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Sanger Christmas on the Square

Holiday Parade is Saturday, December 6th

Christmastime is coming, and the air will soon be filled with holiday magic! The City of Sanger Elves are already busily preparing for a truly enchanting celebration.

On Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 2:00 to 8:00 PM, Downtown Sanger will be transformed into a sparkling winter wonderland for our annual Christmas on the Square and Holiday Parade.

- Festive Fun for the Whole Family**
- Holiday Shopping & Tasty Treats – Browse unique craft vendors and enjoy delicious bites from food trucks.
 - Kidz Zone – Let the kids bounce, climb, and play with inflatable houses and ride the trackless train.
 - Letters to Santa—Children can drop their

wishes into one of our special Santa mailboxes. Santa will respond personally straight from the North Pole!

Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus
 Bring your camera and capture magical moments with Santa Claus himself. Plus, enjoy a special visit with Mrs. Claus, who will be spreading cheer and holiday joy.

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Saturday, December 6th!
Christmas on the Square
2025
and Holiday Parade
2 - 8 PM
Downtown Sanger





Schedule of Events

- Event hours: 2:00 - 8:00 PM
- 🍪 2 – 4 PM: Crafting with Mrs. Claus
 - 🎈 2 – 6 PM: Bounce Houses and Games
 - 🎨 3 – 5 PM: Face Painting
 - 👶 4 – 6 PM: Photos with Santa
 - ❄️ 4 – 6 PM: Snow Hill
 - 🎄 6:15 PM: Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - 🚗 6:30 PM: Parade Kickoff



Laaazy H Ranch Christmas Light Display is FREE to the public

Christopher and Maggie Holstead, residents of Sanger/ Bolivar, have been putting up their Christmas display since 2019 at 9719 Bernard Road. This display was carried over from their previous home, and with a larger yard in Sanger, they decided to expand it, thanks in part to encouragement from Christopher's father. "My father was very adamant that we should have a big display out here," said Chris. "After he passed away, we saw a news clip about commercial light displays with drive-through options and the prices were insane. We decided we wanted a display that was free so that everyone could enjoy the lights whenever they wanted, regardless of their financial situation."

When the Holsteads first started, they had trees, their house, bushes, and about 8 to 10 wire frames. Now, they have over 300. While they haven't yet reached the quarter-million light mark, they fully expect to exceed that number next year. Last year, they used 213 extension cords, and they surpassed that number

this year, with a final count expected only after they take down the display in January. The couple begins decorating on October 1 and typically works 4 to 6 hours a day, taking about six weeks to set up the entire display. It's just Chris and Maggie who put up all the frames and displays, but a couple of neighborhood boys help them wrap the trees. You can enjoy the stunning display from the warmth

of your vehicle, as it will remain up through January 2. You can see it from dusk to 11:30 p.m., each night. This isn't just a seasonal project for the Holsteads; they spend the other 46 weeks of the year repairing lights that need replacing and acquiring new wire frames. "We strip them down and re-light them with LED lights in preparation for the next Christmas season," Chris explained.

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OBITUARIES...

Theda Mae Kirby

July 11, 1939 - November 18, 2025

Theda Mae Kirby, 86, of Sanger, passed away peacefully on November 18, 2025, in Denton, Texas. She was born in Bakersfield, California, on July 11, 1939, the daughter of Valda and Vera Lorine (Erwin) Scoggin.

On July 2, 1955, Theda married John Harold Kirby, in Lake Dallas, Texas. Together they made their home in Sanger, where they raised their four children. Theda worked faithfully at Victor Equipment as a regulator operator for more than 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Harold Kirby; her parents, Valda and Vera Scoggin; and her beloved sons, Rex and Victor.

Cherishing her memory are her daughters, LeAnn Kirby Flowers and husband Gary of Sanger, and Julie Jackson and husband Brad of Heath; daughter-in-law, Myra Kirby of Slidell; and three sisters, Brenda McClelland and husband Ray of Sanger, Linda Morris of Sanger, and Valerie Wynn of Howe; brother, Dickie Scoggin and wife Pat of Farmers Branch.

Theda is also survived by eleven grandchildren—Holly Wood, Shawna Muniz, Bryan Kirby, Vera Bell, Chris Kirby, Melissa King, Karissa Flowers, Dustin Flowers, Colton Flowers, Kyle Elbert, and Collin Elbert—along with twelve great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation was held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24, 2025, at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, in the Pavilion at Sanger Cemetery, 525 McReynolds Road, Sanger.

Steven Russell Dietz

February 7, 1976 - November 17, 2025

Steven Russell Dietz, aged 49, of Krum, Texas, passed away on November 17, 2025. Born in Denton, Texas, on February 7, 1976, to Teddy and Kathy Dietz, Steven was a devoted husband to Kathy and a proud father to his two daughters, Kali and Bella.

Family was everything to Steven, and he worked tirelessly to create a loving and supportive home. His infectious laughter and positive spirit brought joy and warmth to everyone he encountered. Steven's passion for his faith and his community was evident in his dedicated involvement in local churches. Over the years, he contributed his time and talents to Midway Church and Rock Creek Church, where he formed lasting friendships and inspired others with his genuine spirit. Most recently, he attended Valley Creek Church with his family, touching the lives of many with his story of faith and fostering a sense of belonging among the congregations.

Despite the struggles he faced with anxiety, Steven transformed his experiences into a powerful testimony of resilience. He openly shared his journey, encouraging others to seek help and support. His courage in confronting these challenges served as an inspiration to many and highlighted the importance of faith, family, hope, and healing.

Beyond his role as a family man, Steven had a passion for sports, movies, music, the outdoors, and the Buffalo Bills, which he pursued with enthusiasm. He

had an uncanny ability to connect with people, making friends wherever he went.

Steven is survived by his wife, Kathy Dietz of Krum, their two daughters, Kali and Bella Dietz, his mother, Kathy Dietz of Sanger, Texas, and his brother, Callan Dietz and his wife, Chantel, of Ponder, Texas. They will forever cherish the wonderful memories they created together. He was preceded in death by his father, Teddy Dietz.

A private graveside service was held in honor of Steven on Monday, November 24, 2025, in Denton, Texas. The family invites you to join them in celebrating Steven's life on Friday, November 28th at 6pm at Rock Creek Church located at 2860 W. First St. Prosper, Texas 75078. Friends and family are invited to attend and share stories and memories as we honor his legacy.

Steven Dietz will be deeply missed but never forgotten. His love, kindness, and laughter will live on in our hearts.

Edward Lee Beaver

February 25, 1963 - November 21, 2025

Edward Lee Beaver, born February 25, 1963, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2025 at the age of 62 at his home in Denton, Texas.

As a teenager, Eddie moved to Texas with his family. He later returned to South Carolina to attend Winthrop University in Rock Hill, before settling back in Texas after graduation. Eddie went on to build a long and successful career with Sally Beauty Holdings, where he served as a dedicated desktop engineer for almost 40 years. On April 2, 2011, Eddie married the love of his life, Romona. Eddie was a loving husband whose devotion and kindness were the foundation of his family. His life was enriched by the joy of companionship, the laughter of shared memories, and the strength of unwavering love.

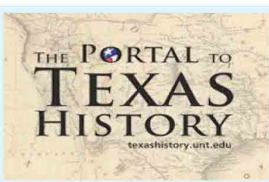
One of his greatest joys was being a proud grandfather. He embraced this role wholeheartedly, offering guidance, warmth, and unconditional love. He also had a love of all things sports and found excitement in cheering for his favorite teams, especially when his youngest grandson was by his side.

Eddie also held a deep love for his church family. His faith was a guiding light in his life, and he found strength, fellowship, and purpose within his congregation. He will be remembered for his devotion, his willingness to serve, and the way he uplifted others with kindness and encouragement.

Eddie's legacy is one of love, loyalty, and faithfulness to the Lord. His generous, gentle, and calming spirit touched everyone around him. He will be remembered not only for his passions but for the way he made others feel valued and cared for.

He was preceded in death by his parents Voigt and Mary Frances (Moore) Beaver; brother, Kim Beaver; and sister, Susan Campbell. He is survived by his wife, Romona Bullock Beaver of Denton, Texas; his brother William Beaver (Sherrie) of Charleston, South Carolina; his sister Jessica Beaty (Robert) of Rock Hill, South Carolina; step-daughter Valarie King of Portland, Texas; step-daughter Michelle Veloz (Agustin) of Sanger, Texas; and his grandchildren Ashton and Ella King, Madi and TJ Gill, and Ethan Veloz, and many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Sherman Drive Church of Christ in Denton, Texas. The family requests any memorials be made to Sherman Drive Church of Christ in Denton, Texas.



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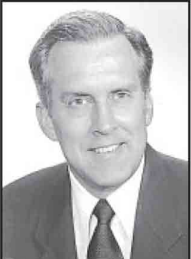
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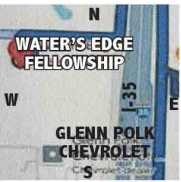


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Edna Louise Bottoms

August 26, 1946 - November 14, 2025

Edna Louise Bottoms, affectionately called “Weegee”, a longtime resident of Sanger, passed away November 14, 2025 in Gainesville, TX.

Edna was born August 26, 1946 in Lawton, OK. She dedicated her life to helping others from an early age. Edna devoted over 40 years to her career in nursing, providing compassionate care to her patients. She enjoyed decorating for the holidays and spent her leisure time doing crafts and playing with her beloved dachshunds.

Predeceased by: mother and father Adella (Castillo) and Norberto Hernandez; and daughter Laura Lewis.

Survived by: son John William Lewis; daughter Sherry Gibbs; daughter Leann Gibbs; brother Timothy Arispi; brother Robert Hernandez (Marty); sister Marcella Blanco (Roger); and friend Christina Dunlap.

No services are planned, but you are encouraged to make a memorial contribution to a Rescue or Shelter benefiting animals. You may register condolences online at www.geojcarroll.com.



Franziska K. Torres

September 27, 1938 - November 20, 2025

Franziska K. Torres, affectionately known as Francis, was reunited with her beloved husband, Jaime Torres-Rolon, in the Kingdom of Heaven on November 20th, 2025. She passed peacefully at the age of 87, in Denton, Texas, with her daughters by her side.

Born in Bamberg, Germany on September 27, 1938, to Kordula Knobloch and Joseph Durcholz, Francis grew up in wartime Germany, developing the strength and resilience that defined her adult character. It was in Germany that she met Jaime, a spirited young American soldier, with whom she would share her life. Their courtship was a cherished memory for Francis, often shared with close friends and family.



In 1961, Francis and Jaime married and relocated to the United States, where they began a family. Francis embraced American culture, quickly learning English and proudly earning her American citizenship. Their family grew to include five energetic children, whom Francis fervently reared and nurtured. As a devoted wife and mother, she mastered cooking and managed a busy household, often single-handedly while Jaime was deployed overseas.

After Jaime's distinguished military career, the family retired in Lawton, Oklahoma, where they spent many quiet years. Over time, they welcomed grandchildren, and Francis became the altruistic matriarch that will remain her legacy. Nostalgic traditions, laughter, and lavish meals were shared in their pristine home, cherished by her family.

In May of 2021, Jaime preceded her in passing. Francis spent her remaining years with her eldest daughter, Patricia, and her husband Bill Hanson in Sanger, Texas. She enjoyed knitting, crossword puzzles, and her guilty pleasure, The Game Show Network. She maintained her feisty, independent nature throughout her life, even gaining a reputation as a candy bandit.

Francis is preceded in death by her parents, Kordula Knobloch and Joseph Durcholz, and her brother, Karl Heinz Knobloch. She is survived by her five children: Francis Torres of Hemphill, Texas; Patricia and her husband Billy Hanson of Sanger, Texas; Roberto Torres of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Rebecca and her husband Stephen Butler of Navarre, Florida; Sharon and her husband Daile Vance of Lafayette, Georgia; her dear niece Elfriede Knobloch; thirteen grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Viewing and visitation was held at DeBerry Funeral Directors from 10:00AM to 11:00AM, followed by funeral services on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Francis was laid to rest at Boliver Cemetery.

Bertha Myrtle Kern (Welch)

January 23, 1928 - November 30, 2025

Bertha Myrtle Kern (Welch), aka Granny Myrt, 97, passed peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, November 30, 2025, in Sanger, Texas.

Born on January 23, 1928, in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Myrt was the daughter of Bessie Bobb and Julius Welch. She graduated from Ysleta High School in El Paso and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education from the University of North Texas. Myrt devoted her life to teaching and touched countless young lives through her work as a 3rd- and 4th-grade teacher in the Birdville School District. After many dedicated years in education, she later retired from the University of North Texas in the late 1980s.

Myrt cherished her family deeply. She became Granny Myrt to all!!! She loved getting to know every single person that came into her life.

She is survived by her brother James and sister-in-law Ann Welch of Lampasas, Tx; her daughter Mary Lynne Chapman of Stephenville, Texas; her son David Kern and daughter-in-law Charlsa Kern of Bridgeport, Texas; daughter-in-law Patsy Kern of Valley View, Texas; and her son Matthew Kern and daughter-in-law Debbie Kern of Krum, Texas. She is also survived by her grandchildren - Jonnie and Chris Roach of Collinsville, Tx; Casey Chapman of Stephenville, Tx; Dean & Tina Kern of Sanger, Tx; Rachel and Chad Corbin of Sanger, Tx; Sharon Kern of Aubrey, Tx; Shelby and Benjamin Venable of Krugerville, Tx; Christine and Blake McDoniel of Azle, Tx; Kaylee Kern of Fort Worth, Tx; Aaron and Brittany Kern of Krum, Tx; and Harley Kern of Krum, Tx. Granny Myrt had so many amazing great-grandchildren, each of whom she loved fiercely.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lynn Benjamin Kern; her sisters Grace Wolfe and Jean Darr; and her son, Michael Kern. Bertha's legacy of faith, strength, and love lives on in all who knew her.

A funeral service will be held at DeBerry Funeral Home, 2025 W University Dr, Denton, TX 76201, on Friday, December 5th, at 10:00 a.m.

For those wishing to honor Granny Myrt's memory, memorial donations may be made to the Krum Public Library - 815 E McCart Street, Krum, TX, 76249 or Krum Heritage Museum - 150 W. McCart St. Krum, Texas 76249



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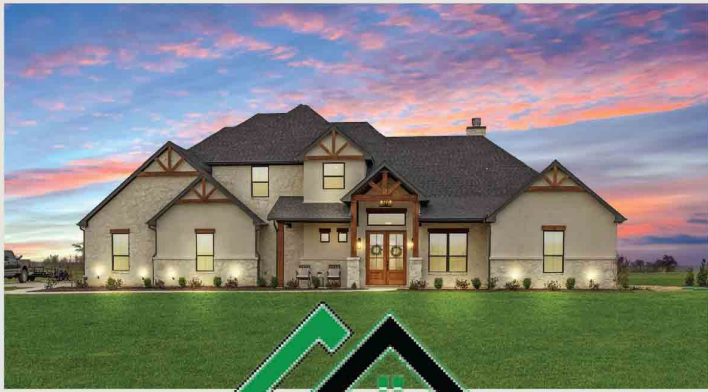
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Sanger TX Senior Center to open in January

The new Sanger TX Senior Center is taking shape on the corner of 2nd and Bolivar Streets. Board President for the Senior Center - Terri Cornwell, wanted seniors to know that the center will be open for membership to Sanger and Krum residents.

If you are interested in following their steps toward opening the facility after the first of the year, please join their Facebook page: Sanger TX Senior Center (The future website is still under construction).

“As we are still working out our daily schedule and programs along with membership, I cannot provide exact information at this time. However, we will provide updates on our Facebook page,” Cornwell said.

The new Senior Center is looking towards an open house before the end of January 2026.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OLD SULLIVAN SENIOR CENTER....

The Sullivan Family Estate reclaimed the old "Rock House" (Sullivan building) in downtown Sanger back in May of this year that had been gifted to the city for the purpose of a Senior Center. As the Senior programs had temporarily halted their programs in that building (and moved to a temporary location) while the process towards renovation/rehab of the Sullivan building was being worked out by the city, the Sullivan Estate, determined they would reclaim the building (as according to the original deed restriction). The Sullivan Family plans to keep the property and try to do the renovations required to bring it up to safety code and lease it for commercial/retail use. The Senior Center had outgrown that location, as well.

“Meanwhile, with the Senior Center program technically without an actual home base of our own, the Sanger City Council determined that investing in a location for a City Senior Center would benefit the community and be an asset for years to come,” said Cornwell.

The location of 2nd Street and Bolivar was determined by Mayor Thomas Muir, City Manager John Noblitt and the City Council to be a good spot to temporarily locate the Senior Center since its property (old lumber yard) is already owned by the City of Sanger. The goal of the City Council, in the near future (to facilitate the property being used for its original purchased intent), will be to find a permanent location for the Sanger Tx Senior Center. Eventually, this property will be part of a new downtown park, in the early planning stages.

There is a name change, as well, from Sullivan Senior Center to Sanger TX Senior Center.



“The Sanger TX Senior Center, where community, connection, and vibrant living come together! Our center offers a warm and welcoming environment for residents to stay active, engaged, and social. Whether you’re looking to join a fitness class or simply enjoy time with friends, the Center has something for everyone. We strive to provide a space where you can thrive, make new friends, and enjoy your golden years to the fullest. Come and discover all the benefits of being part of our dynamic community! For more information about joining email: sangertxsc@gmail.com.”

HISTORY OF THE ROCK BUILDING

"The Rock Building," holds a special place in Sanger's history as the town's first permanent structure. Built in 1890 by the Huling family using rock from Ganzer Hill, it has served as a store, bar, café, and even as City Hall with a fire station in the rear. In 1900, the property was purchased by John J. and Emily Ann Sullivan, prominent Denton County pioneers who had 14 children, including Dr. John Morgan Sullivan.

Born on February 7, 1885, in Sanger, Dr. John M. Sullivan was a dedicated physician who returned to his hometown after completing medical school at Fort Worth and Baylor University. Married to Charlotte Elizabeth Gambill in 1916, he became a beloved figure in the community, known for his tireless service, even swimming across creeks to reach patients and delivering an estimated 3,500 babies during his 47-year career. Dr. Sullivan was also a committed member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and a charter member of the Lions Club of Sanger. He passed away on February 1, 1958, in Denton, Texas, and is buried in Roselawn Memorial Park.

Dr. Sullivan's legacy continued through his sons, Nelson Gambill Sullivan and John L. Sullivan. Nelson, born in 1917, served as a Colonel and lived to the age of 85. John L. Sullivan, born in 1918, became a prominent attorney in Denton and served as Sanger's City Attorney for 25 years. In 1985, Nelson Gambill Sullivan deeded the historic building, which had been in the Sullivan family since 1900, to the City of Sanger in memory of his parents and brother.



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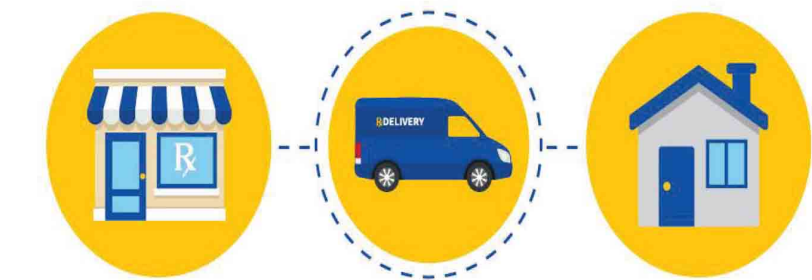
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From "sparkle tunnels" to reindeer mischief, Mary shared some unforgettable stories—along with a reminder that behind every bit of Christmas magic is a whole lot of heart, organization, and partnership with our incredible city crew.

She talked about how Sanger became one of Santa's happiest stops, the joy woven through every parade and letter, and how our Christmas on the Square has grown into a full celebration filled with music, lights, food, Mrs. Claus crafts, and even a brand-new Snow Hill—all without losing that small-town charm we love.

You'll also hear:

- How elves stay on track when the season gets wild
- The truth behind Santa's famously detailed nice list
- This year's fun toy trends (Littlest Pet Shop, Polly Pocket & Hot Wheels!)
- And a sweet update: Sanger's kids are doing wonderfully this year

Most of all, Mary reminds us that kindness is the real magic—do something thoughtful for someone else, and watch the season shine a little brighter.

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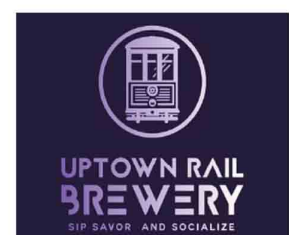
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BELOW: A few photos from the 2024 Holiday Parade



SISD police officer suspended

A Sanger school district police officer was suspended, recently, over alleged misconduct involving a student and is now under criminal investigation by the city of Sanger's police department.

Sanger Independent School District Superintendent Tommy Hunter notified parents on November 19 that the district was investigating a "serious allegation" of an ISD police officer's inappropriate conduct with a student.

The next day, the Sanger Police Department announced it had received an allegation "of a criminal nature" and "immediately" initiated an investigation into the school district's police officer.

Neither the Sanger PD nor Superintendent Hunter identified the officer or the campus, other than that a secondary school was involved.

The SISD notice sent to parents/guardians:

"The afternoon of November 19, 2025, Sanger ISD was notified of a serious allegation involving a school district police of-

ficer and inappropriate conduct with a secondary student. The safety and well-being of our students is the District's utmost priority. The officer was immediately removed from duties and placed on administrative leave.

The District is actively assisting the City of Sanger Police Department in their investigation and has filed a report with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) as required by law. Due to the laws and policies concerning confidentiality, and given the pending investigation, no further details will be shared at this time."

The school district established its own police department in 2022. The Sanger ISD Police has seven employees, including the chief, a sergeant, and five officers.

The City of Sanger PD added, in a press release, that it would provide no additional information while its investigation is in the early stages.



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While fraud is often associated with the elderly, millennials are among the hardest hit. Over one-fourth (28.6%) of millennials reported experiencing financial loss due to scams — more than any other generation, per 2024 research from PYMNTS Intelligence.

Here are common scams targeting millennials:

Cryptocurrency – Promises of guaranteed profits or zero risk are red flags. Watch for Ponzi schemes and fake crypto launches.

Payment apps – Watch for scammers impersonating someone you know or spoofing app emails to steal credentials.

Online shopping – Beware of fake sites or ads selling trendy items at unrealistic prices.

Student loan forgiveness – Scammers who offer debt relief for a fee just want your info or money.

Government – IRS

Millennials and financial fraud: Protecting yourself in a digital world

calls or texts about an unclaimed refund or an unpaid tax bill are scams. The IRS only contacts taxpayers in writing by U.S. mail.

Job and gig – Avoid unusually high-paying online jobs requiring upfront purchases.

Romance – Requests for money in online relationships are a major warning sign.

Stay vigilant. Learning to spot fraud matters. Be suspicious of these warning signs: unexpected windfalls, like contests you didn't enter; pressure to pay immediately or upfront; requests for payment via gift cards, wire transfers or crypto; or receiving a check and being asked to wire part of it back.

Also look out for spelling and grammar errors in emails and texts, fake social media profiles, requests to access your computer to "fix a problem" and unsolicited contact, especially from a bank, government agency or tech support.

Protect yourself. Some practices can help you stay safe. Use strong, unique passwords and different ones for different accounts. Use multifactor authentication (MFA) wherever possible; it can block unauthorized access. And before entering personal or financial information on a website, make sure the URL starts with https:// and shows a padlock icon.

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If you think you've been scammed, don't beat yourself up. Scammers are professionals who exploit human psychology. Anyone can fall victim. Here's what to do:

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The digital world offers incredible convenience but also opportunities for criminals. Stay alert and know how to respond to help protect yourself and your financial future.

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

Sanger ISD Opens Nominations for Wall of Honor

Sanger ISD is proud to announce that nominations are now open for the Sanger ISD Wall of Honor, a distinction recognizing individuals who have made a lasting impact on the district, its students, and the broader community.

The Wall of Honor celebrates alumni, retired staff members, and community members whose leadership, dedication, and service have contributed to the success of Sanger ISD.

Eligible nominees fall into one of three categories:

- **Student Alumni** – Graduates from 15 or more years ago who have achieved outstanding success and serve as role models for current students.
- **Retired Staff** – Former teachers or administrators with at least 15 years of service and retired for a minimum of five years.
- **Community Members** – Patrons, leaders, or benefactors who have significantly contributed to Sanger ISD's success.

Deadline for nominations: First Monday in March Nomination Form found at: <https://www.sangerisd.net/about-us/wall-of-honor>

Supporting materials such as letters of recommendation, awards, newspaper articles, or photographs may be submitted with the nomination.

"Recognizing those who have shaped Sanger ISD's legacy is an important tradition," said Dr. Tommy Hunter, Superintendent of Sanger ISD. "Their contributions inspire future generations of students and staff to uphold our district's proud tradition of excellence."

For additional information, visit the Sanger ISD Wall of Honor page at <https://www.sangerisd.net/about-us/wall-of-honor> or Scan QR Code:

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Back row, L-R: Alissa Spillman (23), Addy Garza (1), Vivianne Lynch (2), Sarah Dee (44), Bailey Newton (22), Nevaeh Sutherland (5). Front row: Callie Miller (10), Molly Schmucker (5), Am'arie White (33), Jasmine Pace (11) and Laurisa Miskell (12).

#1	ADDY GARZA	5' 5"	FR
#2	VIVIANNE LYNCH	5' 6"	JR
#3	NEVAEH SUTHERLAND	5' 6"	JR
#5	MOLLY SCHMUCKER	5' 9"	JR
#10	CALLIE MILLER	5' 8"	JR
#11	JASMINE PACE	5' 10"	JR
#12	LAURISA MISKELL	5' 10"	FR
#22	BAILEY NEWTON	5' 7"	SR
#23	ALISSA SPILLMAN	5' 2"	FR
#33	AM'ARIE WHITE	5' 8"	SR
#44	SARAH DEE	5' 7"	JR

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Tuesday Night SHS Varsity Basketball Scores:

Sanger: 20,13,13,18: 68
FWC: 3, 2, 12, 6: 24

The Lady Indians varsity basketball team has improved to 6-5 overall 0-0 in district with a 68-24 win over Fort Worth Christian on Tuesday evening. They are hosting their own tournament this week in Sanger. They start Thursday against Denison at noon.

Sanger scorers:
Vivianne Lynch 7
Nevaeh Sutherland 14
Valerie Buj 2
Molly Schmucker 12
Callie Miller 2
Jasmine Patee 2
Laurisa Miskell 3
Madison Biediger 4
Bailey Newton 5
Alissa Spillman 3
Sarah Dee 12



Sanger 77, Bridgeport 63

The Indians continued their undefeated start to the season with Tuesday's high-scoring win over Bridgeport in the home nondistrict clash against a fellow 4A squad.

Sanger (3-0) continues nondistrict play Thursday at its home tournament.

Sanger scorers:
Baylor Beard (23 points, three 3-pointers)
Tyler Grimes (19 points, five 3-pointers)
Logan Swofford (10 points)
Alex Dee (8 points)
JT Alambar (8 points)
Dezmond Sampson (4 points)
Nash Brockett (3 points)
Wyatt Pennington (2 points)

2025-26 SHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL ROSTER:

#	Player	Grade	Position	Height
0	Tyler Grimes	Jr.	SG	6'0"
1	Baylor Beard	Jr.	PG	5'10"
2	Alex Dee	Jr.	SG	5'11"
3	JT Alambar	Sr.	W	6'1"
4	Ethan Exner	Sr.	G	5'10"
5	Joel Rodriguez	Sr.	G	6'0"
15	Wyatt Pennington	Jr.	P	6'4"
12	Kane Kirkland	Sr.	G	5'6"
20	Nash Brockett	Sr.	G	5'10"
21	Dezmond Sampson	Jr.	P	6'2"
22	Ethan Grant	Fr.	SF	6'3"
23	Noel Hernandez	Fr.	SG	6'1"
24	Logan Swofford	Jr.	P	6'6"

SHS BOYS BASKETBALL MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS/TIMES
THUR-SAT	DEC. 4-6	SANGER INVITATIONAL		
TUE	Dec. 9	WHITESBORO	HOME	JV-5, 9B-6:15, V-7:30
THUR-SAT	DEC. 11-13	KRUM INVITATIONAL		
TUE	Dec. 16	COMMUNITY	AWAY	9/JV-5:00, V-6:30
FRI	Dec. 19	BOWIE	HOME	9/JV-11, V-12:30
SAT	Dec. 20	CALLISBURG INVITATIONAL		9/JV
MON	Dec. 22	OPEN		
TUE-SAT	DEC. 23-27	GYM CLOSED		
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SHS GIRLS BASKETBALL MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

Date	Opponent	Location	JV Gold	JV Purple	Varsity
Dec. 4-6	Sanger Tournament	SHS	DNP	DNP	TBA
Dec. 9	Azle	Azle	7:30	5:00	6:15
Dec. 12	Greenville (CX Cheer Night)	SHS	5:00	5:00	6:15
Dec. 16	Celina	Celina	DNP	5:00	6:15
Dec. 19	Van Alstyne	SHS	DNP	5:00	6:15
Dec. 30	Venus	SHS	DNP	1:00	2:15

SMS Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	7A	7B	8A	8B
Dec. 4th	Thursday	Liberty Christian	Liberty	5:00	DNP	6:00	5:00
Dec. 8th	Monday	Gainesville	Sanger	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Dec. 13th	Saturday	Denton "A" Tournament	Denton	TBD	DNP	TBD	DNP
Dec. 15th	Monday	McNabb	McNabb	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Jan. 8th	Thursday	Bridgeport	Bridgeport	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Jan. 10th	Saturday	Sanger "A" Tournament	Sanger	TBA	NA	TBA	NA
Jan. 12th	Monday	Van Alstyne	Sanger	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Jan. 22nd	Thursday	Owens	Owens	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Jan. 26th	Monday	Krum	Sanger	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Jan. 31st	Saturday	Gainesville "B" Tournament	Gainesville	NA	TBA	NA	TBA
Feb. 2nd	Monday	Bridgeport	Sanger	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00
Feb. 9th	Monday	Gainesville	Gainesville	5:00	6:00	6:00	5:00

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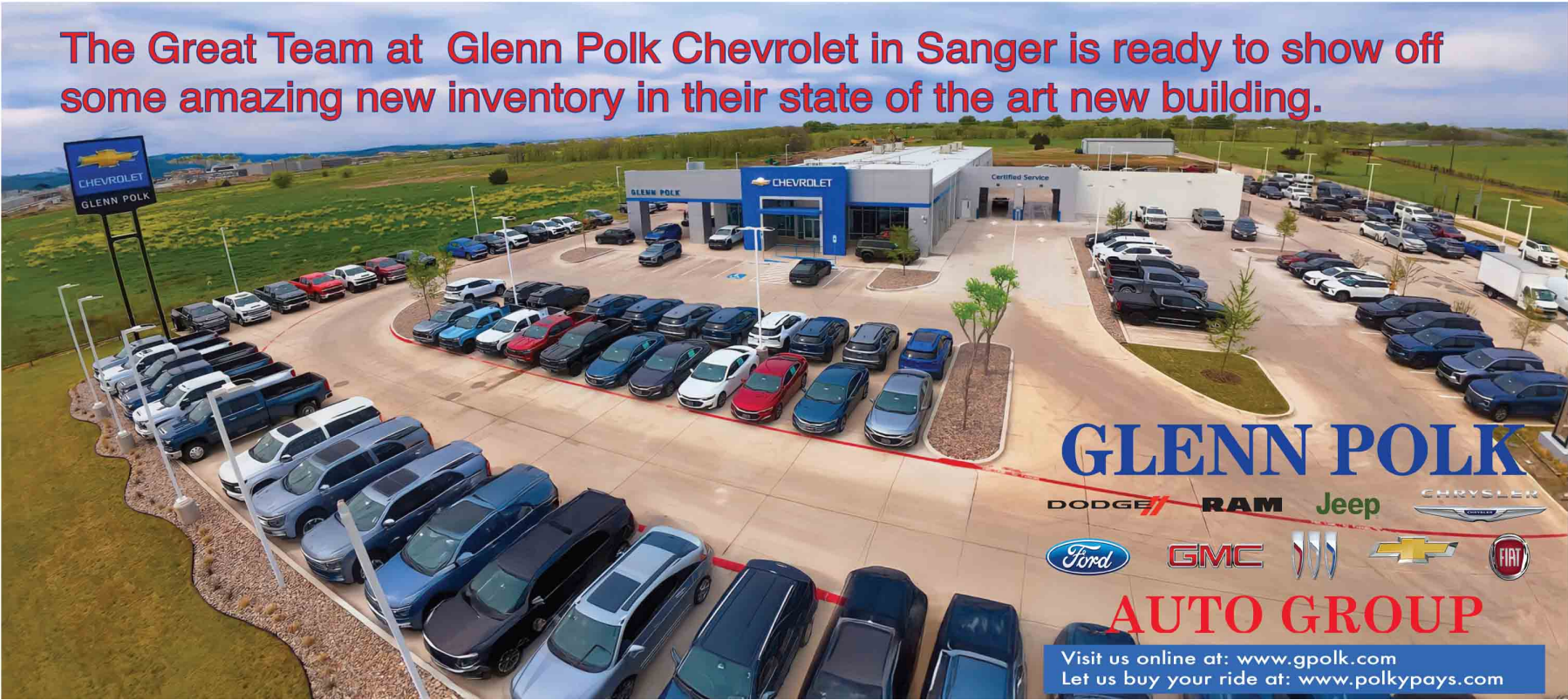
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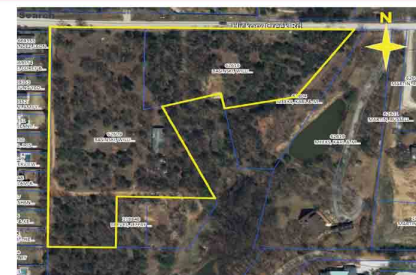
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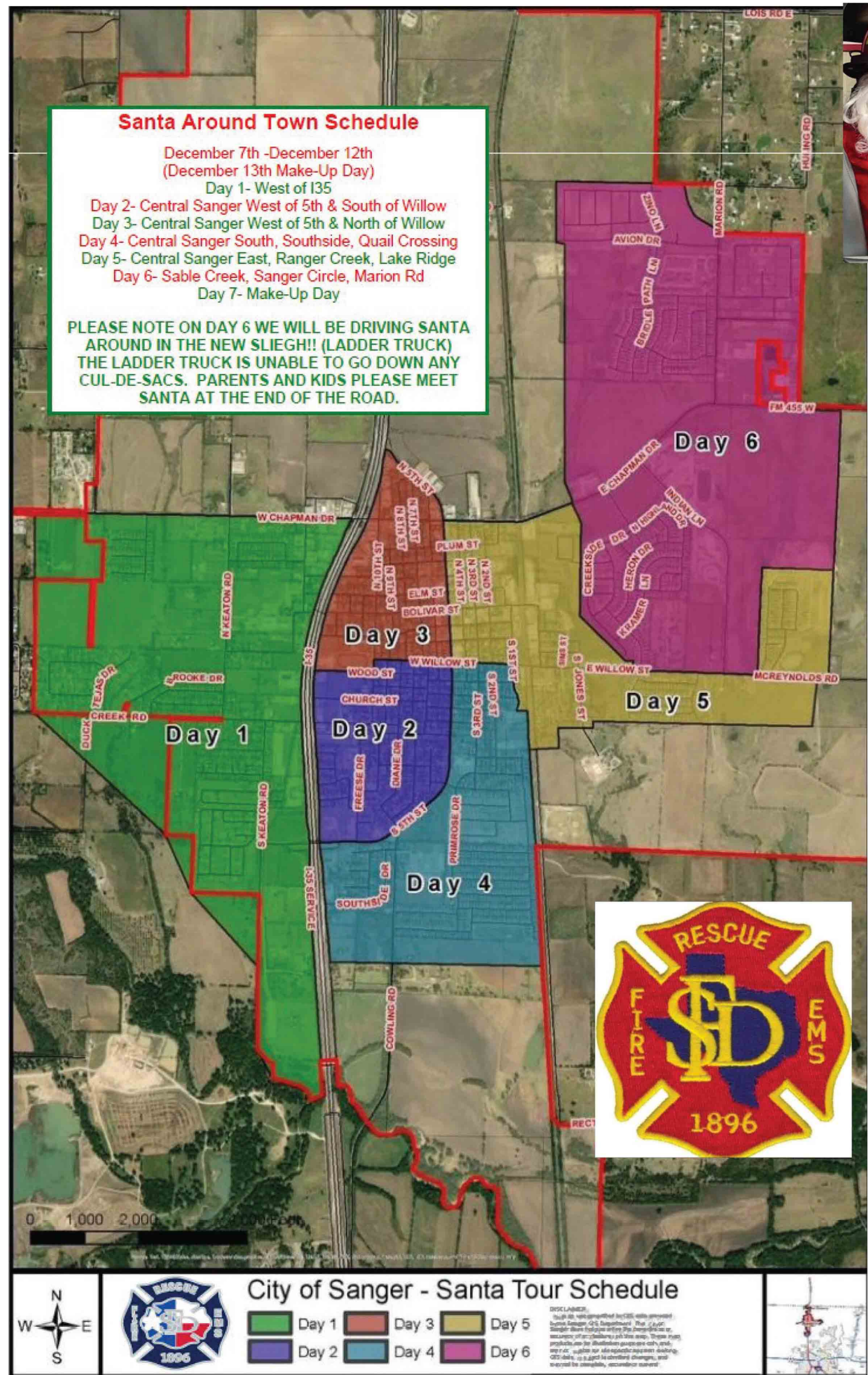
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On December 12th, Santa will be riding in his new sleigh — the new Ladder Truck! Because the new sleigh can't fit down cul-de-sacs, they are asking everyone who lives on one to meet Santa at the end of their street to wave hello.

This will affect neighborhoods in Sanger Circle and Sable Creek on day six of the route.

Stay tuned for route details, and come out to share some Christmas cheer with Santa and the Sanger Fire Department!

Santa tries to leave the station around 6 pm. Please note on larger routes they may leave around 5:45 pm.

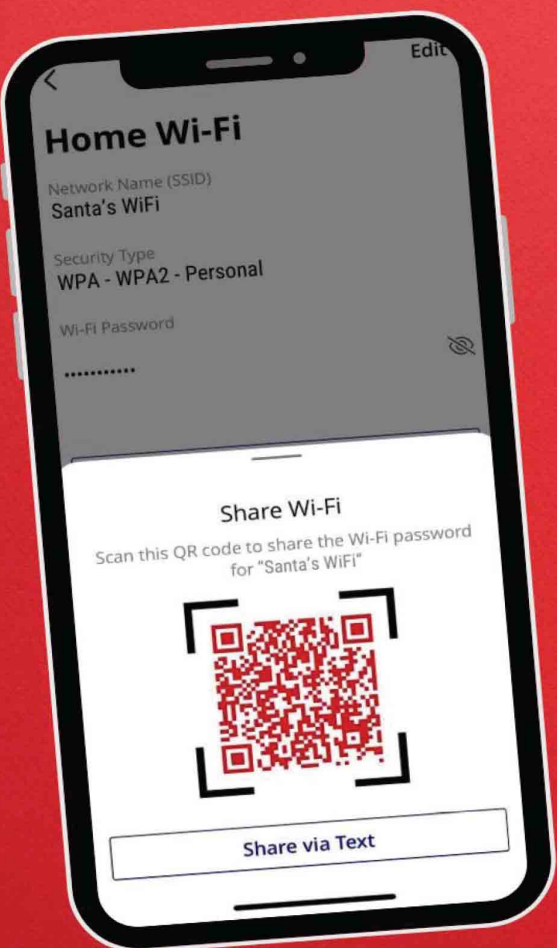
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