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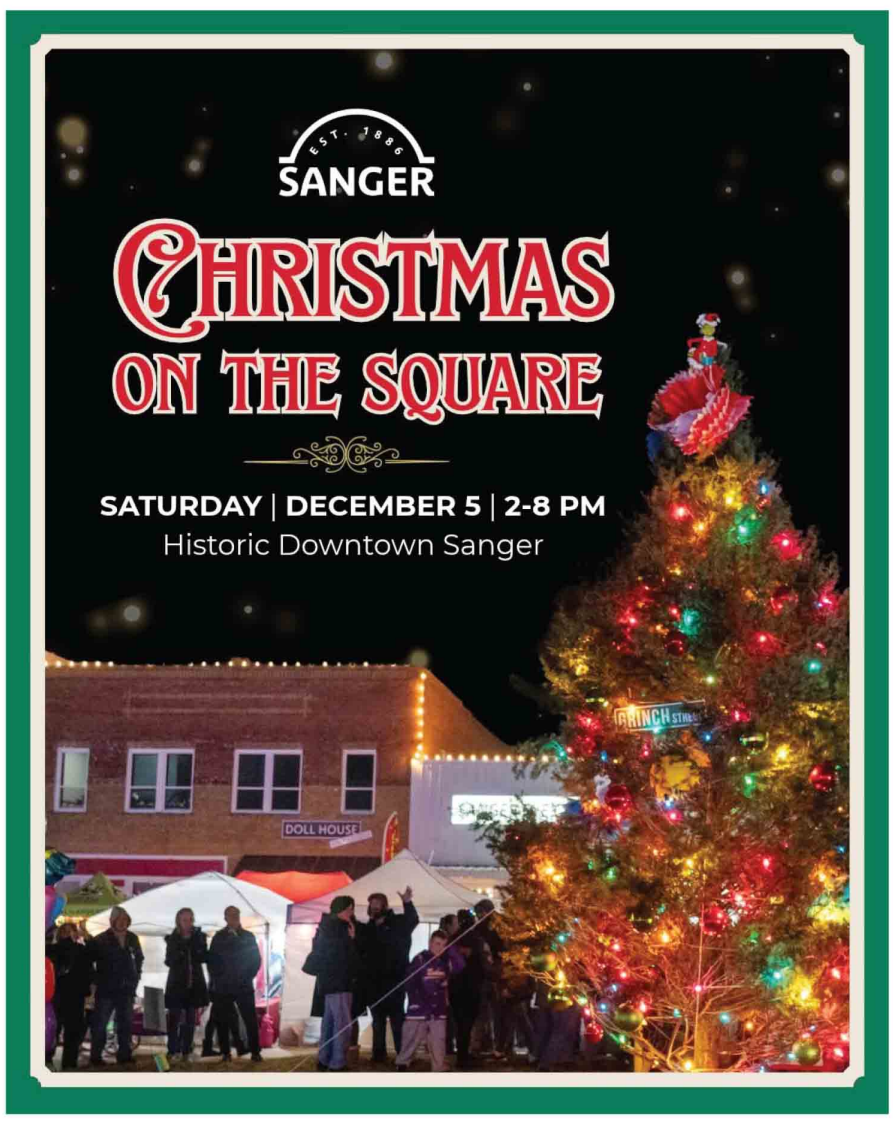









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Join the Sanger Parks & Recreation on Saturday, December 5, from 2–8 PM in Historic Downtown Sanger to celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Enjoy a petting zoo, bounce houses, face painting, live entertainment, and visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus! End the evening with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 PM, followed by the annual Holiday Parade. You can learn more about the event at https://www.sangertexas.org/443/Christmas-on-the-Square




# Last Market of the season this weekend




It's market week! Come out this Saturday and Sunday for the November 21st Market (Small Business Days) and November 22nd (LAST SUNDAY MARKET) ! This will be the last market of the season and the last Sunday market in Sanger.

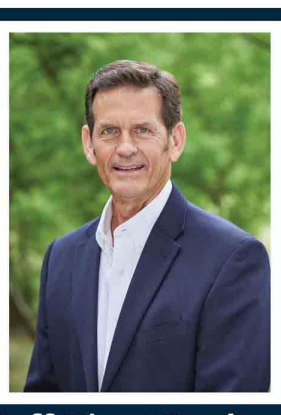
# Deadline to register for the annual Holiday Parade is nearing

Be part of a Sanger holiday tradition by decorating a festive float and joining the Christmas on the Square Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 5.

Get creative, showcase your business or organization, and spread holiday cheer throughout Historic Downtown Sanger.

Registration is FREE! The deadline to register is Sunday, November 22. Sign up today: https://www.sangertexas.org/443/Christmas-on-the-Square





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# OBITUARIES...

## Paul Douglas Parkhill

*March 8, 1945 - November 13, 2026*

Paul Douglas Parkhill, 81 passed away at home on Nov. 13, 2026. "Doug" was born in Vernon, Texas on March 8, 1945 to Paul and Gladys Parkhill.



Doug loved hunting and fishing for blue catfish with his buddies. He loved his trips to Winstar. He married Mary George on July 28, 1975.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents and wife Mary. He is survived by his children Tod Parkhill and wife Suzan and Julie Row, 6 grandkids, 13 great-grandkids and 2 great-great-grandkids.

A visitation was held on November 16, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors, 2025 W University Dr, Denton, Texas 76201. A graveside service was held on November 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Gribble Springs Cemetery, 7178 Farm to Market Road 2164 in Sanger.

## Angela Darlene Gordon

*January 4, 1966 - November 11, 2026*

Angela Darlene Gordon of Marietta, OK, was born on January 4, 1966, in Electra, TX, to Thomas Junior and Velma (Akins) Barrett. She passed from this life on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at her residence in Marietta. She was a former students at Sanger High School.



Angela attended nursing vocational school at North Texas Community College in Gainesville, TX and went on to pursue a career in nursing. She worked at several different healthcare facilities throughout North Texas, dedicating her time and compassion to caring for others.

Angela married Michael Leroy Gordon Jr. on March 23, 1991, in Denton, TX. She enjoyed going on cruises, keeping in touch with friends and finding out what was happening in their lives, and spending time with her family. Above all else, Angela treasured her grandchildren, and taking care of them was one of her greatest joys.

Angela had lived in Marietta for the past four and a half years, having moved from Gainesville, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Junior Barrett.

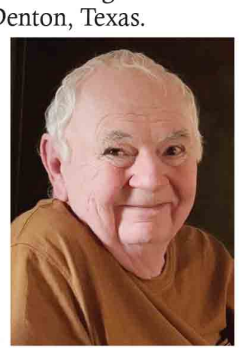
Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Michael Gordon, Jr. of the home; her son, Benjamin Gordon of Marietta; her daughter, Amber Wilkerson of Gainesville; her bonus daughter, Tamera Bishop of Wichita Falls, TX; her grandchildren, Kinley, Corey, Lauren, and Bailey; great-grandchild, Levi; her mother, Velma Barrett of Gainesville; her brothers, Doug Barrett of Cascade, MT, and Don Barrett of Marietta; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family members and friends.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at the Flanagan-Watts Funeral Home Chapel with Brett Alberda officiating.

## Kenneth Lee "Buster" Swafford

*August 3, 1948 - November 8, 2026*

Kenneth Lee "Buster" Swafford passed away on November 8, 2026, in Fort Worth at the age of 78. He was born on August 3, 1948, in Denton, Texas.



Kenneth graduated at the top of his class at Ponder High School. He was known for his work as a master plumber a profession that reflected skill, dedication, and a strong work ethic. He enjoyed being at the lake where he loved fishing and boating. His life was rooted in Texas, from his birth in Denton to his passing in Fort Worth, and he will be remembered with love by those who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his wife Angelita Garcia Swafford and his parents, Marvin and Montie Swafford.

Kenneth's memory will be cherished by his children, daughter Cindy Arriola (Joe) and son Kelly Swafford (Laura). Grandchildren, Amberlea Swafford, Devanne Arriola (Chris), and Rachel Swafford (Wes). Great-grandchildren, Conner Bayless, Tristian Rivera, Eli Barrios-Arriola, Alexander Arriola-Garza, Sebastian Arriola-Garza, Xavier "Zae" Arriola-Garza and Grady Heitzman. One great great grandchild is on the way. Sisters, Peggy Morris, Alice Stone, Debbie Laechelin, Patricia Steagall and brother Douglas Swafford. He has numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will miss him greatly. They find comfort in the memories and conversations they shared with him and in the lasting place he holds in their hearts.

A viewing will be held on November 11, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bill DeBerry Funeral Directors, 2025 W University Dr, Denton, TX 76201.

Kenneth Lee "Buster" Swafford will be remembered with respect and affection by his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

We would like to express a special Thank You to Amberlea Swafford, Shirley and Price Knox, Paula Freeman and Kindra Davidson for all you have done to help with dad over this last year. We could not have done it without you and you have no idea how much it has meant to us.

DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton was entrusted with arrangements.

## Gene Hartman (aka Gene the Cuttin' Machine/Gpa)

Eugene Martin "Gene" Hartman (aka Gene the Cuttin' Machine/Gpa) passed away on November 15, 2026 surrounded by his family in Denton, Texas, at the age of 85. He was the best husband, dad, grandpa (aka Gpa), and great-grandpa! He fought through constant health struggles in his last years, but he never complained. He was such an amazing role model to all of us; he had such a servant's heart and amazing work ethic. He loved his country and always sang "The National Anthem" loud and proud. You could hear Gpa's truck coming from blocks away with Johnny Cash blaring from his speakers.



He was born on November 18, 1940, in Muenster, Texas to Victor and Margaret Hartman- he was one of eight children. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic School his entire life. He met Judy Cain, and they married in June of 1962. They were married for 58 years before Judy passed in 2020. Gene and Judy moved from Muenster to Denton after they married in 1962. Here they raised 3 children and spent many decades in loving service to their family, friends, church, and community. Gene and Judy shared a lifelong love for Jesus, dancing, and cheering on their kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids in whatever sport or event they were involved in. We could just imagine Gma yelling, "Welcome home, Gpa, welcome home" when he entered the Pearly Gates!

Gene was a barber in Denton for 60 years, a vocation through which he became a familiar and valued presence in the community. Gene's Campus Barber Shop was on Fry Street; we always told him that he was Fry Street before Fry Street was cool. His years of work reflected steady service and a life rooted in connection with others- many of his customers became like family to him! Many a Sunday afternoon, Gene could be found at one of the local nursing homes cutting his customer's hair, once they couldn't make it to the shop on their own.

Gene attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where he was a dedicated and active member of the Knights of Columbus for over six decades. He joined the Knights in April 1960 and earned Honorary Life Membership with Denton Council No. 4771. Throughout his years of service, he held numerous leadership roles at the local, district, and state levels, including Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, District Deputy, and State Blood Drive Chairman. He was also instrumental in organizing the 1st Degree Team for Council 4771 and the L.W. MaKenna Assembly #2043, where he served as its first Faithful Navigator, Faithful Admiral Comptroller, and Color Corps Commander. His lifelong commitment to the organization earned him recognition as an Outstanding District Deputy in the state of Texas, as well as a delegate to the 100th Supreme Convention in New Haven, Connecticut. His deep Catholic faith was the foundation of his life. Gene will be remembered fondly for his generous spirit and as the founder of Denton's Annual Wild Game Dinner- bringing family, friends, and neighbors together for community and fellowship. Gene chaired the Wild Game Dinner for over twenty years. The event grew into the primary financial lifeblood of the Monsignor King Council, underwriting an entire year of charitable works, parish support, and community service.

A passionate supporter of his community, Gene

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# OBITUARIES...

## Shirley Ann Killingsworth

*October 4, 1945 - November 8, 2026*

Shirley Ann Killingsworth, 81, passed away Sunday, November 8, 2026, in Pilot Point, TX. Shirley was born October 4, 1945, in Fort Worth, TX, to Herman Edward and Edith Mae (Johnson) Huffman.

Shirley is preceded in death by her husband, Tommy Lee Killingsworth; parents, Herman and Edith Huffman; son, David George; sister, Lois Peregrine.



Those left to cherish her memory are daughter, Stacie Briggs and husband, Jerry, of Sanger, TX; grandchildren, Christopher George, Courtney Bruce, Beth Encizo, William Briggs, James Briggs, Aubrey, Briggs, and Asher Rivera; great-grandchildren, Ayden Bruce, Aspen Bruce, Aurora George, Dallas George, and one on the way; brother, Herman P. Huffman of O'Fallen, IL; sister, Nancy Grimes and husband, Jerry, of Whitesboro, TX; nieces, Sabrina Gravley, Teresa Speir, Edie Carter; nephews, Phillip Grimes and Travis Huffman.

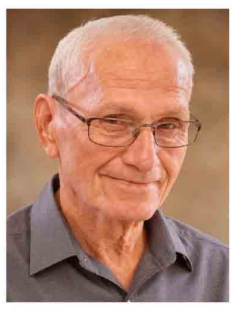
If you're unable to attend the funeral service in person, the service will be available to view via livestream. We hope this provides an opportunity for you to join us in remembering and honoring Shirley from wherever you may be. Please use this link: https://vimeo.com/event/6352382

Shirley's funeral service was Friday, November 13, 2026, at 10:00AM at Slay Memorial Funeral Center in Aubrey, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com

Arrangements were under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Home.

## Dennis Allen Inman

*October 3, 1941 - November 8, 2026*



Dennis Allen Inman was a hardworking, humble man who believed in living a simple life and loving God. He was a man who understood the value of hard work, faith, and the importance of the things that truly matter in life.

Dennis didn't need much to be happy. He lived his life in his own way, with his faith in God guiding him and his wife Diana. His life was a reminder that being a good person isn't about what you have, but about who you are.

Dennis leaves behind his loving family, including his sons, Chris Inman (Audra), Mark Inman (Carol), Jeff Inman (Nicole), and Jason Inman. His sisters Peggy Box and Shirley Squires and twin brother Doyle Inman.

He will also be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Derek Inman, Kristina Sample, Cori Inman, Devron Inman, Mason Inman, and Mackenzie Inman, and many great grandchildren.

Though his time here on earth has come to an end, the memories he leaves behind and the love he shared will never be forgotten.

Dennis was preceded in death by his wife Diana, his parents David and Lola Inman, his siblings Beverly, Barbara, Kermit, Harold, Freddie, Mickey, and his grandson Chase.

We find comfort in knowing that he is now at peace in the arms of the Lord. Until we meet again.

Arrangements were entrusted to DeBerry Funeral Directors in Denton.




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## Hartman obit

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was a dedicated blood donor who gave 13.5 gallons of blood over his lifetime. Speaking of blood, sports was actually in his blood. He enjoyed playing sports, and he was a proud supporter of local students and athletics, enthusiastically cheering on the UNT Mean Green, the Aubrey Chaparrals, the Argyle Eagles, the Sacred Heart Tigers, and all of Denton's public schools.

Known as a devoted and beloved uncle, Gene had a VERY large crew of nieces and nephews who adored him, and he adored them. Some of his happiest moments were spent surrounded by them at the Annual Hartman Family Campout. He could be heard screaming at Uncle Alvin when he went too fast down the "scary road!"

Moss Lake was truly dad's happy place! Nothing brought him more joy than being surrounded by family, sitting by the water, waiting for a fish to bite.

Gene's love is carried on through his family. His daughter, Jeanna Sutton (husband-Tim), his daughter, Pam Bloedel (husband- Dana), and his son, Doug Hartman (wife- Tracy). Gpa had seven grandchildren: Lance Sutton (wife-Joy), Bailey Pirtle (husband- Tyler), Kimberly Holt (husband- Korey), Trent Bloedel (wife- Becca), Brandon Bloedel (wife- Megan), Tori Gilmore (husband- Eli), and Cooper Hanks (husband- Colt). Gpa had 15 great-grandchildren: Annie Sutton, Evie Sutton, Sutton Pirtle, Adri Holt, Jaydynn Holt, Koriana Holt, Kaden Holt, Karter Holt, Kailey Holt, Will Bloedel, Audrey Bloedel, Dane Bloedel, Banks Bloedel, Scottie Bloedel, and Blake Bloedel. Gene also has 3 surviving sisters that he loved so deeply: Edna Tompkins, Georgie Wolf, and Pat Yosten.

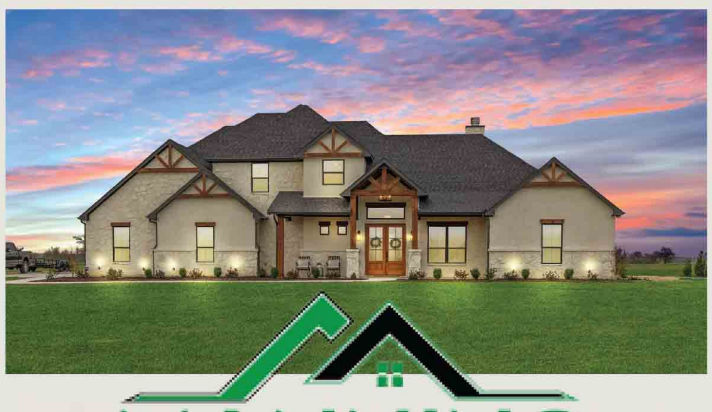
Gene was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Judy (July 15, 2020), his parents, Victor and Margaret Hartman, his sisters, Kathryn Gremminger, Della Schmitt, and his brothers, Willard Hartman and Alvin Hartman.

Family and friends are invited to gather for visitation on Sunday, November 22, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the DeBerry Family Center, 2020 Emery St., Denton, TX 76201. A Mass will be held on Monday, November 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2255 N Bonnie Brae St, Denton, TX 76207. A Rosary will follow at 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 714 N Main St, Muenster, TX 76252, and burial will take place at 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, E Sixth St, Muenster, TX 76252.

Memorials can be made to the Knights of Columbus- Denton Council #4771.

Whether he was offering a fresh cut and good advice from behind the barber chair, cheering on his favorite team, or sitting in his usual pew at ICC. Gene made everyone around him feel like family. His chair may be empty, and the game a little quieter, but the love he poured into his family, his church, and his community will never fade. It lives on through all of us- love is eternal! WLYGG :-)




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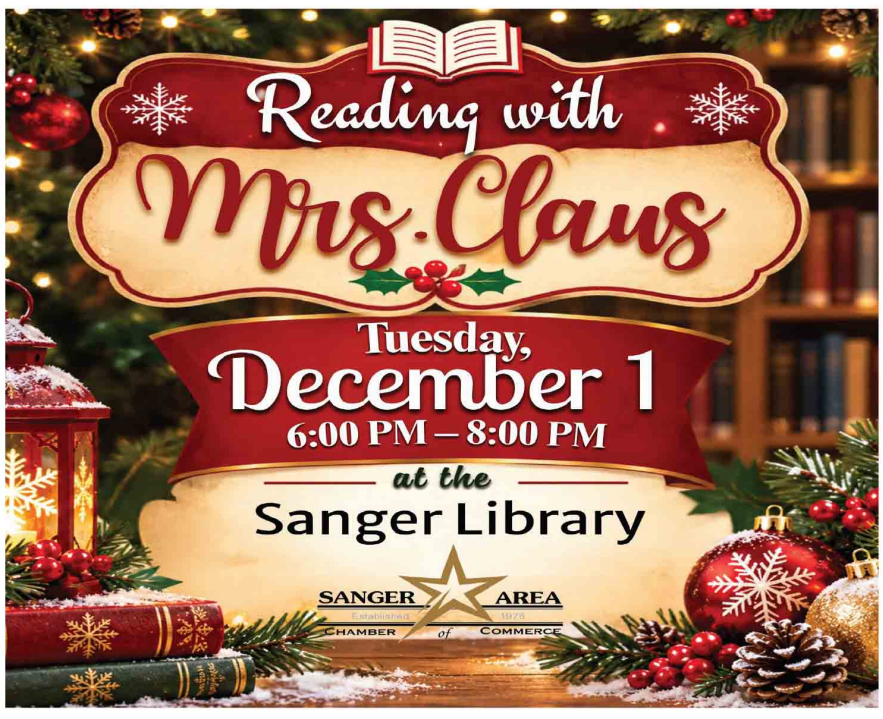
Wednesday, December 9, 2026, 11:30 AM

Sanger Middle School – Auxiliary Gym (100 Indian Lane, Sanger)

Please RSVP by December 3 by calling 940-458-7438.

We look forward to celebrating the season with our senior citizens and retired Sanger ISD family!




## Reading with Mrs. Claus!

Get ready for a magical evening filled with Christmas cheer!

The Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce invites you and your little ones to join us for Reading with Mrs. Claus at the Sanger Library!

- Tuesday, December 1, 2026
- 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Sanger Library

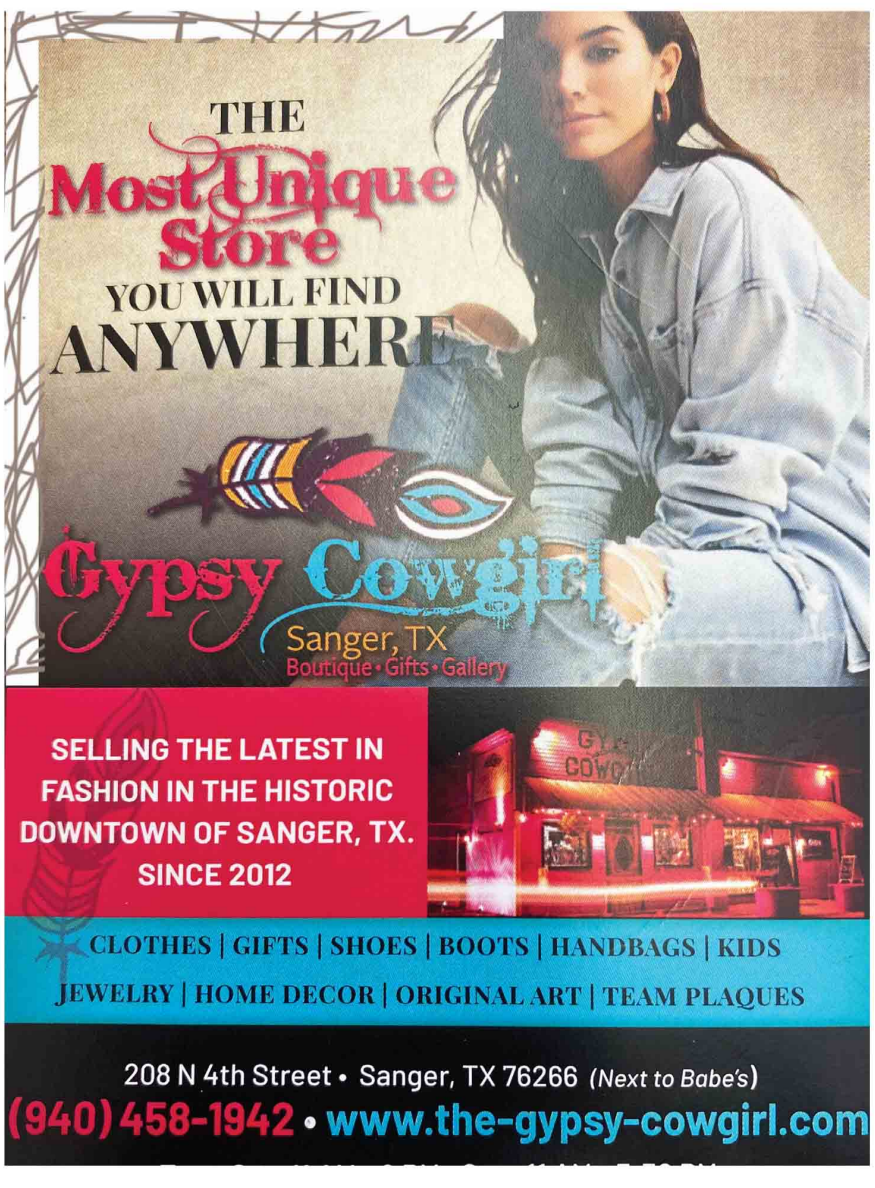
Bring the kiddos and enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas stories, holiday magic, and making special memories together!

There's nothing better than seeing the excitement of Christmas through the eyes of a child!












# CITY OF SANGER NEWS




Join the Sanger Police Department for Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at the Sanger Senior Center! There will be 2 separate times for your convenience: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Meet the Chief and officers, ask questions, share concerns, and learn helpful holiday crime prevention tips. Our local Starbucks will be providing free coffee!




As temperatures drop and you turn on your heater for the first time this season, don't be alarmed if you notice a burning or dusty smell coming from your vents. This is usually caused by dust that has settled on the heating elements over the warmer months and is burning off as the system heats up. The smell should go away after a short period of operation.

But what about those alarms going off?

That first-time heater smell can sometimes cause smoke detectors to activate, especially if dust or residue burns off and produces a little smoke. However, never assume an alarm is going off because of your heater. Carbon monoxide alarms should ALWAYS be taken seriously.

* A few safety reminders from Sanger Fire Department:
* Make sure your heater and vents are free of dust and debris.
* Replace your HVAC filters regularly.
* Make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.

Never ignore a carbon monoxide alarm. Get everyone outside into fresh air and call 911.

If you see smoke, flames, or smell something burning that doesn't go away, turn off the heater if safe to do so, leave the home, and call 911.

If you have concerns, questions, or aren't sure whether something is normal, you can always call Sanger Fire Department. We are here to help and would much rather you call and have peace of mind than take a chance.

From all of us at Sanger Fire Department, stay warm and stay safe, Sanger




**WELL, WELL, WELL… GUESS WHAT TIME OF YEAR IS ALMOST HERE?! SANTA AROUND TOWN!!!**

Santa is getting ready to trade in his sleigh for a ride with your Sanger Fire Department, and he can't wait to see everyone!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- December 6th–12th!
- (December 12th is reserved as a weather makeup day if needed.)

Santa will be leaving the station around 5:45 PM each evening!

## Sanger TX Senior Center

## December Events

**Tues, Dec 1st – 1-3 & 6-8 pm Coffee with a Cop = Holiday Safety with Sanger Police Department** – Free event open to the public.

**Thurs, Dec 3rd - Celebrate Dec. Birthdays 9-4 -** SSC Members and a guest

**Fri, Dec 4th – First Friday of the Month Collaboration with D&D Sports Meds – 10:15am – Low Impact Seated Exercise Session –** Free to Members - $5.00 Day Pass to guests.

**Sat, Dec 5th - Sanger Holiday Parade -** come see the SSC representing in the parade! Parade starts at 6:00pm

**Sun, Dec 6th – Sanger's Holiday Parade of Homes. –** Special ticket pricing for SSC members and their guests – tickets must be purchased at the Senior Center for discount to apply.

**Wed, Dec 9th – Sanger ISD hosting a luncheon for Sanger Seniors** (& others) - **11:30 am** must RSVP with Sanger School District by Dec 3 – 940-458-7438

**Wed., Dec 16th – 11:30-4 Holiday Luncheon and Bingo at the Senior Center (food and some holiday fun)** SSC Members free – guests $5.00

**The SSC will be closed from Dec. 21-Jan. 1 – reopen on Jan. 4th.**

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## City Council Meeting - November 16, 2026




Stay informed and catch up on what's happening in Sanger. Watch the November 16, 2026, City Council meeting to learn about the latest City discussions and decisions.

**Watch the meeting: https://youtu.be/RyhIbw6OWs0**

**View meeting agendas and minutes: https://sangertexas.org/129/Agendas-Minutes**

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Seniors ages 50+ from Sanger, Bolivar, Krum and Valley View, the Sanger, TX Senior Center is now open and accepting memberships. You are welcome to come ask questions about membership and learn about our programs during any of our open hours. Follow us on our Facebook Group or on our Website for our monthly events and our growing schedule.

contact us at: (940) 458-3128 Email: sangertxsc@gmail.com

Website: sangertxseniorcenter.org

# Year-end considerations for your wealth strategy



Nikki Smith
Financial Advisor

As 2026 winds down, year-end planning is an opportunity to evaluate how your taxes, investment decisions and wealth-transfer strategies work together.

Start with some self-reflection. Focus on your progress, your feelings about it and actions you might want to take next year. If you've had personal, family or employment changes, think about how they could affect your goals and your ability to achieve them.

Consider your tax situation. Work with your financial advisor and tax professional to identify year-end tax opportunities. This could include tax-loss harvesting, where you can sell unrealized losses in your taxable accounts to offset capital gains recognized throughout the year, including long-term capital gain distributions from mutual funds. Also starting this year, a new limitation may reduce the value of itemized deductions for some taxpayers in the 37% tax bracket.

If you're 73 or older, be sure to check if you have required minimum distributions to take before the year-end.

Make the most of tax-advantaged savings opportunities. Consider whether you're making full use of your health savings account (HSA) and retirement plan opportunities. You should also review your mix of pre-tax and after-tax retirement savings to determine if you should adjust where you're saving. Depending on your circumstances, you may want to evaluate opportunities such as Roth conversions, backdoor Roth and mega backdoor Roth contributions. If you're saving for education, a 529 plan provides both flexibility and potential tax benefits.

Review giving strategies that can reduce your gross estate. If giving to others is one of your goals, consider charitable giving or annual gifting strategies to help support the people and causes you care about while also reducing the size of your taxable estate. You can also receive a current tax benefit from your charitable donations. If you're age 70½ or older, you may be able to exclude up to $111,000 from your adjusted gross income (AGI) by making qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) directly from your IRA. These distributions can satisfy your RMD if you have one, which helps lower your AGI.

Also note that the rules for other charitable donations changed this year. If you take the standard deduction, you can now deduction up to $1,000 (or $2,000 if you file jointly) of cash donations. On the other hand, if you itemize deductions, you may not be able to deduct as much of your charitable giving as in the past. Work with your tax professional and financial advisor on related strategies.

Revisit your estate plan and beneficiary designations. Changes in your family circumstances, finances or estate laws can make existing plans outdated. Review beneficiary designations, account titling and estate-planning documents to help ensure your assets transfer according to your wishes.

As your financial life becomes more complex, the connections between investment, tax and estate-planning decisions become more important. Year-end is an ideal time to evaluate those relationships and identify opportunities to strengthen the overall efficiency of your wealth strategy.

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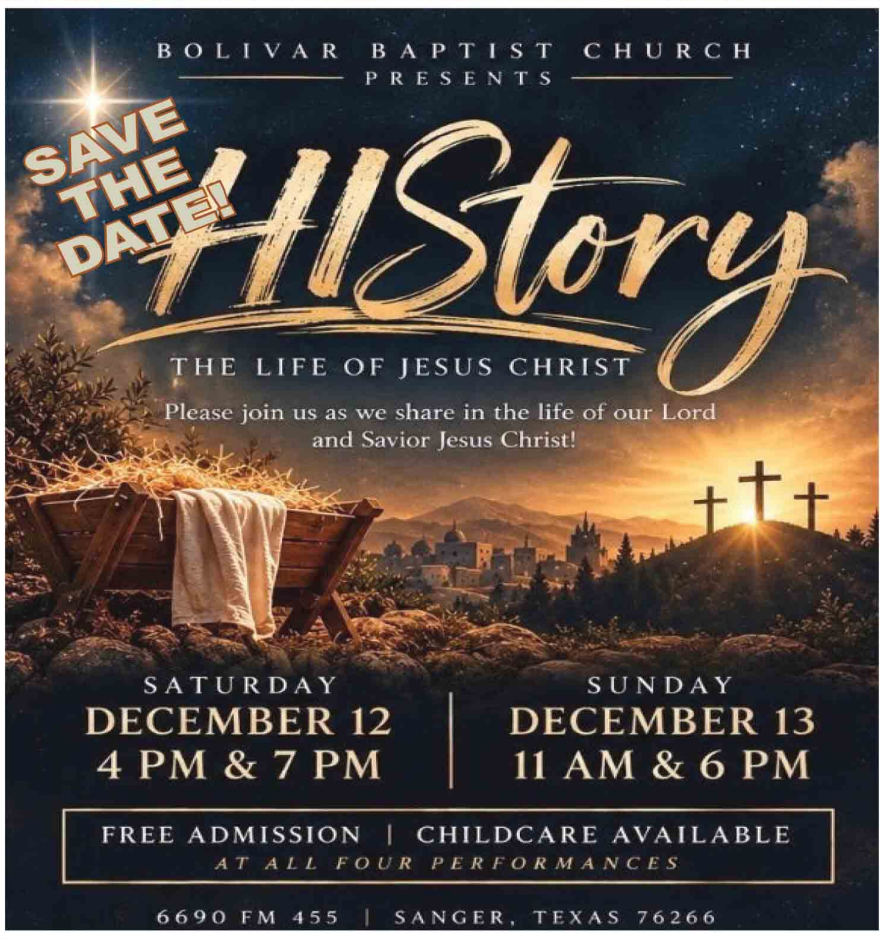
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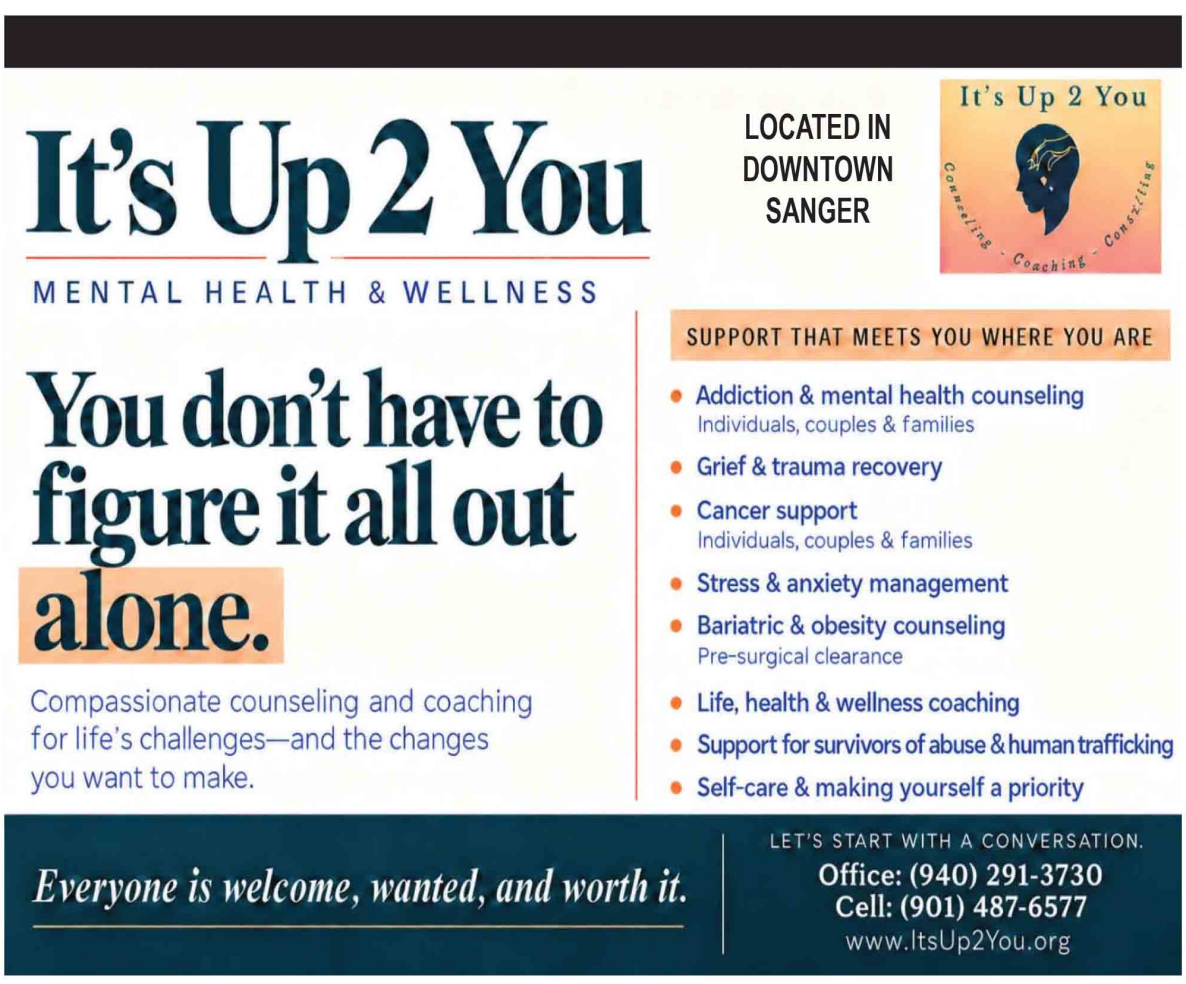
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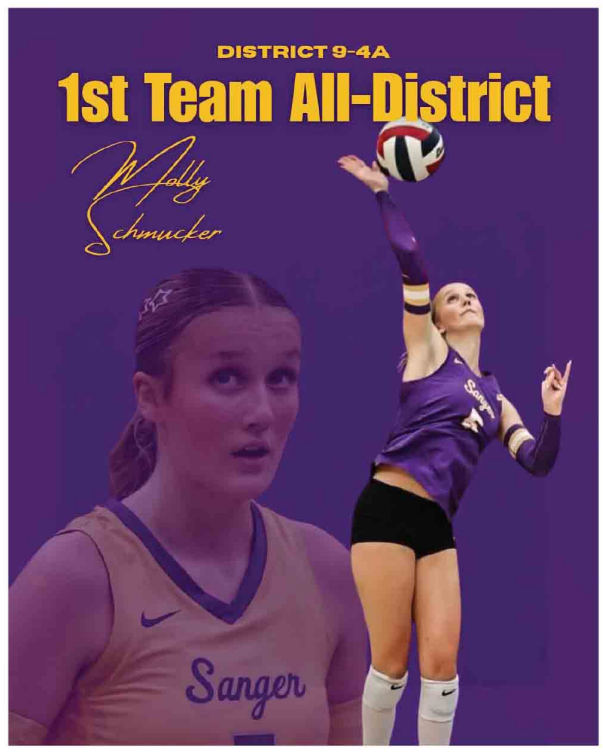


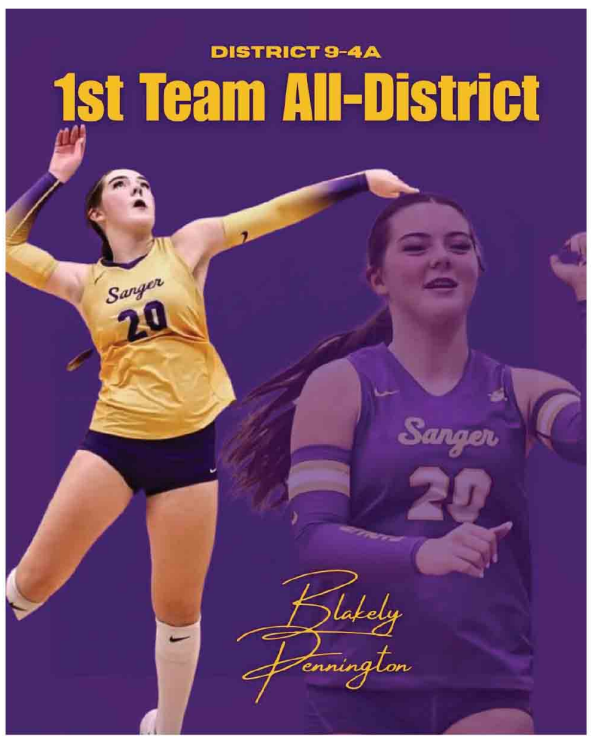

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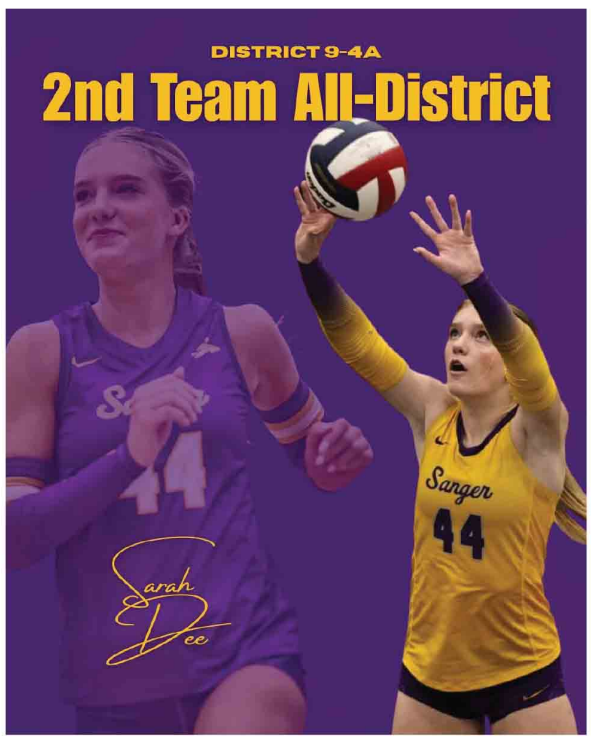


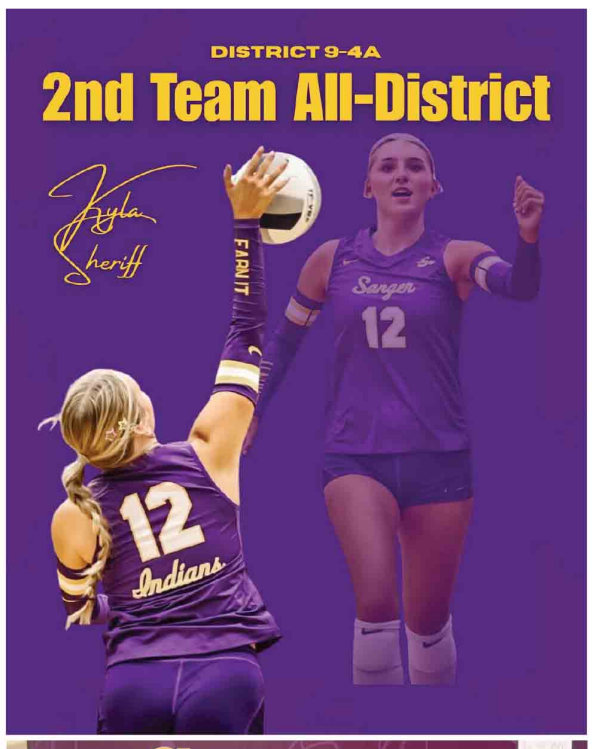


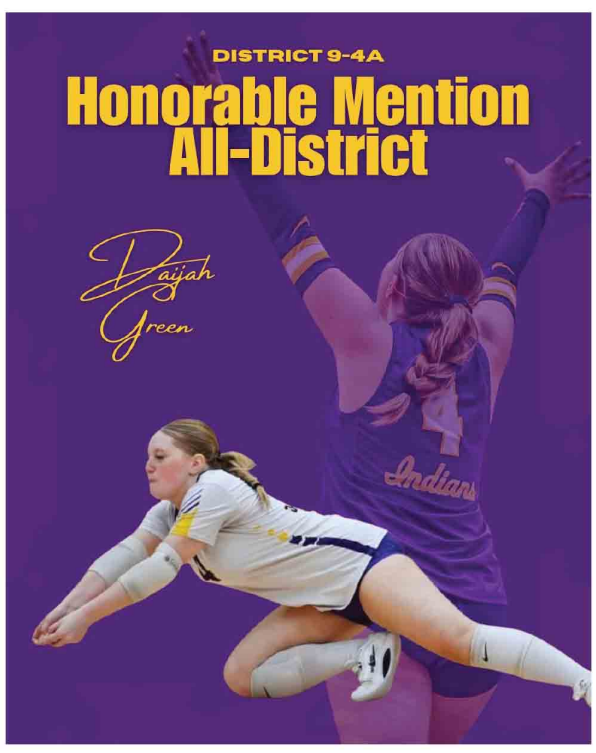


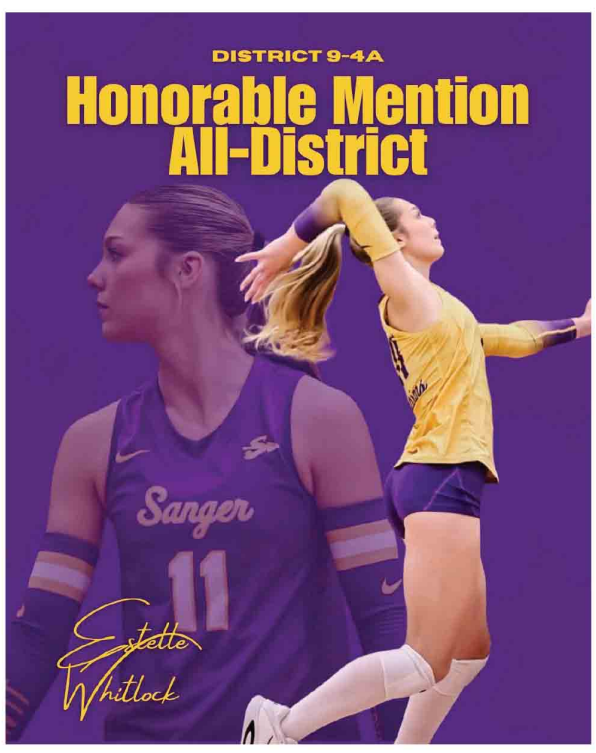






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# SPORTS




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During their 2026 season—in which the Buckeyes captured the District 8-4A Division II championship and advanced into the UIL playoffs with a 9–2 record—Gilmer High School has been led by a mix of blue-chip college recruits, explosive rushers, and impact underclassmen.

**Top College Prospects**

Ismael Camara (Sr., OT/DT – 6'6", 335 lbs): The centerpiece of Gilmer's trenches and a consensus 5-star prospect. Committed to the University of Texas, Camara is ranked among the top interior/offensive tackle recruits nationally in the Class of 2027 and anchors both sides of the line. He also plays some running back on offense...

Kipton Neighbors (Jr., WR/ATH/OLB – 6'2", 195 lbs): A versatile, Power-4-caliber athlete who contributes everywhere on the field. Neighbors has scored 16 total touchdowns (14 rushing, 2 receiving) while averaging 63.6 rushing yards and 32.5 receiving yards per game, earning East Texas Player of the Week honors for a standout performance against No. 1-ranked Carthage.

**Offensive Leaders**

Zade Taylor (Sr., QB/WR – 5'6", 170 lbs): The dual-threat engine of Gilmer's offense. Taylor leads the team in total rushing yards (1,306 yards, 118.7 per game) with 16 rushing touchdowns while completing over 70% of his passes. Tayveon Horne (Jr., RB/MLB – 6'0", 185 lbs): Gilmer's primary workhorse in the backfield and the District 8-4A DII touchdown leader. He has racked up 982 rushing yards (122.8 yards per game at 6.8 yards per carry) and 18 total touchdowns (17 rushing, 1 kickoff return) despite missing a few contests. Kaden Canady (Fr., WR/S): One of the top breakout freshmen in East Texas. Canady leads the Buckeyes in receiving at 46.5 yards per game and is a major threat in the return game with 451 total return yards.

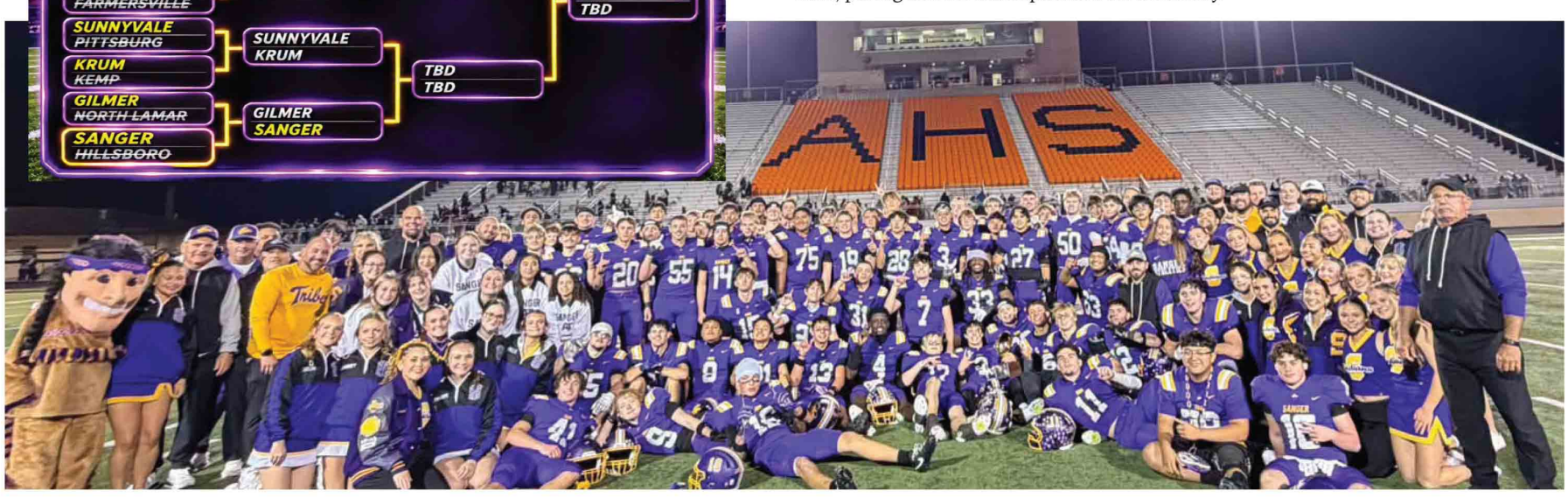


**Sanger Offensive Standouts**

Austin Martin (Sr., QB/RB): The primary engine of the offense, Martin accounted for 21 total touchdowns (20 rushing, 6 passing) while averaging 96.9 rushing yards per game and completing 60.6% of his passes. Bola Ogunwuyi (Sr., RB/CB): A workhorse in the backfield, Ogunwuyi led the team with 146.7 rushing yards per game and scored 20 total touchdowns (19 on the ground). Wyatt Pennington (Sr., WR/SS): At 6'4", Pennington served as Sanger's top receiving threat, averaging 85.6 receiving yards per game with 3 touchdown catches. Cruz York (So., QB): Provided efficient play under center when called upon, posting a 68.9% completion percentage, a 116.4 QB rating, and 4 passing touchdowns. Christopher Ramirez (Jr., RB/CB): Added depth to the ground attack with 28.5 rushing yards per game and 6 rushing touchdowns.

**Sanger Defensive Standouts**

Dezmond Sampson (Sr., DT/DE): A dominant force on the defensive line (6'4", 220 lbs), Sampson tied for the team lead with 10.0 tackles per game while racking up a team-high 13.5 sacks, 40 QB hurries, and 2 forced fumbles. James Cook (So., DE/FB): Just a sophomore, Cook matched Sampson with 10.0 tackles per game, led the team with 58 QB hurries, and recorded 8.5 sacks and 2 forced fumbles. Kale Barr (Sr., LB): Anchored the linebacker corps with 8.3 tackles per game, 2 interceptions, and 2 forced fumbles. Asher Vandyk (Sr., LB/DL): Consistently pressured opposing quarterbacks with 8.0 sacks, 33 QB hurries, and a fumble recovery. Levi Hendricks (Sr., WR/CB): A key two-way contributor who led the secondary with 3 interceptions while also ranking second on the team in receiving (31.4 yards per game, 3 touchdowns). Lane Taylor (Fr., FS/WR/QB): Made an immediate varsity impact as a freshman, pulling down 2 interceptions in the secondary.




The Sanger Indians celebrate after their bi-district playoff victory over Hillsboro at Aledo High School Stadium.

| Class | Number | Name | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| SR | 0 | Max Taylor | LB |
| JR | 1 | Creed Miller | WR/DB |
| SR | 2 | Austin Martin | QB |
| SR | 3 | Levi Hendricks | WR/DB |
| SO | 4 | Chanan Anoh | WR/DB |
| SO | 5 | Lane Clark | RB/LB |
| SR | 6 | Luke Hendricks | WR/DB |
| SO | 7 | Cruz York | QB |
| JR | 8 | Chris Ramirez | RB/DB |
| FR | 9 | Lane Taylor | QB/DB |
| SR | 11 | Kale Barr | RB/LB |
| SR | 12 | Jonas Autry | WR/DB |
| FR | 13 | Cruz Chacon | WR/DB |
| SR | 14 | Abimbola Ogunwuyi | RB/DB |
| SR | 15 | Wyatt Pennington | WR/LB |
| SR | 16 | Roman Wright | RB/DL |
| SR | 17 | Asher Van Dyk | RB/DL |
| JR | 18 | Taylor Slade | QB |
| JR | 19 | Cameron Glover | RB/LB |
| JR | 20 | Levin Smith | WR/DB |
| SO | 21 | Bobby Rodriguez | WR/DB |
| JR | 22 | Christian Bush | RB/DL |

| Class | Number | Name | Position |
|---|---|---|---|
| SR | 23 | Jayden Neal | WR/DB |
| SR | 25 | Chandler Taylor | WR/DB |
| SR | 26 | Brayden Binkley | WR/DB |
| SR | 27 | Nico Fabela | WR/DB |
| SR | 32 | Creedon Boerner | H/LB |
| SO | 33 | James Cook III | H/DL |
| JR | 40 | Seth Del Rio | H/LB |
| SR | 50 | Josh Lindsey | OL/DL |
| SO | 52 | Asher Nalley | OL/DL |
| SR | 54 | Riley Childress | OL/DL |
| SO | 55 | Everett Kloewer | OL/DL |
| JR | 56 | Anthony Lopez | OL/DL |
| JR | 63 | Rylan Davis | OL/DL |
| SR | 65 | Landry Rea | OL/DL |
| JR | 67 | Brody Camp | OL/DL |
| SO | 70 | David Foster | OL/DL |
| SO | 73 | Tucker Dillin | OL/DL |
| SO | 75 | Tyson Bush | OL/DL |
| SO | 77 | Santos Villa-Hernandez | OL/DL |
| SR | 85 | Jordan Gonzalez | WR/DB |
| JR | 88 | Niko Beck | K/WR |
| SR | 90 | Dezmond Sampson | TE/DL |

## SANGER INDIANS Varsity Football

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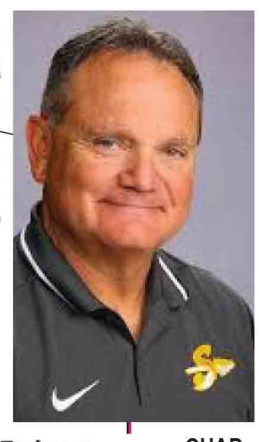
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# Indians win bi-district playoff football game

Sanger wasted no time building a lead as it rolled past Hillsboro for a 71-25 victory last Thursday in their bi-district round game at Tim Buchanan Stadium in Aledo.

The Indians scored on their first play from scrimmage on Bola Ogunwuyi's 75-yard touchdown run and never looked back on their way to winning a first-round playoff game for the second straight year. Sanger built a 50-17 lead by halftime before tacking on 21 more points in the second half to achieve its second-highest scoring output of the season.

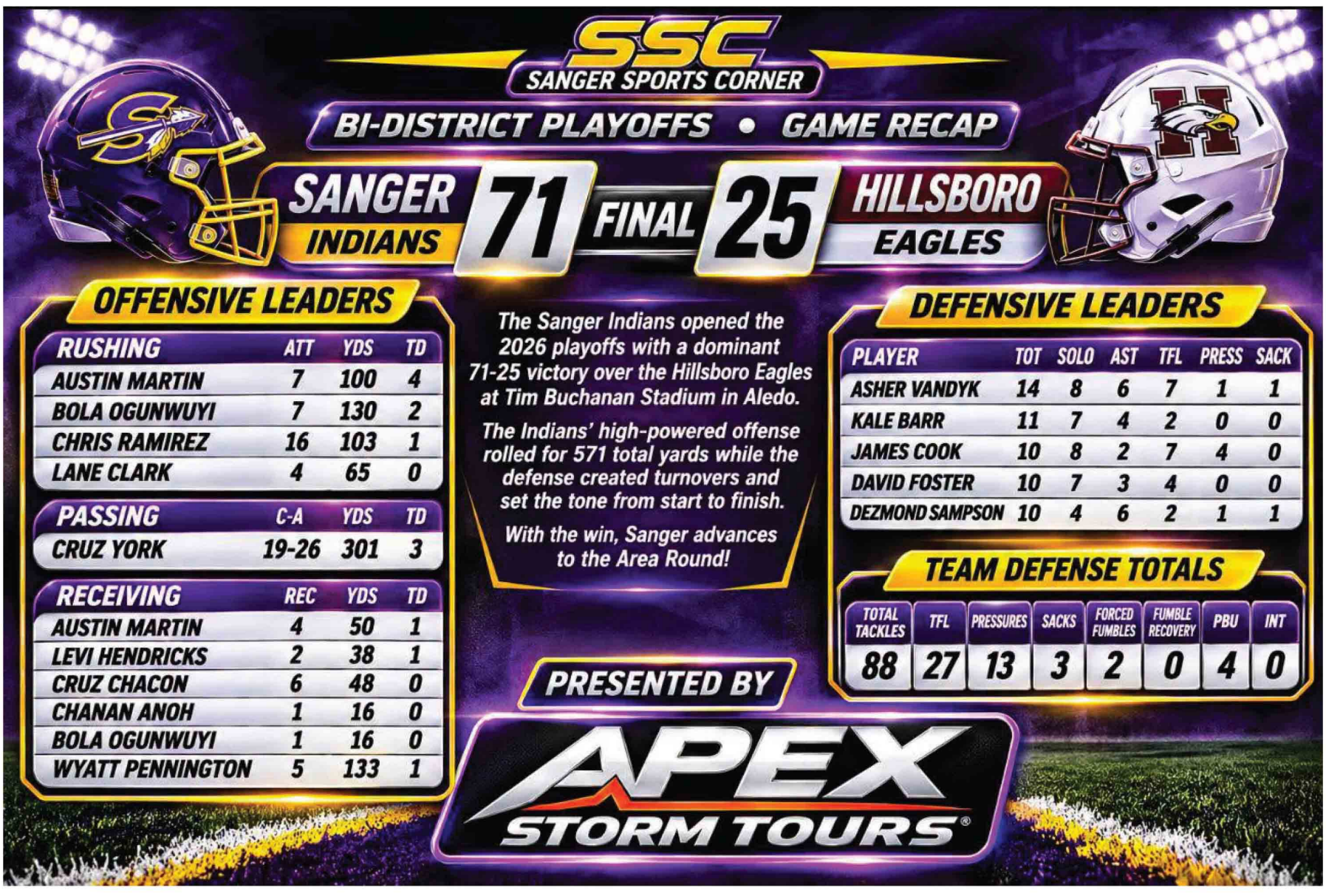
Austin Martin led the way in Sanger's offensive onslaught with four touchdown runs and one receiving touchdown. Bola Ogunwuyi added two touchdown runs alongside one from Chris Ramirez. Cruz York threw three touchdown passes with one to Martin and the two others going to Wyatt Pennington and Levi Hendricks.

Sanger (8-3) advances to face No. 5-ranked Gilmer (9-2) on Friday at Royse City. Gilmer two losses came from Pittsburg in a district matchup 58-56 on October 15th and their season opener to Longview Pine Tree 52-40 on August 27th. The most notable win for Gilmer was against Carthage on October 30th. Gilmer won 49-42. Early in the season, Gilmer beat Kilgore 64-50 on September 11th. A common opponent for Sanger was Paris, who beat Kilgore last week in the bi-district playoffs 28-21. The Sanger Indians beat Paris earlier in non-district play 24-22 on September 4th.










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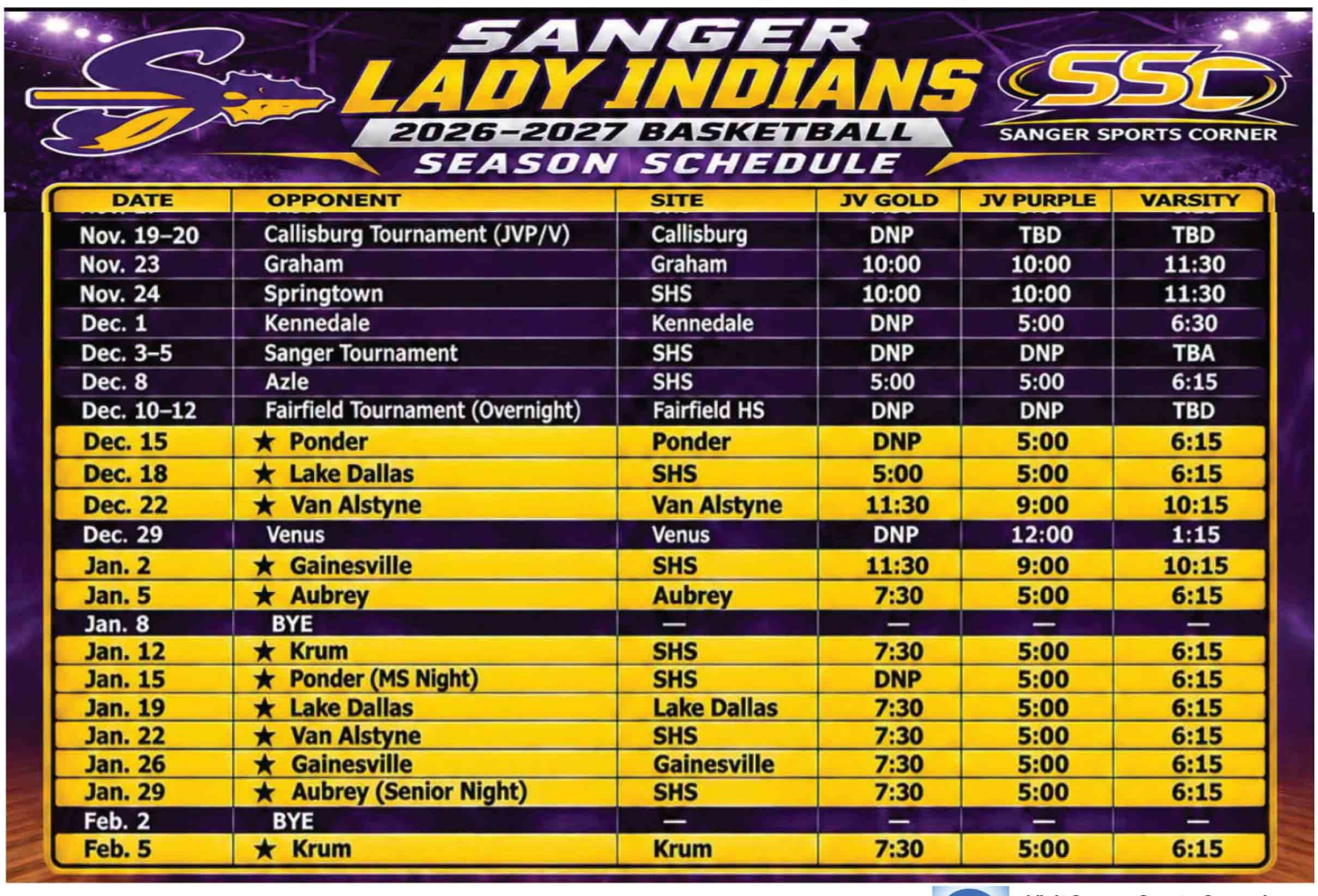
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 19–20 | Callisburg Tournament (JVP/V) | Callisburg | DNP | TBD | TBD |
| Nov. 23 | Graham | Graham | 10:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 |
| Nov. 24 | Springtown | SHS | 10:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 |
| Dec. 1 | Kennedale | Kennedale | DNP | 5:00 | 6:30 |
| Dec. 3–5 | Sanger Tournament | SHS | DNP | DNP | TBA |
| Dec. 8 | Azle | SHS | 5:00 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Dec. 10–12 | Fairfield Tournament (Overnight) | Fairfield HS | DNP | DNP | TBD |
| Dec. 15 | ★ Ponder | Ponder | DNP | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Dec. 18 | ★ Lake Dallas | SHS | 5:00 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Dec. 22 | ★ Van Alstyne | Van Alstyne | 11:30 | 9:00 | 10:15 |
| Dec. 29 | Venus | Venus | DNP | 12:00 | 1:15 |
| Jan. 2 | ★ Gainesville | SHS | 11:30 | 9:00 | 10:15 |
| Jan. 5 | ★ Aubrey | Aubrey | 7:30 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Jan. 8 | BYE | — | — | — | — |
| Jan. 12 | ★ Krum | SHS | 7:30 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Jan. 15 | ★ Ponder (MS Night) | SHS | DNP | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Jan. 19 | ★ Lake Dallas | Lake Dallas | 7:30 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Jan. 22 | ★ Van Alstyne | SHS | 7:30 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Jan. 26 | ★ Gainesville | Gainesville | 7:30 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Jan. 29 | ★ Aubrey (Senior Night) | SHS | 7:30 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Feb. 2 | BYE | — | — | — | — |
| Feb. 5 | ★ Krum | Krum | 7:30 | 5:00 | 6:15 |




## SHS varsity girls basketball beats Frisco 68-50

**Sanger: 22, 19, 13, 14: 68**
**Frisco: 15, 10, 10, 15: 50**

Sanger defeated Frisco 68–50 on Tuesday night at SHS Indian Gym, with ten Lady Indians getting on the scoreboard.

Sarah Dee led the way with 13 points, followed by Laurisa Miskell with 11. Reagan Glover and Vivianne Lynch added 8 apiece, while Addy Garza and Alissa Sailman scored 7 each.

Sanger is 2-2 on the season.

## SHS varsity boys basketball beats Blue Ridge 60-50

The Sanger Indians bounced back in a big way Tuesday night, defeating the Blue Ridge Tigers 60-50 in their 2026-27 home opener!

After falling by just one point to Bridgeport in the season opener, the Indians responded with a 10-point victory to even their record at 1-1 on the season!

Baylor Beard and Alex Dee led the way with 14 points each, while Caden Garrett added 11 and Tyler Grimes chipped in 10.

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| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | 9B | JVB | VB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sat. | Nov. 7 | Scrimmage | Pottsboro | - | - | 9:00 |
| Mon. | Nov. 9 | Scrimmage | Newman Smith | - | - | TBA |
| Sat. | Nov. 14 | Bridgeport | Ellis Davis FH | X | X | 3:00 |
| Tue. | Nov. 17 | Blue Ridge | Sanger | 6:15 | 5:00 | 7:30 |
| Fri. | Nov. 20 | Community | Sanger | 5:00 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Mon.-Tue. | Nov. 23-24 | Tournament | Lone Star | X | X | TBA |
| Tue. | Dec. 1 | Ferris | Sanger | 5:00 | 6:15 | 7:30 |
| Thur.-Sat. | Dec. 3-5 | Tournament | Sanger | X | X | TBA |
| Tue. | Dec. 8 | Whitesboro | Whitesboro | 5:00 | 6:15 | 7:30 |
| Thur.-Sat. | Dec. 10-12 | Tournament | Van Alstyne | TBA | TBA | X |
| Tue. | Dec. 15 | Red River Rattlers | Sanger | 5:00 | 6:15 | 7:30 |
| Fri. | Dec. 18 | Decatur | Sanger | 11:00 | 11:00 | 12:15 |
| Mon. | Dec. 21 | Open | | | | |
| Tue. | Dec. 22 | *Van Alstyne | Van Alstyne | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| Mon.-Wed. | Dec. 28-30 | First State Bank Classic | Valley View | X | X | TBA |
| Thur. | Dec: 31 | Practice 9-11:30 | (all teams) | | | |
| Fri. | Jan. 1 | Practice 9-11 | (all teams) | | | |

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | 9B | JVB | VB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sat. | Jan. 2 | *Gainesville | Sanger | 9:00 AM | 9:00 AM | 10:15 |
| Tue. | Jan. 5 | *Aubrey | Aubrey | 6:15 | 5:00 | 7:45 |
| Fri. | Jan. 8 | Open | | | | |
| Tue. | Jan. 12 | *Krum | Sanger | 6:15 | 5:00 | 7:45 |
| Fri. | Jan. 15 | *Ponder | Sanger | 6:15 | 5:00 | 7:45 |
| Tue. | Jan. 19 | *Lake Dallas | Lake Dallas | 6:15 | 5:00 | 7:45 |
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| Fri. | Feb. 12 | *Lake Dallas | Sanger | 5:00 | 5:00 | 6:15 |
| Tue. | Feb. 16 | District Certification | | | | |
| Thur.-Sat. | Feb. 18-20 | Bi-District | | | | |
| Mon.-Tue. | Feb. 22-23 | Area | | | | |
| Thur.-Sat. | Feb. 25-27 | Regional Semi | | | | |
| Mon.-Tue. | Mar. 1-2 | Regional Final | | | | |
| Sat. | Mar. 6 | State Semi | | | | |
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# Lunch with Community Leaders

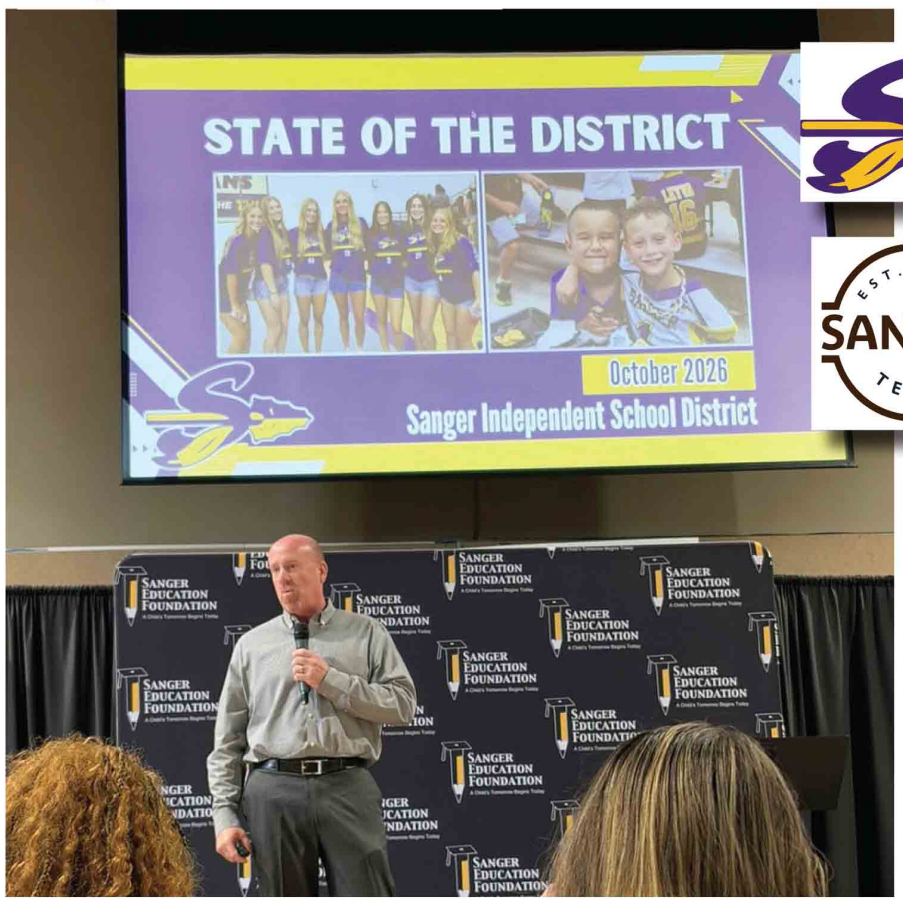
SANGER EDUCATION FOUNDATION
A Child's Tomorrow Begins Today

The annual Sanger Education Foundation, Inc. Lunch with Community Leaders was held recently. City of Sanger and Sanger ISD leadership shared updates on community growth, development, and student success, highlighting the importance of investing in Sanger's future. It was a great opportunity to connect with community partners who help make Sanger a great place to call home.

Superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter shared a State of the District update, giving community leaders a look at where Sanger ISD is today and what's on the horizon. From enrollment growth and the B accountability rating to the impact of the 4-day instructional week on staffing and priorities for the future.

A special shoutout to the talented Sanger High School Culinary Arts students for preparing and serving a wonderful meal! They did an awesome job showcasing their skills!

Sanger Mayor Gary Bilyeu and City Manager John Noblitt talked about the continuing growth in Sanger.

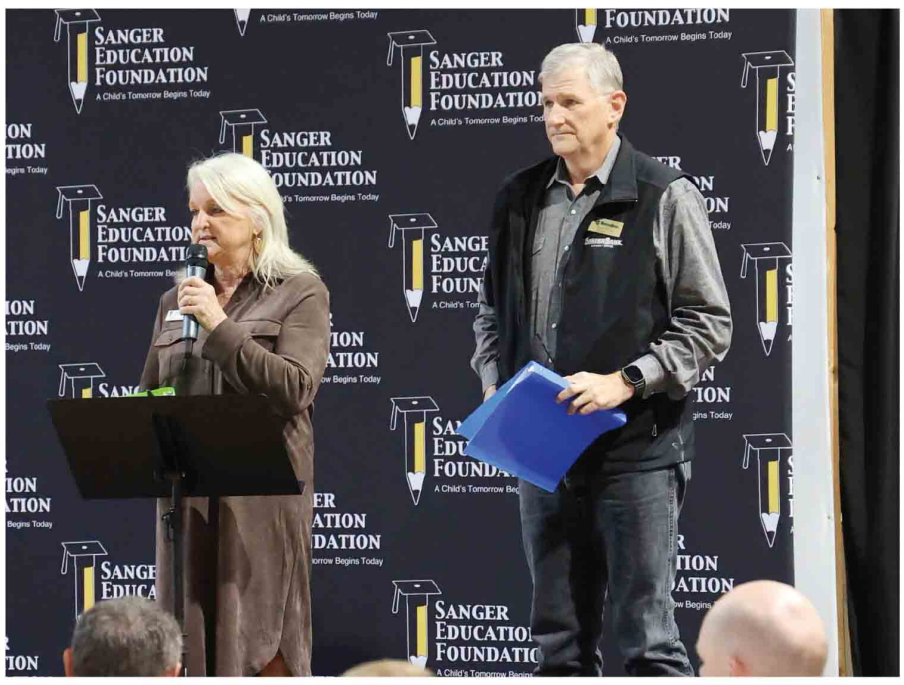



Sanger ISD Superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter




Sanger Mayor Gary Bilyeu






LEFT: Valerie Foster (CEFL, Foundation Executive Director) and Don Long (SEF) Board President.

RIGHT: Sanger City Manager John Noblitt.




## INAUGURAL HOUSE DISTRICT 106 TEXAN OF THE YEAR!

State Representative Jarrod Patterson announced at the Lunch with Community Leaders, recently, that Blake Pyron of Sanger, Texas, is the very first House District 106 Texan of the Year!

Patterson told the attendees...."As Blake celebrates his 10th year of owning and operating Blake's Snow Shack, we couldn't think of anyone more deserving of this special recognition!

Blake's story is one of determination, perseverance, entrepreneurship, and the incredible things that can happen when a family and community rally around someone with a dream.

Blake hasn't just built a successful small business. He's inspired people across Texas and throughout the country, shattered expectations, and demonstrated that having a disability doesn't mean having limitations on your dreams.

His infectious personality, entrepreneurial spirit, and love for his community embody the very best of what it means to be a Texan.

Blake, you've made Sanger proud, you've made House District 106 proud, and you've made TEXAS proud!

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Jarrod Patterson (right) with Blake Pyron and his parents.

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# Lunch with Community Leaders

SANGER EDUCATION FOUNDATION
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The Sanger Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students, teachers, and programs within the Sanger Independent School District (Sanger ISD) in Sanger.

The foundation seeks and distributes independent funds to supplement public school financing. Its primary goal is to fund innovative educational initiatives, expand student learning opportunities, and bridge financial gaps to enhance the overall quality of public education.

The foundation awards grants directly to teachers and campuses for creative classroom projects, specialized materials, and supplemental programs (such as math, reading, mental health support, and after-school STEM or vocational clubs).

They provide financial scholarships to graduating Sanger High School seniors to help them pursue higher education or vocational pathways.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Support: The foundation invests heavily in technical and vocational programs, ensuring students can develop real-world workforce skills and certifications.

Endowments & Donations: Through various family endowments, community gifts, and events, the foundation manages long-term funds dedicated to ongoing student support and staff recognition.

To learn more about the Sanger Education Foundation, go to sangereducationfoundation.org.







SISD Deputy Superintendent Jennie Flaa and SHS Principal Carly Sperry



Dr. Tommy Hunter and Gary Bilyeu







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The new Sanger High School cafeteria and Culinary Arts program are getting some well-deserved recognition. Sanger High School is featured as the "Facility Design Project of the Month" in the November 2026 issue of Foodservice Equipment & Supplies magazine.

The article, titled "New Contemporary Dining and Culinary Arts Program at Texas High School," takes readers inside the new facilities, highlighting the modern cafeteria, innovative foodservice design, state-of-the-art culinary kitchen, and hands-on learning opportunities available to the students.

From serving meals to nearly 850 students each day to giving the Culinary Arts students real-world experience in a professional kitchen, these spaces were designed with our students and their futures in mind!

Congratulations to the Child Nutrition and Culinary Arts teams and everyone who helped bring these incredible facilities to life!

Check out the full magazine feature beginning on page 39
https://pubs.royle.com/publication/?i=872598&p=1...

**SCAN QR CODE to see article**

# Indian Grooms Pet Spa







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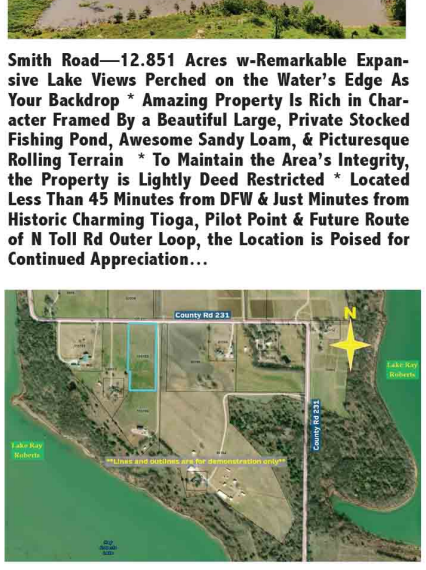
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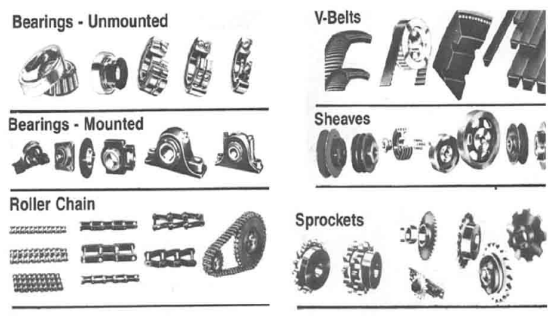
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How It Works:

Local businesses sign up to participate and provide cookies for visitors.

Community members travel around Sanger, visiting participating businesses and enjoying delicious cookies along the way.

It's a wonderful opportunity to welcome customers into your business, showcase what you offer, and spread some Christmas cheer!

• Why Participate?

This is a fantastic way to bring people into your business, connect with the community, support local shopping, and celebrate the holiday season together!

• Participating Businesses Will Be Announced November 30, 2026!

We will share a list of participating businesses so everyone knows where to stop for some delicious holiday treats!

WANT TO PARTICIPATE?

Contact the Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce to get your business added to the list!

Let's fill Sanger with holiday spirit, sweet treats, and community fun!

We can't wait to see all the wonderful businesses participating in this year's Cookies Around Sanger!

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