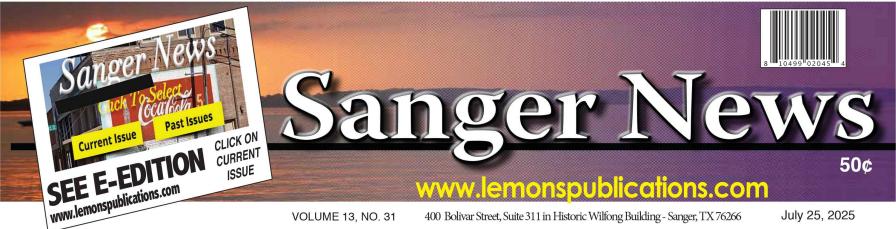


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## New Sanger High School opening creates campus shuffle

This summer has been incredibly busy for Sanger facility, The Sanger News ISD administrators as they prepare for the transition to a new facility. The pus designed to serve a dinew Sanger High School is gearing up for its Welcome Back Campus Night for college or entering a on Wednesday, July 30, where students will have the opportunity to explore the impressive new building. The campus is set to welcome students on the first day of school, Monday, August 4, though final construction touch-ups will continue throughout the first month.

According to Superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunthave a day and a half for staff development to give them time to settle in, unpack, and prepare their ence, and Welding. classrooms. Dr. Hunter emphasizes the importance of "patience" during a few photos of the new this busy time for teachers, students, and parents. With a new campus opening, the usual chaos of the publications.com for those first week is sure to be ameager to get an inside look. plified.

"The new high school will open on time. Final inspections on everything in the main building are underway this week. The athletic field house inspections should be completed next week and students will have full access of the campus," said Hunter.

Having toured the new found it to be a phenomenal, state-of-the-art camverse student population, whether they are preparing trade. The high school offers a wide range of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, including Animal Science, Audio & Video Production, Automotive Technology, Business Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Education and Training, Engineering (including Robotics and er, SHS teachers will only Drone technology), Emergency Services, Exercise & Wellness, Graphic Design, Health Sciences, Plant Sci-

> In this week's edition, The Sanger News features high school and will be uploading many more to the website at www.lemons-



# Texas Education Agency to release schools' 2024 performance ratings after court ruling

## Sanger ISD anticipates another good grade

cy can release its 2024 ratprevious ruling in a legal battle that has stretched nearly two years.

the release of last year's accountability scores over missioner's authority. In a concerns about education officials rolling out an automated computer system that "it is time for local to grade the state's standardized tests.

Republicans by Gov. Greg Abbott granted the state approval to release the 2024 scores ly unclear when the state after doing the same for 2023 ratings in April. Previously, it ruled that TEA

A state appeals court Commissioner Mike Morearlier this month ruled ath did not overstep his authe Texas Education Agen- thority when he changed the college readiness metings of the state's school rics that help determine districts, overturning a schools' performance rat-

This time, the court similarly found "no evi-Several Texas school dence" supporting claims districts had sued against that issuing the 2024 ratings went beyond the comwritten opinion, Chief Justice Scott Brister declared courts to stop obstructing those policies," while ac-On July 3, the 15th knowledging how Texans Court of Appeals — all rely on the accountabiliappointed ty system to assess public school performance.

> It was not immediateplans to release the 2024



Texas Education Agency

several years without a complete set of school districts did not get ratings at all in 2020 or 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. And in 2022, Texas lawmakers spared schools with low ratings from releasing the scores or sanctioning them so they could recover from COVID-19-related learning disruptions.

to know:

background: How Texas school districts for life after high school.

has been a con-

The state announced schools would

need to meet stricter ratings. Texas schools and benchmarks to get a good rating on its accountability system, which grades them on an A-F scale. High schools can now only get an A if 88% of their seniors enrolled in college, pursued a non-college career or entered the military. That benchmark used

to be at 60%. The state says strict-Here's what you need er benchmarks will mean ministered almost entirely schools will be required online and wouldn't have to better prepare students so many multiple choice

performance districts generally agree with the tention point goal, they argued for the last two that the state is moving the needle too fast.

The ratings in 2023 that that public schools receive are also in part based on how their students do

sessments of Academic Readiness, an annual statewide standardized test that measures students' understanding of state-mandated core curriculum.

Texas legislators required the TEA to redesign the STAAR test by 2023 so it could be adquestions. Following the Families have gone should be graded for their And while Texas school redesign, the TEA moved



on the State of Texas As- to use computers to grade students' written answers.

Why Texas schools sued the first time: More than 120 school districts sought to block the release of 2023 performance ratings, arguing that the TEA had not given them enough notice before introducing stricter college readiness standards. Sanger ISD was not one of the districts that sued the first or second time, according to Super-

(Continued on pg. 9)



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## **OBITUARIES.**

### Brian Rush Giddens

April 16, 1973 - July 14, 2025

Brian Rush Giddens, age 52, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in Sanger, Texas.

Born on April 16, 1973, in Shreveport, Louisiana, Brian was a true outdoorsman, a passionate cook, and someone who never met a stranger and had enormous love for his family. He is survived by his wife, Bendy Giddens, and their daughter, Lauren Giddens, who was the light of his life. He is also survived by his parents, Linda Neubig and Robert Giddens; his siblings Michael Giddens, Kurt Neubig, and Robert (Robbie) Giddens; and his stepmother, Mary Giddens. He was



preceded in death by his stepfather, Henry Neubig.

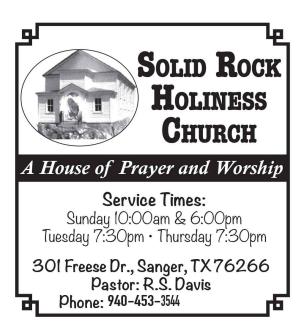
Brian earned a degree in Printing Technology from Danville Community College and built a successful 24year career as a regional manager and technical sales representative for Kiwo. Known for his strong work ethic and integrity, he was respected by colleagues and

In his 20s, Brian spent countless hours at Departure Bikes, a Harley shop run by his close friend Travis Clemens, who passed away years ago. Though he didn't officially work there, Brian was always around working on his bike, helping out, or just being part of the scene. We'd like to believe that somewhere out there, Brian and Travis are back in the garage together, trading stories and firing up engines like old times.

Whether he was duck hunting at sunrise, fishing, cruising on his Harley, or cooking up a big batch of Louisiana food, Brian was in his element. He loved live music, good company, and sharing stories and laughter at any social gathering. If there was music, a grill, or a group of friends nearby, Brian was right where he belonged.

Per his wishes, Brian will be cremated. His life will be celebrated privately by family and friends at a future

Services have been entrusted to Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please share a memory or offer condolences in the online guest book at www.cokerfuneralhome.com.





## Donna Jean (Beaver) Stroud

November 3, 1941 - July 16, 2025

Donna Jean (Beaver) Stroud, age 83, passed away on July 16, 2025 in Denton, Texas. She was a retired teacher's aide with the Dallas Independent School District. Donna was born on November 3, 1941 in Pittsburg, Kansas to Minnie (Smith) and John Beaver.

Donna grew up in Pittsburgh, Kansas where she enjoyed singing at her local Nazarene church. She graduated from Pittsburgh High School.

After graduation Donna made her home in Mesquite, Texas where she raised her 2 daughters, LaDawn and Kami. She began a long career working in the Dallas School district, where she worked with children

in speech therapy and ESL. She enjoyed playing piano and organ at her local church. Donna was a long time member of the Church of the Nazarene.

After retiring she moved to Denton where she enjoyed being around family (especially her great-grandson Thomas), as well as reading and watching Westerns.

She is survived by a daughter, LaDawn Cooper and husband, Wayne of Denton; her grandson, Matthew Cooper of Denton, her granddaughter, Crystal Porter and her husband Jeff and great-grandson, Thomas of Denton, her son-in-law, Tony Martin of Paris, Texas and a brother, Gary Beaver of Ellenwood, GA, as well as many nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Minnie, a sister Lorene, brothers Ken and Keith and her daughter, Kami.

Graveside services were held at Sanger Cemetery, 525 McReynolds Road, Sanger, TX on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 2 pm. Services were conducted by Rev. Ken

### **Brent Noles**

August 31, 1960 - July 14, 2025

Brent Noles, 64 of Era, Texas formerly of Navo, Texas, passed away Monday, July 14, 2025, at Medical City Hospital of Dallas. He was born August 31, 1960

at Flow Memorial Hospital in Denton to Tommy Wilson and Regina Cotter Noles. He attended Denton Public Schools. He was a Methodist and a member of the former Elm Ridge church

Following high school, Brent worked for several area employers, including the Pilot Point Sale Barn, the Hudspeth family, W.B. Hudspeth, Martindale Feed, Noles Enterprises LLC of Denton, and Fulton Supply & Recycling Inc., both in Denton and Gainesville. He was also a long-

time supporter of the Denton County Youth Fair. Brent deeply loved family. In his later years, he spent his time working with and caring for his father, TW. They shared a love for cattle and farming. He also had a passion for trucking and spent many years hauling various types of

The family was at DeBerry Funeral Directors on Sunday, July 20, 2025, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for visita-

tion. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 10:30 am in the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors with Brant Carpenter officiating. Brent was laid to rest at the Zion Cemetery in Little Elm.

Brent is survived by his father Tommy Wilson "TW" Noles of Era, sister, Karen Bryant and husband Jason of Harrison, AR, sister, Sandy Noles and husband John of Jacksboro, TX, brother, Steve Evans of Pilot Point, TX, brother-in-law Jerry Scott of Alpena, AR, daughter Kari Shea Hawkins and husband Kyle of Denton TX, Grandchildren, Kylee and Karsten Hawkins. Dad, Biff Summers of Alpena, AR. and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

The Pallbearers were David Sanders, Todd Reider, Rodney Fuller, Rodney Dennis, Tommy Allen, Justin Roberts, Brady Ewton, & Beau Ewton.

Brent was preceded in death by his mother Regina Kathryn Summers; his mom Edna Noles; and sisters, Debbie Evans and Kathy Scott.

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# **Stephen Baker statue fundraising continues**

The Sanger Area Historical Society is continuing to at The Stephen Baker Field at Indian Stadium. Their plans are to raise funds until December 1, 2025 and have the statue installed for the beginning of the 2026/2027 season. They have raised just over \$30,000 and 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.

### STEPHEN BAKER MEMORIAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS As of 7/14/2025

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Ed Yeary	Silver
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Roy and Reni Moore	Bronze
Richard Muir	Bronze
Dickie and Pat Sharber Scoggin	Bronze
Betty Frizzell Hood and Patsy Frizzell	Bronze
Vickie Cole Jenkins	Silver
Bill Harberson	Silver
Jim & Brenda Holder Chism	Bronze
Sue Isbell Hess	Silver
Craig Waggoner (Red Barn Quilt Store)	Bronze
James Hopp (JW Hopp Associates)	Bronze
Linda Harvey Hewlett	Silver
Wilma and Robert Howard	Bronze
Danny Davis	Bronze
Darlene and Ronnie Sanders	Bronze
Amber Whitworth Spigner	Bronze
Glenna Cole Kirkpatrick	Bronze
Tom and Linda Horst	Bronze
Mary Cook Hampton	Bronze
Kathy Blackburn Mims	Bronze
Vickie Lowrey	Bronze
Wesley and Sandra Travelstead Atchison	Silver
Beverly McReynolds Click	Bronze
Barbara McSpedden Berryman	Bronze
Mike and Patti Pennington	Bronze
Keith Ann and Tommy Marshall	Bronze
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Kyle and Norma Nelson	Bronze
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Deborah and Joe Roeder	Bronze
Don & Louann Gillum	Silver
Brenna Brown Hall	Bronze

Below are the contributors that have donated toraise funds for a statue to memorialize Stephen Baker wards this effort. They are reaching out to those that have not donated and wish to do so, or you may want to consider donating additional funds. SAHS is a non-profit organization and your donation will be tax deductible. Checks may be sent to:

> Sanger Area Historical Society c/o Stephen Baker Fund 211 N. 5th Street Sanger, Texas 76266 Or PayPal:



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Patricia and Larry Harberson	Silver
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Tammy and Jack Armstrong	Bronze
Mike Martin	Silver
Tracy Payne (in memory of sister, Amber Payne)	Bronze
Joe and Patsy Howard	Bronze
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Joe Spratt	Silver
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Where: 300 Bolivar St

(At the Sanger Chamber of Commerce building)

Crime methods have changed. Thieves don't have to come into your home or rob you on the street. Cyber Crimes, including all forms of identity theft, continue to rise and their main targets are often in the Senior Citizen age group. Their scams target those with weaker backgrounds using today's technology or that have strong family values that they can manipulate using their fake scenarios. With new threats popping up (fake jury summons, QR codes scams) and the growing threat of AI generated material, we need to take the time to <u>learn how we can become less of a target and protect ourselves</u> (family and friends) and our investments.

Agenda:

5:00-5:30 Mix and Mingle

6:00 – 7:00 pm Presentation including Q & A

7:00 pm -7:30pm

Door prize drawings and closing (must be present to win)

## What the New Federal Tax Provisions Mean for You

Now that the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" has become federal law, and there are a number of there is a lot to unpack for other changes that could American taxpayers and investors. Here, we'll focus ers. Here's a closer look: on the tax impacts.

extending tive minimum tax (AMT) per individual and \$30 million for married couples in ing expenses. 2026).

But as the name of the law says, the act is "big," impact American taxpay-

Individuals: For starters, the law new law delivers several permanently extends cer- changes that can help intain major tax provisions dividuals further reduce from the 2017 Tax Cuts their taxes, including the and Jobs Act (TCJA) that temporary ability for taxwere set to expire at the payers below certain inend of this year, such as come thresholds to deduct portions of income for inlower income tax rates dividuals age 65 or older, cap, which is subject to for individuals, the high- overtime pay, qualified tips er standard deduction, and interest on qualified the expanded child tax passenger-vehicle loans; a credit, the higher alterna- slightly higher charitable the mortgage interest decontribution deduction for duction and the termiexemption and phase-in non-itemizers beginning thresholds, and the higher in 2026 (\$1,000 for single federal estate, gift and gen- filers and \$2,000 for joint ditionally, there are new eration-skipping transfer returns); and greater flex-tax exemption (\$15 million ibility to use 529 accounts for K-12 and homeschool-

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certain TCJA provisions that limit or eliminate some tax benefits, like the elimination of personal exemptions, limits on the state and local tax deduction (albeit with a higher phaseout, through 2029), limits on the amount and type of loans eligible for nation of miscellaneous itemized deductions. Adchanges that could increase taxes for some individuals, such as a new 35% rate cap on itemized The act also extends deductions and a new floor

for itemized deductions of charitable contributions, both beginning in 2026, as well as the elimination of several clean-energy cred-

Businesses: The new law extends or enhances several tax benefits that could help firms up and down Main Street, as well as America's farmers. For example, it permanently extends TCJA's "qualified business income" deduction (often referred to as "199A deduction") for individuals who own "pass-through" businesses (businesses other than sole proprietorships for which owners report business income on their individual tax returns) and increases phase-in thresholds for the deduction, which may allow more individuals to qualify.

full amount of qualified leave benefits. domestic research and calculating business interest limitations, permasion of depreciation and assess specific situations. amortization expenses in the limitation base.

Additionally, small business owners and farmers may benefit from an increase to the allowable expense for qualifying

It also permanently property from \$1 million reinstates the 100% bo- to \$2.5 million, potentially nus depreciation deduc- enabling them to expense tion for qualifying assets more business equipment placed into service after purchases. And, finally, Jan. 19, 2025; permanent- the act extends or enhancly reinstates the ability es tax credits for employfor small businesses to er-provided childcare and immediately deduct the paid family and medical

Individuals and busidevelopment (R&D) ex- nesses can use additional penses in the year they're tax savings to meet curincurred (which may be rent expenses or toward a retroactively applied for financial goal, like saving qualifying small business- for retirement or moving es); and for purposes of forward with a business expansion. Consider consulting financial, tax, and nently reinstates the exclu- legal professionals to help

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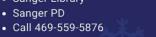
# SANGER POLICE **DEPARTMENT** BLUE SANTA PROGRAM

The Sanger Blue Santa Program is a heartfelt initiative dedicated to supporting atrisk students in Sanger ISD. In collaboration with Sanger ISD and the Sanger Education Foundation, this program ensures that students identified by school counselors receive essential items such as pillows, blankets, and toiletries, along with a couple of special gifts from their wish lists. Blue Santa is more than just a holiday effort-it's a way for our community to come together and show these students that they are cared for and supported.

We've made donating to Blue Santa simple and convenient! Whether you're able to contribute a little or a lot, every donation helps bring comfort and joy to a child in need. You can make a secure online donation by scanning the QR code or dropping off new unwrapped toys or essentials at one of the many drop-off locations in the City.

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- · Uptown Rail Brewery
- Vintage Variety
- Lions Club
- Sanger Library





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## Christmas in July is here!

As you're scoring great deals during the Christmas in July sales, don't forget about the kiddos who need a little extra cheer this holiday season! The Sanger Blue Santa Program is already preparing to support at-risk students in Sanger ISD with essential items and a few special gifts. While you're shopping, consider picking up an extra toy or gift card to donate, or make a quick online donation to help make this Christmas unforgettable for a local child in need.

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## **2025 Schedule** of Events:



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October 7 National Night Out

Fall Clean-Up Day October 11

October 25 Sanger Sellabration

Safe Spook October 31 December 1-5 5 Days of Christmas

December 5 Festival of Trees

Christmas on the Square & Parade December 6

Holiday Stroll December 6

December 19 Chamber Holiday Mixer



Please join us in welcoming Officer Kyleigh McBride to our Sanger Police Department family. Officer McBride has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at Arlington. Before attending the police academy, she received experience as a communications officer for 10 months with the Parker County Sheriff's Office. Officer McBride is the first one in her family to be in law enforcement. Officer McBride looks forward to serving the community of Sanger to the best of her abilities. She's excited to learn and make an impact on our community. "This job is so rewarding due to the heart of our work and the chance to make a difference in someone's life. Today I have sworn to protect and serve this community and I thank everyone who has helped me get this far."



We're excited to officially welcome Morgan Miller as the new Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Sanger!

Originally from Little Elm, Morgan brings a passion for community growth, a background in marketing and event planning, and a strong commitment to helping local businesses thrive. She



holds a BBA in Marketing from Stephen F. Austin State University and previously interned with the Little Elm EDC - making her no stranger to supporting dynamic communities.

In her new role, Morgan will focus on strengthening Sanger's local economy, attracting new opportunities, and ensuring our city continues to be a great place to live, work, and do business.

When she's not working with business owners and community partners, you'll likely find her reading or spending time with family and friends.

Please join us in giving Morgan a warm Sanger welcome — she's excited to meet you and ready to make an impact!



## Stay in the know, Sanger!

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# Welcome Back NIGHT

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9th Grade and New SISD HS Students: 6:00-7:30 PM

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Bad Weather Makeup
May 8 / May 15
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Aug. 4 / May 21

Campus	Doors Open	First	Last
Instruction Hours	Breakfast	Bell	Bell
Chisholm Trail Elementary	7:10	7:40	3:55
Butterfield Elementary	7:10	7:40	3:55
Clear Creek Elementary	7:10	7:40	3:55
Linda Tutt High School	7:10	7:40	3:55
Sanger Middle School	7:30	7:55	4:10
Sanger High School	7:30	7:55	4:10

## {Grading Periods}

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1st Nine Weeks	Aug. 4 - Oct. 9
2nd Nine Weeks	Oct. 13 - Dec. 18
3rd Nine Weeks	Jan. 6 - Mar. 5

Student Days: 153 4th Nine Weeks Mar. 16 - May 21

** Important Dates **			
Meet the Teacher	July 31		
Parent/Teacher Conference	Oct. 10		
LTHS Graduation	TBD		
SHS Graduation	TBD		

Holidays			
Labor Day	Sept. 1		
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24 - 28		
Christmas Break	Dec. 22 - Jan. 5		
MLK Day	Jan. 19		
Spring Break	Mar. 9 - 13		



Just an FYI and Reminder! As we gear up for the new school year, don't forget the school start and stop times. Here's to making sure kids are on time and ready to learn! Let's start the year off strong.



(Continued from pg. 1)

the old middle school. Additionally, Tenderfoot, the district daycare, is

now housed in the former ic wing. Linda Tutt High School, which has become the new school approaching, be CTE Cosmetology build-sure to check out the school program has moved to the in this week's edition of

With the start of ing. Meanwhile, the CTE calendar and stay informed Automotive Technology about all announcements



The Lecture Hall at the new SHS. The bar/style tops still need to be installed in front of the chairs.



One of the science labs at the new high school.



This is the standard style of classroom at the new SHS.



This is one of the four serving stations at the cafeteria.



The new SHS Library







The 2025-2026 School Year is right around the corner! Parents, you can find a complete list of your child's school supplies via the following link: https://www.sangerisd.net/studentspar.../school-supply-lists.



Attention all 9th-12th grade **Bass Fishermen and** Fisherwomen:

happening Thursday, July 24th @ 5:00PM **SMS Lecture Hall** 100 Indian Lane

### SHS Bass Fishing Team Meeting

Attention all 9th-12th grade Bass Fishermen and Fisherwomen: Come learn about the upcoming fishing tournament season! We will discuss tournaments, jerseys, and it will be the last date to sign up for membership for the upcoming season. The first tournament is right around the corner!

Whether you wish to join the team or have any inquiries, please feel free to contact Mike Picha at mike.picha@sangerisd.net. See you at the meeting!



### Trooper is ready for the school year!

"As we (SISD) gear up for the first day of school, Trooper, our K9 Detection Officer, is set to begin working across all Sanger ISD campuses. He'll assist with safety checks and help us maintain a secure environment for students and staff. Trooper will regularly be on campuses throughout the year as part of our ongoing commitment to safety! We look forward to seeing him in action soon!"

#TEAMSanger #CampusSafety #K9Officer #community-



# **BACK TO SCHOOL DATES**



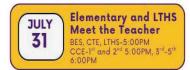
New and Returning JULY **Elementary Students** 22-23, On Campus Registration Dates

Returning SMS and SHS JULY Students On Campus 22-23 **Registration Dates** 

New SMS and SHS JULY Students On Campus Registration Dates-**Appointments Required** 











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- All Sanger ISD students have the opportunity to take a multi-year sequence of courses.
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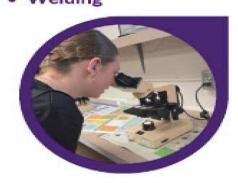


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Sanger ISD is building futureready students and expanding CTE programs by evaluating labor market demands and student interests. Scan this QR code to learn more!





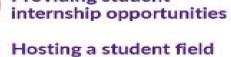
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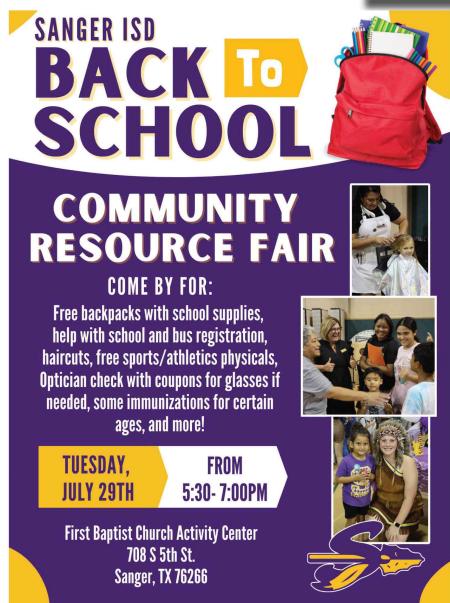
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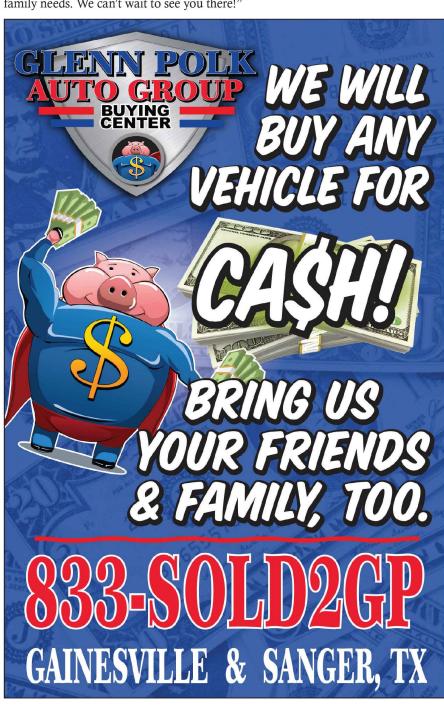


Sponsoring a CTE program



### Sanger ISD Back-to-School Community Resource Fair!

Hey Sanger community, join us on Tuesday, July 29th from 5:30-7:00 PM at the First Baptist Church Activity Center (708 S. 5th St., Sanger) for our annual Backto-School Community Resource Fair! • This FREE event includes: • Free backpacks with school supplies • Help with school & bus registration • Free haircuts Free sports/athletics physicals • Vision screenings + coupons for glasses ... and more! "Let's kick off the school year together with the support and resources your family needs. We can't wait to see you there!'



## **TEA scores**

(Continued from pg. 1) intendent, Dr. Tommy

Hunter.

The ratings were initially held up when a Travis County judge court sided with the school districts in October 2023. The appeals court ruling in April allowed the agency to share those school performance grades.

Texas law "requires the Commissioner to solicit input from school boards. administrators, teachers, and parents in establishing and implementing this system. But it also gives him broad discretion that, along with the general immunity from suit provided to all state officials, was intended to keep academic ratings 'out of the courts,'" the court's opinion in April read.

Sanger ISD celebrated a "B" Rating when they were released in April, higher than Ponder, Krum, Valley View, Gainesville, Pilot Point and Denton. Aubrey had a "B" as well.

Why Texas schools sued a second time: In a second legal battle over the A-F rating system, Texas school district leaders questioned the validity of STAAR results since an automated system started scoring them last year. They say low scores on STAAR's reading section are because of the new grading tool, not necessarily because of students' skills or teachers' perfor-

As a result, school district leaders contended, the STAAR test cannot be trusted to produce fair grades of school districts' performance. They said TEA needs to get a third party to review the test.

around," said Nick Maddox, an attorney representing the school districts. "The trend for all school decreased fairly significantly. We believe that the issue is this test itself."

But the court ultimately ruled against them. The court stated, in part, that districts showed no evidence demonstrating how automated scoring is invalid and unreliable.

It was immediately the appeal court's July 3 ruling allowing for the release of 2024 scores.

phone interview on Tuesfrom the TEA of the 2024 scores but not a final acdoes not anticipate a drop from "B" according to the testing results the district received. They are very similar to those in April. "It's an exciting time for Sanger ISD right now," he that initiate lawsuits.

ability system matters: school every year based on their students' standarddemic growth. The TEA also looks at their progress on closing racial and socioeconomic achievement Parents rely on the rat-

ing system to see how successful school districts are and to decide where to enroll their kids.

For schools, a bad consequences. If a failing sues. score leads to families leaving the district, that means Most information in this less money for the school

itself, the changes were to student attendance. fairly radical this time Consecutive years with a failing grade could trigger a state takeover, like the one at Houston ISD.

Texas lawmakers' redistricts is that scores have sponse to the lawsuits: The Legislature this year proposed legislation to deter districts from using legal channels to challenge the ratings system. The bill would have also swapped the often-criticized STA-AR test for three shorter tests given throughout the school year.

In the end, the prounclear whether the dis- posal died in the last days tricts will seek to challenge of the 2025 state legislative session after the Texas House and Senate failed to agree on what they wanted Dr. Hunter said in a out of the bill.

The Senate wanted to day, the Sanger ISD dis-solidify the Texas Educatrict has received grades tion Agency commissioner's authority to set stricter standards for the ratings countability rating. He system. And to discourage schools from taking legal action again, the upper chamber's version of the bill gave the education chief authority to appoint a conservator to districts

The House version, Why the A-F account- meanwhile, required the TEA to get approval from Each school district and the Legislature before making major changes to the ratings system. And it ized test scores and aca- left an avenue for districts to sue the TEA in the future, while setting up a fast-track court process so those lawsuits would not halt the release of the rat-

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article provided by The Texas 'The STAAR test since state funding is tied Tribune for the Sanger News.



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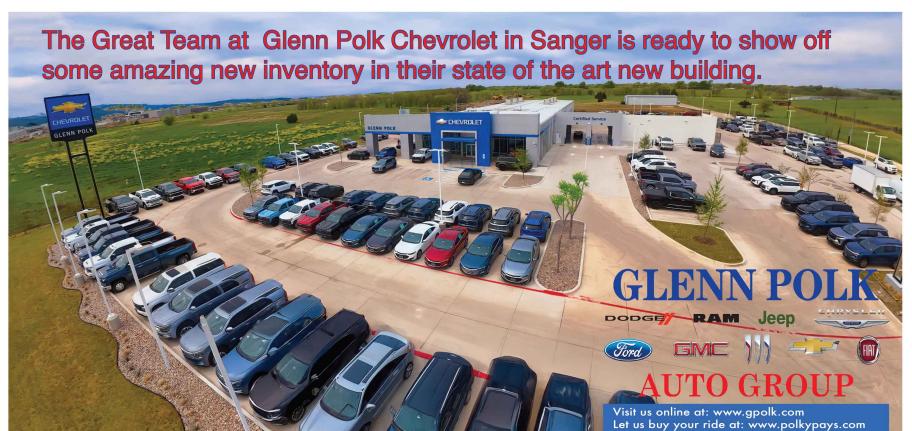
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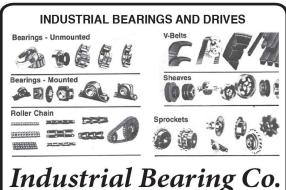
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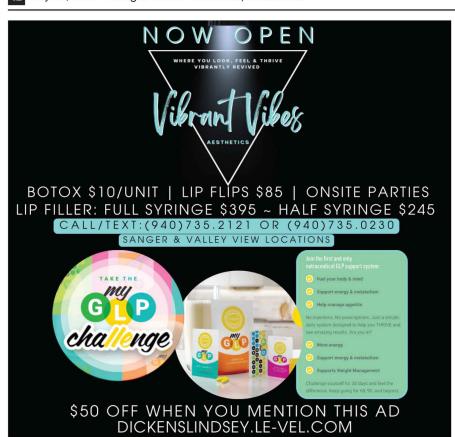
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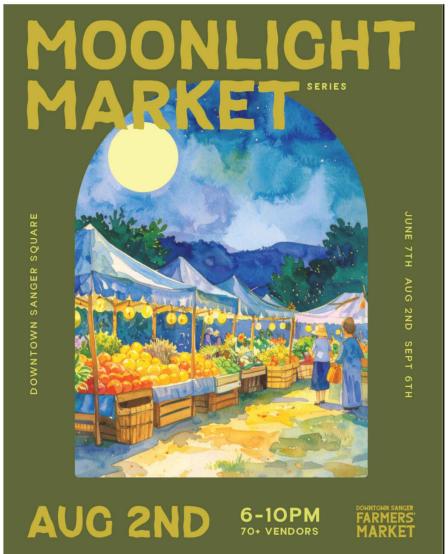


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