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Christmas on the Square is this Saturday

Get ready for a festive extravaganza at "Christmas on the Square and Holiday Parade" in Downtown Sanger, on Saturday, December 2nd from 12:00 PM to 9:30 PM! The enchanting event promises a day filled with holiday cheer, bringing the community together in the spirit of joy and celebration.

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With a holiday parade that promises to dazzle, "Christmas on the Square" is the perfect occasion to make lasting memories with family and friends. Join them for a day of merriment and festive enchantment!

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Sanger ISD receives national awards for its commitment to improving its students' mental health

Ann Hughes and Linda Tutt H.S. recognized

On Wednesday, November 15, 2023, two Sanger ISD staff members were awarded the National George Washington Freedom Medals from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge - Dallas Chapter. The Freedoms Foundation's National Awards were founded by Dwight Eisenhower, who presented the initial awards in 1949.

The Freedoms Foundations National Awards were established "As a way to say thank you and recognize those whose projects, words or deeds reflect the best of the American spirit on volunteerism by offering constructive solutions to contemporary problems." (www.freedomsfoundation.org)

Mr. Anthony Love, Principal of Linda Tutt High School (LTHS), accepted the award in the school category. This particular award recognizes schools where community service learning is exem-

plary and whose students regularly demonstrate community involvement in action. The LTHS Grocery Store was the specific program recognized for this honor.

LTHS' Grocery Store is a partnership between Sanger ISD & First Refuge Ministries of Denton that was initially funded through the THRIVE grant awarded by Texas Health Resources. Since opening in 2020, the store has served over 4,500 families and students in the Sanger community. Over 1,100 volunteers, including LTHS, SHS, SMS, community members, and staff from various SISD campuses, have worked in the store on Tuesday evenings when it is open to the general community. Several local farmers and gardeners regularly donate produce to the store. On Tuesday, November 14, 2023, the LTHS Grocery Store continued what is now an annual tradition,

distributing hams/turkeys for Thanksgiving to sixty families.

The last and most prestigious award of the evening went to Dr. Ann Hughes, Sanger ISD's Director of Student Intervention, was awarded the George National George Washington Freedom Medal in the area of Educator. This national honor is awarded annually to an educator who "Goes above and beyond the call of duty for America's youth." Dr. Hughes was recognized for the social-emotional learning programs and mental/behavioral health supports and interventions that she has helped to put in place in Sanger ISD over the last 20 years.

Mr. Love & Dr. Hughes, in their acceptance speeches, emphasized that the success of all of the programs recognized can be directly

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Dr. Ann Hughes, Sanger ISD's Director of Student Intervention



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OBITUARIES...

Johnny Darrel George

February 6, 1949 - November 25, 2023

Johnny Darrel George, 74, of Sanger, passed from this earthly life on Saturday, November 25, 2023, and is in the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Johnny was born on February 6, 1949, in Dallas, Texas, to Joe Henry and Mary Evelyn (Seagraves) George.

Johnny was a graduate of Sanger High School in the Class of 1967. Johnny married Jeanie Pennington; they made their home in Sanger, where they raised their two daughters, Darla and Sheila. After that union dissolved, Johnny met Cindy Renee Davis, and they were married on July 14, 2011, in Bolivar, Texas. From this union, they had a son, J.D.



In August of 1967, Johnny went to work for Ford Motor Company, which began a 50-year career. Additionally, he was a member and served as president of the United Auto Workers Local 870. He saved and purchased a farm in the Bowie/Montague area, where the family enjoyed spending quality time together.

Johnny loved the Lord, reading his Bible, and he enjoyed teaching Sunday School to the youth group at church. He had a good voice and loved to sing. He was a family man. Time with his girls and playing ball with his son, J.D., were essential to Johnny. He was incredibly proud to be called "Daddy John" and "PaPa" by his grandchildren. Johnny worked hard and was a good provider for his family.

Johnny is preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Betty Jo Shaw. Those who remain to cherish Johnny's memory are his wife, Cindy of Sanger; two daughters, Darla Wright of Ponder and Sheila Dubberly of Flower Mound; one son, Jonas Autry of Sanger; one sister, Vicki Jo (George) Harrison of Sanger; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services for Johnny are 2:00 pm, Thursday, November 30, 2023, at Springs Fellowship Church, with Dickie Amyx officiating the services. Interment will follow in the Gribble Springs Cemetery. James Blair, Jonas Autry, Jared Berndt, Jay Berndt, Creedon Boerner, and Keith Reed, serve as pallbearers.

Services are under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger, Texas. Please make online condolences at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.

Sue Ann Wallace

November 5, 1953 - November 27, 2023

Sue Ann Wallace was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother - a woman who created a legacy of love that will continue to be passed down through generations to come.

Sue entered into eternity early Monday morning, November 27, 2023 at the age of 70. Sue was the oldest of three children born on November 5, 1953 to Robert E. Tucker and Betty Joyce Mayo-Tucker of Balch Springs, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers, Randy and Timothy Tucker.



She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Jerry Wayne Wallace of Sanger, Texas and her four children; Tony and Kristen Wallace of Sanger, Texas, Alesia and Daniel Vasquez of Sanger, Texas, Windy and Eric Schluter of Ponder, Texas, and Lonny and Susan Wallace of Sanger, Texas; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 30th, 2023 at Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home, 705 N. Locust St., Denton from 6-8 p.m. The funeral will be Friday, December 1st, 2023 at Faith Tabernacle A/G, 1101 Audra Lane, Denton at 10:30 a.m. She will be laid to rest following the funeral at Roselawn Memorial Park, 3801 Roselawn Dr., Denton.

The family would like to thank the staff at Medical City Denton ICU North unit for their superior care of Sue during her final moments.

Homer Samuel Schertz

May 3, 1946 - November 12, 2023

Homer Samuel Schertz of Rockport, Texas passed away on Sunday, November 12, 2023, in Corpus Christi, Texas. Born in Denton on May 3, 1946, to the late Homer W. Schertz and Jessie V. McFarlin Schertz, Sam's life journey was marked by a deep commitment to faith, family and service to others.

Growing up on a farm north of Denton, Sam carried forward a proud legacy of family involvement in agriculture. After graduating from Denton High School in 1964, he married the late Dorothy 'Dot' Trietsch on June 17, 1967.

After graduating high school, Sam enrolled at Texas Tech University where he balanced school and part-time work. In October 1966, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving with distinction in Vietnam, holding top secret clearance, and earning numerous decorations and commendations. As a sergeant, he received an honorable discharge in October 1970. When he returned home, he pursued a B.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M University, graduating in May 1974.

In June 1974, Sam and Dot settled in South Texas to raise a family and Sam began a fulfilling thirty-six-year career with Central Power & Light Company (CPL). His dedication and leadership saw him hold key roles, including Director of Marketing at CPL and Director of Governmental Affairs for the Central and Southwest Corporation (CSW). Sam continued to mentor and inspire others until his retirement in 2010.

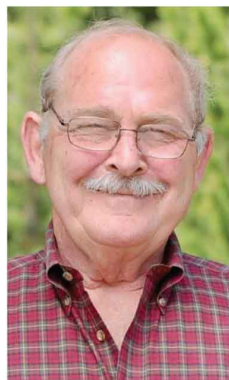
Sam lost his wife, Dot in 2009 after 42 long, happy years of marriage. As a widower, Sam found love and support in Mary "Ernie" Edmundson and they married on May 25, 2014. They enjoyed taking trips in their RV, often visiting family, and enjoying the beauty of the country.

Sam loved his family and friends well. He had the most generous spirit and often spoke of his life's calling to serve his fellow man, which was rooted in an abiding faith in Jesus. He cherished fellowship, was happiest surrounded by loved ones, and enjoyed cooking wonderful meals for them. He was a proud and devoted PawPaw to his two young grandchildren, showering them with gifts, and sharing with them his love of fishing, reading, and the outdoors.

Survivors include his wife, Ernie, two sons, Matt Schertz (Tamara) and Jeff Schertz (Sarah), brothers Danny Schertz (Sandra) and Ricky Schertz (Susie), grandchildren Samuel and Lydia, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and first wife Dot, he is preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn Mallard.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 am on Monday, November 20, 2023, at the Blue Mound United Methodist Church in Denton, with burial at Blue Mound Cemetery. Visitation took place from 4 pm to 6 pm on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life will be held in South Texas at a later date.

The family expresses heartfelt gratitude for the prayers, support, and love received during this difficult time.



Kenneth Ray Griffeth

March 12, 1934 - November 20, 2023

A long-time resident of Denton, Kenneth Ray Griffeth, age 89, went to be with our Heavenly Father on November 20, 2023. Fondly known as Griff, Ken, and Grandad, he was born on March 12, 1934, in Denton, Texas and was raised on the family farm in Wise County in the small community of Fairview, currently New Fairview, near Rhome, Texas. Shortly after graduating from Northwest High School in 1952, Ken enlisted in the Air Force and proudly served our country as a helicopter mechanic.

In his free time, Ken was passionate about horse racing, owning many racehorses himself. He enjoyed playing dominoes and cards, and for many years played at the Elk's Lodge while making many friendships. He was an avid supporter of our community and local 4H and FFA programs, especially the ones his granddaughters were a part of. Ken loved watching all sports and especially enjoyed following boys' high school basketball and went to Austin for many years to watch the state basketball tournaments.

A devoted family man, Ken is survived by sons Larry Griffeth and wife Rhonda of Weatherford and Gary Griffeth of Denton; daughters Sharon Perea and husband Gustavo of North Richland Hills and, Tonya Fallin and late husband Jack of Granbury; grandchildren, Sarah Schertz (Jeff), Samantha Griffeth, Cordero Perea (Allison), Amy Perea, Jessie Browning (Forrest), Tristan Fallin (Sierra), Dustin Smith (Natalie), Weston McConathy (Corrie), and, Jason McConathy (Jamie); nine great-grandchildren; brother Mark Hannah, Jr. (Kathey); sisters Sally Mudd (Jim) and Nancy Martinez (Marty); and, numerous other family members. He is also survived by his beloved long-time companion, Olea Trapp.

Ken was preceded in death by his mother, Jessie Hannah, grandparents, Tommie and Edward Griffeth, and son-in-law, Jack Fallin.

Visitation was 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home. The funeral was Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at North Texas Trinity Cowboy Church in Sanger with Pastor Ken Peterson presiding. Burial immediately followed the service at Roselawn Memorial Park.



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OBITUARIES...

Carlos Bejarano, Jr.

December 25, 1947 - November 11, 2023

Carlos Bejarano, Jr., 75, of Mesquite, passed away in Dallas, Texas, on November 11, 2023. Carlos was a Christmas baby, born on December 25, 1947, in Harlingen, Texas, to parents Carlos Bejarano, Sr. and Nieves Gasnares (Vega) Bejarano.

On October 31, 1970, Carlos married Ninfa Alvarado in San Fernando, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Carlos served his country in the United States Army. Upon his return to his family, he worked for Southwestern Bell for many years and retired as an instructor.

Carlos was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed riding his Harley and hobbies such as trains, airplanes, helicopters, and classic cars. He had a deep appreciation for music, playing his guitar and singing.

Carlos was a devoted husband and loved his wife and children deeply. He was incredibly proud to become a Grandpa and played the part well.

He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Ninfa of Mesquite; one daughter, Nancy B. Stromberg and son-in-law, Richard Stromberg of Dallas; one son, Carlos A. Bejarano, III, and daughter-in-law, Brandy Bejarano, both of Krum; two sisters, Noema Gonzalez and Janie Herrera, both of Houston. Additionally surviving him are seven grandchildren, Grace Stromberg, Julia Stromberg, Hailee Rodriguez, Hannah Rodriguez, Carlos Aidan Bejarano, IV, and twins Landon and Logan Bejarano, along with two great-grandchildren, Amberlin Cenni and Evalynn Hintze, and one on the way. We can't leave out his faithful canine companion, Tyson.

A visitation for Mr. Bejarano was held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. The funeral service followed at 2:00 pm at the Iglesia Reino de Dios Church in Sanger, Texas. A private interment will be held at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

Services are under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please share a memory or offer your condolences to the Bejarano Family in our online guestbook.



Don Irvin Padgett

September 12, 1935 - November 19, 2023

Don Irvin Padgett, 88, passed away on November 19, 2023, surrounded by his family at his home in Sanger. Don, the son of Lucille (Padgett) Hodges, was born on September 12, 1935, in Lebanon, IN. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

Don had a love for horses and a passion for cutting horse competitions. In 1972, he became the Futurity Champion of the National Cutting Horse Association.

He and his wife, Brenda, made their home in Sanger, where they raised their two daughters, who kept them busy with different activities and many sporting events. He loved his girls and would go to the ends of the earth for them. Life became even better when the grandchildren came along, and he earned the name "PaPa".



Those remaining to cherish his memory are his wife, Brenda of Sanger; two daughters and sons-in-law, Morgan Padgett and husband, Cody McDermott of Sanger and Laura Harwell and husband, Brian of Valley View. Seven grandchildren, McKayla James, Jaycee Valenzuela, Mason Harwell, Zane McDermott, Brayden Mikelonis, Krece Harwell, and Jayton Harwell, along with great-grandson, Colson James, and another on the way, also survive him.

Funeral services for Don were held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at Ridin' for the Brand Cowboy Church in Sanger. Interment was in Bolivar Cemetery. Brian Harwell, Cody McDermott, Mason Harwell, Kip Bush, Derek Kader, and Ian Bush served as pallbearers. Grandsons Brayden Mikelonis, Zane McDermott, Krece Harwell, and Jayton Harwell served as honorary pallbearers.

Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger, Texas. Please share a memory or offer your condolences to the Padgett Family in our online guestbook at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.

Mark Allen Woods

December 22, 1966 - November 20, 2023

Mark Allen Woods, 56, went to be with his heavenly father on Monday, November 20, 2023, in Spring, Texas. He was born in Houston, Texas, on December 22, 1966, to Robert and Peggy Woods. Together with his three siblings, Mark grew up in the Hidden Valley neighborhood of North Houston. As a kid, he enjoyed riding his dirt bike and playing Bon Jovi songs on his guitar.

After graduating from Aldine High School in 1985, Mark studied aeronautics at San Jacinto College. He began his aviation career as a flight instructor at David Wayne Hooks Memorial Airport. Then, in 1994, he was hired as a First Officer at Continental Express Airlines. After four years, he moved to Continental Airlines, where he flew the Boeing 737 aircraft as a First Officer and as a Captain on the Airbus 320 aircraft after the company merged with United Airlines. Due to illness, Mark ended his almost 30-year career as an airline pilot at United Airlines in August of 2023.

When Mark wasn't working, he loved spending time at home with his family. He enjoyed introducing his two daughters, Abbi and Kait, to the classic Disney flicks, The Apple Dumpling Gang and Parent Trap on movie nights, playing Monopoly and Phase 10 on game nights, and swimming in the pool during the summer months. He also shared his love of roller coasters and amusement parks with his girls, enjoying family road trips to Dollywood, Universal Studios, and Walt Disney World.

Mark also loved to talk politics, watch Alabama football, and share old memories. He will be greatly missed by family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors.

Those who remain to cherish his memory are his daughters, Abbigael and Kaitlynn Woods, and his life partner, Danysha Woods, all of Spring, Texas; his sister, Patricia Coleman of Knoxville, Tennessee; his brother, John Woods of Denton, Texas, as well as nieces, nephews, family, friends, and loved ones. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert Lawrence Woods; his mother, Peggy Ann (Wagner) Woods; and his brother, David Andrew Woods.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023, beginning at 11:00 am at Sanger Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger, Texas.



Linda Johnson McKeown

August 2, 1950 - November 23, 2023

Linda Johnson McKeown, 73 of Denton, passed away at home surrounded by her family on Thursday, November 23, 2023. She was born in Denton, Texas on August 2, 1950, to Isaac L. and Jewel Sims Johnson. She was a graduate of Denton High School class of 1968. She married David Lynn McKeown on May 3, 1971, in Lufkin, Texas.

Visitation and viewing was Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:00 am in the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors, Funeral services followed at 11:00 am with Rev. Tim McKeown officiating. Burial followed at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton.

Linda is survived by her husband of 52 years, David McKeown of Denton, children, Lisa Carter and her husband Shawn of Denton, Michael McKeown and his wife Shannon of Sanger, and six grandchildren: Catherine, Caitlyn, and Caroline Carter and Grace, David, and Michael McKeown, her sister Daphne St. John of Fort Worth and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Woodrow Johnson of Fort Worth and Butch Johnson of Springdale, Arkansas, and her sisters Ruby Jo Morrow and Shirley Kraus both of Denton.



Wanda Fugate DeBorde

August 16, 1925 - November 17, 2023

Wanda Fugate DeBorde passed away in Gainesville November 17, 2023 at the age of 98.

Wanda was born in Stringtown, OK to Reuel and Viva Fugate. She was the 2nd of 6 children. At the age of 16 she went to the West Coast to work as a welder on the Liberty Ships during WWII. She was a member of Era Church of Christ and a member of Sanger chapter of Order of the Eastern Star. She worked 35 years at the Gainesville State School for girls. She loved being outside and working in her garden. She was known as "Granny" to all her family. She had an open-door policy that anybody was welcome at holiday meals.

Mrs. DeBorde was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur DeBorde and her parents; her brothers Don Fugate and wife Alma, Dale Fugate and wife Mary and Ralph Fugate; brothers-in-law Jack Magby and Glen Mitchell; grandson Bryan Michael DeBorde.

Wanda is survived by her sons Bill DeBorde (Cynthia), Jack DeBorde (Loretta); daughters Kay DeBorde, Jo Kirk (Gary), Judy Schmitz (Steve), Jean Hazel (Clegg); sisters Winona Arnett, Baby Doll Magby; sister-in-law Ann Fugate. She is also survived by her grandchildren Kayla, Rayland, Deanna, Brad, Susan, Garvin, Teal, Deidra, Michelle, Bonnie, Jennifer, Kim, Scott, Ginger, Colt; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; bonus children Neil and Dawn Snider and Cheryl.

Pallbearers were Rayland Thompson, Brad DeBorde, Garvin Kirk, Scott Hazel, Damon Foster, Colt Hazel, Jeff Brown, Jennifer DeGroot.

Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 at 1:00 PM. The funeral began at 2:00 PM at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Burial followed in Rosston Cemetery.



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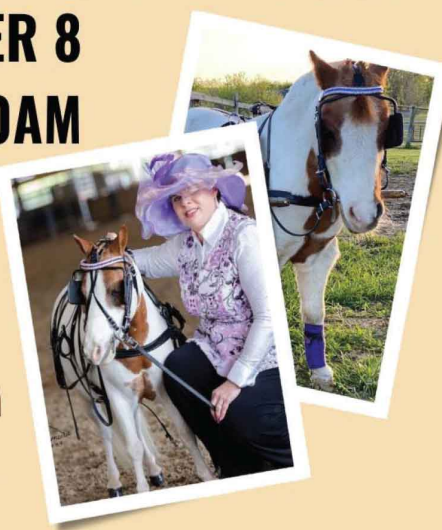
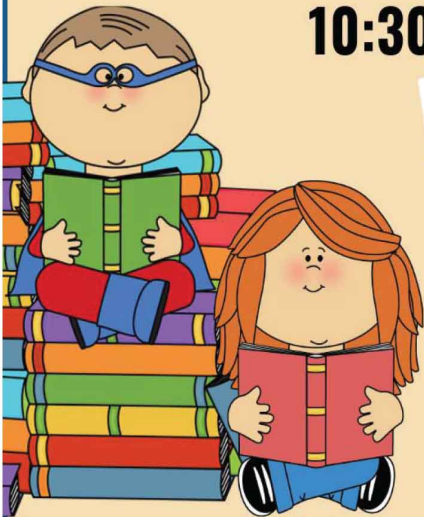
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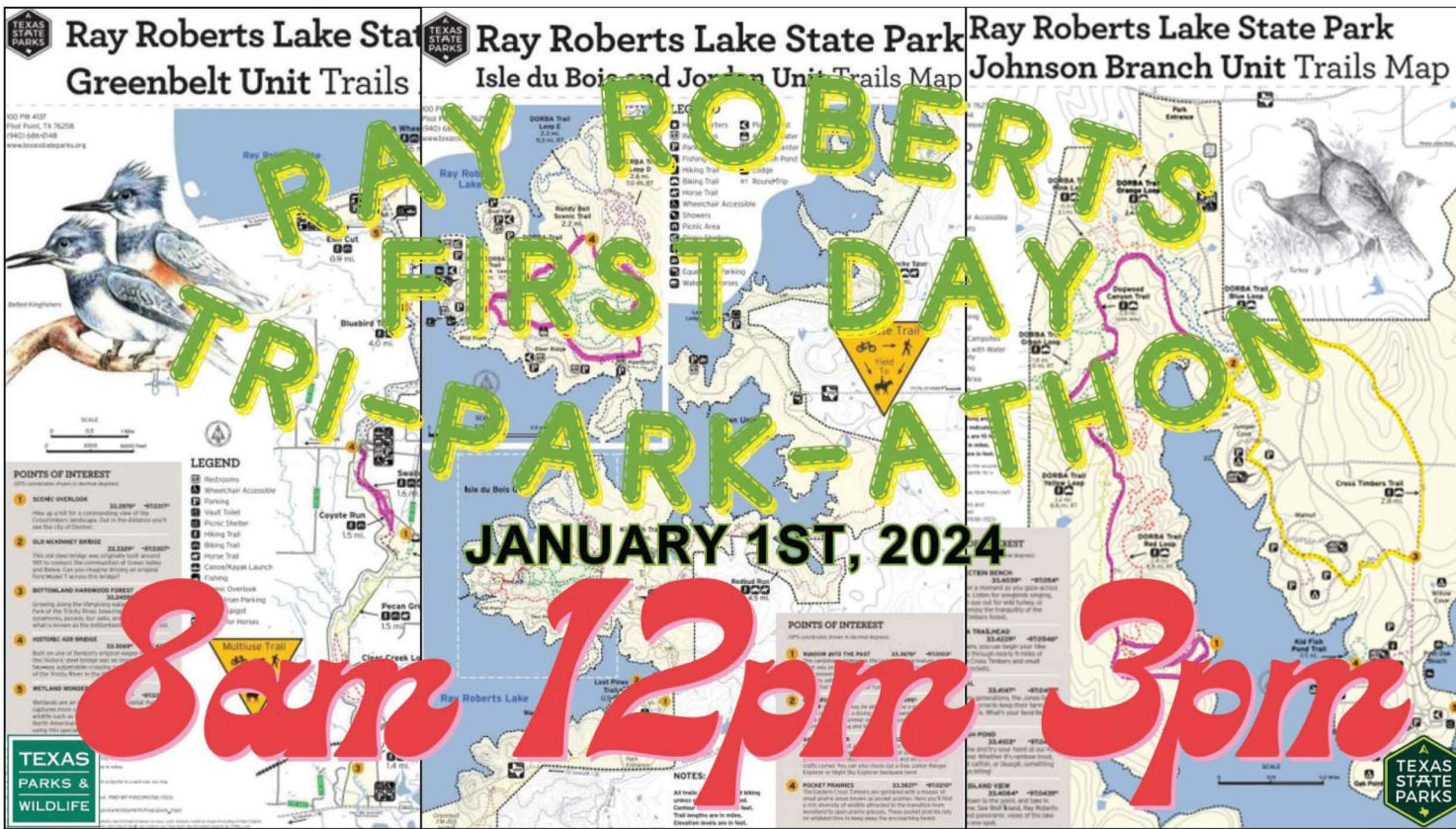
Check out our December calendar!
We have lots of fun programs planned for all ages, including a Special Storytime with Franklin the Pony! Franklin is a mini pony who lives here in Sanger and we are excited to have him come to the library! Our very own "Mrs. Claus" will be at the City of Sanger's Christmas on the Square doing crafts and reading The Night Before Christmas just before the Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 2. She will also be at the Chamber of Commerce's reading event on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:00 pm at Grace Bible Church! Everyone is invited to come throughout the month and use our craft supplies to add to our Winter Village and Christmas tree! We will have various things set up on different days, so be sure to come in several times! We will also be collecting nonperishable food items for the Crisis Center. Be sure to bring in boxed and canned goods to share. We will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from Saturday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 26. We look forward to seeing everyone!!

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Whether joining for one or all three, they invite you to come celebrate the new year with some of your favorite park rangers as they hit the trail to break a sweat. These programs will be a group hike with a moderate pace.

1st Hike
Greenbelt Unit - 428
Entrance.When: Jan. 1, 2024, 8AM - 10AM
Meet: 428 Entrance in Aubrey, Picnic Day

Use area. Look for the sign and Rangers. (GPS coordinates provided due to no physical address: 33.306711, -97.040070)
Trail: Coyote Run to Swallowtail Trail - 3.1 mile partially gravel and dirt trail - Trail rated Moderate.

2nd Hike
Isle du Bois Unit. When: Jan. 1, 2024, 12 PM - 2 PM
Meet: Isle du Bois Unit - Boat Ramp parking lot. Look for the sign.
Trail: Randy Bell Scenic Trail - 2 miles paved trail with some inclines - Trail rated Easy.

3rd Hike
Johnson Branch Unit (2 Trail Options).When: Jan. 1, 2024, 3 PM - 5 PM
Meet: Dogwood Canyon Parking Lot Trail: Dogwood Canyon Trail- 5.2 miles- Trail rated Moderate. Meet: Nature Center Parking Lot Trail: Cross Timbers Trail- 2.6 miles- Paved trail- Trail rated Easy.

Who: All ages
Dogs are invited but must be on a secure leash (please no extendable

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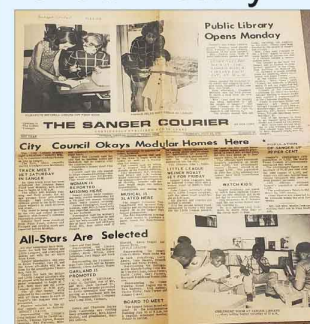
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8 Ways to Care for Your Mental Health During the Holidays

The holiday season can be joyful and busy, but it can also be stressful. You may be under extra financial pressure, family tensions might come to a head, or you may feel less than adequate when looking at other people's seemingly "perfect" Instagram photos. Not surprisingly, many people suffer from a case of the blues in December.

If you already have any mental health issues, the holidays can be especially challenging. Stress can ramp up symptoms of depression and anxiety. In fact, the National Alliance on Mental Illness says that nearly 65% of people with mental illness report that holidays make their conditions worse.

With that in mind, here are some ways to help you stay mentally healthy and enjoy the season to the fullest.

Keep your expectations realistic

It's important to remember that no holiday is perfect, says the American Psychological Association. Instead of viewing minor mishaps and accidents (like the tree falling over or the roast burning) as catastro-

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phes, learn to take them in stride. You may even view them as events that will make funny stories later.

Know your triggers

If you get stressed by crowded shopping malls, buy gifts online. If huge gatherings give you anxiety, skip them and opt for more intimate get-togethers. If finances are a concern, make a budget well before the holidays arrive — and stick to it.

Set boundaries with family members and friends

It's easy to feel overwhelmed if you say yes to every holiday party invitation from extended family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. You don't need

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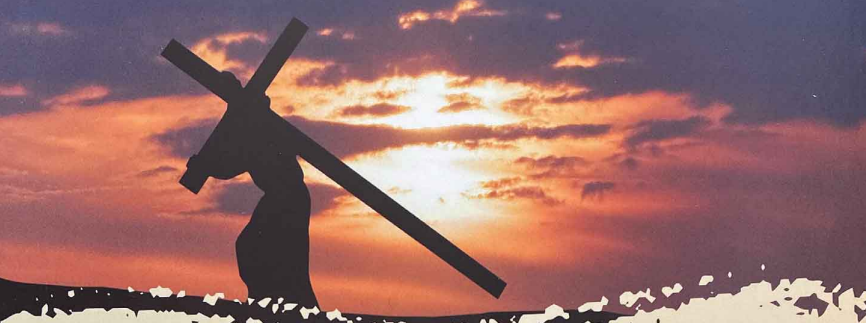
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Awards

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attributed to the entire community that were involved in and worked together to make these programs successful. This community involvement and commitment was very evident at the awards dinner with 40 plus Sanger community leaders (including Mayor Thomas Muir); SISD staff, administration, LTHS Staff, First Baptist Church of Sanger (Pastor Grant Bowles), First Refuge Ministries Leadership & many other friends, family members and LTHS students present.



Dr. Ann Hughes and Anthony Love had the largest contingent at the awards dinner.

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Holidays (S&J)

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to spend every free minute socializing over the holidays. It’s OK to take a break and spend some time alone to recharge and relax. Just be sure you don’t hole up for days on end, avoiding all human contact. This can make depression worse. Instead, find balance by choosing to attend the social events that are most important to you.

Practice relaxation techniques

Yoga, deep breathing, prayer, and meditation are all wonderful ways to unwind. You might also consider treating yourself to a therapeutic massage or spa treatment.

Avoid drinking too much

Too much alcohol can take its toll physically and mentally. Alcohol is a depressant and can make you feel worse if you’re already stressed or sad. (It can also put you at higher risk for physical problems like liver disease, pancreatitis, and various cancers.)

Volunteer

Helping others — whether serving a meal at a homeless shelter or collecting gifts for less fortunate children — can do wonders for your state of

mind. Giving back to others can brighten your mood and put your own problems in perspective.

Get outside

Taking even a short walk outside can lift your spirits. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, time outdoors can promote mental health and reduce stress. It also just feels good to breathe fresh air and move your body.



Write an end-of-year gratitude list

The holiday season is a wonderful time to look back and reflect on the positive things that happened in the past year. It may sound corny, but research has shown that expressing gratitude can improve mental health. You can even start a new family tradition (and boost your spirits) by asking everyone at a holiday gathering to share one thing they’re grateful for.

If sad feelings persist after the holidays, you might be suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder, a type of depression. Talk about your feelings with your primary care provider. They can diagnose you — and recommend treatment if you need it.

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#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

Back row, left to right - Kinley Amyx, Lily Wilson, Holly Schmucker, Blair Lewis, Taylor Galbreath, Sara Dee. Middle row - Vivianne Lynch, Hope Hughey, Aaliyah White, Presley Bumpus, Farah Hughey. Front row - Samantha Hydock.

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 Stastny
Assistant Coaches: Erik McNairy and Kyle Stifflemire

Back row, left to right - Uziel Davis, Daylen Richardson, Hunter Nelms, Jett Jones, Kason Peebles, Dylan Brown, Head Coach Bunna Stastny. Middle row - Baylor Beard, Landon Cole, Hunter Howe, Kevin Thomas, Barrett Beard, Carter Sparks. Front row - Liah Peoples, Tyler Grimes, Alex Dee and Ella Reese. Assistant coaches - Erik McNairy and Kyle Stifflemire.



The Indians are 5-0 on the season and host a tournament this week. See schedule to the right:

Sanger High School Invitational Basketball Tournament Nov. 30 - Dec. 2

SHS Girls Nov.-Dec. Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	IV Gold	IV Purple	Varsity
Nov. 30 - Dec. 2	City View Tournament?	City View	TBA	TBA	DNP
Dec. 1	Joshua	Joshua	DNP	DNP	6:00
Dec. 5	Celina	SHS	5:00	5:00	6:30
Dec. 7-9	Jarrell Tournament	Jarrell HS	DNP	DNP	TBA

SHS Boys Nov.-Dec. Basketball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAM / TIMES
THR-SAT	NOV 30-DEC 2	SANGER INVITATIONAL		9th/jv/V
TUE	Dec 5	WHITESBORO	AWAY	9B-5 JVB-6:15 VB-7:30
THR-SAT	DEC 7-9	DECATUR TOURNAMENT		VB
TUE	Dec 12	BRIDGEPORT	AWAY	JVB-5 9B-6:15 VB-7:30
FRI	Dec 15	S&S	AWAY	JV-5 V-6:15
SAT	Dec 16	CALLISBURG TOURNAMENT		9B/JVB

Nov. 30	THURSDAY	VARSITY	HS AUX GYM	9TH	JH MAIN GYM	7MIN QTRS	JV
10:00	RED RIVER RATTLERS VS GRAPEVINE FAITH		10:00	RED RIVER RATTLERS VS CASTLEBERRY		10:00	RED RIVER RATTLERS VS SANGER
11:30	SPRINGTOWN VS WHITESBORO		11:15	SLIDELL VS GUNTER		11:15	SANGER VS WHITESBORO
1:00	SEYMOUR VS BOYD		12:30	SANGER VS BOYD		12:30	CASTLEBERRY VS BOYD
2:30	GUNTER VS AUBREY		1:45	RYAN VS AUBREY		1:45	RYAN VS AUBREY
4:00	SEYMOUR VS RED RIVER RATTLERS		3:00	SANGER VS RED RIVER RATTLERS		3:00	CASTLEBERRY VS RED RIVER RATTLERS
5:30	SPRINGTOWN VS GUNTER		4:15	SLIDELL VS RYAN		4:15	DENTON VS RYAN
7:00	SANGER VS BOYD		5:30	DENTON VS BOYD		5:30	DENTON VS BOYD
8:30	AUBREY VS LEBANON TRAIL		6:45	AUBREY VS LEBANON TRAIL		6:45	AUBREY VS LEBANON TRAIL
Dec. 1	HS MAIN GYM		HS AUX GYM	9TH	JH MAIN GYM	JV	
10:00	WHITESBORO VS GUNTER		10:00	RED RIVER RATTLERS VS DENTON		10:00	RED RIVER RATTLERS VS DENTON
11:30	BOYD VS GRAPEVINE FAITH		11:15	LEBANON TRAIL VS SLIDELL		11:15	LEBANON TRAIL VS BOYD
1:00	GUNTER VS LEBANON TRAIL		12:30	GUNTER VS RYAN		12:30	WHITESBORO VS RYAN
2:30	RED RIVER RATTLERS VS SANGER		1:45	CASTLEBERRY VS SANGER		1:45	SANGER VS CASTLEBERRY
4:00	GRAPEVINE FAITH VS SEYMOUR		3:00	RYAN VS LEBANON TRAIL		3:00	RYAN VS LEBANON TRAIL
5:30	AUBREY VS SPRINGTOWN		4:15	DENTON VS SANGER		4:15	DENTON VS CASTLEBERRY
7:00	SANGER VS SEYMOUR		5:30	BOYD VS CASTLEBERRY		5:30	BOYD VS SANGER
Dec. 2	HS MAIN GYM		HS AUX GYM	9TH	JH MAIN GYM	JV	
9:30	WHITESBORO VS LEBANON TRAIL		10:00	GUNTER VS AUBREY		10:00	WHITESBORO VS AUBREY
11:00	GRAPEVINE FAITH VS SANGER		11:15	CASTLEBERRY VS DENTON		11:15	SANGER VS DENTON
12:30	AUBREY VS WHITESBORO		12:30	LEBANON TRAIL VS GUNTER		12:30	LEBANON TRAIL VS WHITESBORO
2:00	LEBANON TRAIL VS SPRINGTOWN		1:45	BOYD VS RED RIVER RATTLERS		1:45	BOYD VS RED RIVER RATTLERS
3:30	BOYD VS RED RIVER RATTLERS		3:00	AUBREY VS SLIDELL		3:00	AUBREY VS DENTON
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You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, P.O. Box 655906, Dallas, Texas 75265-5906 or via email to comments-applications@dal.frb.org. The comment period will not end before December 22, 2023, and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Karen Smith, Director - Mergers & Acquisitions, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas (the "Reserve Bank"), at (214) 922-6786. The Federal Reserve will consider your comment and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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TP&W stocking thousands of rainbow trout

The winter tradition of rainbow trout stocking returns to waterbodies across the state beginning the week of Thanksgiving to give everyone a chance to catch one of these iconic fish. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) said it plans to stock 343,331 rainbow trout in Texas from Nov. 22 through March 1, 2024.

TPWD officials say it doesn't take a lot of sophisticated fishing equipment to reel in a rainbow trout. They can be caught using simple, light tackle or hand-tied flies on a fly rod. TPWD advises that anglers, however, keep an array of baits and lures as well as ice to keep trout fresh.

Because rainbow trout are unable to survive in most areas of Texas after winter, due to the warm water temperatures, anglers are encouraged to keep up to their daily bag limit of five trout. The only exception exists within special trout management zones on the Guadalupe River downstream of Canyon Lake, which often remains cool enough for rainbow trout to survive year-round.

Here is where and when TPWD will be stocking rainbow trout in North Texas:

Rainbow trout fishing locations in North Texas:

Note: Neighborhood Fishin' ponds (marked with *) will be stocked frequently throughout the season.

Denton County
South Lakes Park Pond*, Denton, Texas – 2,400 rainbow trout; Nov. 22, Dec. 9, Dec. 22, Jan. 5, 2024, Jan. 19, 2024, Feb. 2, 2024, Feb. 16, 2024, March 1, 2024
Heritage Park (Flower Mound), Flower Mound, Texas – 500 rainbow trout; Nov. 29
Rheudasil Park, Flower Mound, Texas – 1,000 rainbow trout; Nov. 29
Lewisville Tailrace (Elm Fork Trinity River), Lewisville, Texas – 3,000 rainbow trout; Jan. 2, 2024, Feb. 6, 2024

Collin County
Bethany Park Pond C, Allen, Texas – 1,800 rainbow trout; Dec. 7, 2024
Warren Park Lake, Frisco, Texas – 5,500 rainbow trout; Feb. 11, 2024
Towne Lake, McKinney, Texas – 5,000 rainbow trout; Feb. 18, 2024
Murphy City Hall Pond, Murphy, Texas – 2,600 rainbow trout; Feb. 25, 2024
Frontier Park Pond, Propser, Texas – 2,814 rainbow trout; Feb. 18, 2024



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will stock thousands of rainbow trout beginning the week of Thanksgiving to give anglers a chance to catch the iconic fish.



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