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A Legacy forever remembered - Stephen Rory Baker

It was a special and emotional moment at Indian Stadium as the community gathered for the unveiling of the Stephen Rory Baker bronze statue at Stephen Baker Field on Friday evening before the SHS Homecoming Football Game — honoring a young man whose story has remained part of Sanger for more than 60 years.

Stephen Rory Baker was just 16 years old and beginning his junior year at Sanger High School when tragedy struck on August 27, 1964. Wearing #10 as quarterback for the Sanger Indians, Stephen suffered a critical brain injury during a quarterback-sneak play in a preseason scrimmage. He was taken to Parkland Hospital in Dallas, where doctors performed surgery, but Stephen passed away early on August 29.

His loss deeply affected Sanger. The community grieved together, came together, and in the years that followed, made sure Stephen would never be forgotten.

The athletic field was named Stephen Baker Field in his honor, and generations of Sanger Indians have competed on the field that carries his name. His legacy also continues through the Stephen Baker Memorial Scholarship, awarded through the

Sanger Education Foundation to students who embody school pride and tradition.

Now, more than six decades later, Stephen's legacy has been captured in bronze.

The statue was made possible by the generosity of individuals, families, and businesses throughout our community who helped make this lasting tribute a reality. Their support is recognized on a donor plaque displayed alongside the statue, forever connecting those who helped preserve Stephen's story with the legacy they helped honor.

In many ways, it is fitting that this memorial was made possible by the community. Stephen's story brought Sanger together more than 60 years ago, and once again, the community came together to ensure his story will continue to be told.

The statue at Indian Stadium is more than a memorial. It is a connection between Sanger's past, present, and future — a reminder of a young man, a family, a community brought together through tragedy, and a story that has continued to inspire generations.

For those who knew Stephen, SISD hopes this brings back special memories. For those who are learning his story for the



first time, SISD hopes they help ensure his legacy continues for generations to come.

Once an Indian, Always an Indian.

"A heartfelt thanks to everyone that worked and donated from the smallest donations to the donors that have gone way above expectations," said Chet Switzer, a classmate of Baker.

Also thanks to Sanger ISD Superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter, Jennie Flaa (Deputy Superintendent) and the SISD School Board for their support and backing.

If you donated to the memorial, you are recognized on a 54"×35" granite donor board next to the statue," he added.

Baker's football teammates,

classmates and folks that remember Stephen were there for the unveiling. Also, some distant relatives were on hand, as well.

Stephen's parents Clifford Roy and Jimmie Naomi (Green) Baker passed away many years ago. Stephen's sister Alice Elaine (Baker) Hopkins-Kerr passed away April 27, 2017.

Murder suspect identified in police chase near Sanger

A suspect in a Plano murder investigation suspect is dead after leading police on a chase just north of Sanger.

Plano police have identified the victim and suspect involved in Sunday night's homicide on Lakestream Drive. Police say officers were called at 10:15 p.m. Sunday to the 1100 block of Lakestream Drive in reference to a shooting incident.

When officers made it to the scene, they found 32-year-old Tashley Gateley, who had multiple gunshot wounds. Plano Fire-Rescue on scene declared Gateley dead at the scene.

On Monday, police say while following up on an investigative lead, officers were able to find and began watching a grey Dodge Charger belonging to the suspect, 31-year-old William Ralph Grundy, in another city. Grundy

was reportedly Tashley's ex-boyfriend.

Police kept watching Grundy until an arrest warrant was issued that day.

At about 9:50 a.m. Monday, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers assisted the Plano Police Department and U.S. Marshals Service to conduct a traffic stop on a Dodge Charger driven by Grundy, the department said in a press release.

Troopers initiated a traffic stop in the northbound lanes of I-35 near Sanger, but Grundy refused to stop and led troopers in a pursuit.

Officials say during the chase, Grundy fired shots toward officers.

The chase eventually ended near the Cooke-Denton County line when Grundy's car crashed into the center median and caught fire.

The Sanger Fire De-



partment responded to the scene to put out the fire. Grundy was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Texas Rangers are investigating the case.

According to Valley View Police, they were called at about 10 a.m. to assist in a chase in Denton County headed northbound on Interstate 35 toward Cooke County. They said they were told the chase involved a suspect

wanted in connection with a murder investigation in Plano, and that a Texas State Trooper tried to stop the driver, but the driver fired at the trooper and tried to escape.

Plano Police told NBC 5 the driver crashed along I-35 between View and Chisam roads in northern Denton County, north of Sanger and south of Valley View.

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Oma Elizabeth Richardson

November 29, 1937 - September 6, 2026

Oma Elizabeth Richardson, 88, of Lewisville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 6, 2026.

Born in Dallas, Texas on November 29, 1937, Oma was the daughter of Leslie William Shafer and Juanita Elizabeth "Tootsie" (Marshall) Shafer. She grew up in Carrollton and graduated from Carrollton High School, now known as R. L. Turner High School.

On August 2, 1958, Oma married Jack Benton Richardson, Sr. at the Farmers Branch Church of Christ. Together they built a loving home and raised six children. They shared forty-three years of marriage until Jack's passing in 2002.

Oma worked at Durham Transportation and gave twenty-five years of service before retiring. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Lewisville and attended faithfully until her health no longer permitted.

Oma was preceded in death by her parents Leslie and Tootsie Shafer; two children, Serena Elizabeth Richardson, and Charlie Richardson; and three siblings, Marshall Patsy Mitchell, William Leslie Shafer, and Jim Shafer.

Remaining to cherish her memory are her children, Jack Benton Richardson, Jr. of Haslet, William Slade "Bill" Richardson, James Marshall Richardson and wife Sandy of Tucson, AZ, and Daniel Foster Richardson of Oak Point. Oma is also survived by five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, Paul J. Sears and children Payton Sears and Krew Sears; Nicole Sears and children Azlynn Bigham and Gatlin Bigham; Brittini Borel and children Teagan Borel and stepson Klayton Borel; Sheyenne Brumbelow and children Wells Brumbelow and one on the way; and Carly Richardson who has one son.

A visitation for Oma was held from 9:30 am to 10:00 am on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. A graveside service followed at 10:30 am at Bolivar Cemetery, located four miles West of Sanger on FM455.

Services were entrusted to Coker Funeral Home of Sanger. You are welcome to offer condolences or share a memory with the Richardson Family at www.coker-funeralhome.com.



Doris Ann Boone

April 21, 1948 - September 14, 2026

Doris Ann Boone passed away on September 14, 2026, in Sanger, Texas. She was born on April 21, 1948, in Muenster, Texas.

Doris will be remembered with love by her family and all who knew her. She is survived by her daughters, Sammi Rojas and her husband Arturo of Plano, Tx., and Chelsea DeBerry and her husband Andy of Krum, Texas. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Micayla Boone, Dale and his wife, Olivia Camp, Helena Smithson, Mason Rojas, and Lia Rojas, as well as her great-granddaughter, Cora. Her family was a lasting part of her life, and her memory will continue to live on through each of them.

She was preceded in death by her father, Lester Epps; her mother, Dorothy Epps; and her brother, Milton Epps.

Doris Ann Boone's life will be cherished in the hearts of those who loved her. May her memory bring comfort and peace to her family in the days ahead.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local Pet Rescue.

Graveside service will be held September 23, 2026 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Spring Creek Cemetery in Gainesville, TX.

Services were entrusted to Bill Deberry Funeral Directors in Denton, TX. Please make online condolences at www.deberryfuneraldirectors.com/



Police chase

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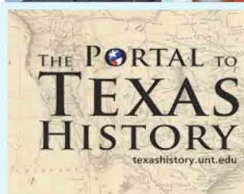
Valley View Police said that after the driver crashed, officers quickly surrounded the vehicle and that there was a standoff. Valley View Police said "during the incident, the suspect vehicle caught fire" and that "the suspect was later confirmed deceased at the scene."

Valley View Police did not say how the car caught fire or speculate about how the person died.

The car was destroyed by fire and scorched grass in the median.

The crash was reported just before 11 a.m. between exits 481 and 482 and had backed up northbound traffic about five miles to exit 477.

Sanger News



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An original copy of a July 23, 1970 Sanger Courier newspaper, collected by the Sanger Historical Society and Sanger Public Library. Original copies are scanned, archived and are searchable in the new digital files.



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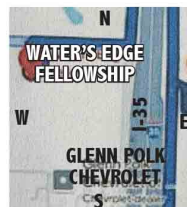
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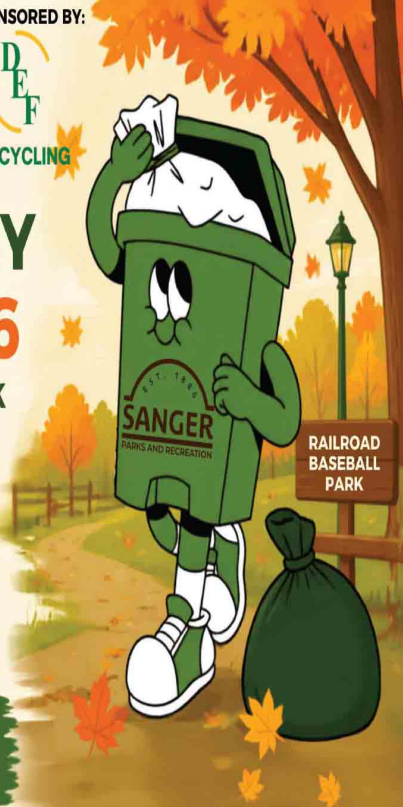
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- Saturday, October 10
•8am - 11am
•Railroad Baseball Park
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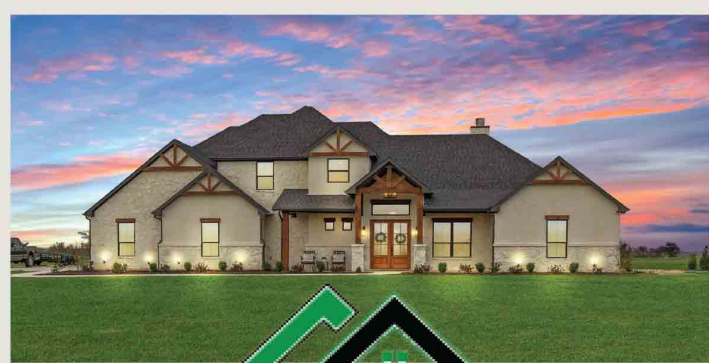
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- Wednesday, September 23, 2026
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- Wednesday, September 30, 2026
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CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS
ORDINANCE 09-29-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANGER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, REGARDING AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF APPROXIMATELY 83.953 ACRES OF TRACT DESCRIBED AS A0199A B.B.B. & C. RR CO. TR 1 AND TR 2; FROM AGRICULTURE TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OF FINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1.109 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECTION 4. 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 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS
ORDINANCE No. 09-27-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANGER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, LEVYING A TAX RATE FOR THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY AND 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 8th day of September 2026.

CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Pursuant to Section 372.009(c) and (d) of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sanger, Texas (" City "), will hold a public hearing to accept public comments and discuss the petition (the " Petition "), filed by Triple T Farms, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership (the " Petitioner "), requesting that the City create the Triple T Ranch Public Improvement District (the " District ") to include property owned by the Petitioner (the " Property ").

Time and Place of the Hearing . The public hearing will start at or after 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 2026 at the regular meeting place of the City Council of the City in the Sanger Historical Church located at 403 North 7th Street, Sanger, Texas, 76266.

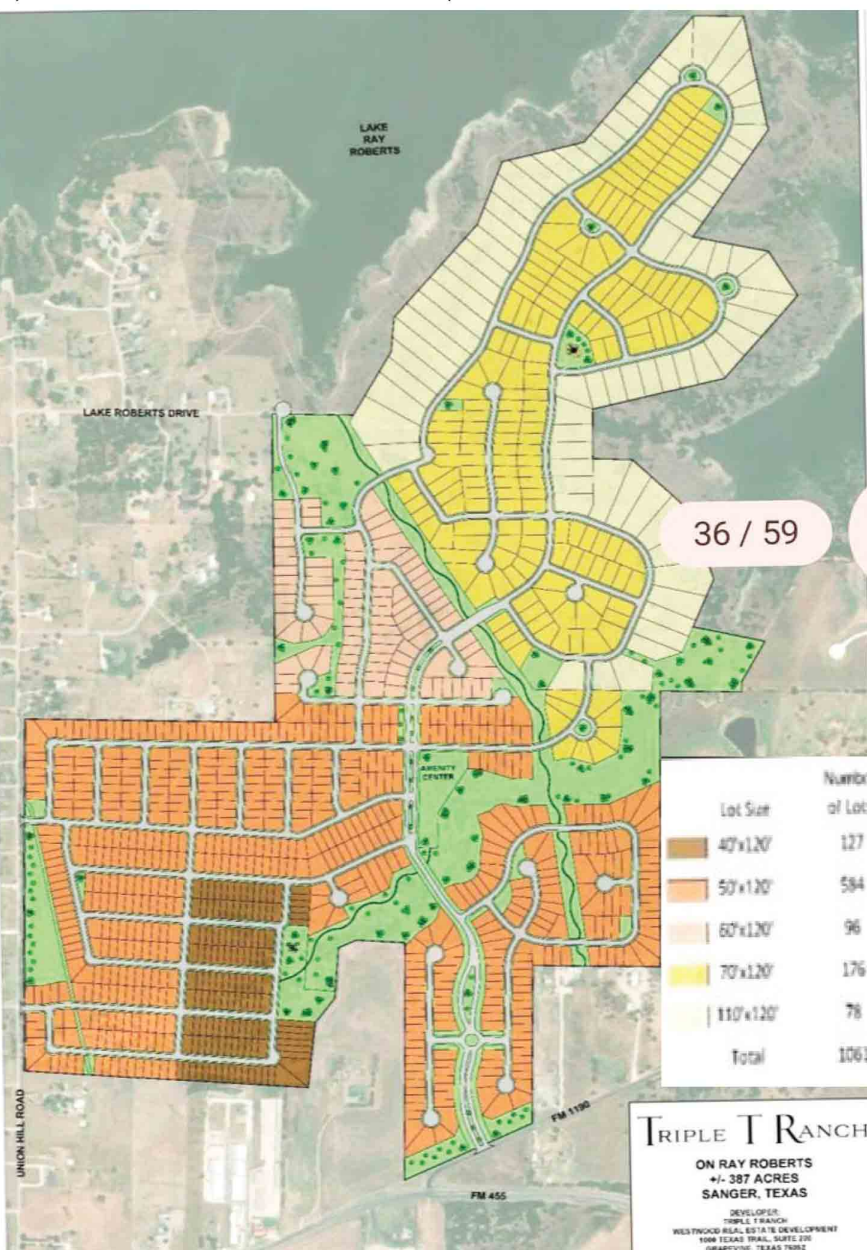
General Nature of the Proposed Authorized Improvements . The purposes of the District include the design, acquisition, construction, and improvement of public improvement projects authorized by the Public Improvement District Assessment Act, codified as Chapter 372, Texas Local Government Code, as amended (the " Act "), that are necessary for the development of the Property assessed, which public improvements may include, but not be limited to: (1) design, construction and other allowed costs related to street and roadway improvements, including related earthwork, sidewalks, drainage, utility relocation, signalization, landscaping, lighting, signage, and rights-of-way; (2) design, construction and other allowed costs related to storm drainage improvements; (3) design, construction and other allowed costs related to water, geothermal water conveyance, wastewater and drainage (including detention) improvements and facilities; (4) design, construction and other allowed costs related to erection of fountains, distinctive lighting and signs, and acquisition and installation of pieces of art; (5) design, construction and other allowed costs related to parks, open space, and recreational improvements, including trails, landscaping, and irrigation related thereto; (6) design, construction and other allowed costs related to projects similar to those listed in subsections (1) - (5) above authorized by the Act, including similar off-site projects that provide a benefit to the Property assessed; (7) payment of expenses incurred in the establishment, administration and operation of the District; and (8) payment of expenses associated with financing such public improvement projects, which may include but are not limited to, costs associated with issuance and sale of revenue bonds secured by assessments levied against the Property (collectively, the " Authorized Improvements "). These Authorized Improvements shall promote the interests of the City and confer a special benefit on the Property assessed.

Estimated Cost of the Authorized Improvements. The estimated cost to design, acquire and construct the Authorized Improvements, including eligible costs related to the establishment, administration and operation of the District and expenses associated with financing Authorized Improvements is \$75,500,000.

Proposed District Boundaries . The District is proposed to include approximately 387.515 acres of land generally located east of Union Hill Road, west of Jones Road, north of Farm to Market Road 1190 and south of Lake Ray Roberts Drive; and as more particularly described by a metes and bounds description available at Sanger City Hall located at 502 Elm Street, Sanger, Texas 76266 and available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Proposed Method of Assessment . City shall levy assessments on each parcel within the District in a manner that results in imposing equal shares of the costs of the Authorized Improvements on property similarly benefited. Each assessment may be paid in full at any time (including accrued and unpaid interest), and certain assessments may be paid in annual installments (including interest and debt). If an assessment is allowed to be paid in installments, then the installments must be paid in amounts necessary to meet annual costs for those Authorized Improvements financed by the assessments and must continue for a period necessary to retire the indebtedness issued to finance or refinance those Authorized Improvements (including interest).

Proposed Apportionment of Cost between the District and City . City will not be obligated to provide any funds to finance the Authorized Improvements, other than from assessments levied on the Property. No municipal property in the District shall be assessed. The Petitioner may also pay certain costs of the Authorized Improvements from other funds available to it as developer of the District.



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Lot Size Number of Lots

- 40'x120' 127
- 50'x120' 584
- 60'x120' 96
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- Total 1061

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CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that public hearing will be held by the City Council in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, Sanger, Texas on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, for the purpose of considering the following:

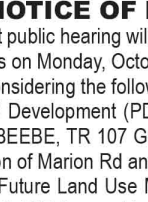
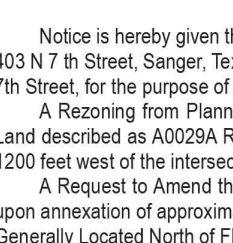
A Rezoning from Planned Development (PD) to Light Industrial (LI) of approximately 202.45 Acres of Land described as A0029A R. BEEBE, TR 107 Generally Located at the South Lois Rd East, approximately 1200 feet west of the intersection of Marion Rd and Lois Rd East.

A Request to Amend the Future Land Use Map from Ranch/Estate Residential to Medium Residential upon annexation of approximately 387 Acres of Land in the R. BEEBE, A-29 and the J. Morton Survey, A-792 Generally Located North of FM 1190 and East of Union Hill Rd.

A Request to Establish Planned Development (PD) Zoning, upon Annexation into the Corporate Limits of the City of Sanger, for approximately 387 acres in the R. Bebee Survey, A-29, and the J. Morton Survey, A-792 Generally Located North of FM 1190 and East of Union Hill Road. All Interested Citizens and Property Owners are Hereby Notified of Their Right to Appear and be Heard on this Matter.

A Replat of Palomino Bay Addition Blk A, Lot 9 and Lot 10, being approximately 4.398 Acres of Land Generally Located on Waters Edge Dr, approximately 375 feet east of the intersection of Lakeway Dr and Waters Edge Dr.

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



When Stress Becomes Something More: Understanding the Emotional Weight We Carry



*Tiffany Stone, LMFT
Owner, New Hope
Counseling Services*

Most people are familiar with the feeling of being stressed. The mental loop that won't stop at night. The short fuse that shows up before you even realize you're overwhelmed. The sense that you're constantly running behind, no matter how much you get done. Stress is such a routine part of daily life that many people have simply accepted it as the price of being a functioning adult.

But there's a meaningful difference between occasional stress and the kind that lingers, the kind that starts shaping how you see yourself, how you treat the people around you, and how much energy you have left at the end of the day for the things that actually matter.

How chronic stress affects us emotionally

When stress becomes a constant in our lives rather than an occasional response, it tends to quietly change things. People often notice they're more irritable than they used to be. They start snapping at family members over small things and then feeling guilty about it afterward. It gets harder to concentrate on the important things in life. The mental list of things to worry about grows longer. You stop enjoying the activities that used to feel rewarding to you.

Over time, chronic stress can begin to look a lot like anxiety or depression. That's not a coincidence. Prolonged emotional strain takes a real toll on our mood, our sense of hope, and our ability to feel present in our own lives. Many people who eventually seek mental health support aren't in a dramatic crisis, they're just exhausted in a way that sleep doesn't fix.

Why we often miss it

One of the frustrating aspects of ongoing stress is how easy it is to normalize. The baseline shifts gradually. What may have felt unsustainable a year ago now just feels like a normal week. We tell ourselves everyone is dealing with this much, or that it's just a busy season, or that things will calm

down once a particular milestone passes, but then another one appears.

This normalization isn't a character flaw. It's a very human way of coping. But it can make it harder for us to recognize when we've moved past manageable stress into something that deserves more attention.

What can actually help

From a mental health standpoint, some of the most effective tools for managing ongoing stress are also some of the simplest to understand, even if they take practice to apply consistently. Learning to identify the thoughts that fuel our anxious feelings and then gently challenging them is a skill that can be developed over time. Setting boundaries around our time and energy, rather than treating every demand as equally urgent, changes the emotional math of a given day. Staying connected to other people, even when the instinct is to withdraw, tends to buffer the weight of stress considerably.

None of this is a quick fix, and it doesn't need to be framed that way. Managing stress at a meaningful level usually means understanding where it's coming from, building habits that support emotional resilience, and in some cases, having a consistent space to process things out loud with someone who is trained to help.

The goal isn't to eliminate stress. That's unrealistic, and it's not necessary. The goal is to keep the stress from quietly running the show.

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SHS King & Queen Nominees

Halftime of Sanger vs. Aubrey Football Game

See SHS Football Sweetheart, King and Queen on Back Page:



Baylor Beard and Kimberly Bustos



Tavian Tonche and Gabriella Ramirez



Alex Dee and Carley Kates



Freshman Prince & Princess - Madalynn Luna and Nathaniel Aldrich



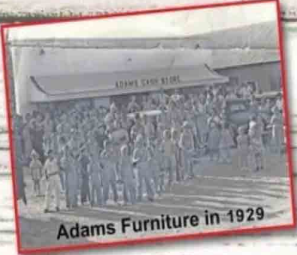
Junior Prince & Princess - Skyler Bishop and Wyatt Weaver



Sophomore Prince & Princess - Silver Mitchell and Jaden Adcock



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SHS Varsity Cross Country
Martinez sets school record

Sanger's no. 2 state ranked Cross Country team won the Region I & II Preview last week at Rolling Hills Soccer Complex in Fort Worth. David Martinez set a school record in the 5K with a 15:38 and was the individual gold medalist out of 210 runners. The Indians dominated the 26 team field, as well. See individual and team results below from the Class 4A-1A division.

1	DM	David Martinez	15:38.0
5	BM	Bryden Meade	16:10.0
7	TM	Travis Martinez	16:26.7
9	GS	Gabriel Soto	16:32.1
12	KP	Kaden Plaughter	16:50.3
15	AZ	Angel Zepeda	17:04.7
17	JJ	Jesse Jacobs	17:06.2
31	IS	Isaac Solchenberger	17:41.0
40	JM	Jaydrien Martinez	18:00.7



Congratulations to David Martinez, who officially broke the Sanger boys' 5K school record with an incredible time of 15:38! The previous record of 15:41 was set by Jacob Perry in 2013 and stood for 13 years. David's performance now places his name in the Sanger Cross Country record book!

The Lady Indians varsity placed third overall out of 23 teams and were led by Ashton Grahl's 6th place finish out of 187 runners on the 2 mile course.

1	Sanger	33
2	Gainesville	141
3	Eustace	144
4	Commerce	181
5	Hillsboro	188
6	Slidell	217
7	Lake Dallas	236
8	Kemp	276
9	North Hopkins (Sulphur Sp...)	297
10	Whitewright	301

6	AG	Ashton Grahl	12:38.5
8	TC	Tatum Cochran	12:58.0
18	CC	Camryn Cochran	13:23.7
38	EH	Ellory Herb	13:58.9
45	MS	Magaly Soto	14:12.6
49	DG	Dulce Gervacio	14:16.0
55	MS	Melanie Soto	14:23.7
70	BH	Brooklyn Hughey	14:41.1
86	AP	Ashley Paz	14:55.5
95	IN	Isabel Novak	15:07.7

1	Lipn	65
2	Gruver	81
3	Sanger	107
4	Eustace	107
5	Keene Smith	227
6	Malakoff	241
7	Godley	262
8	Alvarado	277
9	Santo	293
10	Pittsburg	299

SHS Varsity Volleyball



Lady Indians move to 2-0 in district

The Sanger Lady Indians varsity volleyball team celebrated Senior Night with a dominant three-set victory over Gainesville, moving to 2-0 in district play at Indian Gym on Tuesday night.

Blakely Pennington — 20 kills and 14 digs, led SHS; Daijah Green — 20 digs; Sarah Dee — 34 assists; and Kyla Sheriff — 23 assists.

Congratulations to the eight seniors—Kirsten Lindberg, Daijah Green, Molly Schmucker, Mikayla Keckeissen, Sophia De La Rosa, Estelle Whitlock, Kinsy Ribinskas and Sarah Dee—on a special night and a big district win!

SHS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL ROSTER		
#	Name	Class
3	Kirsten Lindberg	SR
4	Daijah Green	SR
5	Molly Schmucker	SR
6	Mikayla Keckeissen	SR
7	Sophia De La Rosa	SR
10	Izzy Escobedo	SOPH
11	Estelle Whitlock	SR
12	Kyla Sheriff	JR
20	Blakely Pennington	SOPH
21	Kinsy Ribinskas	SR
44	Sarah Dee	SR



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On Senior Night, Sarah Dee helped lead the Lady Indians to a three-set sweep over Gainesville with an outstanding 34 assists! Sarah kept the offense moving, consistently put her hitters in position to score and helped Sanger improve to 2-0 in district play.

SHS Volleyball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	V	JVP	JVG
Sept. 18	Friday	Ponder*	Ponder HS	6:00	6:00	4:30
Sept. 22	Tuesday	Van Alstyne*	Sanger	5:00	5:00	6:00
Sept. 25	Friday	Aubrey*	Aubrey HS	6:00	6:00	4:30
Sept. 29	Tuesday	Lake Dallas*	Sanger	5:00	5:00	6:00
Oct. 2	Friday	Krum*	Sanger	6:00	6:00	4:30
Oct. 6	Tuesday	BYE				
Oct. 9	Friday	Gainesville*	Gainesville HS	6:00	6:00	4:30
Oct. 10	Saturday	work B-Team Spikefest	SHS & SMS	TBA	TBA	TBA
Oct. 13	Tuesday	Ponder**	Sanger	5:00	5:00	6:00
Oct. 16	Friday	Van Alstyne*	Van Alstyne HS	6:00	6:00	4:30
Oct. 20	Tuesday	Aubrey*	Sanger	5:00	5:00	6:00
Oct. 23	Friday	Lake Dallas*	Lake Dallas HS	6:00	6:00	4:30

* = District Match \$ = Senior Night # = Middle School Night ^ = Youth Volleyball Night
! = Teacher Appreciation Night
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Asst. Coaches: Jamie Burch, Jeremy Harvey, Shelby Pethtel **Updated 7/16/26



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SHS Indians Varsity Football

Sanger moves to 3-0 with win over Aubrey

Sanger remained unbeaten on the season with Friday's 37-21 win over Aubrey in the Denton-area foes' nondistrict battle at Indian Stadium.

The Indians (3-0) led the contest 20-7 at halftime and 30-7 through three quarters before holding off a late surge by the Chaparrals (0-3).

Bola Ogunwuyi rushed for three touchdowns to lead Sanger, scoring from 46 yards, 68 yards and 41 yards. Christian Bush had a 58-yard touchdown run, and Austin Martin rushed for a 13-yard touchdown to round out Sanger's end zone trips. Niko Beck tacked on a 31-yard field goal to complete the Indians' point tally along with one missed extra point.

Aubrey got its three touchdowns on a Connor Murphy 74-yard pass to Will Storey, Murphy's 19-yard pass to Corbin Fra-

zier and Murphy's 3-yard touchdown run.

Sanger continues nondistrict play Thursday,

Sept. 17, when it travels to face 3A Division I squad

Whitesboro (3-0). Aubrey takes its district bye this

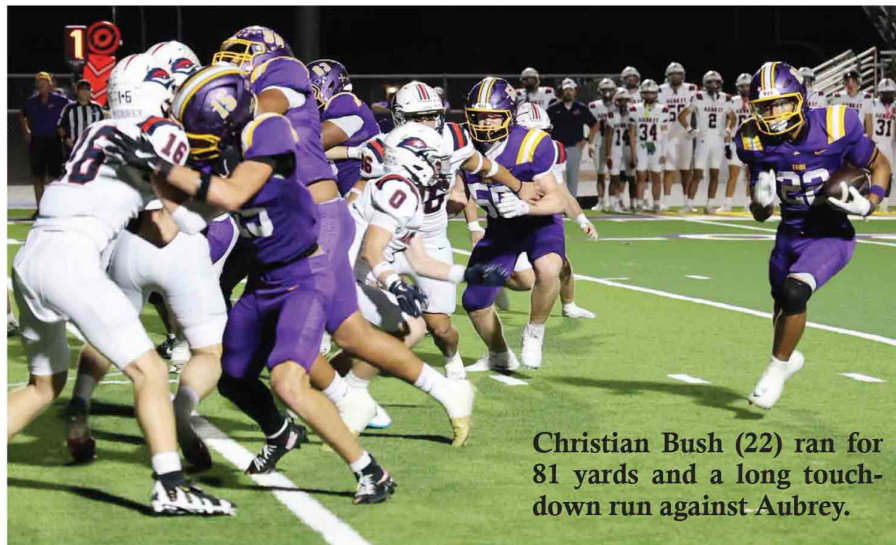
week before opening District 6-4A DI play Friday, Sept. 25, at Fort Worth Castleberry (2-1).



Christian Bush blocks for SHS quarterback Austin Martin against Aubrey.



Levi Hendricks makes a tackle against Aubrey.



Christian Bush (22) ran for 81 yards and a long touchdown run against Aubrey.

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When Sanger needed yards, Bola delivered. When the Indians needed points, Bola found the end zone. And he did it on one of the biggest stages of the regular season — Homecoming at Stephen Baker Field.

For his outstanding performance, #14 BOLA is your Sanger Sports Corner Player of the Game!

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MAXPREPS STATE RANKINGS

TEXAS 4A DIVISION II

Updated September 13, 2026

1	Carthage	2-0
2	Pleasant Grove	3-0
3	La Vega	3-0
4	West Orange-Stark	3-0
5	Brock	2-1
6	Robinson	2-1
7	Cuero	3-0
8	Sunnyvale	3-0
9	Bellville	2-1
10	Athens	3-0
11	Gilmer	2-1
12	SANGER	3-0

SANGER BREAKS INTO THE TOP 12

OFFENSE				
PASSING	COMP/ATT	YARDS	TD	INT
Austin Martin	11/16	95	0	0
RUSHING	CARRIES	YARDS	TD	
Austin Martin	15	45	1	
Bola	28	271	3	
Christian Bush	8	81	1	
RECEIVING	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	TD	
Levi Hendricks	4	40	0	
Wyatt Pennington	5	40	0	
Bola	1	12	0	
Cruz Chacon	1	3	0	



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INDIANS
IMPROVE TO
3-0

DEFENSE			
TOTAL TACKLES (TOP 5)	SOLO	AST	TOTAL
Dezmond Sampson	7	5	12
James Cook	5	3	8
Max Taylor	4	3	7
Lane Taylor	7	0	7
Kale Barr	7	0	7
TACKLES FOR LOSS			
Dezmond Sampson	7		
James Cook	4		
David Foster	3		
Max Taylor	2		
Asher VanDyk	2		
SACKS			
Dezmond Sampson	2		
David Foster	1		
James Cook	0.5		
QB PRESSURES			
Dezmond Sampson	5		
James Cook	4		
Max Taylor	1		
Lane Clark	1		
Kale Barr	1		
PASS BREAKUPS			
Asher VanDyk	1		
FORCED FUMBLES			
Kale Barr	2		

DEFENSIVE TEAM TOTALS

75 tackles
9.5 tackles for loss
21 QB pressures
4.5 sacks
2 forced fumbles
1 fumble recovery
5 pass breakups
1 interception



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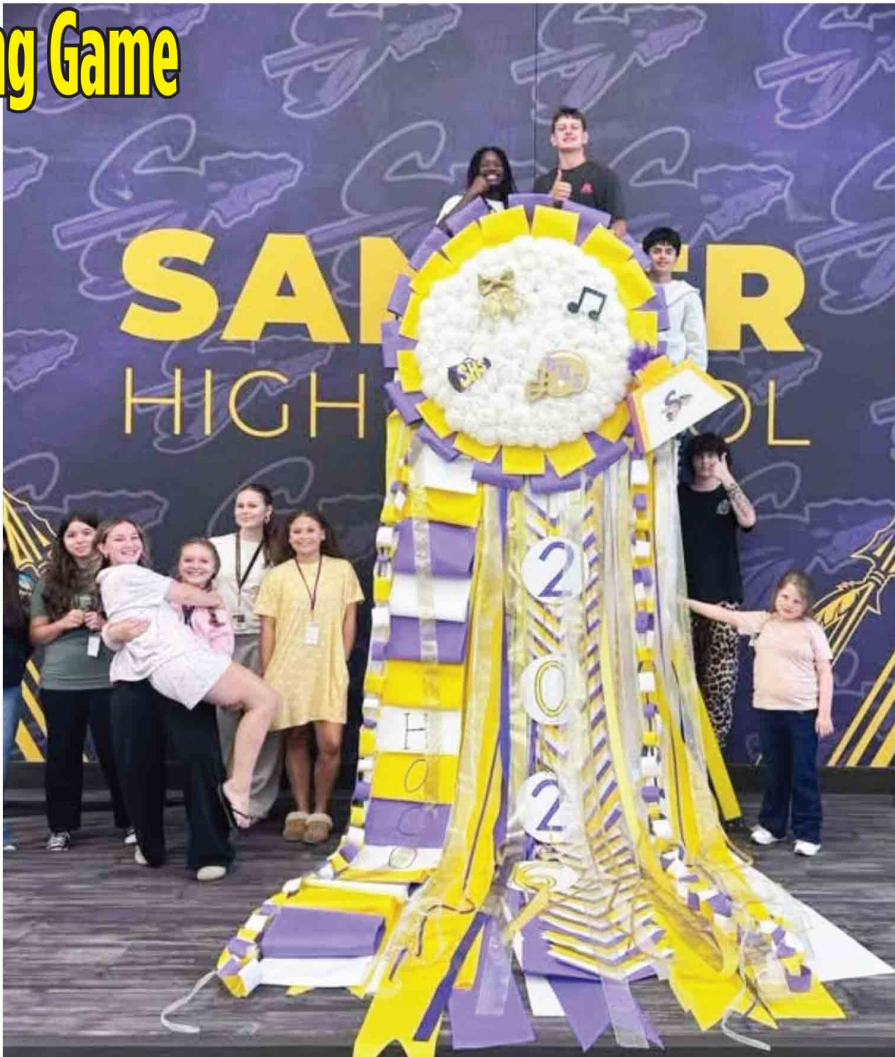
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