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## Elections to be held for school board and city council

Four places filled up in the local city council and school board elections as of the deadline on Friday. Only two places are left with just one candidate. The General Election for school board trustee and city council is May 1, 2021. The Sanger News will profile each candidate in April, before and during early voting.

Applicants as of the deadline to file February 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. for school board are:

In Place 1 - Unexpired Term of Jimmy Howard - (2 years) is Ethan Scheffler and Jarrod Roberts. Howard decided not to run again last year, but no candidates signed up for Place 1, so he agreed to volunteer another year.

For Place 2 - Expired Term of Ann Marie Afflerbach - (3 years), incumbent Afflerbach is faced by Juan Herrera.

Place 3 - Expired Term of Sarah York - (3 years): York doesn't have an opponent.

For city council Place 1, incumbent Marissa Barnett's opponent in Steven Skinner. Place 3 incumbent Dennis Dillon faces Grayson CeBallos. Place 5 incumbent David Clark didn't file again, but Victor Gann signed up for his place. Gann doesn't face any opposition. All three newcomers filed last week. Clark, Roy Ridge, Shane Stone and Joe Falls had picked up packets, but they were never returned.

Last year, a school board election wasn't needed. Place 1 was left completely vacant with

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TOP: A man drives an ATV on 5th Street in Sanger on Monday morning. ABOVE: The downtown park and streets are covered with the snow. It was zero degrees and -17 windchill on Tuesday morning. **MORE SNOW PHOTOS ON PAGES 4-5 and 10:**

## Rolling power blackouts in effect across Texas

Texas' electrical grid operator implemented rolling blackouts across most of the state starting Monday after a massive winter storm brought unprecedented demand for electricity and forced multiple power-generating units offline.

The blackouts began at 1:25 a.m. Central time. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas didn't know how long they would last. "They could be initiated until this weather emergency ends."

"Every grid operator and every electric company is fighting to restore power right now," ERCOT President and CEO Bill Magness said in a press release.

The blackouts are designed to reduce demand for electricity until capacity can be restored. ERCOT officials hinted on Sun-

day that they might be necessary, saying they'd most likely last between 10 minutes to 45 minutes at a time.

The storm that hit Texas is rare for both its scope and its intensity. On Sunday, the National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for all 254 counties. Cities like Dallas and Austin had temperatures in the single digits Monday morning. Close to the coast in places like Houston and Corpus Christi, the weather was in the teens.

In Sanger it reached zero degrees on Tuesday morning and CoServ customers continued to deal with the rolling blackouts. The City of Sanger Electrical didn't implement the rolling blackouts until usage became very high Tuesday morning. The city reached out to their cus-

tomers Monday evening: "In order to reduce demand on our electrical system, we are asking everyone to please conserve as much power as possible. Please set thermostats to 65°, turn off and unplug non-essential lights and appliances, try not to use major electrical appliances such as conventional ovens, dishwashers, and washing machines, and dryers. Close shades and blinds at night to reduce the amount of heat lost through windows. Even with these measures, you may experience short term blackouts in your neighborhood. Should your power be off for longer than 30 minutes please contact the City of Sanger at 940-458-7930. Your help in this matter improves our electrical grid reliability."

CoServ, who covers parts of

Sanger, as well released a statement: "Our area and state are facing a very difficult situation. ERCOT continues to require statewide outages due to the

high electricity demand caused by the extreme winter weather, and this is affecting homes, fam-

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## Over 2,000 digital scanned newspapers of Sanger Courier and Sanger News already added to a Texas History Portal website

Last year the Sanger Public Library received a grant for \$15,600 from the Tocker Foundation to fund the majority of the digitization of the Sanger newspaper collection, including available issues of the Sanger Courier going back as far as 1905 and up to 1965. This part of the collection consists of approximately 15,000 pages. The Texas Digital Newspaper Program, through the University of North Texas, covers the cost of digitizing issues after 1965, which includes the more current Sanger News, and also performs the conversion. Once digitized, the Sanger issues are searchable through The Portal to Texas History at <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/SANG/>. Over 2,000 issues are available now and thousands more are being added in the future. You can type in a name, topic, date, etc... to find the scanned digitized editions.

The Sanger Area Historical Society has played

an instrumental role in collecting many of the older newspapers over the years, indexing obituary information, and assisting the library in storing microfilm and other materials. A member of the SAHS, Devin Pipes, assisted with the grant application, including performing an inventory of newspaper issues and obtaining digital files from Blake Lemons at the Sanger News, as well as providing thorough written answers to several questions in the application.

Digitization of this newspaper collection will enable not only the local community but anyone around the globe with open Internet access the opportunity to research Sanger's history. The Tocker Foundation was established in 1964 and in 1992 began focusing its grant distribution to small rural libraries supporting a population of 12,000 or less, based on official population assignments from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

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### Ralph E. Cain

August 26, 1936 - February 13, 2021

Ralph E. Cain, Jr., 84, passed away in the early morning of February 13, 2021 at his home in Sanger. The only son of Ralph E. and Ruth (Green) Cain, Ralph was born on August 26, 1936 in Aubrey, Texas.

Ralph was a graduate of Denton High School and served in the United States National Guard. On May 29, 1963, he married Yvonne Yeatts in Sanger. They made their home in Sanger, where they raised their children and were members of the First Baptist Church. Ralph was a member of the Bolivar Masonic Lodge #418 in Sanger and worked at Bell Helicopter for 33 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Tyler Lenington. Those remaining to cherish his memory are his wife of 57 years, Yvonne of Sanger; a daughter, Lori Lenington and husband David of Sanger; son Randy Cain and wife Wendy of Princeton; two sisters, Wanda Wells of Valley View and Linda Lee of Pam-

pa. Two grandchildren Daniel Cain of Lubbock and Micaela Lenington of Sanger, and one great-grandson, Preston Blackburn of Sanger, also survive him.

Graveside services for Ralph are at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 20, 2021 in the Sanger Cemetery. Pastor Grant Bowles will be the officiating minister.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1700, Sanger, Texas 76266; Sanger Fire Department, c/o of City of Sanger, P. O. Box 1729, Sanger, Texas 76266; or Shriner's Hospital for Children, <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>.

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### Tish Peebles

March 17, 1939 - February 13, 2021

Tish Peebles, 81 of Texarkana, Texas passed away February 13th, 2021 at her home.

Mrs. Peebles was born March 17th, 1939 in Cincinatti, Ohio. She was a retired school teacher and was a member of the Church of Christ, owned and operated Tisha's Fashions for many years. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and mentor to so many and loved gardening, painting and was a artist.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years; Dr. Larry Peebles, mother, Lee Maynard and her two brothers, and sister-in-law; Javan and Liz Maynard and Phil Maynard. Also left to cherish her memory are her children and their spouses; Laura and Dr. Jeff Fidone along with their children and their spouses, Keri and Matt Duren, Erin and Kalap Gonzales and Clint Fidone and great grandchild Titus Gonzales.

Daughter and son-in-law; Dr. Skipper and Will Simmons and their children and spouses, Dr. Josh and Ashley Eichhorn, Rhen and Michael Guymon, Emma Eichhorn, Sagen Simmons, and great grandchildren, Addi Eichhorn and Rhett



Eichhorn, Ally and Gracie Simmons. Son and daughter-in-law; Dr. Mason and Lynda Peebles and their children Kaylie Peebles and Kason Peebles, of Sanger and many other family members.

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Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 19th, 2021 at Walnut Church of Christ.

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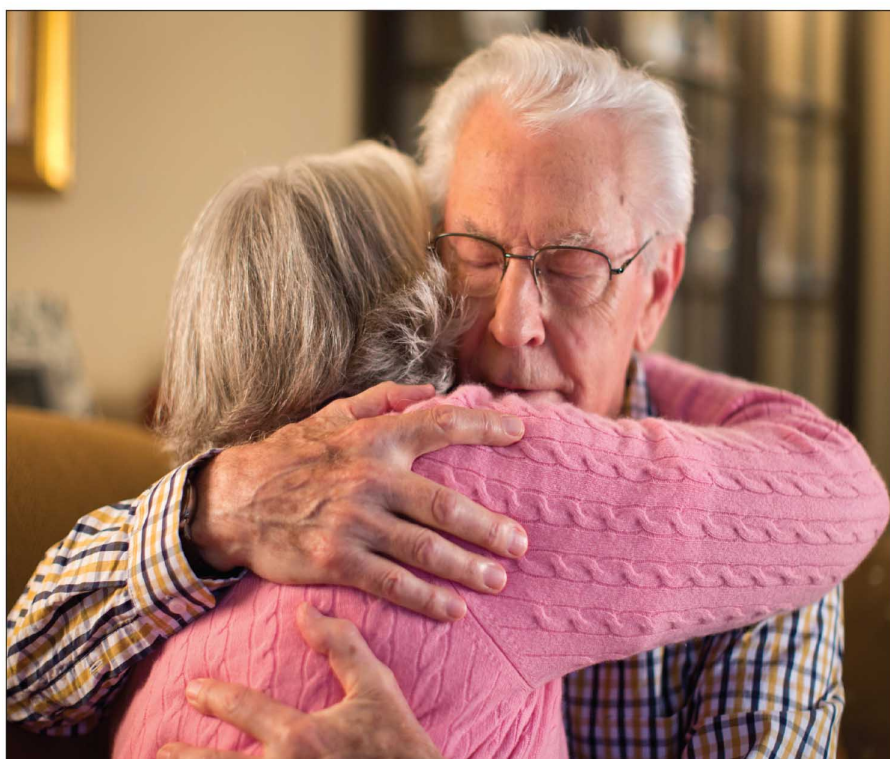
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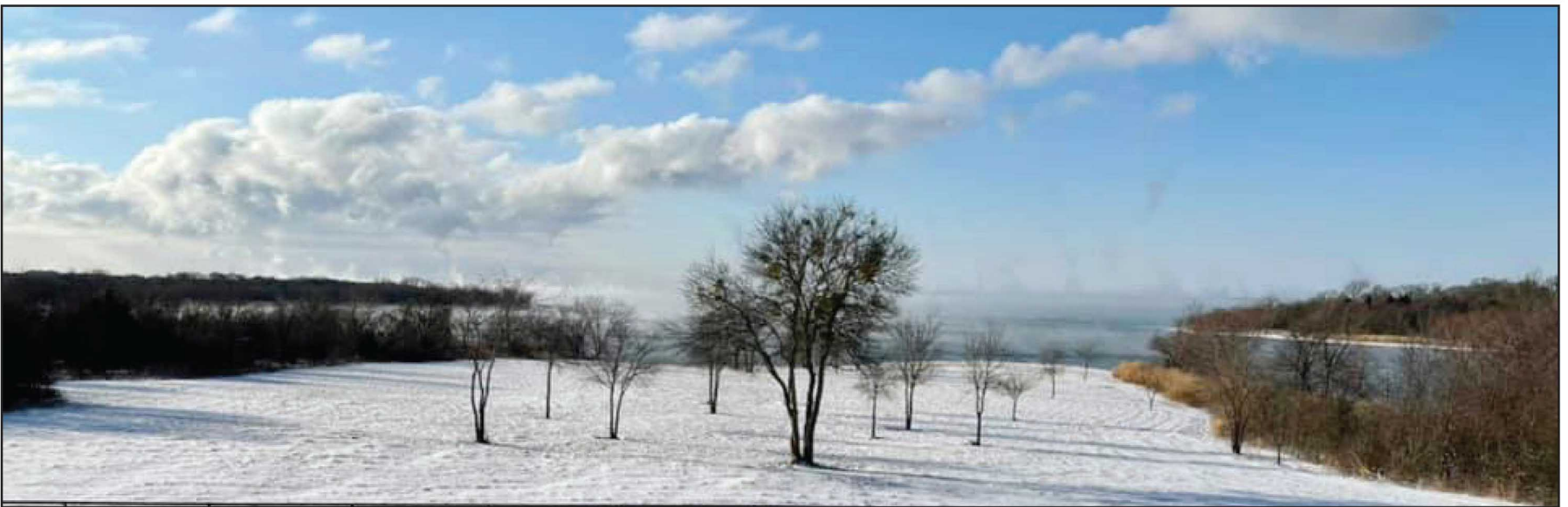
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By Allen Chick, Edward Jones



### Estate Planning for Blended Families

If you're in a blended family, you're already aware of the emotional and financial issues involved in your daily life. But what about the future? When it's time to do your estate planning – and it's never too soon for that – you'll need to be aware of the entanglements and complexities that can get in the way of your vision for leaving the legacy you desire.

You can take comfort in knowing that you're far from alone. More than half of married or cohabiting couples with at least one living parent, or parent-in-law, and at least one adult child, have a "step-kin" relationship, according to a study from researchers at the University of Massachusetts and other schools. That's a lot of estate-planning issues.

Nonetheless, the task does not have to be overwhelming – as long as you put sufficient time and thought into it. Here are some ideas that may help:

Seek fairness – but be flexible. Even in a non-blended family, it's not always easy to be as equitable as you'd like in your estate plans – too often, someone feels they have been treated unfairly. In a blended family, these problems can be exacerbated: Will biological children feel cheated? Will stepchildren? Keep this in mind: Fair is not always

equal – and equal is not always fair. When deciding how to divide your assets, you'll need to make some judgment calls after carefully evaluating the needs of all your family members. There's no guarantee that everyone will be satisfied, but you'll have done your best.

Communicate your wishes clearly. When it comes to estate planning, the best surprise is no surprise – and that's especially true in a blended family. Even if you're the one creating your estate plans, try to involve other family members – and make your wishes and goals clear. You don't have to be specific down to the last dollar, but you should provide a pretty good overall outline.

Consider establishing a revocable living trust. Everyone's situation is different, but many blended families find that, when making estate plans, a simple will is not enough. Consequently, you may want to establish a revocable living trust, which gives you much more control than a will when it comes to carrying out your wishes. Plus, because you have transferred your assets to the trust, you are no longer technically the owner of these assets, so there's no reason for a court to get involved, which means your estate can likely avoid the time-consuming, expensive and very public process of probate.

Choose the right trustee. If you do set up a living trust, you'll also need to name a trustee – someone who manages the assets in the trust. Married couples often serve as co-trustees, but this can result in tensions and disagreements.

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sions and disagreements. As an alternative, you can hire a professional trustee – someone with the time, experience and neutrality to make appropriate decisions and who can bring new ideas to the process.

Above all else, make sure you have the right estate-planning team in place. You'll certainly need to work with an attorney, and you may also want to bring in your tax advisor and financial professional. Estate planning can be complex – especially with a blended family – and you'll want to make the right moves, right from the start.

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## Electric blackouts

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ilities and businesses in our service territory and throughout the state. These outages will continue until ERCOT confirms the Texas grid is stable.

Please know that CoServ is diligently working to restore outages as safely as possible. At this time, we

cannot give any estimates on restoration times.

Your patience is appreciated as we navigate the next few hours and days, balancing our obligation to the state's electric grid and our commitment to serve you."

ERCOT announced Sunday night that it had set a winter record for power demand, reaching 69,150 megawatts between 6 and 7 p.m. ERCOT said Monday morning that 30,000

megawatts of power generation had been forced off the system.

The storm has shut down much of the state. Numerous roads are iced over, many schools have closed and, at Gov. Greg Abbott's request, President Joe Biden declared a federal emergency declaration across the state.

Below is the best explanation of the forced blackouts the Sanger News could find:

"For everyone wondering why we're having forced outages in Texas. Here's a simple breakdown of the situation we are in.

Electrical service is broken down into the following components: generators (the ones making electricity), wires companies (the ones that own the transmission lines, substations and distribution infrastructure), energy providers (they sell the electricity to consumer and who you get your monthly bill from) and lastly ERCOT (they own and operate the statewide electric grid in Texas).

Recent government initiatives in the past few years have called for the promotion of "green" energy. This means that people want more renewable sources such as solar or wind generators, while urging for the shutdown of our traditional nuclear, coal and natural gas plants. Every year we're seeing more of the latter type of generators being forced to shutdown their production/plants.

What does this mean during extreme weather events? During cold temperatures like the ones experienced today people draw more load onto the system from electric heaters, ovens, stoves, etc. being run overtime. This additional load required extra generation (electricity being produced) to supply the power needs. The green energy we're promoting doesn't work during this type of weather. Windmills are currently frozen in place and solar plants aren't producing enough with the lack of sunlight. Our traditional plants (coal, nuclear, natural gas) we used to rely on have been shutdown due to the environmental efforts. They can't give us the supply that was once covered by them.

So what now? The government appointed grid operator (ERCOT) can't let the demand (load) get higher than the supply (generation) since it could lead to a statewide outage. That's why they have now issued the forced outages to areas with high loads to try to keep the grid stable. Now the utilities (owners of the transmission lines, substations and distribution lines) are being forced to cut power. This will keep occurring until load needs can match what the generators can supply."

This was explained by an 'electrical guy' with utility/power background.

## Election

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no candidates; Place 6 incumbent Mitch Hammons was unopposed and Place 7 incumbent Dale Gleason

decided not to run for a third term. Zach Thompson filed for the open Place 7.

City council Place 2 and 4 held by Gary Bilyeu and Allen Chick remained

unopposed last year and Thomas Muir won the Sanger Mayor's race over Joe Falls.

The next step for the 2021 election is to draw for a place on the ballot.



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## SCHEDULES...

### SHS Golf

Mon. February 22nd	PP Bobcats Invitational	Gainesville Municipal (Gainesville, Tx)
Tues. February 23rd	PP Bobcats Invitational	Stone Creek GC (Sherman, Tx)
Mon. March 1st	Gainesville Invitational	Gainesville Municipal (Gainesville, Tx)
Tues. March 2nd	Gainesville Invitational	Gainesville Municipal (Gainesville, Tx)
Mon. March 15th	Waxahachie Spring Fling	Waxahachie Golf Club (Waxahachie, Tx)
Tues. March 23rd	Naaman Open	Firewheel Old Course (Garland, Tx)
Mon. March 29th	District 11-4A Tournament	Winstar Golf Club (Thackerville, Oklahoma)
Tues. March 30th	District Tournament	Winstar Golf Club (Thackerville, Oklahoma)
TBD	Regional Tournament	TBD
TBD	State Tournament	TBD
TBD	State Tournament	TBD

### SHS Baseball

VARSITY				JUNIOR VARSITY			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Feb. 19	Pottsboro	Pottsboro	5:00p	Feb. 19	Pottsboro	Pottsboro	5:00p
	NON-DISTRICT/TOURN				NON-DISTRICT/TOURN		
Feb. 22	Pilot Point	Pilot Point	7:00p	Feb. 22	Pilot Point	Pilot Point	4:30p
Feb. 25	Ferris Tournament	Ferris	TBA	Feb. 25	Aubrey Tournament	Aubrey	
Feb. 26	Ferris Tournament	Ferris	TBA	Feb. 26	Aubrey Tournament	Aubrey	
Feb. 27	Ferris Tournament	Ferris	TBA	Feb. 27	Aubrey Tournament	Aubrey	
Mar. 2	Lake Worth	SANGER	7:00p	Mar. 2	Lake Worth	SANGER	4:30p
Mar. 4	ACS Tournament	*Bowie	TBA	Mar. 4	Whitesboro JV Tourn	Whitesboro	TBA
Mar. 5	ACS Tournament	*Bowie	TBA	Mar. 5	Whitesboro JV Tourn	Whitesboro	TBA
Mar. 6	ACS Tournament	*Bowie	TBA	Mar. 6	Whitesboro JV Tourn	Whitesboro	TBA
Mar. 11	Lake Worth Tourn	Lake Worth	TBA		SPRING BREAK		
Mar. 12	Lake Worth Tourn	Lake Worth	TBA		SPRING BREAK		
Mar. 13	Lake Worth Tourn	Lake Worth	TBA		SPRING BREAK		
	DISTRICT				DISTRICT		
Mar. 16	Aubrey	Aubrey	7:30p	Mar. 16	Aubrey	Aubrey	5:00p
Mar. 18				Mar. 18	Lake Worth JV Tourn	Lake Worth	TBA

### SHS Softball

Date	Opponent	Location	Times	Team	Type
2/18-20	Krum	Krum	TBA	V	Tournament
2/23	Denison	Denison	5:00-6:30	JV-V	Game
2/25-27	NTX Invitational	Valley View/ Era	TBA	V	Tournament
3/4 - 6	Denton High	Denton High	TBA	V	Tournament
3/12	Van Alstyne*	Sanger	5:00-6:30	JV-V	Game
3/16	Aubrey*	Aubrey	6:00	V	Game
3/19	Anna*	Sanger	5:00-6:30	JV-V	Game
3/23	Melissa*	Melissa	5:00-6:30	JV-V	Game

### SHS Tennis

February				
JV		Krum 2/17	SHS 2/26	
Varsity	Anna 2/11	SHS Quad 2/15		
March				
JV	3/17 Whitesboro		LDHS 3/24	
Varsity	SHS 3/5		LDHS 3/26	Frisco 3/30
April				
JV	SHS Quad 4/5	District 4/20		
Varsity	Melissa 4/9	District 4/12-13		
	District Seeding Meeting 4/8			

### SHS Track

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**KRUM**

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**LAKE WORTH**

**FEB. 25**  
**SANGER**

**MARCH 4**  
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**MARCH 18**  
**PONDER**

**MARCH 25**  
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**AREA MEET - TBA**  
**WED-THUR. APRIL 14-15**

**REGIONAL MEET - TBA**  
**FRI.-SAT. APRIL 23-24**

**STATE MEET - AUSTIN**  
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### SMS Track

Date	Site
Tuesday, February 23	Sanger
Tuesday, March 2	Sanger
Monday, March 15	Ponder
Tuesday, March 23	Aubrey
Monday, March 29	Krum (District Meet)

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# Area playoff game pushed to Saturday

## Lady Indians will face Dallas Pinkston in second-round

The Area (second-round) playoff game has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. at Coppell High School. Sanger faces Dallas-Pinkston in this contest that was supposed to be played earlier in the week, but the snow and icy roads pushed it back. Pinkston blew out Alvarado in the first-round and Sanger's Uphill Academy opponent forfeited.

The Lady Indians won their district with an 11-1 record. They are now 19-5 overall and ranked no. 25 in the state by TGCA State Poll in Class 4A. Pinkston, ranked no. 24 has knocked Sanger out of the playoffs the last two seasons. Sunnyvale (21-1) and Brownsboro (21-1) are ranked no. 6 and 7 in the state, respectively, and they are the top teams in the region, on paper. Sanger is right in the mix of beating any team they face in Region II. District 10-4A champion Kennedale most likely will be the third-round opponent, if Sanger wins Saturday.







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PARENTS' NAMES: Aubrey Malone  
SIBLINGS: Kaitlyn Harwell and Chasey Malone  
YOU HAVE LIVED IN SANGER: 5 years, moved here from Slidell  
FAVORITE COLLEGE TEAM: Texas Longhorns  
HOBBIES: Cooking and fishing  
FAVORITE WEATHER SEASON: Summer  
FAVORITE MOVIE(S): Matilda  
FAVORITE BAND(S)/MUSIC GROUP(S): Reba or George Strait  
FAVORITE PRO TEAM: The Jets  
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS: English  
MOST INFLUENTIAL HS TEACHER: Christie Richardson  
MOST INFLUENTIAL HS COACH: Coach Sykes  
MOST INFLUENTIAL YOUTH COACH: Billy Bolin  
MOST INFLUENTIAL SPORTS FIGURE: Derek Hilliard  
BEST THINGS ABOUT PLAYING BASKETBALL: Learning life lessons from it and spending time with my teammates.  
WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THIS SEASON: Win district.



NAME: Phoenix Dillin  
GRADE: 12th NUMBER: 24  
POSITION(S): Post  
PARENTS' NAMES: Jennifer and Robert Dillin  
SIBLINGS: Zach (18), Tucker (10)  
YOU HAVE LIVED IN SANGER: All my life  
FAVORITE COLLEGE TEAM: Texas Longhorns  
HOBBIES: Hunting and fishing  
FAVORITE WEATHER SEASON: Summer  
FAVORITE MOVIE(S): Little Rascals  
FAVORITE BAND(S)/MUSIC GROUP(S): Luke Combs  
FAVORITE PRO TEAM: Dallas Cowboys  
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CLASS: Math  
MOST INFLUENTIAL HS TEACHER: Mrs. Huh  
MOST INFLUENTIAL HS COACH: Coach Hilliard  
MOST INFLUENTIAL YOUTH COACH: Coach Fred  
BEST THINGS ABOUT PLAYING BASKETBALL: The thrill right before the game starts.  
WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THIS SEASON: Shoot better and score more.



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