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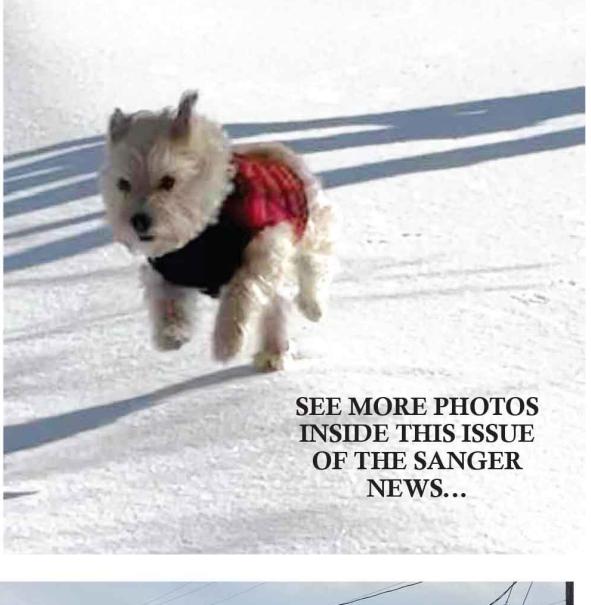
Sleetmageddon blankets Sanger

The meteorologist accurately predicted the winter storm that blanketed Sanger with sleet and snow this past weekend, causing temperatures to plummet into the single digits. From Saturday through Monday, the area resembled a ghost town as most residents stayed off the slick streets. Many businesses were closed, but Tom Thumb, Dollar General, Sportsman, Sportsman 2, Pit Stop, and Quick Trip remained open.

By Tuesday afternoon, most restaurants had reopened as temperatures finally rose above freezing. However, the streets remained problematic on Wednesday morning as the melted ice froze again on heavily traveled roads and not much relief on untreated side streets. Sanger ISD was closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday because of the hazardous conditions.

Residents made the best of the storm, as shown in pictures throughout this newspaper. They found creative ways to sled and have fun.

The City of Sanger and CoServ electric crews deserve commendation for keeping electricity running through the storm, working overtime to ensure homes and businesses stayed warm. Cleanup from the wintry mix will take some time, as the ice takes a while to melt.



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Two Highland Cows eat hay while it snows Sunday afternoon, off Union Hill Road in Sanger. The Highland is a Scottish breed of rustic cattle. It originated in the Scottish Highlands and the Western Islands of Scotland and has long horns and a long shaggy coat. It is a hardy breed, able to withstand the intemperate conditions.



A deer walks through the picnic area at Isle Du Boise State Park at Lake Ray Roberts as the sun sets west across the lake towards Sanger.



Lake Ray Roberts boat house three collapsed from the weight of the sleet/snow. This was a brand new boat house that was being constructed. There were no boats in the slips and it was replacing the boat house that was completely destroyed in a tornado in May of 2024. Boat house nine sustained damage, as well from the sleet and part of the roof collapsed and some boats were damaged.



John Henderson, of the City of Sanger Street Department, clears the parking lot at the Sanger Police Station on Tuesday evening with a CASE front-end loader.

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OBITUARIES...

Joilou Masten Hoernemann

August 19, 1941 - December 12, 2025

Joilou Masten Hoernemann, 84, of Denton, Texas, passed away on December 12, 2025. She was born in Sanger, Texas, on August 19, 1941, the daughter of Charles L. and Eunice Leona (Brewer) Masten.

Joilou married Michael John Hoernemann on September 19, 2020, in Corinth, Texas.

Joilou spent her career in the Insurance Industry and retired from Lufthansa Airlines.

She is preceded by her parents, Charles and Eunice Masten; three brothers, Terry Joe Masten, Billy Frank Masten, and Wylie Curtis Masten.

Those surviving to cherish Joilou's memory are her husband, Mike Hoernemann of Denton; two daughters, Tracy Ann Cook of Lewisville, Wendy Lynn Lehmer of Plano; one son, Steven Robert Charles Wilson of North Carolina; seven grandchildren, David Joseph Cook, Joshua Daniel Cook, Chelsea Lei-anne Cook, Danielle Nicole Dunkle, Travis Scott Steffen, Alison Renee Steffen, Zachary Charles Wilson; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Joilou will be held on Saturday, January 31st, 2026, from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Robson Ranch Grill (Lounge) 9400 Ed Robson Blvd, Denton, Texas 76207.

Friends and loved ones are invited to share memories or offer condolences to the Hoernemann family in the online guest book at www.cokerfuneralhome.com



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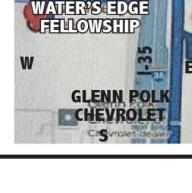


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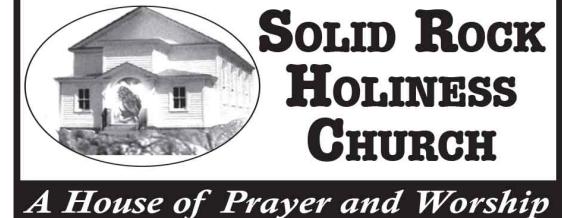


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Family First Automotive Beats the Odds and Opens New Facility

Family First Automotive's new facility is now open. Their new automotive service center located at 300 N Stemmons in Sanger opened this week.

Family First Automotive was founded in 2013 as a true family owned and operated business. Though they quickly became known for their automotive retail sales and financing, since the Covid-pandemic era shutdowns, their business has shifted its focus more to automotive service and



repairs. Now, with the construction of a new four-bay facility, Family First Automotive has moved all-in to lead Sanger, the surrounding communities, and the greater North Texas region as a first-class vehicle service and repair company. "One of the biggest blessings of running a family business is the ability to interact with our customers and work hard to meet their daily needs. With the volatility we have experienced in the automotive finance industry, we began

to lose that ability. By focusing on service and repairs, it allows us to re-center our focus of having a servant's heart and mindset for our customers and community," said owner

GM Jofree Fincher.

In addition to a better and more accessible location, the expansion also increases Family First Automotive's ability to be a true one-stop shop for their customers' needs. "With our new facility and upgraded equipment, we can now provide a full array of services to consumer vehicles, work trucks, and fleet vehicles. Whether it is something as simple as an oil change, new tires, alignment, state inspection, or more in-depth jobs including engine and transmis-

sion replacements, diagnostics, electrical work, and more, we can provide exceptional service," said owner and Service Director Kendra Fincher.

Family First Automotive is focused on providing high-quality automotive services with full transparency, and doing so with the highest level of customer service that only a Texas family-owned business could provide. If you would like to find out what sets this Mom & Pop business apart from the competition, you can call

to schedule an appointment at 940-458-8519, visit their new service center at 300 N Stemmons in Sanger, or you can visit them online at FamilyFirstAutomotive.com. For local customers, in-town shuttle and concierge services are provided at no additional cost.

The Grand-Opening Celebration Ribbon Cutting ceremony hosted by the Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, February 2 at 8 a.m. Come on out and see the new facility.



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At approximately 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 27th, members of the Sanger Police and Fire Departments responded to a reported drowning in progress at the Porter Park pond. A caller reported seeing a man in the pond

struggling to stay above water.

Sanger Police officers arrived within six minutes and located the individual, who was already out of the water. The man told officers that he had driven his vehicle off the design-



nated driving area toward the pond and then walked onto the ice to test its thickness to see if he could ice fish. The ice gave way, and he fell through.

North Texas weather is generally not suited for ice fishing. Winters here are typically mild and short, with temperatures frequently rising above freezing. Even during brief cold snaps, freezing conditions rarely last long enough for ponds or lakes to form thick, stable ice. Sun exposure and rapid warm-ups further weaken ice, making it extremely dangerous.

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The City of Sanger was a winter wonderland this week with over 4" of sleet/snow. The City of Sanger electric department was very reliable and didn't have any power outages during the frigid temperatures and kept their customers on the grid. LEFT: A great photo of downtown Sanger on Sunday night; BELOW: The downtown park on Sunday afternoon. BOTTOM: Spectacular Drone picture of Sanger's downtown area.



Downtown Sanger on Bolivar Street was covered with sleet and snow.



City workers clear the ice on the sidewalks and parking lot earlier this week at the City of Sanger Building.



Public Notices

CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Planning & Zoning Commission in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, Sanger, Texas at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, and by the City Council on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, for the purpose of considering the following:

An Amendment to Planned Development Ordinance No. 07-01-24 to rezone 1.283 Acres described as Sanger Circle Phase 7, Blk O, Lot 4 and to add 0.628 Acres of Land, Described as A0029A R. BEEBE, TR 74, Within the City of Sanger, and Generally Located on the East side of Thistle Dr.

A Request for a Zoning Change from Agriculture (AG) to Regional Commercial (RC) for Approximately 30.83 Acres Described as A1241A J. MORTON, TR 4 (PT) and Generally Located on the northwest corner of N Stemmons Fwy and Belz Road.

Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Zoning Board of Adjustments in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, Sanger, Texas, at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, for the purpose of considering the following:

A Request for a Variance from APX ZO Zoning Ordinance, Article 1, Section 6 Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements to Allow a Variance from the Required Minimum 1 Space per 200 Square Feet of Floor Area and to Allow for 1 Space per 250 Square Feet of Floor Area.

All interested citizens and property owners are hereby notified of their right to appear and be heard on this matter.

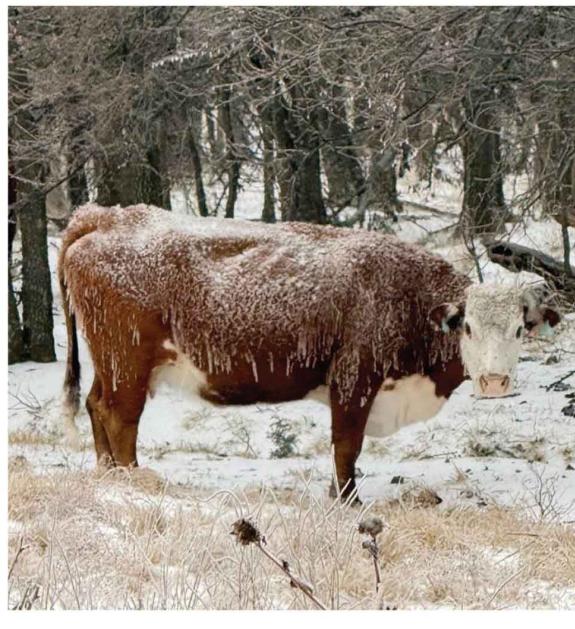
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANGER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 OFFENSES AND NUISANCES, ARTICLE 8.103 NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OR FINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.109 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECTION 5. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in The Code of Ordinances, Section 1.109 General Penalty for Violations of Code. PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Sanger, Texas, on this 20th day of January, 2026

CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS ORDINANCE 01-05-26

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Sanger ISD



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- Sanger ISD website
- Facebook and Instagram
- District-wide messages via Parent Square
- Notifications on major broadcast channels

Staying connected helps ensure everyone gets timely, accurate information if and when weather impacts our school day.

We aim to make decisions by 6:00 AM to accommodate school transportation routes and family schedules. Our considerations include the safety of young student drivers, student walkers, and parents navigating the roads.

If there are no updates or communications, please assume school is operating on a normal schedule with regular bus routes and start times.

Inclement weather information for Sanger ISD can be found here: <https://www.sangerisd.net/studentsparents/inclement-weather>

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This year's Gala has relocated to the Monroe Pearson Event Center to accommodate the growing number of supporters who wish to attend this unforgettable evening celebrating education, community, and opportunity. Sponsorships, reserved tables, and tickets are now on sale, and the Foundation encourages guests to secure their spot early for what promises to be a memorable night.

Attendees will enjoy

a delicious, specially prepared catered meal, the Foundation's Signature Dessert Frenzy, a traditional Candy Station, and an evening filled with excitement through an extensive Silent Auction and an energetic Live Auction. In addition, guests can participate in interactive activities designed to celebrate the Foundation's mission and the lasting impact made possible through community support.

"This is truly the event you will not want to miss," said Don Long, President of the Sanger Education Foundation. "The Annual Gala is not only a celebration, but a reflection of what our community can accomplish together in support of education."

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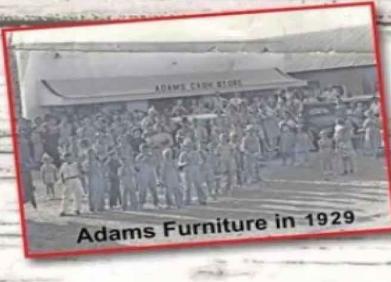
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SPORTS

SHS boys soccer team earns first UIL varsity district victory in school history

Sanger Sports Corner Boys Soccer Recap
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Last Tuesday night marked a historic moment for Sanger High School Boys Soccer as the Indians earned their first-ever UIL victory and first district win in program history with a thrilling comeback win over Pilot Point.

Sanger found themselves trailing 1-0 at half-time, but the boys never wavered. The second half told a completely different story as the Indians turned up the pressure and controlled the pace of play.

The equalizer came in dramatic fashion in the

23rd minute of the second half, when Angel Morales delivered a perfectly struck corner kick that bent straight into the net for an Olimpico goal, igniting the Sanger sideline.

With momentum fully on their side, the Indians kept pushing—and it paid off in the final moments. With just one minute remaining, Joe Trail stayed ready in front of goal and finished a rebound to give Sanger the decisive game-winner and seal a night that will be remembered in program history.

After the match, SHS coach Raul Castillo reflected on the milestone win:

"The boys played really well all around, this was a big team win. I am extremely proud of how well they responded after going down a goal, it is a testament of how hard they have been working this year."



Sanger Sports Corner provided these district game recaps. Check them out on FaceBook.



SHS Indians Varsity Soccer Team

SHS girls soccer team earns first UIL varsity district victory in school history

Sanger Sports Corner Boys Soccer Recap
Presented by Underwood's Heating & Air

The Sanger Lady Indians earned their first win of the season in thrilling fashion last Tuesday night, battling past Pilot Point in a hard-fought varsity district match that showcased grit, resilience, and true team chemistry.

From the opening whistle, the match was back and forth with both teams creating scoring

chances. Despite generating opportunities, Sanger went into halftime trailing 1-0. After making key adjustments at the break, the Lady Indians came out energized and wasted no time evening the score. Just one minute into the second half, senior America Jimenez found the back of the net to tie the match, marking her third goal of

the season. With regulation ending in a tie, the match was decided by a penalty kick shootout, where Sanger rose to the moment. Senior Luz Limon buried the deciding PK, while senior Valeria Andrade Gutierrez was perfect, converting both of her penalty attempts.

The spotlight, however,



SHS Lady Indians Varsity Soccer Team



The new 2026-2028 district alignments will be shared in full to the UIL X, Instagram & Facebook channels (handle @uiltejas) as well as the UIL website on Feb 2 at 9 AM.

er, belonged to freshman goalkeeper Araceli Rodriguez, who delivered a performance beyond her years. Rodriguez blocked an incredible 9 of the 13 penalty kicks she faced, repeatedly keeping Sanger alive and ultimately sealing the victory for the Lady Indians.

Sanger will look to carry this momentum into their next matchup tonight against Bonham High School.

"I am truly proud of the girls for not only the effort that was put forth during last night's win but also their 'never give up' attitudes throughout the

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Friday	2/6/2026	Girls Basketball vs Gainesville*	Gainesville	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ

SHS GIRLS BASKETBALL MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

Date	Opponent	Location	JV Gold	JV Purple	Varsity
Jan. 30	Panther Creek	Panthe	DNP	5:00	6:15
Jan. 30	Krum	Krum	7:30	DNP	DNP
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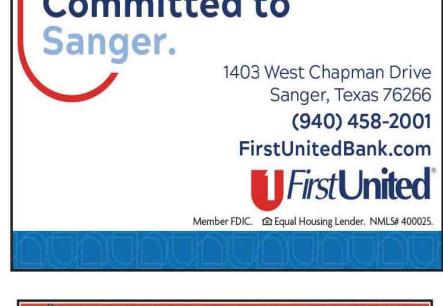
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Places up for City and School Board Elections

As of Wednesday, January 28th morning, the seats for mayor and city council Place 2 and Place 4 remain empty for the May 2, 2026 local election. The first day to file for council/mayor seats for the City of Sanger and school board trustees was Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Open places on the council are Place 2 - Gary

Bilyeu and Place 4 - Allen Chick. Bilyeu has been on the council since 2010 and Chick's first term started in 2014. Mayor Thomas Muir announced last week he will not seek another term. He's been Mayor since May of 2010.

Sanger ISD has three places up on the ballot: Place 7 - Bruce Elsey, Place 6 - Mitch Hammonds and

Place 1 - Jarrod Roberts. As of January 28, Drew Hall, an SHS alum, home builder and realtor turned in his packet for Place 1.

The last day to file is Friday, February 13 at the close of business. Applications are available at City Hall and Sanger ISD Administration buildings.

NOTE: City and School offices were still closed this week after press deadline for the Sanger News.

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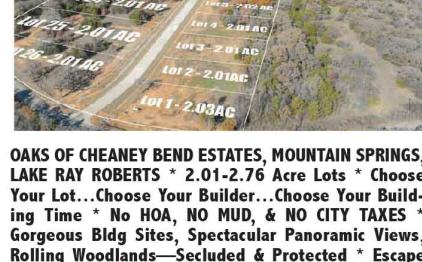
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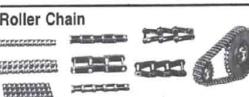
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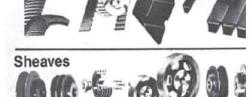
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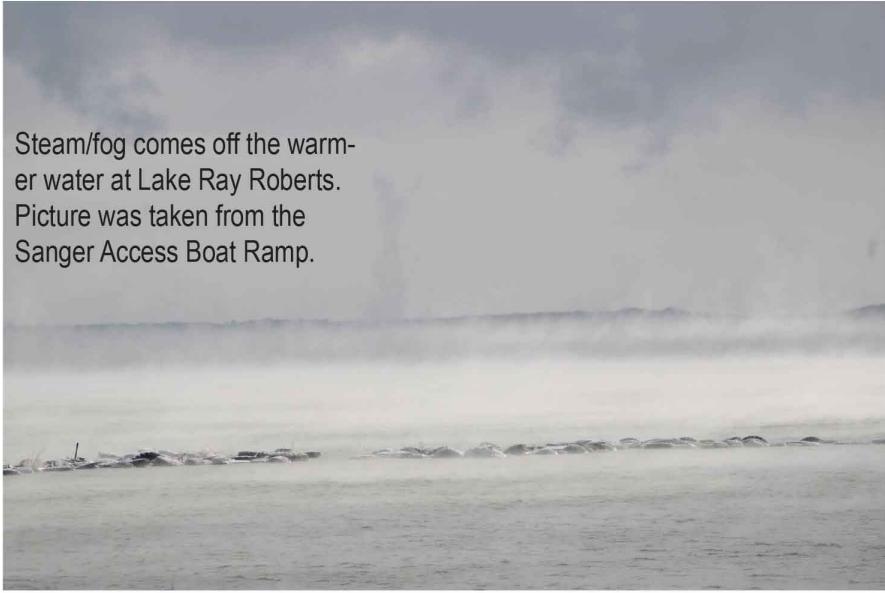
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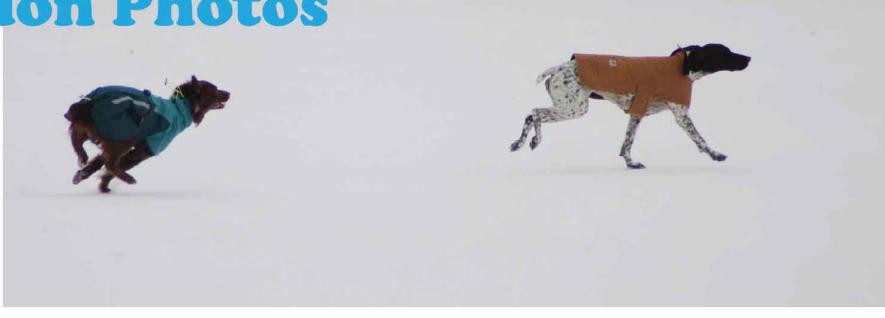
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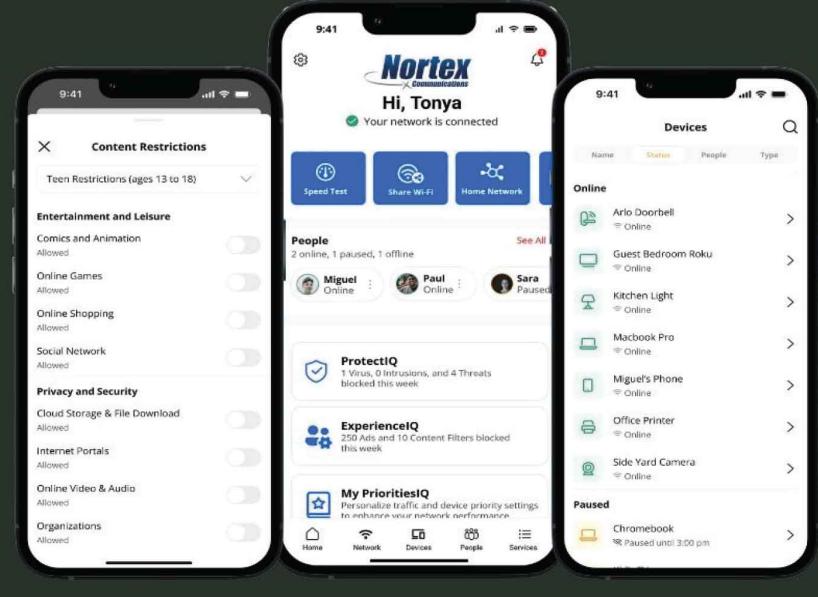
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