning. This is part of the TxDOT I-35 and FM 455 expansions. I-35 north and south bound traffic has been converted to the new bridge built last year on the west side. Construction on a new east side I-35 bridge is now underway.

Property owners speak up to TCEQ about sewer plant planned near Sanger



For years, former state Rep. Jim Horn has owned the property where he now wants to build a sewer plant for a 560-acre municipal utility district he is trying to create, just east of Sanger. The proposed project is located west of FM 2164, south of McReynolds Road, east of Union Hill Road and north of Nicholson Road.

His goal is to have Megatel develop his land on the outskirts of Denton and Sanger to become Sanger Laguna Azure, a housing development with a 26-acre lagoon as its centerpiece, according to site plans. And to do that, the development needs water and wastewater service. (See update of public notice petitions to have the cities of Denton / Sanger

provide these services at the end of this article).

In his application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Horn stated “no significant interest in this permit is anticipated.” However, the proposed plant would dump up to 950,000 gallons of treated sewer downstream each day, according to a letter from Sanger to TCEQ for a contested case hearing.

“The applicants, either

explicitly knew or with reasonable inquiry should have determined that the proposed discharge route carves through land protected by a conservation easement, could reasonably expect significant public interest,” Nathan Vassar, an Austin-based environmental attorney representing Sanger, wrote in the letter.

That public interest was apparent recently at the Denton Civic Center.

About 100 people, many of them nearby property owners, attended TCEQ’s public hearing on Horn’s permit application to ask questions and submit public comments in opposition to the sewer plant.

Several requested contested case hearings to plead their case.

City officials from both Denton and Sanger have each requested a contested case hearing. They

recommended that the TCEQ deny the permit application since it does not meet the requirements for permit approval.

City officials were in attendance to reiterate reasons they highlighted in letters to TCEQ: not being protective of water quality, failing to consider regionalization, and not including a cost analysis to connect to existing sewer plants that could justify the proposed plant.

Horn did not attend the public hearing but previously told the Denton Record-Chronicle he trusted the TCEQ’s process and decision regarding this matter.

The developer’s representative said they were currently in talks with Denton about services.

Denton is a regional provider that is in the process of expanding its Pecan Creek wastewater

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The proposed project (outlined in green) is located west of FM 2164, south of McReynolds Road, east of Union Hill Road and north of Nicholson Road.



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OBITUARIES...

John W. Henry

August 18, 1942 - August 24, 2025

John Warren Henry was born August 18, 1942 to Virginia Colbert Green and Earl Claude Henry, in Ponca City, OK, the fourth of six children. He passed away August 24, 2025 after succumbing to the effects of Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. John graduated from Blackwell OK high school in 1960 and from East Central State University in Edmond OK in 1964. He joined the Navy in 1966 and flew fighter jets off the aircraft carrier the Shangri-La in the Mediterranean during the VietNam era. After flying for Shell Oil, he joined Delta Airlines in 1973 and retired as Captain in 2002. He subsequently flew for a local company in Denton, Hulcher Enterprises, for several years. He had the privilege of growing up in an aviation family and spent his life amid aircraft.

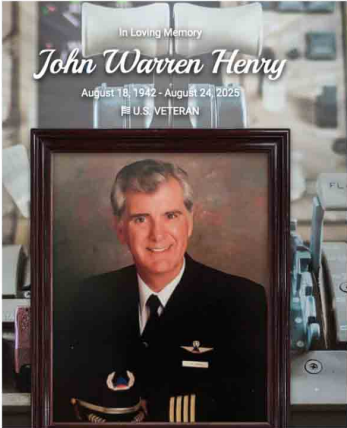
John married Jamie Maness in 1966 and that union was blessed with two daughters, Katie and Emilie Henry. He married Debbie Howell in 1981 and that union was blessed with two more daughters, Lindsey Lough (son-in-law Shawn) and Natalie Key (son-in-law Randy.) He married Betsy Brooks McGuire in 1993 and became stepdad to four more children, Ashley, Angela, Ryan, and Haley. He has eleven grandchildren...David, Hank, Emily, Kate, Meg, Evan, Justice, Jaxon, Tinley, Oakley, and Reese.

John is survived by Betsy, Debbie, and Jamie, two siblings...Euel Henry and Jenny Sue Johns. He was preceded in death by his parents, three siblings, and his beloved young daughter, Lindsey, with whom he is now joyfully reunited.

John will be remembered lovingly by his family and friends (thank you especially to Euel and Denise Henry, Don and Lynn Maxwell, and David and Ann Austin); and by the Sanger Community to which he contributed tirelessly through the Lions Club and the Sanger Crisis Center. John was a dedicated Christian who lived his life in service to all and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Denton.

A special thanks to the staff at Serenity Gardens and Concho Heart Hospice who lovingly cared for him these past two years. A funeral will be held to celebrate his life at First Baptist Church in Sanger on Thursday, August 28th at 10:30. He will be interred next to Lindsey in the Sanger Cemetery.

Please offer your condolences to the Henry family at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.



Leona Fay Dickerson Bowshier

November 16, 1943 - August 20, 2025

Leona Fay Dickerson Bowshier, age 81, passed away on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at her home in Ponder, Denton County, Texas. She was born on Tuesday, November 16, 1943, in Terrell, Kaufman County, Texas to Eulie Truman Dickerson and Leona Euvalda Askew Dickerson. She grew up in Forney and Sunnyvale. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Sanger, Texas.

Leona married John Benjamin Bowshier on August 9, 1993, in Sanger, Denton County, Texas. She attended school in Forney. After graduating from Forney High School in 1962, Leona worked at Merico Inc., Falcon Mfg., Komar Mfg., Sack-N-Save Grocery, Kroger, Victor

Equipment, Josten's, Chip N Hook Mfg. and Vista Mfg. Leona lived in Texas locations of Forney, Sunnyvale, Garland, Plano, Lewisville, Grand Prairie, Krum, Sanger, Denton and Ponder. She also resided in Leadville, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eulie Truman and Leona Euvalda Askew Dickerson; brothers; Glynn Wilburn Dickerson, Travis Edward Dickerson, James Silas Dickerson and Thomas Wayne Dickerson and her husband of 26 years, John Bowshier; granddaughter, Kristen Michelle Cox and grandparents: Silas Dickerson and Frances Elizabeth Kirkpatrick Dickerson and James Daniel Askew and Bertha Ruth Vandivere Askew.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Cox Seery of Gilmer, Texas and Kelly Fry Harr of Sherman, Texas; three sons, Michael Cox and wife Tammy of Sanger, Texas, Gerald Cox and wife Kathy of Manito, Illinois and Billy Cox and wife Britt of Arlington, Texas. Also surviving are sisters; Imogene Kirkpatrick of Mineola, Texas, Martha Skinner and husband John of Fairview, Texas; brother Charles Lee Dickerson and wife Ann of Emory, Texas; and sisters-in-law, Pat Dickerson and Frances Dickerson.

Leona is also survived by fourteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren, one step-great-grandchild, one great-great-grandson and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be at the First Baptist Church in Sanger on Friday, August 29, 2025, beginning at 12:30 pm followed by the funeral service at 2:00 pm. Pastor Grant Bowles will officiate the services. Pallbearers will be Wesley Cox, Jacob Cox, Brandon Moss, Tyrel Moss, Joel Cox, Joshua Cox, Zachary Cox, Chase Cox, and Evan Harr. Interment will be in Jackson Cemetery, Krum, Denton County, Texas alongside her husband, John Bowshier.

Doyle Blagg

December 6, 1941 - August 24, 2025

Doyle Blagg, aged 83, passed away on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at Medical City Denton. He was born on December 6, 1941, in Denton, near the Navo Community, he was the beloved son of Bill and Geneva Norris Blagg.

Doyle proudly served in the US Marine Corp during the Vietnam Era. He was a graduate of Denton High School and TCU. As a 4th generation Master Farrier, Doyle dedicated over 60 years to his craft, shoeing multiple winners in various disciplines. His exceptional contributions to the field were recognized with his induction into the International Horseshoeing Hall of Fame in 2010.

On October 1, 1999, Doyle married Mickie Miller in Denton, TX. He is survived by his loving wife, Mickie Blagg; his sons, Riley Blagg (Kathy) and Bobby Blagg; his daughter, Kristi Galan.

Visitation will be held from 5-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025, in the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton. Funeral services will take place at 10:30 am on Friday, August 29, 2025, in the DeBerry Chapel, with Reverend Sam Redfearn officiating. Doyle will be laid to rest at Trinity Cemetery, east of Denton.

Services are under the direction of Bill Deberry Funeral Directors in Denton, TX. Please make online condolences at www.deberryfuneraldirectors.com/



Wesley (Wes) John Bryant

July 1977 - August 14, 2025

He died with his boots on...

Wesley (Wes) John Bryant passed peacefully at his mother's home after a kiss and an "I love you" from his beloved daughter, Rosie, on Thursday, August 14th, 2025.

He was born in July 1977 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was the loving father to Rose Marie Bryant of Sanger and was a dear friend to Rose's partner, Ragan. He was a precious son to his mother, Carole Scanlon of Denton, and father, Ricky Bryant Sr. of Sanger. Wes was an adventurous partner in anything hunting, fishing, or cars with his brother Ricky Bryant Jr. (Tina) of Sanger; a I-got-this-cool-new-thing-but-can't-get-the-darn-thing-to-work tech enthusiast to his tech-savvy sister Kara Scanlon of Denton; and a happy-go-lucky little brother to his oldest sister, Patty Scanlon Stovall of Ponder.

He is survived by his daughter, parents, siblings, many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends who will feel his absence profoundly.

He is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, his stepfather, and his father's life partner.

Wesley was a warrior, pure and simple. Once the cancer metastasized, his doctors weren't optimistic, and they gave him anywhere from three months to a year left to live. But Wes must have heard years instead of months, because he surpassed his doctors' expectations and, for three more years, fought death like he lived life—with his whole heart. He fought through surgeries, radiation treatments, and several types of chemotherapy—he fought until all he had left was his grit and determination. His motto became "Cancer can kick rocks and come find me with my boots on."

He lived his life to the fullest every single day: he was always cooking up a new project for one of his cars; lived off the land—always hunting, fishing and camping; kept his gold mining pans and sifters ready for any mining escapades; made friends with plenty of nature's critters, including his pond's catfish who he did his best to feed daily; and went on wild adventures with enough thrills, chills and Looney Tunes mishaps to give his favorite comedic duo, Wile E. Coyote and the Roadrunner, a run for their money.

He did his best to make every moment count and put all his love into anything and everything he cared about. And, of course, he loved his family and—most especially—his girls.

There will be a celebration of Wesley's life to be announced at a later date through social media and word of mouth. It will be at his most favorite place... his beloved pond.

Betty Faye (Eskue) Flowers

November 3, 1935 - August 24, 2025

Betty Faye (Eskue) Flowers, of Sanger, Texas, passed away on August 24, 2025, in Pilot Point at the age of 89.

She was born on November 3, 1935, to Jessie and Wau-neta (Cleaver) Eskue in Farris, Oklahoma. Betty attended Farris Grade School and graduated from Atoka High School in 1954. She later pursued classes in Dallas, Texas, to become a Telephone Operator for Southwestern Bell. Her career continued with GTE (now Verizon), where she retired in 1991 in Denton, Texas.

On July 23, 1954, Betty married the love of her life, Melvin Flowers, in Farris, Oklahoma. Together, they built a life in Sanger with their three boys.

She is survived by her three sons, Elvin Flowers and wife Shirley of Sanger, Texas, Gary Flowers and wife Leann of Sanger, Texas, James Flowers and wife Chiawen (Denise) of Denton, Texas. She is also survived by her five grandchildren: Karissa Flowers and her wife Katherine of Denton, Texas, Dustin Flowers of Sanger, Texas, Coletton Blevins and his husband Michael of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Sofia Flowers and Hannah Flowers of Denton, Texas, and two step-grandchildren,

Carrie (Saxon) Dunn and her husband Stephen of Gilmer, Texas and Phillip Saxon and his wife Shelly of Longview, Texas

Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Melvin Flowers, in November 2007; her brothers, James Alford Eskue (December 2017) and Johnny Dale Eskue (October 2013); and her sisters-in-law, Patsy Eskue (February 2013) and Linda Eskue (June 2025).

A graveside service for Mrs. Flowers will be at 2:00 pm on August 30, 2025, at Farris Cemetery in Farris, Oklahoma. Karissa Flowers, Dustin Flowers, and Coletton Blevins will serve as pallbearers.

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You may have heard of the “4% rule” when it comes to retirement. The idea is simple: After you retire, you withdraw 4% of your investment portfolio each year. In theory, this helps ensure your savings last for your lifetime. While this rule can be a helpful starting point, it's not a one-size-fits-all — and it's definitely not a substitute for a plan tailored to your specific needs, wants and wishes.

The truth is, how much to withdraw in retirement depends on factors like when you retire, if you'll work part time, how long you expect retirement to last, your lifestyle goals, inflation and whether you want to leave a financial legacy to heirs. So, the 4% rule should be viewed as more of a guide than a strict rule.

Let's start with age. The 4% rule is often based on someone retiring at 65 and expecting to live until about 92. But if you retire earlier, you may want your portfolio to stretch further. In that case, you might need to start with a lower withdrawal rate, maybe closer to 3%. And if you retire later, you might safely withdraw a little more — perhaps 4.5% to 5% — depending on your financial situation.

Your retirement life-

Does the 4% rule still make sense for your retirement?

style also plays a big role. Are you planning to travel the world or spend more time at home? If you expect higher spending in the early years of retirement, you may need to adjust your withdrawal rate or plan to reduce spending later to balance things out.

Your financial flexibility matters too. If you have less wiggle room with your expenses, rely heavily on your portfolio for income or want to preserve wealth for your heirs, a more conservative approach might be wise. In this conservative scenario, your portfolio withdrawals may be met from interest and dividends. Think of your withdrawal rate as existing on a spectrum from more conservative to less conservative, with your personal situation determining where you land.

Then there's inflation. A well-built strategy usually includes small annual increases in withdrawals to keep up with rising costs — about 2.75% per year. But you don't need to take a raise just because the calendar says so. If the markets have had a tough year or you don't need the extra income, it might be smart to skip an increase. Being flexible can improve the chances your money will last.

It's also important to understand what's known as your “portfolio reliance rate” — how much of your

retirement income comes from your investments versus other sources like Social Security or pensions. The higher this percentage, the more conservative you may want to be with withdrawals.

And don't forget the IRS. If you're drawing from a traditional IRA or 401(k), you'll need to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) once you reach age 73. Your RMD for any year is the account balance as of the end of the prior calendar year divided by a life expectancy factor according to the IRS. These RMDs need to be accounted for in your strategy.

The bottom line? The 4% rule is a useful starting point, but it's just that — a starting point. A good financial advisor can help you build a strategy that reflects your age, your goals and your full financial picture. By revisiting your plan regularly and staying flexible, you'll give yourself the best shot at turning your savings into a secure, fulfilling retirement.

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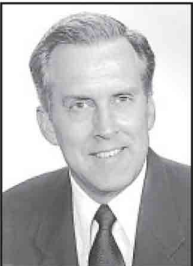
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A proud Denton, Texas, native, Gary Bilyue has called Sanger home since 1999. It is the community where he met his wife and where they chose to raise their family. Now in his eighth term on the Sanger City Council, Gary also serves as Mayor Pro-Tem. His dedication to public service began long before his council tenure, with past leadership roles including President of the Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Planning & Zoning Committee, and member of the Board of Adjustments.

Gary earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Texas before enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Over a distinguished 29-year military career, he rose through the ranks as an Infantry Officer, guided by a deep sense of duty, honor, and service to others.

That same deep-rooted sense of service continues to guide Gary's work today. He is passionate about giving back, whether supporting his community, empowering local educators and students, or championing the well-being of fellow Veterans, a cause especially close to his heart. Gary believes true fulfillment comes from lifting others up and making a lasting difference wherever and whenever possible.

Professionally, Gary is a Financial Advisor and the owner of KFA Financial, a financial services firm located in downtown Sanger. He also serves on the Board of Directors for two nonprofit organizations: the Sanger Education Foundation and Cowtown Warriors. As long as there are needs to meet and lives to lift, Gary remains committed to serving.



Marissa Barrett
Place 1

Sanger has always been home. My parents still live in the house my great-grandfather built, and I've lived here my entire life. Public service is woven into my family's story—my mom served on the Keep Sanger Beautiful Board, and my dad was a volunteer firefighter before serving on the school board. Their example instilled in me a deep-rooted commitment to give back to the community that shaped me.

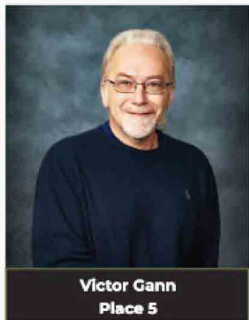
My journey in local government began in 2018 when I joined the Planning and Zoning Commission, working to support smart, balanced growth for our city. A year later, I was honored to be elected to City Council, where I continue to advocate for a safe,

welcoming, and forward-thinking Sanger.

Since 2013, I've worked professionally in local government, gaining experience in public administration, budgeting, and community services. In 2023, I completed my degree in Business Administration from Abilene Christian University to further strengthen my ability to serve effectively.

I believe in practical, community-centered leadership — putting people above politics, focusing on common-sense solutions, and ensuring local government remains transparent and collaborative. These are the values I believe help small towns like ours not just survive, but truly thrive.

Today, my husband and I are raising our children here in Sanger, just as I was raised. I love this town's sense of connection — how neighbors look out for each other, and how you're always likely to see a familiar face at the grocery store. I'm committed to protecting that small-town spirit while planning responsibly for the future, so Sanger remains a place where families can grow, dream, and always feel at home."



Victor Gann
Place 5

Victor Gann is a proud Sanger native and graduate, and a dedicated public servant who was recently elected to his third term on the Sanger City Council. Prior to his time on the Council, Victor served two terms on the 4A Economic Development Board, always working to support the growth and vitality of his hometown. As a local business owner for more than 20 years, Victor understands the challenges and rewards of investing in the community.

"I volunteer my time because Sanger has been good to me," says Gann. "Very few businesses last this long, and I've been fortunate. I live here, I've raised my children here, and I believe you should be more of a giver than a taker."

Outside of his civic service, Victor is an accomplished and critically acclaimed guitarist and music instructor. A graduate of the Guitar Institute of Technology (G.I.T.) with degrees in Professional Guitar and Music Harmony & Theory, he has played live on MTV and collaborated with numerous bands, including Psychosis, Tripline, Crawling to Heal, and Lacy Jade. His instrumental guitar work has earned national recognition from 20th Century Guitar Magazine, Ultimate-Guitar.com, and MetalMonthly.com, among others. His music has also been featured in productions for NASCAR, ESPN, Access Hollywood, the Dallas Cowboys, NFL, NHS, NBA, MLB, and The Travel Channel. Additionally, Victor is a 13 time winner of the Effigy Music Award.

Whether on stage, serving on the City Council, or volunteering his time to assist with the Old Bolivar Station Songwriter Festival, Victor Gann brings talent, commitment, and heart to everything he does for the Sanger community.



Josh Burrus
Place 3

A proud Sanger native, Josh Burrus was born and raised in this close-knit community, which he continues to call home. He graduated from Sanger High School in 2006 and earned an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts Applied Science from the prestigious International Culinary Arts program at the Art Institute of Dallas in 2008.

Above all, Josh is a devoted father to twin daughters, who are his greatest inspiration and motivation. His life is grounded in the values of family, faith, hard work, and community service—principles that guide everything he does. Josh has long believed in giving back to the town that gave him so much. From supporting the Sanger High School Auto Tech program to volunteering for various

school initiatives, he is passionate about investing in the next generation. He believes that strong communities are built by those willing to serve, and he has never hesitated to step up when called upon.

In that spirit of service, Josh is honored to serve on the Sanger City Council, where he works to be a voice for the people and ensure that the city continues to grow while preserving the values that make it special. He considers it both a privilege and a responsibility to help shape the future of the city he loves.

Josh also serves as Vice President of the Altered Intentions Car & Truck Club and Vice President of the Ducks Unlimited Lake Ray Roberts Chapter. Through these roles, he stays actively involved in local events and outreach, building connections and promoting causes that benefit the community.

Whether he's volunteering at a school, participating in a local event, or making decisions on behalf of Sanger residents, Josh Burrus leads with heart, humility, and an unwavering commitment to his hometown.



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of Events:



October 4	Old Bolivar Station Songwriter Festival
October 7	National Night Out
October 11	Fall Clean-Up Day
October 25	Sanger Sellabration
October 31	Safe Spook
December 1-5	5 Days of Christmas
December 5	Festival of Trees
December 6	Christmas on the Square & Parade
December 6	Holiday Stroll
December 19	Chamber Holiday Mixer

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Sewer Plant

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treatment facility and designing two other treatment facilities, at Hickory Creek and Clear Creek, to provide services for growth in the city and its extraterritorial jurisdiction. The Clear Creek facility will be located less than 6 miles from Sanger Laguna Azure's proposed sewer plant and along the path of the proposed discharge, according to Denton's July 23 request.

The Laguna Azure facility, known as a "package plant," is one of several such plants that city officials said are seeking approval from TCEQ for developments in Denton's watershed. Combined, the millions of gallons dumped daily could negatively impact water quality for millions of people who depend on Lewisville Lake for drinking water, officials say, because the smaller plants have less stringent testing requirements.

TCEQ representatives stressed that the public hearing was an early step in a long process toward approval or denial. TCEQ commissioners, appointed by Gov. Greg Abbott, will decide whether to approve the application.

State Rep. Jared Patterson also attended the public hearing. Patterson requested the public hearing in back in February after concerned property owners contacted him about the proposed sewer plant.

Residents asked questions about the discharge rate and the discharge route and discussed the negative impact to the tributaries and creeks on or near their properties at the August 14 TCEQ public meeting.

Sam Alexander, who's owned property near Horn's for 45 years, questioned where Megatel would get the water for

the sewer plant, let alone a 26-acre lagoon. Alexander said someone should investigate the claim that the sewer plant won't be located in a floodplain since the whole area is in a floodplain.

Several property owners from Rainbow Valley Agricultural Cooperative were also in attendance and reiterated what they previously shared with the Record-Chronicle, saying the nearly million-gallon daily discharge from the sewer plant would cause flooding, impact Rainbow Valley's wildlife refuge and threaten the endangered prairie and the mature hardwood bottomland woodland.

As one property owner said, "It does not fit here."

Rainbow Valley was recognized with a 2005 conservation easement from the Texas Land Conservancy.

"What gives you the right to dump all that sewer water into Rainbow Valley?" Alexander asked representatives from TCEQ and the developer. "What gives you that right?"

In his recent letter, Vassar, the lawyer representing Sanger, listed several reasons why the permit application for the Sanger Laguna Azure's sewer plant was deficient, including that the "receiving stream is intermittent" when the permit applicants only observed it "once in July of 2024 during an abnormally dry period." He also mentioned that it "lacks information on how sensitive downstream land users were considered in drafting the permit."

Other inadequacies mentioned by Vassar include:

The application misidentifies the existing land use of the site for the proposed facility.

Receiving waters were inadequately described and assessed leading to permit limits that are not protective of existing

stream uses and water quality.

The site is not suitable for a wastewater treatment plant or discharge.

The applicants have yet to complete a feasibility study regarding potential connection to a regional provider.

Property owners such as Joe Stockard, a farmer and former Denton attorney, pointed out that the downstream flow would impact his hay field and his way of life on his 650-acre property. Stockard also requested a contested case hearing.

Some like Alexander struggled to understand how one property owner could be allowed to impact so many others. Another property owner worried about the lights, noise and smell of the proposed sewer plant.

Others asked about the sewage treatment and questioned phosphorus testing, E. coli monitoring and whether PFAS testing would be required. PFAS, also known as forever chemicals, have been linked to cancer and found in drinking water and at wastewater treatment facilities around the country.

A TCEQ representative said PFAS testing would not be required.

The developer's representative said they would follow TCEQ's requirements for treatment.

UPDATE: In a recent twist, the cities of Denton and Sanger were petitioned by the TCEQ sewer applicants to provide water and sewer services via approval of a MUD district to the property of approximately 555 acres, according to public notices in the August 3, 2025 Denton Record-Chronicle. Go to www.dentonrc.com and click on public notice and search for Notice of petition to City of Sanger and Notice of petition to City of Denton.

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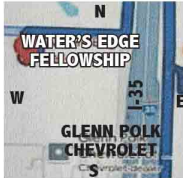
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Local Game Warden speaks of possible screwworm activity coming to the area

There have been reports of increased activity from New World Screwworms in Mexico with concerns that it will come further north.

“[There’s] no confirmations of anything, but it’s something we’re trying to spearhead and nip in the bud before it gets here,” said Cooke County Game Warden Stormy McCuiston as the Gainesville Lions Club meeting, recently. “The last known location was 350 miles south of the border, is where they were contained.”

The NWS is a parasitic fly that lays eggs in wounds of livestock and other animals, where the freshly hatched larvae will feed on the flesh. This leads to infection, disease and in some cases death.

“Popular sites are cuts, wounds, inside the nasal passage and especially the navel area of newborn livestock and/or wildlife,” said Jake Matura, an Agriculture and

Natural Resources Extension Agent for the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service of Cooke County. “The larvae feed on the host animals’ flesh for approximately five to seven days before dropping to the ground and burrowing into the ground to pupate.”

Matura also stated that the increased population in Mexico caused NWS’s to be a hot topic last week at the Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course. Experts who experienced the outbreak growing up in the 60s and 70s recalled horses knowing which member of the herd to exclude because of the smell.

NWS can infest livestock, pets, wildlife, occasionally birds, and in rare cases, people, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If the screwworms were to return to Texas, it would be a decade-long problem.

“It’s something that [Texas] Parks & Wildlife



Game Warden Stormy McCuiston

has taken ahold of, along with the USDA ... The state’s doing all they can ... trying to prohibit these things from coming,” said McCuiston. “We had them back in the 50s all the way to the 70s and we eradicated them. Now, they’re back.”

According to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the screwworms were eradicated in the United States in the 1960’s, although they occasionally reemerge in Central America and Mexico. Their

population is controlled by the release of sterile males, which has proved highly successful when combined with active surveillance and livestock inspections.

“As far as risk for the area goes, it’s hard to say. We are getting closer to fall and winter so that will be a big plus to slow them down,” said Matura. “We are about 350 to 400 miles from the border, so we should have a heads up if they continue to advance north.”

The New World Screwworms get their name from the way the larvae screw into an animal’s skin as they eat the flesh. These wounds and openings get larger as more eggs hatch and the larvae begin feeding.

Some possible signs of a screwworm infestation include foul-smelling wounds with visible maggots, animals biting or licking at wounds, lesions in navels and ears or dehorning and branding sites, and unusual restlessness or lethargy.

“Typical insecticide suppression and treatment is less effective against them because of the wide host range and occurrences in wildlife as well,” said Matura. “Preventative measures would be to check, check, check animals regularly. The sooner an everyday open wound is treated and sanitized the better. If it’s suspected to be infected, then call.”



The NWS is a parasitic fly that lays eggs in wounds of livestock and other animals, where the freshly hatched larvae will feed on the flesh.

If you suspect a NWS infestation, immediately contact local authorities, as early detection can limit the spread and minimize long-term consequences. For livestock and pets, contact the Texas Animal Health Commission at 800-550-8242, and notify your private veterinarian. For wildlife, contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 512-389-4505.

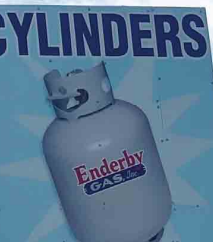
“It’s a big deal, be-

cause you look at what drives our economy here and it’s cattle, along with white-tail deer,” said McCuiston. “It’s not something we want to have here, and the state is doing everything they can do prevent it.”

More information is available at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension website, agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/new-world-screwworm.



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Community Pep Rally: Friday, Sept. 5th @ 11:30 AM @ SHS Indian Stadium. Approximately 30 minutes after the parade conclusion.
Game Info: Indian Stadium against Pottsboro
Friday, September 5th @ 7:00 PM
Homecoming festivities at half-time
Band to perform before the game @ 6:30 PM
Dance Info: Saturday, September 6th

Homecoming 2025 is nearing for Sanger ISD. It will be time for the community to honor the alumni and celebrate Indian PRIDE. The Parade will be held the day of the game on Friday morning, September 5. Shortly after the parade will be a Community Pep Rally. The Indians take on Pottsboro at 7 p.m.

Sanger High School Class of 1975 50th Reunion Info:

Sanger High School Class of 1975, 50 Year Homecoming Reunion is fast approaching, Friday, September 5th. They will have a float in the parade, meet at the old football field parking lot at 8 am to decorate the float, bring a bag of candy to throw. After the parade there will be a community Pep Rally at the new High School Football Field. The football game starts at 7 and they will meet at Uptown Rail Brewery downtown for eats and drinks about 8:30 pm.

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SHS varsity cross country teams take first and second at Greenhill Relays

BOTH RANKED IN THE TOP 10 IN THE STATE

The Sanger High School varsity boys and girls competed in the annual Greenhill Relays last Saturday. The boys won the 4A/3A division in the relay format. The Lady Indians won first place in the 4A division and 2nd place overall in the small school division. The Greenhill 6 Mile Relay race has been a mainstay on the Texas high school cross country schedule for the past 40 years, to kick off the season.

The race was the brainchild of legendary Greenhill coach Tom Holodak. Holodak created the original course at Norbuck Park in Dallas and soon hay bales and intense competition became the norm. And while champions have rotated among various schools, the meet has remained one of the longest running cross



The SHS varsity boys took first place at Greenhill Relays.

country events in Texas. The 40th Annual Greenhill/Luke's Locker 6-Mile Relay was held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Norbuck Park.

Sanger boys were almost under the 30 minute mark, combining for 30.57 time of Daniel Martinez,

David Martinez, Bryden Meade and Travis Martinez. The Lady Indians ran a 39.43 total with runners: Farah Hughey, Ashton Grahl, Tatam Cochran and Bailey Dewey. The SHS cross country teams are both ranked in the top 10 in the state. See below:



The SHS varsity girls placed second at the Greenhill Relays.



Date	Meet	Location	Team	Time
8/9 (Sat)	Alumni Run	Porter Sports Park 2101 I-35 Frontage Rd Sanger, TX 76266	Varsity/JV/MS	8:00 AM
8/16 (Sat)	Twilight Time Trial	Sanger Indian Stadium, Sanger, TX	Varsity/JV/MS	8:00 PM
8/23 (Sat)	Greenhill Relays	Norbuck Park, Dallas, TX	Varsity/JV	7:30 AM
8/30 (Sat)	Marcus T Invite	North Lakes Park, Denton, TX	Varsity/JV/MS	6:45 AM
9/6 (Sat)	Gerald Richey Invite	1000 W Bardin Rd, Arlington, TX 76017	Varsity/JV	7:30 AM
9/13 (Sat)	Lovejoy Invite	Myers Park 7117 Co Rd. 166 McKinney, TX 75071	Varsity/JV	8:00 AM
9/17 (Wed)	Wyatt Dickerson Invitational	Alvord High School, Alvord, TX	JV ONLY	8:00 AM
9/19 (Fri)	Pre-State/McNeil Invite	Old Settlers Park, Round Rock, TX	Top 10	7:30 AM
9/26 (Fri)	Celina	Old Celina Park, Celina, TX	Varsity/JV	8:00 AM
10/4 (Sat)	TBA	College Facility Walkthrough	TBA	TBA
10/9 (Thu)	District	Old Celina Park, Celina, TX	Varsity/JV	TBA
10/20 (Mon)	Regionals	1000 W Bardin Rd, Arlington, TX 76017	Varsity	TBA
11/1 (Sat)	State	Old Settlers Park, Round Rock, TX	Varsity	TBA

Coaches:
SHS Head Girls XC Coach - Dentre Haynes
SHS Head Boys XC Coach - Tanner Rankin

Administration:
SHS Girl's Athletic Director - Tracy Sykes
SHS Boy's Athletic Director - Chad Rogers
Principal - Carly Sperry



SHS varsity volleyball takes second at tournament

Sanger Indians Volleyball Varsity Roster 2025

#	Name	Class
2	Nevach Sutherland	JR
3	Kirsten Lindberg	JR
4	Daijah Green	JR
5	Molly Schmucker	JR
11	Estelle Whitlock	JR
12	Kyla Sheriff	SOPH
14	Harley Miller	SR
15	Ryleigh Brown	SR
20	Blakely Pennington	FR
21	Kinsy Ribinskas	JR
44	Sarah Dee	JR

The SHS varsity volleyball went 7-1 in their Sanger Showcase Tournament this past weekend.

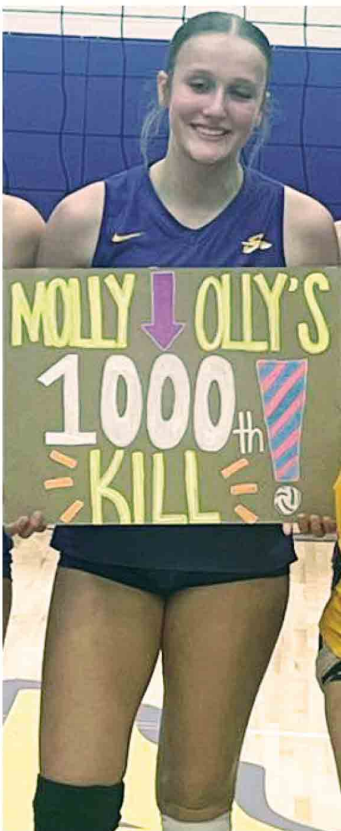
Thank you to New York Sub-Hub, Pepper Belly BBQ, and Fire and Smoke Catering for the great food for the hospitality room!

SHS varsity volleyball edged out by Denton Ryan

Sanger's varsity volleyball (12-8) hosted Class 5A Denton Ryan (10-9) on Tuesday at the new Indian Gym. The match went five games but Ryan edged out with the victory. Sanger took the first set 25-15 and third 25-22. Ryan won the fourth set 26-24 to extend the match.

Sanger standout junior Molly Schmucker reached 1,000 career kills with her 11th kill of the match early in Set 3 on a typically productive night for her offensively. She's been a key contributor for the Lady Indians since her freshman year and took home First Team All-Area honors last season after racking up more than 400 kills and 300 digs on the year.

Sanger continues nondistrict play later this week as it plays games at the Callisburg tournament on Thursday and Saturday along with a home nondistrict clash Friday versus Red River.



Congratulations to Junior, Molly Schmucker, who has set a new school record with 1000 K and is likely to continue breaking records.

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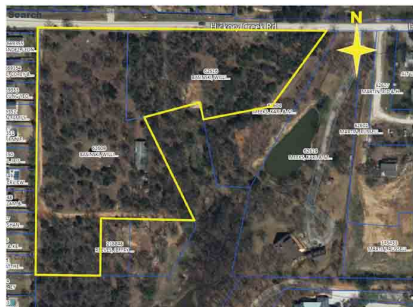
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JR	3	Brody Phillips	H/LB
SR	4	Joel Rodriguez	WR/DB
JR	5	Levi Hendricks	WR/DB
JR	6	Luke Hendricks	QB/DB
SR	7	Jaise Jackson	WR/DB
SR	8	Chase Hunter	WR/DB
JR	9	Angel Morales	K
JR	11	Kale Barr	DB/RB
JR	12	Jonas Autry	WR/DB
JR	13	Reese McGuire	QB/DB
JR	14	Abimbola Ogunwuyi	RB/DB
JR	15	Wyatt Pennington	WR/DB
SR	16	Chris Waldron	WR/DB
JR	17	Asher VanDyk	RB/LB
SR	18	Riley Tarwater	TE/DL
SO	20	Chris Ramirez	RB/DB
SR	21	Tucker McClanahan	H/DL
SR	22	Reggie Jones	RB/LB
SR	23	River Mitchell	RB/DB
SR	25	Chandler Taylor	WR/DB
JR	27	Nico Fabela	WR/DB
SO	28	Christian Bush	RB/DB
JR	32	Creedon Boerner	H/LB
SR	34	Rayce Morphis	H/LB
SR	35	Clayton Howland	WR/DL
SR	40	Michael McKeown	H/DL
JR	41	Tyler Bridges	H/DL
SR	44	JJ Mikas	RB/DL
JR	50	Joshua Lindsey	OL/DL
SR	51	Dylan Howland	H/DL
SR	54	Garrett Weaver	OL/DL
SR	55	Sebastian Elias	OL/DL
SR	56	Connor Tillison	OL/DL
SR	64	Gehovani Garcia	OL/DL
SR	66	Jason Lemayan	OL/DL
SR	67	Zane Garcia	OL/DL
SR	75	Johnny Valdez	OL/DL
SR	76	Camden Turbeville	OL/DL
SR	77	Alex Zuniga	OL/DL
JR	79	Isaac Facio	OL/DL
JR	85	Jordan Gonzalez	WR/DB
JR	90	Dezmond Sampson	TE/DL



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Chad Rogers- Boys Athletic Director/Head Coach
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Zach Garcia- Special Teams Coordinator, Offensive Line
Mason Smith- Wide Receivers

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