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Sanger Circle developer confirms Whataburger coming next to Tom Thumb



Malouf Interest, Inc., the developer for the retail, mixed use Sanger Circle has confirmed that Whataburger will be coming to Sanger. It will be located just east of Tom Thumb on the service road. See MAP TO THE RIGHT: Whataburger has a status as "Review Complete" by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Architectural Barries project database. It involves new construction of 3,335 sq ft Whataburger restaurant. The design firm listed is Gensler (a major architecture firm frequently used for Whataburger projects). The estimated cost is \$2,600,000.

Dorado Nail Bar will open a 4,500 sq ft facility next to Tom Thumb and an AT&T store will start construction in the shopping center next to Tom Thumb



7 Brew is hiring - SEE PAGE 7:

this month, according to Joe Askew of Malouf Interest.

NOTE: Credit goes to: Sanger realtor/home builder Drew Hall broke the Whataburger news in late 2024 and Matthew Cain researched (TDLR) last week to piece together the building project.

7 Brew is opening its first coffee shop in Sanger, located at 1645 West Chapman Dr. The project involves the new, ground-up construction of a 541-square-foot, pre-fabricated, drive-thru-only coffee shop on a vacant commercial outparcel.

Construction started last month, and is expected to be completed by the Spring of 2025.



Mayor Thomas Muir announces he won't be running for re-election



Sanger Mayor Thomas Muir

Sanger Mayor Thomas Muir was first elected in May of 2010 and he announced at Monday's regular scheduled meeting he isn't seeking re-election. Muir released a statement to the Sanger News this week explaining his decision. "As usual, Council voted at our first Council meeting of the year to set the upcoming May election, where two Council members and the Mayoral position will be elected. With the election now set, I wanted to make my intentions clear regarding the Mayoral

position. I have decided not to run for re-election. My hope is that this announcement will allow extra time for thoughtful, well-considered, decisions by those that might consider running for Mayor.

As of the May election, I will have served in the position for 16 years, along with additional years on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the 4B Board. It has been a privilege to serve the citizens of Sanger in various capacities. For me, being on Council has been a commitment -- a solemn responsibility -- to serve those who graciously elected me to the job. While I am sure that not every constituent has agreed with all the decisions I have participated in as Mayor, I hope citizens know that each decision was motivated by having the best interests of our beloved town at heart. I believe the hard work by Council of improving the city's position over many years is now bearing fruit, allowing current and future Councils, and city administrations, the optionality of considering decisions we never could have made before such improvements.

Personally, when I started in elected position, I hoped to use my service as an example to teach my children the importance of serving others by investing in a town that means so much to our family.

With all our kids basically out of the house now and with our last one down at UT in Austin, Elizabeth and I have entered a new phase. We have two grandchildren and another one on the way in just the next few weeks. It is time to invest personally in the next generation of our family and spend some extra time together. Additionally, there are some personal ministry opportunities and initiatives in my business that I would also like to press into more fully. I look forward to focusing more effort toward these areas. It is certainly hard to step away from something in which I have been so invested, but I think the time is right to make the transition.

Elizabeth and I have grown up in Sanger, we have invested in Sanger for decades now as a couple, and we will continue to invest ourselves in Sanger -- just in new

and additional ways.

Thank you, Sanger community, for the opportunity to serve over these years."

Muir follows a long line of family members that have worked and served in the Sanger community. Beginning with his great-grandfather, who came to Sanger in the 1930's as a rancher, his family continues to devote themselves to the community. Thomas and his wife, Elizabeth, have raised their family of three daughters in Sanger and now have grandchildren that reside here. With the 6th generation of their family now growing up in Sanger, you might say Sanger is in their genes. "We love our community and felt it was important to instill in our kids a mindset of service to others. Giving our time to city involvement is one way we have tried to instill this value."

Serving as Mayor for the past 16 years has had its rewards and challenges for Muir, as Sanger has seen substantial growth during this time. Prior to his service as Mayor, Muir also served as a City Councilman, 4B

Economic Development Board member, and Planning and Zoning Commission member.

Apart from his service to the Sanger community, Thomas serves in various volunteer and community capacities, including Chair for the University of North Texas Foundation, Vice President of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust, Past-Chair of the Denton County Homelessness Leadership Team, Past-Chair of the Texas Health Resource Denton/Wise/ Parker Community Impact Council, board member of the Denton County Soil and Water Conservation District and member of the Sanger Lions Club. He is an active member of First Baptist Church in Sanger. He has previously served as a state-wide executive board member and audit committee chair for Texas Baptists. He has served previously as the finance committee chair for the Denton Baptist Association and as a founding board member of the Sanger Education Foundation.

Thomas has over 26 years of (Continued on pg. 8)

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OBITUARIES...

Rhonda Nell (Shelton) Ball

June 9, 1963 - December 29, 2025

Rhonda Nell (Shelton) Ball, 62, of Sanger, passed away peacefully at her home on December 29, 2025.

Born June 9, 1963, in Denton, Texas, Rhonda was the daughter of Billy and Edith (Hammons) Shelton. She grew up in Denton and graduated from Denton High School, carrying with her the values of family, loyalty, and quiet strength that would define her life.

On September 15, 1985, Rhonda married the love of her life, Craig Vincent Ball, in Denton. Together they shared forty years of devotion, partnership, and a home filled with warmth, laughter, and the joyful chaos of the many animals they adored. Over the years, their menagerie included peacocks, horses, ferrets, dogs, and cats—each one loved and cared for as part of the family.



Rhonda dedicated her life to caring for her home and the people within it. She was a wonderful mother and a proud Mimi, happiest when surrounded by her family. Her kitchen was the heart of her home, where she poured love into every meal she prepared. Cooking for her family was one of her greatest joys, and her table was always a place of comfort and connection.

Rhonda was preceded in death by her parents, Billy Shelton and Edith and Harold Hamm, as well as her beloved son, Jediah Ball.

Remaining to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Craig, of Sanger; her daughter and son-in-law, Nikki and Jason Campbell of Junction City, Kansas; her sister, Carla Gibson of Corpus Christi; and her brothers, Rusty Hamm and Tim Hamm, both of Denton, Texas.

She is also lovingly survived by three grandchildren, Addison Campbell and Brecken Campbell, both of Junction City, Kansas, and Jaxon Ball of Sanger, who brought immense joy and pride to her life.

A family gathering to honor Rhonda's life will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger.



Joan Mohon Cohagen

July 2, 1933 - December 31, 2025

Joan Mohon Cohagen, 92, of Denton, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, December 31, 2025. She was born to James Edward "Ed" & Eva Mae (Morris) Mohon on July 2, 1933. She grew up in the Rockhill community and attended Aubrey schools. She was one of 10 children. She married John Mark Cohagen on April 9, 1977 in Denton, Texas. She was a member of 1st Baptist Church, Denton.

She was a successful real estate investor and property manager for over 50 years. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and neighbor. She was her children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren's biggest supporter and was adored by all.

She is survived by her husband Mark Cohagen; her children, Rick Coleman and wife, Cathy; Patti Coleman Pennington and husband, Mike; Lisa Coleman McCarty and husband, Robbie; Matt Cohagen and wife, Theresa; & Bonus-daughter, Evelyn Coleman Bush. Grandchildren Amie McGinnis & husband Josh, Crystal Trejo, Holli Russell & husband Gregg, Shelli Thorson & husband Richard, Jenifer Haught & husband James, Michael Pennington & wife Holly, Brittany Hatchell & Ryan, Cole McCarty, Jordan Pichanick & Brandon, Ross McCarty & wife Michelle and Maxwell Cohagen. Great Grandchildren Kali Pennington, Skyler Russell, Tanner Trejo, Neely Trejo, Cash Thorson, Luke Russell, Wyatt Pennington, Kami Thorson, Blakely Pennington, Kadi Jo Thorson, Jameson Haught, Creedon McGinnis, Ryder Pennington, Addison Hatchell, Grayson Pichanick, Sutton Hatchell, Hayden Pichanick & Layne Pichanick. She is also survived by sisters-in-law Terry Huntsberger and Mary Mohon and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Bud Mohon, Carrell Mohon, Cecil Mohon, Bill Mohon and Jim Mohon; sisters, Veronica Mohon Durden, Ida Mae Mohon Kirby, Lena Faye Mohon Green & Edene Mohon Miller, Bonus-daughters Joyce Coleman SoRelle and Lois Coleman Ewan and her best friend of 67 years, Judy Hudson.

A visitation was held from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 P.M., on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at First Baptist Church in Denton. Joan was laid to rest in Belew Cemetery following the service.

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



Billy Giles James, Jr.

December 8, 1964 - December 29, 2025

Billy Giles James Jr., 61, of Gainesville, Texas, passed away at Medical City in Denton, Texas, on December 29, 2025. He was born in Irving, Texas on December 8, 1964, the son of Billy Giles James Sr. and Betty Laverne (Melton) James.

Billy earned his GED, a milestone he was proud of, and went on to build a strong career as a Gas Meter Technician with Primoris. Through his work, he demonstrated reliability, dedication, and a strong work ethic that earned the respect of coworkers and supervisors alike.

He married Lillie Marie Waite on April 30, 1982 in Bryan, Oklahoma, and shared a life filled with love, partnership, and countless memories with her. Family was always at the center of his world. He was one of five siblings, growing up with strong family bonds that remained important throughout his life.

Billy was the proud father of three children, a cherished grandfather to nine grandchildren, and a loving great-grandfather to four great-grandchildren. He found great joy in watching his family grow and took pride in every generation that followed him.

He will be remembered for his steady presence, quiet strength, and the love he gave so freely to his family. His legacy lives on through the many lives he touched and the family he built.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, Billy Sr. and Betty James; and his daughter, Tiffany James.

He is survived by his beloved wife Marie James; his siblings, Sheila Davis of Gainesville, Ronda Dyer of Valley View, and Stacy James of Fort Worth, Joey James of Gainesville, and Elvis James of Lubbock; children, Lisa Lesperance of Port Republic, Maryland, Ryan James of Valley View; nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, and many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

A graveside service for Billy will be held at Sanger Cemetery in Sanger, Texas, on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 11:00am. Services are entrusted to Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Friends and loved ones are invited to share memories or offer condolences to the James family in the online guest book at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.



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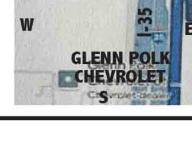


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OBITUARIES...

Juanita (Juana) Robles Solis

June 4, 1938 - January 1, 2026

Juanita (Juana) Robles Solis, 87, of Krum, Texas, passed away at Texas Health Presbyterian in Denton, Texas, on January 1, 2026. She was born in Elsa, Texas on June 4, 1938, the daughter of Antonio Robles and Manuela (Garcia) Robles.

Juanita was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and matriarch whose life was defined by love, faith, and family. Married in 1959, to Homero Solis, she shared a lasting union built on commitment, perseverance, and devotion. Together, she and her husband created a home filled with warmth, laughter, and steadfast care.

A proud homemaker, she dedicated her life to raising her eight children, placing their needs above her own and teaching them the values of hard work, kindness, and resilience by example. Her home was always welcoming—where meals were made with love, doors were open, and everyone was treated like family. She found joy in everyday moments and believed deeply in the importance of togetherness.

Raised among a large and loving family, she grew up with nine sisters and five brothers, a bond that shaped her lifelong appreciation for connection, loyalty, and support. Those early years instilled in her a strong sense of responsibility and compassion that carried through every stage of her life.

She will be remembered for her gentle strength, generous heart, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. Her legacy lives on through her children, extended family, and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Though she will be deeply missed, the love she gave so freely will continue to guide and comfort those she leaves behind.

Those surviving to cherish Juana's memory are children, Alisia Solis of Sanger, David Solis of Krum, Tony Solis of Sanger, Ricky Solis of Fort Worth, and Johnny Solis and wife Misty of Sanger; her sisters, Maria Solis of Colorado, Susie Franklin of San Antonio, Ramona Robles of Dallas, Antonia Martinez of Denton, Nora Sisneros of Krum, Esmeralda Robles of Dallas, Rachel Liscano of Little Elm, and Lupe Galicia of Krum; her brothers, Antonio Robles of Brownsville, and Andres Robles of Denton; 14 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren, with number 27 on the way.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Antonio

and Manuela Robles; her daughters, Susie Trevino and Rosemary Solis; her son, Homer Solis; her sister, Bertha Robles; her brothers, Juan Robles, Robert Robles, and Eddie Robles; grandson, Samuel Solis; and daughter-in-law, Wanda Sue Solis.

A visitation for Juana was held at Coker Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. A graveside service for Juana will be held at Jackson Cemetery in Krum, Texas, on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 11:00am.

Services are entrusted to Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Friends and loved ones are invited to share memories or offer condolences to the Solis family in the online guest book at www.cokerfuneralhome.com



Hildegarde Scheckermann Peters

April 12, 1925 - January 1, 2026

Hildegarde Scheckermann Peters passed away January 1, 2026. Hildegarde was born April 12, 1925 to Frederick Ferdinand and Caroline K. Loewe Scheckermann in Jersey City, NJ. She graduated in 1942 from Milford, CT high school. She married Raymond Peters on April 22, 1950 in Dallas, TX at Oak Cliff Lutheran Church where they were both members.

She volunteered with the Camp Fire Girls, Sunday School Teacher, and youth choir director. She was president of the TW Browne Jr. High PTA and JF Kimball High School PTA each for a year. She retired from Dolco Packaging as Employee Relations Manager.

She moved to Sanger in 2012 and became a member of North Texas Trinity Cowboy Church. She was loved by all that met her and she returned that love.

She is survived by her daughter Loretta Cantrell and partner David Burleson, Grandchildren Melissa Halsey and husband Kevin, Christina Williams, Heather Chambers, Kimberly Williams, and Dustin Chambers and wife Lindsey. Great-grandchildren Chasity Perez, Emily Halsey, Ashton Chambers, Landon Perez, Hayden Daniels, Silas Chambers, Rhyder Lewis, and Nora Chambers and Great Great Granddaughter Kinsley.

Precedent in death were her parents Frederick and Caroline Scheckermann, her husband Raymond Peters and her daughter Karen Williams.

Funeral will be held at North Texas Trinity Cowboy Church 9901 FM 2164 Sanger, TX 76266 on Saturday January 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM. Ken Peterson will be officiating.



Rebecca Lou Roberts

May 9, 1946 - December 31, 2025

Rebecca Lou Roberts, 79, of Sanger, Texas, passed away at Texas Health Presbyterian in Denton, Texas, on December 31, 2025. She was born in Ryan, Oklahoma on May 9, 1946, the daughter of Bertie Beamon Roberts and Emma Inez (Adams) Roberts.

Rebecca graduated from Perry High School in Perry Oklahoma. She was a devoted mother to her three children, who were the center of her world.

Rebecca dedicated over two decades of her professional life to Mayday Hightech, where she began working as a secretary administrative assistant in 1999. Known for her reliability, strong work ethic, and attention to detail, she was a valued and trusted employee who took pride in supporting her colleagues and keeping operations running smoothly.

Those surviving to cherish Rebecca's memory are her three children; Kimberly Potter and husband Jackie Fletcher of Marietta, Oklahoma, Melissa Northcott of Trophy Club, Texas, and Brett Poore of Sanger; her brother, Jerry G. Roberts of Henderson, Nevada; and her four grandchildren, Hailey Potter, Tyler Poore, Frank Porter, and Grayson Northcott.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Bertie and Emma Roberts; her sister, Edna Earle Chilton; and brother, Clyde Allen Roberts.

A graveside service for Rebecca was held at Ringgold Cemetery in Ringgold, Texas, on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

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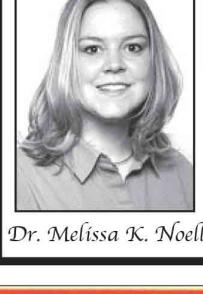
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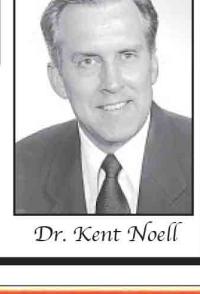
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New Year's financial resolutions: Making them stick



Nikki Smith
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As the calendar flips to a new year, millions of Americans pledge to improve their financial lives. But without a concrete plan, those well-intentioned resolutions often fade quickly.

Financial goals consistently top the list of New Year's resolutions. A 2025 CFP Board study shows that financial resolutions are prominent, with saving more money (45%) and reducing debt (32%) ranking among the top three goals.

Unfortunately, most resolutions don't last. A 2023 Forbes Health poll found that over half of people give up on resolutions by the four-month mark and only 1% make it the full year.

The challenge isn't a lack of desire for change. People may set the same resolution year after year, revealing a disconnect between intentions and action. Or it may be that they try to tackle too many goals at once, or aim higher than is realistic, setting themselves up for disappointment.

Set smart financial goals. Before crafting

your action plan, consider which financial priorities matter most to you. If you need ideas, here are some areas where you may want focus in 2026:

- Regularly review your financial goals and track progress toward meeting them
- Increase your 401(k) contributions or max out your IRA and/or HSA contributions
- Pay down debt strategically and negotiate lower interest payments
- Build an emergency savings fund of six to 12 months
- Save more consistently

Be specific. Vague resolutions like "save more money" rarely succeed. Instead, it can help to make goals specific and measurable. For example, rather than making a resolution to "start an emergency fund," commit to a specific goal, such as, "I will put \$100 a month into an emergency fund."

This shift from general to specific transforms wishful thinking into actionable steps. When goals are attainable, it's easier to track progress and stay motivated.

Find an accountability partner. Don't go it alone. Having someone to check in with can help you stay on track. This could be a spouse, friend or family

member who shares similar goals.

Consider working with a financial advisor who can help you create a realistic plan, monitor your progress and adjust strategies as needed. A professional can provide expertise and accountability, making it easier to stay on track throughout the year.

Start small and build momentum. Rather than overhauling your entire financial life all at once, focus on one or two priority areas. Identify where the largest gap exists between your current situation and where you want to be, then concentrate your energy there.

Breaking larger goals into smaller, manageable actions makes them less overwhelming and more achievable. Each small win builds confidence and momentum for tackling the next challenge.

The new year offers a fresh start and renewed motivation to improve your financial health. With specific goals, a solid action plan and the right support system, this could be the year your financial resolutions finally stick.

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

Supporting Mental Health in the New Year: Tips for Our Sanger Community



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out to friends, neighbors, or community groups. Social support makes a big difference.

- Prioritize Self-Care: Take time for activities that bring you joy—reading, walking, or simply pausing for a deep breath.
- Set Realistic Goals: Small, achievable steps can help reduce stress and build confidence.

- Reach Out for Help: If you're struggling, consider talking to a mental health professional. Support is available locally and through telehealth.

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Our Sanger community is known for its compassion and resilience. If you or someone you care about could use extra support, don't hesitate to reach out. Taking care of your mental health is one of the best gifts you can give yourself this year.

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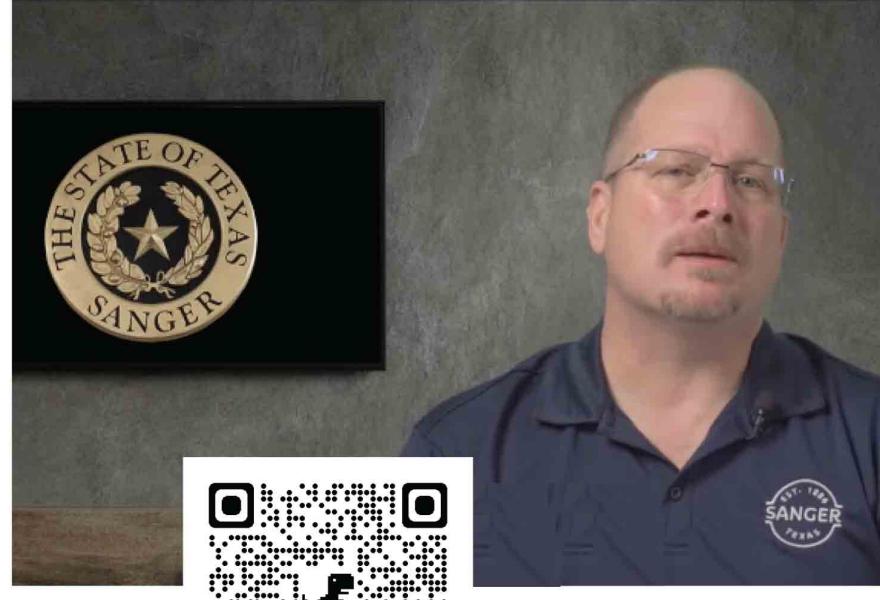
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Happy New Year, Sanger!

The January 2026 City Manager's Message is now available! As we kick off a new year, City Manager John Noblitt shares updates on what's happening around the City of Sanger and what's ahead in the months to come.

Take a moment to watch and stay connected with your community.

Here's to a great start to 2026!



**Sanger City Manager
John Noblitt**

Public Notices

CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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A Request for a Replat of Bolivar Ranch Estates Blk B Lot 5, being approximately 13.331 acres of Land Within the City of Sanger's ETJ, Generally Located on the East side of Chisum Rd, approximately 1341 Feet North of the Intersection of FM 2450 and Chisum Rd.

Kirkland Street Addition Replat - A Request for a Replat of Kirkland Street Addition Blk A, Lot 2-A being approximately 0.23, and A0029A R. BEEBE, TR 187 being approximately 0.114 acres of Land Within the City of Sanger, Generally Located on the South West corner of Kirkland St and Sims St.

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SAHS recognizes donors - Help them reach their goal and donate..

The Sanger Area Historical Society is continuing to raise funds for a statue to memorialize Stephen Baker at The Stephen Baker Field at Indian Stadium. At the end of 2025, just over \$78,000 has been raised and they are hoping to have the statue installed for the beginning of the 2026/2027 season. They hope you will consider donating towards this memorial to the young man that lost his life beginning his junior year at SHS. The goal is around \$100,000.

Below are the contributors that have donated towards this effort. The SAHS is reaching out to those that have not donated and wish to do so, or you may want to consider donating additional funds. SAHS is

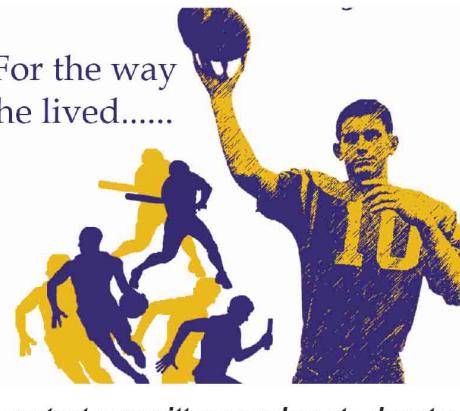
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Mayor

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financial industry experience. He is the owner of Cultivar Capital, Inc., a fee-only investment management firm, where he provides investment advice to individuals, businesses, and serves as portfolio manager for a publicly traded ETF. His credentials as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Financial Planner™ practitioner (CFP®), bring unique insight into city planning and oversight. As a proud Sanger graduate, Thomas continued his education, graduating from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's and master's degree in account-

ing. Due to his interest in ranching, Thomas is also a graduate of the TCU Ranch Management Program's evening division.

A theme of Thomas' service is giving back through broad reaching service and representation, as he tries to focus on the best interests of the Sanger community and its residents. Having grown up and raised his family in Sanger, he truly understands the Sanger motto of "When You're Here, You're Home".

The Sanger News will highlight the city's progress, while Muir has been Mayor in the coming weeks. The filing period to run for Mayor and City Council begins January 14 and ends February 13, 2026.

Mayor/Council Member	Place	Term Expires	First Term Elected
Thomas E. Muir	Mayor	May 2026	May 2010
Marissa Barrett	Place 1	May 2027	May 2019
Gary Bilyeu	Place 2	May 2026	May 2010
Josh Burrus	Place 3	May 2027	May 2025
Allen Chick	Place 4	May 2026	May 2014
Victor Gann	Place 5	May 2027	May 2021

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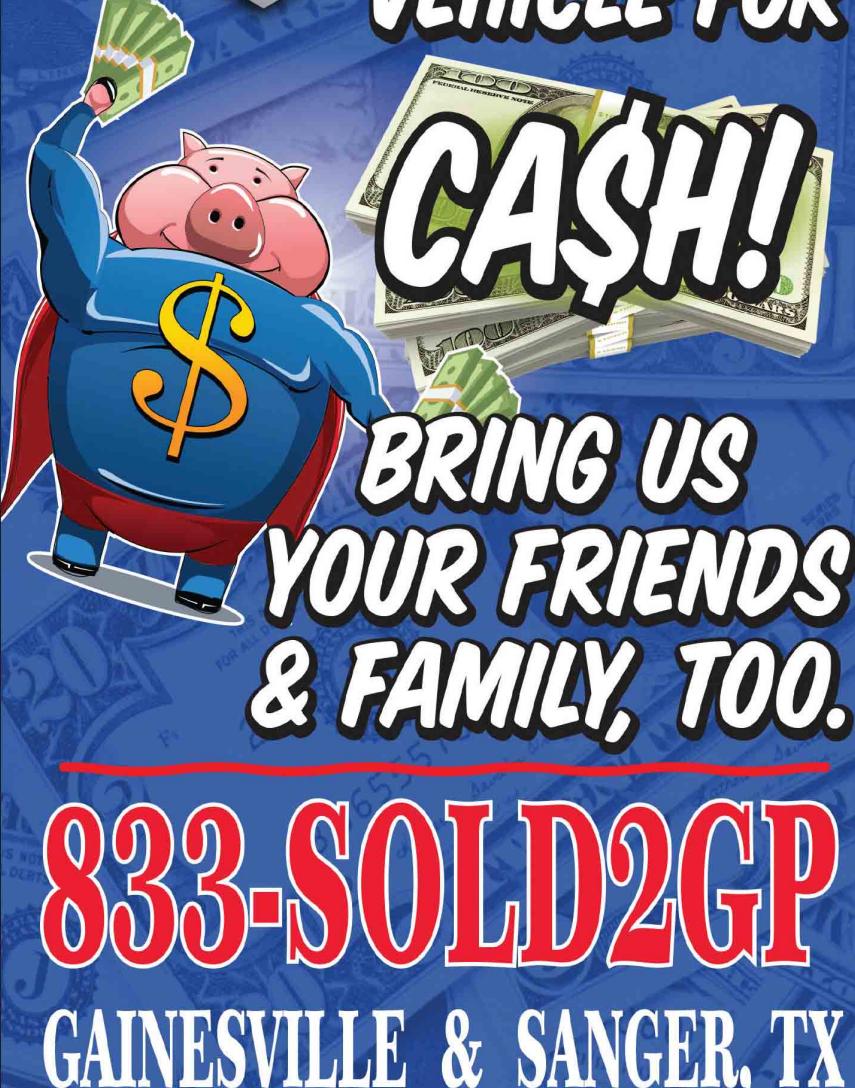
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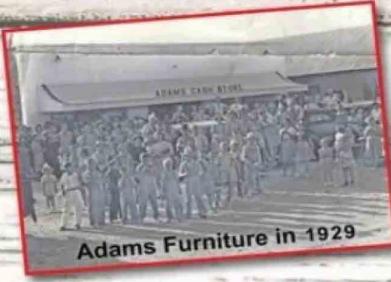
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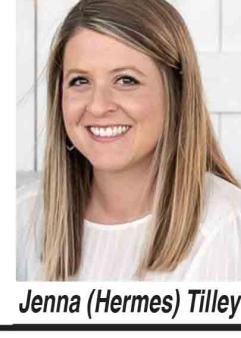
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS SANGER ISD'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Sanger ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00pm, on January 12, 2026 in the 6th Grade Campus Cafeteria at 508 7th Street, Sanger, Texas 76266. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss

Sanger ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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Sanger ISD Celebrates School Board Recognition Month!

January is School Board Recognition Month, and this year, Sanger ISD proudly highlights the theme 'Our Future Is Public.' Public education plays a vital role in shaping strong schools, thriving communities, and future opportunities for Texas students—and our Board of Trustees helps lead that work every day.

SISD recognizes Board President Sarah Kelly. Through her leadership and commitment, Mrs. Kelly helps ensure decisions made today continue to support students and families now and in the future.

Thank you, Mrs. Kelly, for your service, leadership, and devotion to Sanger ISD. We truly appreciate you! **SEE MORE ABOUT SISD SCHOOL BOARD ON PAGE 12:**
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SPORTS

Lady Indians beat Aubrey

The Lady Indians varsity basketball team is 13-9 overall and 2-2 in district. They beat Aubrey 38-36 last Friday and lost to Frisco Panther Creek 44-33 on Tuesday night.

Sanger: 2, 10, 9, 12: 33
Panther: 7, 14, 10, 13: 44

Sanger:

Vivianne Lynch 3

Nevaeh Sutherland 5

Jasmine Pace 2

Madison Biediger 2

Alissa Spillman 4

Sarah Dee 17

2025-26 SHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL ROSTER:

#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

Sanger: 5, 4, 16, 9, 4: 38
Aubrey: 10, 12, 6, 6, 2: 36

Sanger:

Addy Garza 1

Vivian Lynch 7

Nevaeh Sutherland 3
Callie Miller 5
Alissa Spillman 6
Sarah Dee 16

SHS varsity basketball starts district

Sanger is 12-7 overall and 0-2 in district after losing to district favorite Frisco Panther Creek 84-53 on Tuesday night. Frisco's Rodney Wagner and Kedreion Cole combined for 48 points. Wagner poured in a game-high 27 and Cole added 21. It's two tough opponents for the Indians to start 9-4A play, they will bounce back.

District for the Indians varsity basketball team tipped off last Friday at Sanger High School as the Indians welcomed Aubrey in a highly anticipated 9-4A opener. Sanger came out sharp and ready, grabbing an early 13-11 lead after the first quarter and setting the tone with energy, effort, and physical play.

Aubrey responded over the next three periods, pulling away late, but the Indians never backed down and continued to battle until the final horn. Aubrey won 63-49.

Stat Leaders for Sanger:

• Tyler Grimes led all scorers with 20 points, knocking down 4 three-pointers, while

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	So.	G	5'10"
21	Desmond 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"

also adding 4 rebounds, 4 steals, and 3 blocks—a complete performance on both ends of the floor.

• Logan Swofford did the dirty work inside, finishing with 8 rebounds, including key boards in traffic, while drawing 9 fouls and battling defensively all night.

• Baylor Beard contributed across the stat sheet with 8 rebounds and 5 assists, helping keep the

offense moving.

• Alex Dee added 3 assists and 4 rebounds, providing steady guard play.

• Wyatt Pennington chipped in on the glass with 4 rebounds and added a block on the defensive end.

Sanger scorers vs. Panther Creek: Dee 15, Grimes 13, Swofford 7, Pennington 6, Hernandez 3, Brockett 4, Grant 2, Beard 2.



SHS Lady Indians Basketball Seniors...



SHS Basketball Seniors: L-R - Ethan Exner, JT Alambar, Joel Rodriguez, Kane Kirkland

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Time	Title Sponsor	Pre/Post	Player of the Game
Friday	1/9/2026	Girls Basketball vs Lake Dallas*	Lake Dallas	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ
Friday	1/9/2026	Boys Basketball vs Lake Dallas*	Lake Dallas	7:30 PM	House of Carts	HRE & DHCI	Church of Christ
Tuesday	1/13/2026	Girls Basketball vs Gainesville*	SHS	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ
Tuesday	1/13/2026	Boys Basketball vs Gainesville*	SHS	7:30 PM	House of Carts	HRE & DHCI	Church of Christ
Friday	1/16/2026	Girls Basketball vs Prosper Richland*	Richland	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ
Friday	1/16/2026	Boys Basketball vs Prosper Richland*	Richland	7:30 PM	House of Carts	HRE & DHCI	Church of Christ
Tuesday	1/20/2026	Girls Basketball vs Celina*	SHS	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ
Tuesday	1/20/2026	Boys Basketball vs Celina*	SHS	7:30 PM	House of Carts	HRE & DHCI	Church of Christ
Friday	1/23/2026	Girls Basketball vs Van Alstyne*	Van Alstyne	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ

SHS GIRLS BASKETBALL MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

Date	Opponent	Location	JV Gold	JV Purple	Varsity
Jan. 9	Lake Dallas	Lake Dallas	5:00	6:15	7:30
Jan. 13	Gainesville (TEACHER NIGHT)	SHS	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan. 16	Prosper Richland	Prosper	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan. 20	Celina	SHS	DNP	5:00	6:15
Jan. 23	Van Alstyne	Van Alstyne	DNP	5:00	6:15
Jan. 27	Aubrey (SENIOR NIGHT)	SHS	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan. 30	Panther Creek	Panther Creek	DNP	5:00	6:15

SHS BOYS BASKETBALL MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS/TIMES
*FRI	Jan. 9	LAKE DALLAS	AWAY	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*TUE Teacher	Jan. 13	GAINESVILLE	HOME	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*FRI	Jan. 16	RICHLAND PROSPER	AWAY	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*TUE	Jan. 20	CELINA	HOME	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*FRI	Jan. 23	VAN ALSTYNE	AWAY	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*TUE- Sr. Night	Jan. 27	AUBREY	HOME	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*FRI	Jan. 30	PANTHER CREEK	AWAY	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30

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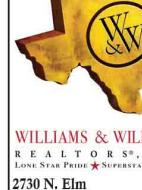
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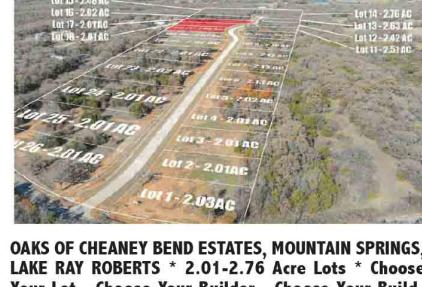
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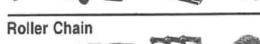
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January is School Board Recognition Month, and Sanger ISD is celebrating its trustees' dedication and commitment to the district and its students. With the theme, Leadership for Tomorrow's Texas, our celebrations will spotlight the essential role school board members play in guiding the future of education.

The month-long observance is an opportunity for members of our community to strengthen their understanding of the crucial role school boards play in uplifting public education and representing our residents.

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 5.5 million public schoolchildren in their care.

"School trustees voluntarily tackle the job of governing school districts and do so in a manner that shows what it means to be unwavering in

their commitment to the schoolchildren they serve," said Dan Troxell, TASB executive director. "While board members come from different backgrounds and live different lives, they collectively come together with the common goal to support students."

To acknowledge the work of school trustees, Gov. Greg Abbott issued a proclamation designating January as School Board Recognition Month. "School board members play an integral role in promoting a lifelong love of learning in the next generation," the proclamation states. To read the full proclamation, visit tasb.org.

As trustees volunteer their time and expertise to guide school districts, they showcase their commitment to creating meaningful educational experiences and opportunities that prepare students for college, careers, and beyond. Thank you, Sarah Kelly, Mitch Hammonds, Jesse Hunter, Lisa Cody, Bruce Elsey, Jarrod Roberts and Staci Moore.



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