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## School Board members recognized

January is School Board Recognition Month! Sanger ISD is excited to honor the trustees for their commitment and devotion to the district and students. The theme of this year's celebration is "Locally Elected, Community Connected", which emphasizes the strong bond between school trustees and the community.

These elected board members work tirelessly without any compensation and possess a deep understanding of the needs and goals of the community's children and families. They lead the district by providing oversight and setting objectives to improve Sanger ISD.

Board members serving Sanger ISD are Sarah York- President, Mitch Hammonds- Vice President, Ann Marie Afflerbach- Secretary, Lisa Cody, Jarrod Roberts, Jesse Hunter, and Bruce Elsey.

Dan Troxell, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards, applauded the efforts of volunteer trustees in providing leadership and good governance so that school districts can focus on educating the 5.4 million public schoolchildren in their care.

"Texas school boards are so important because they bring a deep understanding of the needs and aspirations of their local communities to their role," Troxell said. "Boards lead their districts by providing oversight, setting goals, overseeing the budget, and selecting and evaluating the superintendent. These volunteers serve for the betterment of their communities."

The Texas Association of School Boards states the main function of a school board is to provide local, citizen governance and oversight of education. Though ultimate responsibility for education rests with the state, Texas has delegated much of the authority to local communities who elect their local school trustees to govern the school district.

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at the state level, others are far better addressed by your local community.

Here are some answers to commonly asked questions about local school boards in Texas and how they function.

**Q: Who Is Responsible for Public Education in Texas?**

A: The commissioner of education, the State Board of Education (SBOE), and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) guide and monitor public education in Texas. The SBOE provides leadership and state-level administration as prescribed by law, and the commissioner and TEA staff implement state education policy.

Within the framework of state and federal law, your school district has significant latitude in shaping the educational programs of your schools.

**Q: Why Do We Need Local School Boards?**

A: The US Supreme Court has said education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments. Our system of local school districts and boards of education epit-

omizes representative and participatory government — citizens elected from their community making decisions about educational programs based on community needs, values, and expectations. School boards are entrusted by the public to translate the needs of students into policies, plans, and goals that will be supported by the community.

**Q: What Do School Boards Do?**

A: Local school board responsibilities can be grouped into five categories:

- Adopt goals and priorities and monitor success.
- Adopt policies and review for effectiveness.
- Hire and evaluate the superintendent.
- Adopt a budget and set a tax rate.
- Communicate with the community.

**Q: How Do School Boards Make Decisions?**

A: A school board is a local governmental body that can only act by a majority vote at a legally called public meeting. Each individual board member's primary respon-

sibility is to study issues facing the district, evaluate needs and resources, and, after due consideration, vote in the best interest of the students and the district at such a meeting.

**Q: Who Can Participate in a School Board Meeting?**

A: Citizens are welcome at all school board meetings, except in a few legally specified circumstances permitting closed meetings. School boards allow public participation and have policies communicating how and when people can share their input. Generally, boards set aside a portion of their meetings for public comment and limit each speaker's comments to a certain time, for example, one to three minutes. This is a chance for people to give input while allowing adequate time for other important board business.

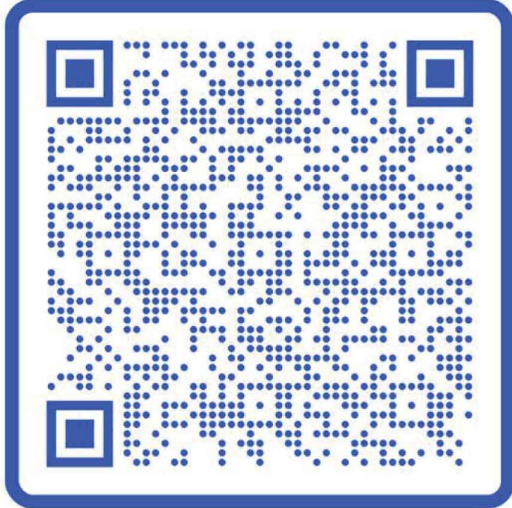
**Q: When Are School Board Members Elected?**

A: Traditionally in the state of Texas, School board elections are held on the first Saturday in May or first Tuesday after

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## OBITUARIES...

### J.W. "Coop" Goin, III

October 19, 1948 - December 28, 2023

J. W. "Coop" Goin, III, 75, of Denton, passed away on Wednesday, December 28, 2023, in Bonham, Texas, surrounded by his family. He was born on October 19, 1948, in Sanger, to James William Goin, II and Lola Mae (Jones) Goin.

Coop served his country in the United States Army. He was a member of the 61st Infantry Platoon as a Combat Tracker in the 1st Infantry Division, and he received a Purple Heart medal and the Army Commendation Medal for his valor and heroism.

Coop was a utility engineer for the City of Grapevine for 29 years. He was a member of the VFW in Denton and the Denton Elks Lodge.

Coop was preceded in death by his parents, sister Linda Ruth Anderson, and brother Joe Lynn Goin. Those remaining to cherish his memory are his daughter, Cassidy Goin of Denton; the love of his life, Dailene Jezek of Denton; one sister, June Kirl of Denton; one brother, Giles Wood Goin of Valley View; grandson, Bentley Silva of Aubrey; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., at Lakeside Campus-Gateway United Baptist Church in Aubrey. Interment followed at Sanger Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger, Texas. Please make online condolences at [www.cokerfuneralhome.com](http://www.cokerfuneralhome.com).

### Jerry Glen Jackson

March 23, 1967 - December 28, 2023

Jerry Glen Jackson, 56, of Whitney (formerly of Sanger), passed away in Temple, Texas, on December 28, 2023, surrounded by his family. Jerry was a twin born on March 23, 1967, in Decatur, Texas, to Bennie Roy and Gladys Josephine (Haskins) Jackson.

A born-again Christian, Jerry was attending Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church and bible studies in Whitney and the surrounding area.

Those who will cherish his memory are the love of his life and fiancée, Tina of Whitney; three daughters, Yvette MacBeth of Fort Worth, Rowena Nicole Garner of Burk Burnett, Alexandria Jackson of Wichita Falls; three sons, Jerry Glen Jackson II of Arizona,



Glen Lynn Jackson of Houston, and Devontà Jackson of California; four sisters, Marcella Wagner of Fort Worth, twin sister, Terri Hales of Killeen, Jacqueline Larkins of Sanger and Yulanda Bhattaria of Sanger; two brothers, Anthony Haskins of Dallas and Donald Jackson of Sanger. Thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive him. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Stevie Don Jackson, Bennie Roy Jackson, Jr., and Kenneth Jackson; and one grandchild.

A visitation was held from 10:00 am to 10:30 am on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Coker Funeral Home. A memorial service followed at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church at 11:30 am. Interment for Jerry was held privately.

Arrangements were with Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please offer condolences to the Jackson Family in our online guestbook.

### Jimmy Wood Frazier

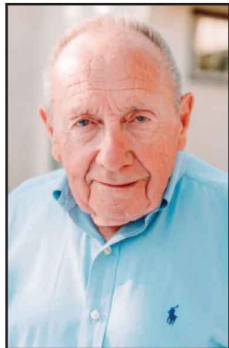
March 7, 1943 - November 28, 2023

Jimmy Wood Frazier, 80, was born on March 7, 1943, in Decatur, Texas, to the late Jim Wheeler Frazier and the late Hazel (Wood) Frazier. He passed away in Denton, Texas, surrounded by his family on November 28, 2023. Jim graduated from Bowie High School and then attended North Texas State University in Denton, where he received a Bachelor's Degree.

Jimmy served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. On July 12, 1967, he married Carolyn L. Cook in Denton, Texas, at his parent's home. In 1972, they made Sanger their home for the next fifty-one years. He and Carolyn enjoyed traveling and spending time together, and in July, celebrated 56 years of marriage. Jim loved his family immensely.

Jim was a dedicated member of the First Baptist Church. Jim was a Christian and had no problem sharing his love for the Lord. He attended The Walk to Emmaus and has served in the Kairos Prison Ministry for many years. He also was a member of the Sanger Lions Club.

Jim obtained his real estate license and started Town and Country Real Estate, which joined forces with Rogers Construction. With the addition of Jim's daughter and son-in-law, the business was renamed Spindle, Rogers, and Frazier Real Estate and Construction. He was a past president of the Texas Realtors Board of Directors. During this time, Jim also taught at Cooke County College. The company closed its doors as the real estate and construction industry began to slow down. Jim worked briefly for Frito-Lay and Peterbilt before moving to the Denton County Sheriff's Department, where he



served as a book-in jailer until his retirement. Additionally, he served as the caretaker for the Sanger Cemetery in Sanger for 30 years. Jim was diverse in his career and excelled in all areas.

Being civic-minded and having the foresight for growth in the Sanger Community and schools, Jim served on the Sanger ISD School Board of Trustees for several years and served as Board President during his tenure on the board. He also served on the City Council for the City of Sanger.

A memorial service for Jim is at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, with Pastor Grant Bowles officiating the services. Interment for Jim will be in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Cherishing Jim's memory are his wife, Carolyn of Sanger; three daughters, Debbie Spindle and husband Danny of Sanger; Judy Janek of Waxahachie, and Julie Lee Crownover of Italy; four sons, Kelly McFerren and wife Renee of Krum, Chip Frazier and wife Cheryl of Sanger, Larry Frazier and wife Tammy of Fort Worth, and Jeff Frazier of Waxahachie; two brothers, Doyle Frazier of Euless and Joe Frazier of Florida. Twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survived him.

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## OBITUARIES...

### Jon Alan Wheeler (Jay)

August 10, 1971 - December 20, 2023

Jon Alan Wheeler (Jay) passed away in Denton, Texas on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in his home. He was born in Kruznach, Germany on August 10, 1971, to Johnny and Dolly Sue (Williams) Wheeler.

Jay worked as an Oil and Gas inspector for TJ Inspection for 3.5 years.

Jay enjoyed building project cars, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his children.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, A.C. Wheeler and Macey Wheeler, and his maternal grandparents, Joe Williams, and Zulu Williams.

A memorial service was held on December 30, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Justin at 1 PM. The address is 402 W. 8th Street Justin, Tx 76247.

Jay is survived by his wife, Rani Wheeler, Sanger, TX; children Jackson, Kennedy, Josh, Joshua Chase, and Nadia Guillen. Also, his father Johnny Wheeler of Livingston, Texas, his mother, Dolly Sue Wheeler of Manghum, Louisiana, his Mother and Father-in-law, Freddie and Barbra Andrews, step-brother Zach Smith, step-sister, Rachel Smith. Jon also had three beautiful grandchildren.

He is also survived by a host of other loving family members and friends.



### Lee Wayne Koiner

Lee Wayne Koiner, 69, of Krum, Texas passed away on January 1, 2024, at his home. He was born in Denison, Texas to Corbett and Texanna Koiner.

Lee graduated High School, he was a mechanic most of his life, and owned a shop with his brother Gary, called Koiner Automotive. He was a fan of drag racing and liked to joke around with everyone.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Koiner of Krum, Texas, son, Michael Koiner and wife Hilary of Keller, Texas, sister, Caryl Haddock and her husband, Tony of Krum, brothers, Bill Koiner and his wife, Lee Ann of Krum, Texas, brothers, Gary Koiner and wife Anna of Denton, Clint Koiner and wife, Stephanie of Decatur, and grandson,



Braedon Koiner.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father and his grandson, Logan Koiner.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 1-3 PM, at DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton, Texas.

### Linda Woosley Spratt

Linda Woosley Spratt died in Denton, Texas on Tuesday, December 26, 2023. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jefferson Davis and Tom Evelyn Standifer Woosley, brother Jeffery Lynn Woosley and bonus son, Christopher Spratt.

Linda is survived by her husband of 38 years, Carl David Spratt, daughter Karen Gardner Burt, bonus daughter Keely Pace Ridle; Grandchildren: Sarah Burt Muscle and husband Rodney, David Alexander Burt and his wife Melissa Allison Burt, Gregory Richard Burt, Kitara Pace, & Leighton Pace; Great-Grandchildren: Addison Stanford, Emmalyn Grace Muscle, Landyn Alexander Burt, Sophia Allison Burt, Taylor Ray Stanford, and Isaac Daniel Burt. Also, nephew John Robert Woosley and his wife Pam and great niece Eleanor Rose Woosley and niece Angela Woosley.

Many knew Linda as Nana. She was a member of Bolivar Baptist Church for over 30 years and involved with the "WOW" Women of Worth women's Bible study group as well as serving on other church committees throughout the years.

Linda was a 1963 graduate of Sunset High School in Dallas, Texas. After graduation, Linda began her over 40-year career in the insurance industry specializing in the surety/ fiduciary areas. She worked for Maxson-Mahoney-Turner, Inc. for over 35 years before retirement.

Linda married Buddy R. Gardner in 1964 and together they welcomed their daughter Karen Elizabeth. They later divorced but Linda found the love of her life when she met Carl Spratt in September 1985. Together they shared the next 38 years in the happy God-centered marriage, blending families and welcoming the grandchildren & great-grandchildren who were also the loves of her life.

Linda desired that all her friends and family find salvation and worked to encourage them all to find that peace.

In lieu of flowers, please gift your favorite charity in her name or gift what you can to the Bolivar Baptist Church-WOW-woman's group bible study scholarship fund in her name.

Services were managed by DeBerry Funeral Home in Denton, Texas. Viewing was held at the DeBerry Funeral Home Chapel from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Funeral services were held at Bolivar Baptist Church in Sanger, Texas, beginning at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 4, 2024, with burial following at the Bolivar Cemetery.



### Jerry Brice Borchardt

November 1, 1939 - December 16, 2023

Jerry Brice Borchardt was born on November 1, 1939, to J.T. Borchardt and Margaret Jones Borchardt in Little Elm, Texas. He spent his early years in Little Elm with his 2 brothers and 3 sisters before moving to Krum, Texas in the eighth grade. While he did not realize it at the time it was in Krum that he would meet and later marry a fellow classmate, Jonita Boyd.

Jerry and Jonita were married on July 25, 1959, at Plainview Baptist Church by Reverend Al Murdock and brother-in-law of Jonita. Born into this marriage were Margaret Elaine Borchardt of Lewisville, Texas; Joan Borchardt Padgett of Allen, Texas and Eric Brice Borchardt of Krum, Texas.

Upon completion of high school Jerry entered a local technical school where he earned a technical services degree. He worked first for Jack Mitchell repairing and servicing appliances before opening his own television repair business which he successfully operated for 20 years and created a loyal following of customers. Jerry was very good at his craft as he not only supported a family of 5 on his one income but also applied his business sense and know-how of cattle, which he learned from his own father growing up. Jerry owned, operated, and managed the day-to-day tasks of his own herd of cattle on the land he and his wife owned.

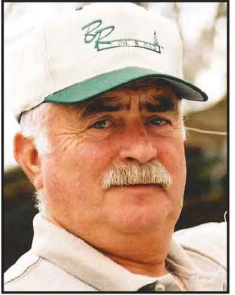
Another local appliance business owner, Charlie McNeill, had been trying for years to get Jerry to come work for him, he agreed to join forces with Mr. McNeill and operated his television repair business out of the McNeill's Denton location. Jerry and Charlie had this partnership for 7 years until Jerry decided that he wanted to explore other avenues of interest.

In the late 1990's Jerry was bored and looking for something else to keep him busy. Carl Anderson, a long-time friend asked him if he would like to come work at Bill Utter Ford. Carl knew Jerry's work ethic and that he would be an asset to the dealership because he not only was able to quickly build relationships with people, and that people trusted him and knew he would always be honest with them. For the next 23 years Jerry took on the role of coordinating drivers in the dealer trade department and grilling for customers and employees at company events and UNT tailgates. He enjoyed working for Bill Utter Ford but made the decision in 2020 that he needed to once again retire and take care of Jonita who was in declining health.

He faithfully took care of Jonita until her passing on December 5, 2022. Jerry continued to live in the home he and Jonita shared until his death on December 16, 2023.

Jerry is survived by many loved ones; daughter Elaine Borchardt, daughter Joan Padgett and husband David, son Eric Borchardt and wife Angela, six grandchildren Eric Padgett, Coleby Borchardt, William Borchardt, Lindsey Harvey, Rheagan Swanson, Bryce Borchardt, and 7 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years Jonita, parents J.T. and Margaret Borchardt, brothers Luther Borchardt, and Freddy Borchardt, and sisters Amanda Walker, Shirley Griffith, and Peggy Borchardt.

The celebration of life was held on Saturday January 6th at 11:00 a.m. at New Life First Baptist Church in Krum.



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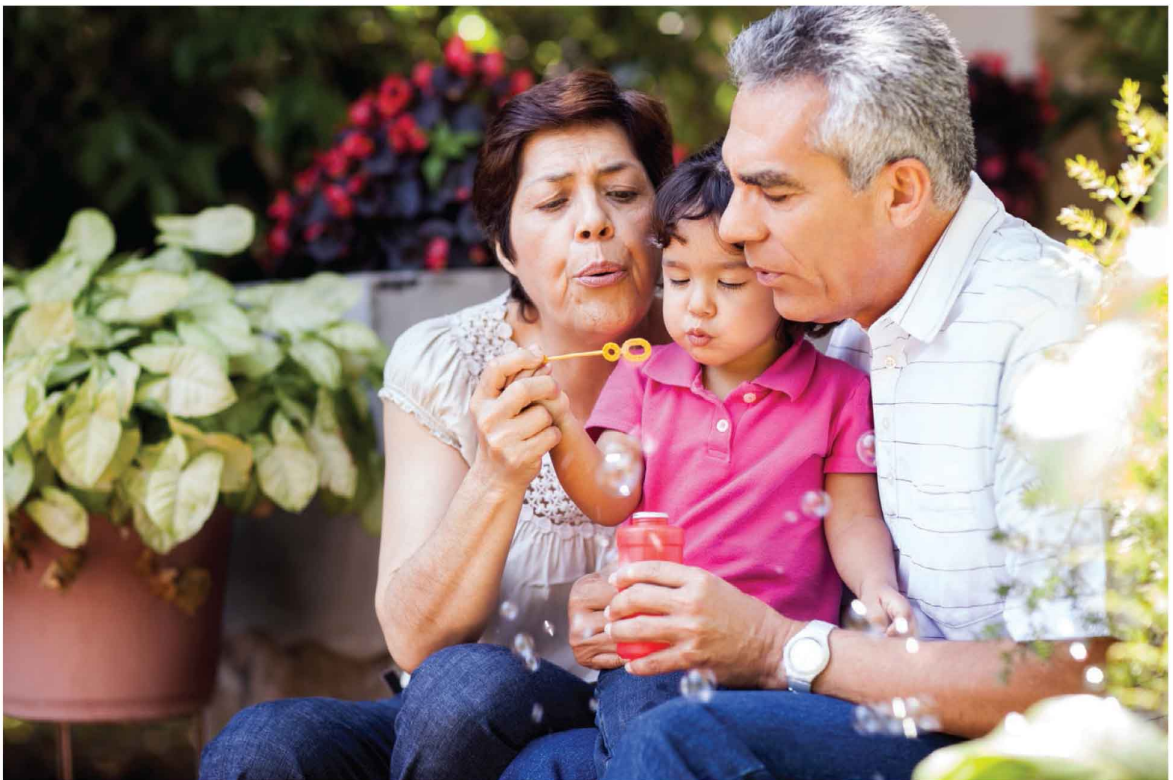
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## OBITUARIES...

### Ray Hollis Hood

March 13, 1983 - January 4, 2024

Ray Hollis Hood, 40, (formerly of Sanger) passed away at his home in Greenwood on Thursday, January 4, 2024. He was born to William Ray Hood and Linda Ruth (nee Harral) Hood on March 13, 1983, in Denton, Texas.

Ray graduated from Sanger High School with the Class of 2001 and obtained his associate's degree from North Central Texas College. He worked in construction as a carpenter. Ray was a lifetime member of the Bolivar Baptist Church, where he surrendered his life to the Lord. The most important thing to Ray was being a father to his two daughters, whom he loved and adored.

A visitation will be from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on Friday, January 12, 2024, at the Bolivar Baptist Church, followed by funeral services at 2:00 pm. Pastor Dickie Amyx and Mike Pennington will officiate the services. Caleb Jones, Michael Pennington, Andy Phillips, Jason Wilkins, Chris Newman, and Richard Thorson serve as pallbearers.

Ray is survived by his two daughters, Kylie Hood and Emma Hood, both of Justin; his parents, Billy Ray and Linda Hood of Greenwood; sister, Cassie Hood Glass, and husband, Jonathan of Springtown; and grandmother, Barbria Rich of Greenwood. Additionally, he is survived by a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Ray is preceded in death by paternal grandfather, William Hollis Hood and maternal grandparents Ellwood and Betty Harral.

In lieu of flowers, you are welcome to make a memorial donation to the charity of your choice in Ray's memory.

Services are under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger, Texas. Please share a memory or offer condolences to the Hood Family at [www.cokerfuneralhome.com](http://www.cokerfuneralhome.com).

### Kenneth Wayne Watson

February 14, 1959 - January 2, 2024

Kenneth Wayne Watson affectionately known as Buzz went to be with the lord on January 2, 2024, in Denton Texas surrounded by family.

He was born on February 14, 1959, in Grand Prairie, Texas to Bobbie Jo Fortune and Kenneth Watson Sr. Kenneth was raised in Shady Shores by his mother, Bobbie Jo and stepfather Billy Bounds Sr. along with younger siblings, Gracie, Tina and Billy Jr. He attended schools in Denton, Texas.

Kenneth's passions included his love of horses and dogs, painting cars and his friends. He was the life of the party.

Kenneth is preceded in death by his parents, Bobbie Jo and Billy Sr. Those remaining to cherish his memory are his son, Jacob Warner. His sister, Gracie Atkinson of Covington, Texas. Sister, Tina and husband Ricky Bryant of Sanger, Texas. Brother, Billy Bounds and wife Kati of Gainesville, Texas. Nieces and nephews; Tiffany, Lacy, Cheyenne, Branson and Brody.

A celebration of life will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, January 13, 2024 in the chapel of Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home, 705 N. Locust St., Denton.



## Financial FOCUS

By Allen Chick, Edward Jones



### How are your investments taxed?

As we begin the new year, you may be receiving various tax statements from your financial services provider — so it's a good time to consider how your investments are taxed. This type of knowledge is useful when you're doing your taxes, and, perhaps just as important, knowing the type of taxes you generate can help you evaluate your overall investment strategy.

To understand the tax issues associated with investing, it's important to understand that investments typically generate either capital gains or ordinary income. This distinction is meaningful because different tax rates may apply, and taxes may be due at different times.

So, when do you pay either capital gains taxes or ordinary income taxes on your investments?

You receive capital gains, and pay taxes on these gains, when you sell an investment that's increased in value since you purchased it. Long-term capital gains (on investments held more than a year) are taxed at 0%, 15% and 20%, depending on your income. Also, qualified dividends — which represent most of the dividends paid by American companies to investors — are taxed at the same rates as long-term capital gains. (Keep in mind that you'll be taxed on dividends even if you automatically reinvest them.)

On the other hand, you pay ordinary income taxes on capital gains resulting from sales of appreciated assets you've held for one year or less. You also pay ordinary

income taxes when you receive "ordinary" dividends, which are paid if you purchase shares of a company after the cutoff point for shareholders to be credited with a stock dividend (the ex-dividend date).

Because your ordinary income tax rate may be much higher than even the top long-term capital gains rate, you may be better off, from a tax standpoint, by focusing on investments that generate long-term capital gains. And the best strategy for doing just that is to buy quality investments and hold them for the long term. By doing so, you could also reduce the costs and fees associated with frequent buying and selling.

The investment tax situation has another twist, though, because not all ordinary income is taxable — and if it is, it may not be taxable immediately. The most common example of this is tax-deferred accounts, such as a traditional IRA and 401(k). When you take money from these accounts, typically at retirement, you'll pay taxes at your personal tax rate, but for the years and decades before then,

your taxes were deferred, which meant these accounts could grow faster than ones on which you paid taxes every year. Consequently, it's generally a good idea to regularly contribute to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts.

Finally, some investments and investment accounts are tax free. Municipal bonds are free from federal income taxes, and often state income taxes, too. And when you invest in a Roth IRA, your earnings can grow tax free if you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least 59½ and you've had your account at least five years.

Ultimately, tax considerations probably shouldn't be the key driver of your investment choices. Nonetheless, knowing the tax implications of your investments — specifically, what type of taxes they may generate and when these taxes will be due — can help you evaluate which investment choices are appropriate for your needs.

Allen Chick is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Sanger. He can be reached at 940-458-7866.

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Message from the CITY MANAGER



Dear Sanger Residents and Businesses,

Happy New Year! I trust this message finds you well and that you had a joyful holiday season surrounded by friends and family. As we welcome the beginning of 2024, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a year filled with happiness, success, and prosperity.

Now, I'd like to share some important updates and changes that will shape our community in the coming months, starting this January.

Trash and Recycling Services Transition: Beginning this month, the City of Sanger will be transitioning its trash and recycling services to Republic Services. In an effort to minimize road damage, we are moving to a once-a-week pickup schedule for garbage, yard waste, and bulk waste. If you need additional waste or recycling cans, you can request them for a fee through our website or by contacting customer service. Keep an eye out for Republic Service containers replacing your Waste Connections trash cans. Waste Connections will continue servicing those with Republic Service containers until the transition is complete.

I35 Project and Water/Sewer Plans: Our Public Service department is making great progress, with the I35 project plans in motion and the water and sewer plans at 95% completion. Starting in early January, the Water Department will begin installing new water meters for all residents. These meters will provide more accurate measurements of water consumption, and the project is expected to take 6-8 weeks. With the new water meters, you'll have access to a Customer Portal to monitor your daily water usage. The portal is expected to go live by the end of the first quarter. Look out for more information on this in your mail, on Facebook, and on our website.

Additionally, we're addressing House Bill 3 by installing generators for all water sites. The first of five new generators is already being installed, and all wells will have backup generators by the end of March.

Sanger Public Library Programs: The Sanger Public Library has some exciting programming lined up for January, including pottery classes on the 19th and 26th, as well as a mini quilting class on Saturday, January 13th. Space is limited, so be sure to check with the library for more information or to sign up.

United Way Tax Assistance Program: The United Way will once again be offering its free tax assistance program starting Saturday, January 26th, and continuing through tax season. Please note that it's on a first-come, first-served basis, and you must meet income levels to qualify. No appointments are being taken.

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your contributions to our community. Your involvement is what makes Sanger the wonderful place it is. Wishing you all a joyful and prosperous January! Stay connected through our website and social media for more updates.

Thank you.  
Sincerely, John Noblitt - City Manager

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Adjustments in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, Sanger, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024, for the purpose of considering the following:

A Request for a Variance from Chapter 14 Zoning Section 52.2.A.2 to Allow a Variance from the Required Side Yard Setback of 8 and Allow for a Side Yard Setback of 7.5 for an Existing House Located at 2010 Duck Creek Road.

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7 th Street, Sanger, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024 and by City Council on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7 th Street, for the purpose of considering the following:

An amendment to Ordinance No. 04-11-22 to amend the Planned Development Language and add 21.17 Acres of Land described as A0029A R BEEBE, 65B, within the City of Sanger, and generally located on south of FM 455 and East of Indian Lane.

A Request for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Farmers Market use, on 8.17 acres of land described as A1241A TIER-WESTER, TR 165, zoned as Business 2 (B-2), and generally located on the east side of I-35 at the corner of South Stemmons and Wood St.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7 th Street, Sanger, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2024, for the purpose of considering the following:

A Request for a Variance from Chapter 10 Subdivision Regulation Section 10.105.1.H to Allow a Variance from the Required Minimum Right-of-Way Width of 50 and Allow for a Right-of-Way Width of 40 for the Existing Street, Mesa Drive.

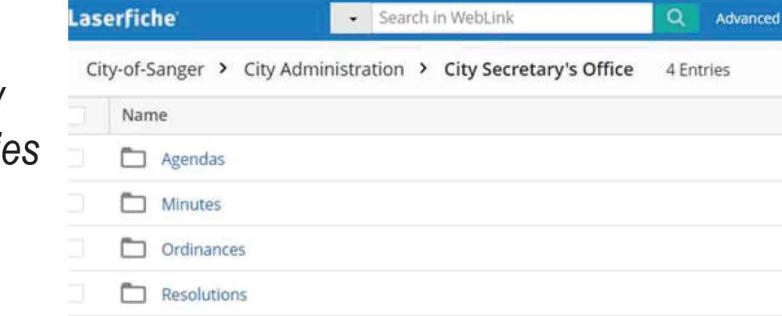
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Kelly Edwards  
City Secretary, City of Sanger

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Portal allows citizens to access public documents. You can keyword search the following documents: meeting agendas, minutes, ordinances, and resolutions. Citizens can also search public financial documents such as annual Budgets and Audits.

The City Secretary's Office has worked with departments to accom-

plish milestones such as workflows improving efficiencies in filing documents for storage in accordance with the State retention schedules as adopted by the City Council. These milestones continue to enhance our staff's efficiencies and effectiveness.

City of Sanger public records search:  
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DECEMBER 2023 – MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS (NEW)

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23SAN-0685	12/15/2023	NEW RESIDENTIAL	IMPRESSION HOMES	4102 LIGA LANE	\$5,250	2590

DECEMBER 2023 – MONTHLY RESIDENTIAL REMODEL BUILDING PERMITS (OTHER)

PERMIT#	DATE	PERMIT TYPE	CONTRACTOR	LOCATION OF WORK	\$FEE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

DECEMBER 2023 – COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMITS

PERMIT#	DATE	PERMIT TYPE	BUILDER	LOCATION OF WORK	\$FEE
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT TOTALS

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
NEW PERMITS	45	15	1										61
REMODEL	1	2	0										3

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMERCIAL BUILDING PERMIT TOTALS

	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	TOTAL
PERMIT	6	4	0										10

DECEMBER 2023 - CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY APPLICATIONS

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DECEMBER 2023 - MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS

PERMIT TYPE	QUANTITY
ELECTRICAL	2
PLUMBING	11
MECHANICAL	0
IRRIGATION	10
FENCE	12
SIGN	0
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	1
FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM	0
FIRE SUPPRESSION - VENT A HOOD	1
FIRE MISC.	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS -	49

PERMIT TYPE	QUANTITY
REROOF	3
PATIO COVER	0
MISC. COVERED PORCH	0
STORM SHELTER	0
SWIMMING POOL	1
DEMOLITION	0
MOBILE HOME MOVE IN	1
MISC. (STORAGE BUILDING 120 SF, FLAT WORK, OR MORE)	5
CARPORT	0
SOLAR PANEL	2

FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS

PERMIT TYPE	QUANTITY
ELECTRICAL	5
PLUMBING	20
MECHANICAL	2
IRRIGATION	24
FENCE	24
SIGN	4
FIRE ALARM SYSTEM	1
FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM	0
FIRE SUPPRESSION - VENT A HOOD	2
FIRE MISC.	0
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS -	107

PERMIT TYPE	QUANTITY
REROOF	6
PATIO COVER	0
MISC. COVERED PORCH	0
STORM SHELTER	0
SWIMMING POOL	1
DEMOLITION	0
MOBILE HOME MOVE IN	1
MISC. (STORAGE BUILDING 120 SF OR MORE)	15
CARPORT	0
SOLAR PANEL	2



# Sanger Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year

Presented by American Legion Post 268



The Amercian Legion Post 268 in Sanger presented the Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year for 2023 on January 2, 2024 at the City Council Meeting. Daniel Wisian was the Firefighter of the Year for 2023. Assistant Sanger Fire Department Chief Casey Welborn said, “Daniel has done a great job in the past year in showing all the attributes that we look for in a firefighter. He has gone to 2 certification classes in preparation of us receiving our new truck in 2024. He has also showed a great attitude around the station. He has helped train some our new guys in fire and EMS. Daniel has done everything that has been asked of him. Daniel has shown great compassion to our citizens, and treated everyone he encountered with the up most respect. This is why we have chosen Daniel Wisian to receive our Firefighter of the Year award for 2023.”

Sanger Police Chief Tyson Cheek presented Lieutenant Justin Lewis as the Officer of the Year for 2023. “I asked members of the department who they would select as Officer of the Year for the Sanger Police Department. The person garnering the most comment and praise was Lt. Justin Lewis.



In April of 2023, the Chief Waylon Rhodes left the Sanger Police Department suddenly and without warning. Assistant Chief Johnathon Perkins had retired recently leaving a vacuum at the top of the department. Lt. Justin Lewis was immediately thrust into the role of head of the department until I was hired as interim chief in June. At that point both staffing and morale was at a low point, and Lt. Lewis had many hats to put on. As one officer put it, ‘From the abrupt leaving of the former chief and the assistant chiefs retirement; I believe he has had a tremendous amount of work on his plate. He essentially had to take the helm and prevent the ship from crashing into the rocky shore. I also believe he is a positive role model within the department. One of the ways this is demonstrated is through the sheer number of hours and work he has put in throughout the course of this year.’

Another wrote, ‘First, Lieutenant Justin Lewis stepped up and took on the brunt of responsibilities required to keep the Department running after the sudden departure of our former Assistant Chief and Chief of Police. On top of tending to his investigative duties and patrol responsibilities, Lewis tended to day-to-day decisions and tasks of managing personnel, equipment issues, and dealing with City Hall. Lewis even took on regular shift coverage when staffing required it.’

I was hired as interim chief in June, and later chosen as the permanent chief in October of this year. I can attest to the level of knowledge, service and dedication Lt. Lewis provided during that time frame. In addition, there was a steep learning curve as chief coming from an outside agency. Lt. Lewis has been a constant source of aide and knowledge in getting to know the department, how it functions and in navigating city administration. His help has made the adjustment far easier than it could have been. It is my honor to present Lt. Justing Lewis as Sanger Police Department’s Officer of the Year.”



2023 Police Officer of the Year  
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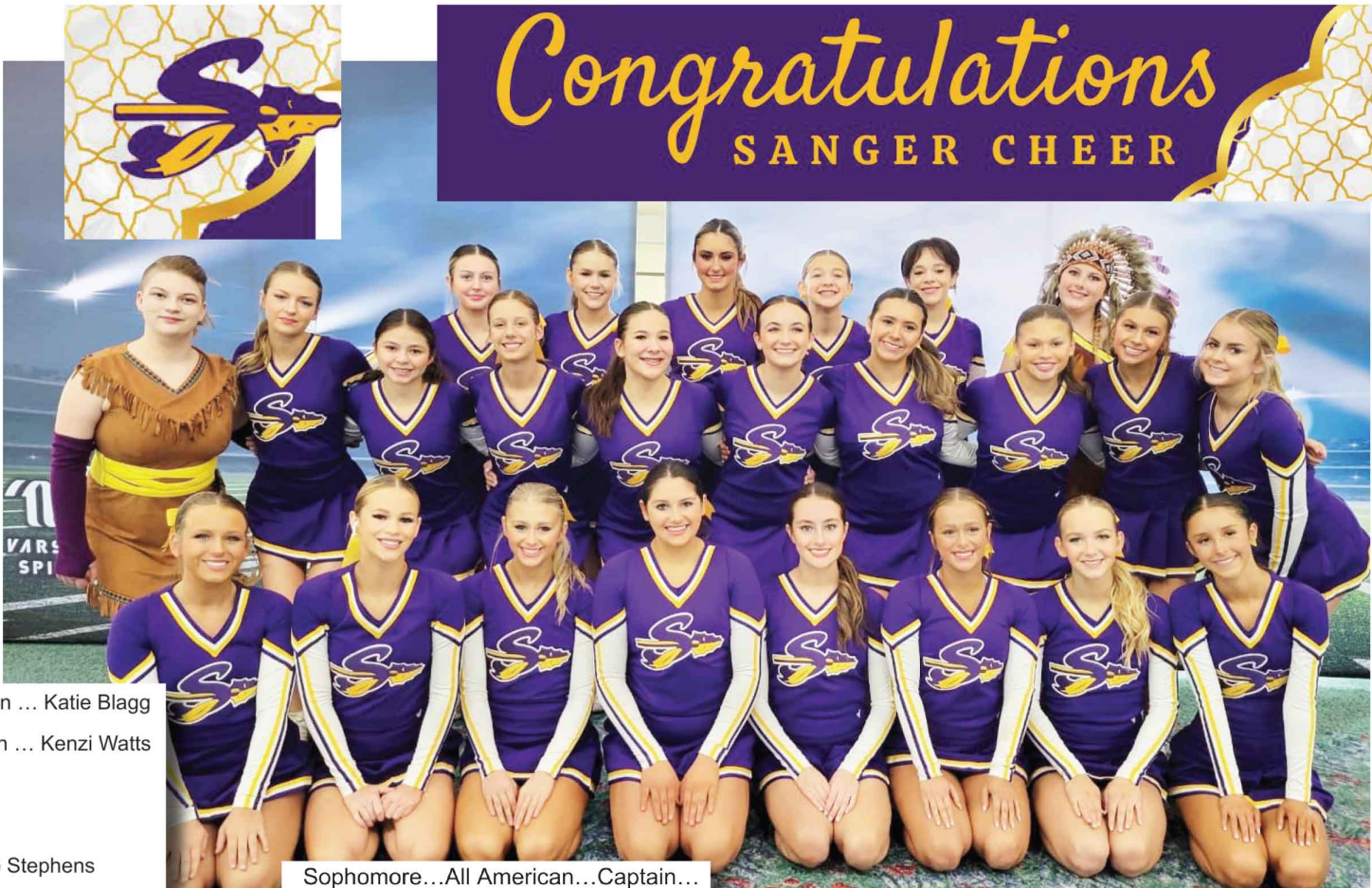
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2023-24 SHS Varsity Cheer

- Senior, Captain & All American ... Katie Blagg
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- Senior ... Brisa Hundley
- Senior ... Kailyn Patin
- Senior & All American ... Kate Stephens
- Senior... Lola Belcher
- Senior & All American ... London Jordan
- Senior ... Macie Mangus
- Junior ... Brooklyn Robertson
- Junior ... Morgan Hubbard
- Sophomore ... Kambrie Shumate
- Sophomore & All American ... Maddie David
- Mascot -- Sophomore ... Emma Finley
- Varsity Cheer Coach ... Holli Russell



- Sophomore...All American...Captain... Abby Wilson
- Sophomore...Captain... Sam Bentley
- Sophomore...Caiti Howard
- Freshman...Brooklyn Simmons
- Freshman...Peyton Flint
- Freshman...Diamond Norman
- Freshman...Emma Stegeman
- Freshman...Savannah Way
- Freshman...JuBee Alcantar
- Freshman...Addison Rojas
- Sophomore...Hailey Bates (Mascott)

JV Cheer Coach: Whitney Baysinger

2023-24 SHS JV Cheer



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Tournament Champions!



The Indians varsity basketball team won the Holiday Classic in Callisburg over the break. Hunter Nelms was the MVP of the tournament and Jett Jones and Baylor Beard were named all-tournament members.

Sanger Indians Varsity Basketball Roster 2023-2024

#0	Tyler Grimes	FR	SG	5'7"
#2	Alex Dee	FR	SG	5'7"
#1	Baylor Beard	FR	PG	5'7"
#3	Hunter Nelms	JR	SF	6'3"
#4	Hunter Howe	SR	SG	5'10"
#5	Dylan Brown	JR	SF	6'1"
#11	Jett Jones	SR	C	6'3"
#12	Kevin Thomas	JR	PG	5'10"
#13	Landon Cole	SR	SG	5'9"
#20	Uziel Davis	JR	SF	6'1"
#21	Kason Peebles	JR	SF	6'2"
#23	Barrett Beard	SR	SG	5'10"
#33	Daylen Richardson	JR	C	6'4"

Head Coach: Bubba Stastry  
Assistant Coaches: Erik McNairy and Kyle Stiffelmire

Indians complete non-district with 19-5 record

Sanger won the Holiday Classic Tournament, recently. They beat Lindsay 69-33, Denton Calvary 68-35, Fort Worth Country Day 62-41 and Era in the Championship 42-38.

The Indians lost a close one at Springtown over the break 59-55 and beat Ft. Worth Castleberry 84-47 and Lake Worth on Tuesday 69-43.

Sanger starts district on Friday at Wichita Falls Hirschi.

Lady Indians start district with 59-12 win

Sanger's varsity girls basketball team started district last week with a 59-12 victory over Wichita Falls High. Sanger is 11-12 overall and 1-0 in district. Sanger had a bye on Tuesday and resumes district play on Friday at Wichita Falls Hirschi. Sanger: 6, 19, 12, 21: 59 WF: 0, 4, 2, 6: 12

Sanger scorers:  
Presley Bumpus 8  
Hope Hughey 15  
Molly Schmucker 14  
Taylor Galbreath 7  
Kinley Amyx 5  
Samantha Hydock 6  
Vivianne Lynch 2  
Sarah Dee 2

Sanger Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Roster 2023-2024

#1	Presley Bumpus	JR.	5'7"
#2	Aaliyah White	JR.	5'5"
#3	Farah Hughey	SO.	5'6"
#4	Hope Hughey	JR.	5'7"
#5	Molly Schmucker	FR.	5'9"
#10	Lily Wilson	SO.	5'7"
#15	Taylor Galbreath	JR.	5'8"
#21	Blair Lewis	SO.	6'2"
#22	Kinley Amyx	JR.	5'8"
#24	Samantha Hydock	SR.	5'7"
#32	Vivianne Lynch	FR.	5'6"
#44	Sarah Dee	FR.	5'8"

Head Coach: Derek Hilliard  
Head Assistant Coach: Tracy Sykes  
Assistant Coaches: Tiria Martin, Scott Montgomery, Allison Taylor, Jeremy Harvey, Ashley Hedrick



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The SHS Lady Indians varsity basketball team - Top Left (Clockwise): Taylor Galbreath, Hope Hughey, Molly Schmucker, Blair Lewis, Sara Dee, Presley Bumpus, Farah Hughey, Vivianne Lynch, Samantha Hydock, Lily Wilson, Kinley Amyx and Aaliyah White (center).

SHS Girls Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	JV Gold	IV Purple	Varsity
Jan. 9	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
Jan. 12	Hirschi	Hirschi	DNP	5:00	6:15
Jan. 16	Gainesville (MS Night)	SHS	DNP	5:00	6:15
Jan. 19	Burkburnett	Burkburnett	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan. 23	Wichita Falls (Teacher Night)	SHS	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan. 26	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE	BYE
Jan. 30	Hirschi (PeeWee Night)	SHS	DNP	5:00	6:15
Feb. 2	Gainesville	Gainesville	DNP	5:00	6:15
Feb. 6	Burkburnett (Senior Night)	SHS	7:30	5:00	6:15

SHS Boys Basketball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAM / TIMES
TUE	Jan 9	LAKE WORTH	AWAY	9B-5 JVB-6:15 VB-7:30
FRI *	Jan 12	HIRSCHI	AWAY	JVB-5 9B-6:15 VB-7:30
TUE *	Jan 16	GAINESVILLE	HOME	JVB-5 9B-6:15 VB-7:30
FRI *	Jan 19	BURKBURNET	AWAY	JVB-5 9B-6:15 VB-7:30
TUE **	Jan 23	WFH	HOME	JVB-5 9B-6:15 VB-7:30
FRI	Jan 26	BYE		
TUE *	Jan 30	HIRSCHI	HOME	JVB-5 9B-6:15 VB-7:30
FRI *	Feb 2	GAINESVILLE	AWAY	JVB-5 9B-6:15 VB-7:30
TUE *	Feb 6	BURKBURNET	HOME	9B-5 JVB-6:15 VB-7:30
FRI *	Feb 9	WFH	AWAY	9B-5 JVB-6:15 VB-7:30
MON	Feb 12	GUNTER	AWAY	VB- TBA

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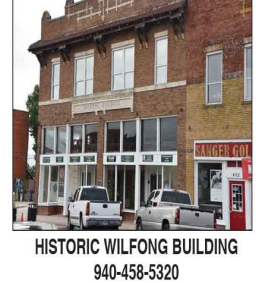
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## Q: How Are School Board Members Elected?

A: School district trustees are elected by popular vote. Whether an election is by majority or plurality vote is a matter of local policy. Traditionally, trustees serve either three- or four-year terms, and most trustees serve staggered terms to support board continuity.

## Q: How Does the School Board Work with the District Superintendent?

A: The operation of the school district at the local level is also a shared activity. The role of the school board members and the role of the superintendent are different: Your school board governs the district, but it does so with the advice of the superintendent.

The superintendent manages the district, but they must do so with the oversight and management of the board, and within the framework of policies and priorities your board adopts.

## SANGER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

March						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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