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Sanger Economic Development announces new businesses

The Sanger Economic Development Corporation First Quarterly Newsletter of the Year is live online and it highlights some exciting announcements of new businesses coming to Sanger near Tom Thumb. Whataburger, Panda Express, AT&T, Club Carwash, Popeyes, Seven Brew and Brakes Plus are now confirmed by the SEDC. The Sanger Economic Development Corporation is kicking off the year with updates you don't want to miss—community highlights, upcoming developments, important announcements, and what's ahead for Sanger. This newsletter is your inside look at what's happening now and what's coming next.

Use this link to read the full newsletter or scan the QR Code: <https://isu.pub/r11YuEZ>



New Businesses Coming Soon to Sanger

The Sanger Economic Development Corporation is proud to welcome several new businesses that will soon be coming to Sanger. These additions reflect the city's continued growth and increasing demand for expanded retail, dining, and service options.



Exciting Update:

Stephen Baker Statue Fundraising

The Stephen Baker Bronze Statue was ordered January 6, 2026. In addition to his athleticism, Stephen Baker is remembered for his steadfast moral compass and his commitment to ethical principles. Although many who knew Stephen in the early years of the 50s and 60s are no longer with us, Stephen's memory still lives within the friends and classmates that remain and the community who have learned about Stephen.

Sanger ISD has renamed the current football field "Stephen Baker Field at Indian Stadium" as a tribute to a young man who exemplified character, integrity and compassion. He will not be forgotten as the young man who lost his life playing football for the Indian team but forever remembered as an upstanding young man in all aspects of life.

In early 2025, a committee of Stephen's classmates, in association with the Sanger Historical Society, began its fund-raising for a memorial bronze statue. At that time the quote from the bronze casting company totaled \$92K. It's now 10+ months later, and increased materials prices have pushed the total to \$97.5K. "We are about \$18.4K from the final amount required for the statue and installation. We will no doubt reach this goal, but to those that have not previously donated, we are asking for your consideration to help end this funding drive quickly," stated Tona Batis of the Statue Committee.

Steps of the process of creating and receiving delivery of the statue are as follows:

1. Payment of \$20K was issued at time of contract signing (1-6-26). Committee visited Schaefer Art Bronze on 1-6-26 to review contract and processes. Their website may be visited at Schaeferartbronze.com. This company built the statue located at the current middle school (previously high school).

2. Maquette (small model of statue) prepared by artist will be reviewed by committee and approved. After approval another \$20K payment will be issued. Note: the committee will have the option of making any changes necessary to the maquette and will revisit once changes have been made. Committee has complete approval rights before statue goes to next stage.

3. Enlargement of the statue to 7'6" in size will be approved based upon maquette approval by committee. At this time a payment of \$40K will be issued.

4. Statue is completed and approved by the committee and is ready for delivery. \$13K is paid at this time.

5. Delivery and installation time and date will be determined. \$4.5K due at the time of installation. As a note, if our committee is able to provide a lift device for the installation, Schaefer Art Bronze will deduct \$1K from the installation costs.

This bronze statue will then become the property of the Sanger ISD. An unveiling date and time will be set and an event for the unveiling will be announced for the community to attend the unveiling.

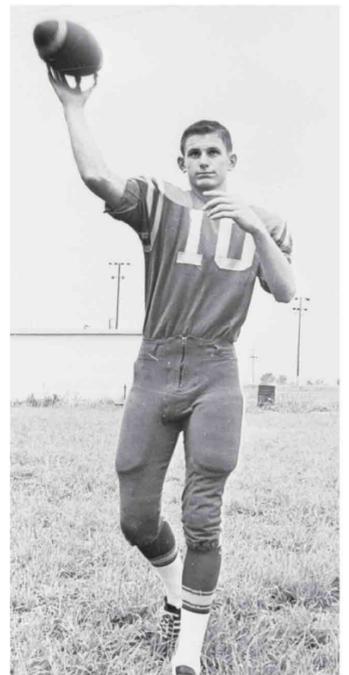
"We appreciate everyone that has joined in on this with their donations. We encourage everyone to become a part of this historic memorial which will remain a part of the Sanger ISD complex," added Batis

Donations may be made to: Sanger Area Historical Society, Stephen Baker Fund, 211 N. 5th Street, Sanger, Texas 76266.

Also, contact committee members to donate:

Tona Batis 972-977-5106
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The bronze statue duplicates the picture of Stephen Baker's football picture in the SHS yearbook. Note: The bronze rendering is not an exact image.

Places up for City and School Board Elections

The first day to file for council/mayor seats for the City of Sanger and school board trustees was Wednesday, January 14, 2026. Election Day will be Saturday, May 2, 2026 and early voting TBA. Open places on the council are Place 2 - Gary Bilyeu and Place 4 - Allen Chick. Bilyeu has been on the council since 2010 and Chick's first term started in 2014. Mayor Thomas Muir announced last week he will not seek another term. He's been Mayor since May of 2010.

Sanger ISD has three places on the ballot: Place 7 - Bruce Eelsey, Place 6 - Mitch Hammonds and Place 1 - Jarrod Roberts.

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

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OBITUARIES...

Helena Harlow Cochran

May 4, 2023 - January 8, 2026

Helena Harlow Cochran, age 2, passed away on January 8, 2026, at her home in Waco, Texas, and is now resting peacefully in the loving arms of Jesus. She was born on May 4, 2023, in Denton, Texas, and was the cherished daughter of Christian Michael Reid and Taryn Alexandra Cochran.



Though small in stature, Helena possessed a mighty spirit and a personality far larger than her years. She was a joyful, spirited little girl who loved deeply, laughed freely, and played with her whole heart. Helena brought light wherever she went and left an indelible mark on everyone blessed to know her. At bedtime, she found comfort with her beloved Minnie Mouse stuffie, a treasured companion that brought her peace. A precious child of God, Helena was dearly loved and will forever be remembered for the joy she shared so effortlessly.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chris Reid. Those left to cherish her memory include her mother and stepfather, Taryn Cochran and Eric Archer of Sanger; her sister, Soryn Layne Archer of Sanger; her uncles, Koby Cochran and Cooper Cochran of Sanger, and Tavish Cochran and Charlie Cochran of Cross Roads; her maternal grandparents, Kristine Cochran of Sanger and Shawn and Lindsay Cochran of Cross Roads; her paternal grandfather, Michael Reid of Fort Worth; her maternal great-grandparents, Kim and Bryan Howard of Sanger; and Deb Newberry of Denton, and her paternal great-grandparents, Felicia and Ed Farmer of Pottsboro.

Graveside services for Helena will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at Bolivar Cemetery, with Grant Bowles officiating.

Services are entrusted to Coker Funeral Home of Sanger. Condolences may be shared with the Cochran family at www.cokerfuneralhome.com

Raymond Leon Fenley

February 1, 1937 - January 5, 2026

Raymond Leon Fenley, passed away on January 5, 2026 at the age of 88.

Born on February 1, 1937, outside of Sunset, Texas, he was the seventh son and tenth child of Bert and Bertie Fenley. Raised during the hard years of sharecropping, he learned early the values of hard work, family, and perseverance-values that shaped the rest of his life.



His childhood was spent moving across North Texas and Southern Oklahoma. Working farms in places like Park Springs, Ringgold, Terrell and finally Tioga. From teams of horses to John Deere tractors, cotton fields to sorghum mills, his memories reflected a way of life built on grit, cooperation, and making do with what you had.

He attended school in Sanger and Tioga, ultimately graduating from Tioga High school in 1956.

After high school, he built a long and respected career as a machinist. Beginning at Chance Vought and later working at Drilling and Service and Royal Tool where he eventually became foreman. In 1979, he made the decision to leave Royal Tool to run his own business from home.

He married Mary Lee Beaty on April 22, 1960. Together they had 2 children, Brad and Cathy Fenley. Brad Fenley and his wife Maybeth Nunn. Brad has 2 children, Elizabeth Rogers and her husband Eric Rogers and their son Miles Rogers, they live in Washington DC. Kevin Fenley lives in Copper Canyon TX. Cathy Fenley is married to Michael Becker. Cathy has 1 son, Brian Schnaithman. Michael Becker has 2 children, Alex Becker and Stephanie Becker.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Bertie Fenley and siblings, including, JW Fenley, Harold Fenley, George Fenley, Charles Fenley, Walter Fenley, Hubert Fenley, Josephine Fenley, Una Mae Fenley. And is survived by one sister, Juanita Fenley.

Services are under the direction of Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home in Denton. Service was held Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Chinn's Chapel Cemetery in Copper Canyon, TX from 10-11 a.m.

Joilou Masten Hoernemann

August 19, 1941 - December 12, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patricia Melton Mount

January 19, 1948 - September 8, 2025

Patricia Melton Mount, age 77, of Denton, Texas, passed away peacefully on September 8, 2025. Born in Lubbock, Texas, on January 19, 1948, Patty was the beloved daughter of Marvin Bennett Melton and Courtney Culver Melton.

A proud graduate of Monterey High School, Class of 1966, Patty pursued her passion for education, earning two master's degrees—one from Texas Tech University and another from the University of North Texas. Her commitment to learning and service led her to a distinguished career as manager of the Valley Ranch branch of the Irving Library, where she served the community for 18 years with dedication and grace.



On September 28, 1968, Patty married the love of her life, Mitchell William Mount, in Lubbock. Together, they built a life rooted in faith, family, and service. Patty was a member of First Baptist Church in Sanger. She was a source of warmth and wisdom for those who had the good fortune to know her.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Mount of Sanger; her son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Susan Mount of Sanger; her brother, Michael Melton, and wife Kay of Bedford; and her cherished grandchildren: Monica Sivley of Odessa, Amanda Frederick of Fort Worth, and Jessica Galindo of Fentress. Patricia's legacy lives on in the hearts of those she loved and inspired.

Services were entrusted to Coker Funeral Home of Sanger. A graveside memorial service was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at Sanger Cemetery at 2 p.m.



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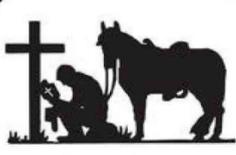
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Howard Stephen Erdman

December 10, 1960 - January 5, 2026

Howard Stephen "Steve" Erdman, age 65, of Sanger, Texas, passed away at his home on January 5, 2026.

Born on December 10, 1960, in Richland, Washington, Steve was the beloved son of Howard and Sally Erdman. He spent much of his childhood in Vienna, Austria, where his father worked for the International Atomic Energy Agency. During this time, Steve attended the American International School. The family later returned to the United States when his father accepted a professorship at Texas Woman's University, settling in Denton, Texas. Steve attended Denton High School, where he played offensive line on the football team, and continued his athletic and academic pursuits at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He later earned a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Eventually, Steve made his home in Sanger, Texas, where he met and married his wife, Cindy, and built a life centered around his family.



Steve dedicated his life to education and coaching. He began as a football coach in Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD before moving to Denton ISD, where he spent the majority of his career at Ryan High School, with additional coaching at various middle schools. Following the birth of his daughter Haven, he found a role that allowed more time at home and joined the Denton Juvenile Detention Center as a Physical Education coach. He served there for 20 years, positively impacting the lives of countless students.

Outside of his professional life, Steve embraced a wide range of passions. He loved cooking dishes from around the world, smoking and grilling meats, hunting, fishing, woodworking, and reading fantasy and historical-fiction books. He had a keen eye for vintage tools, often exploring pawn shops to find tools, many of which he sold through his eBay business, where he was once a top seller. Steve had a deep love for animals, especially his dog Crystal, who heroically saved him from a house fire. A devoted pet parent, he spoiled his three dogs and cherished his grandkitty, often making pet snack trays and creating cat toys for them. Above all, Steve treasured time with his family and traveling. He particularly loved trips to Camden, Maine, where he spent countless summers, and cruising, with Alaska holding a special place in his heart.

Steve is survived by his wife, Cindy Erdman; his daughter, Haven Melott, and son-in-law, Lane Melott; a granddaughter expected in April, whom Steve was eagerly anticipating; his brother, Peter Erdman, and sister-in-law, Rebecca, along with their children, Alexander and Adelaide; his sister-in-law, Terri Patton and his nephew-in-law, Casey Patton. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Sally Erdman; his beloved grandson, Rayan Erdman, who was stillborn and deeply cherished; his brother-in-law, Rusty Patton; and his parents-in-law, Richard and Verna Parsons.

Steve will be cremated, and no formal funeral or memorial service will be held. His family will honor and celebrate his life in their own meaningful way.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Steve's memory be made to K9s For Warriors or the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, two charities close to his heart and that he supported during his life.

Steve will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements were under the direction of Mulkey-Bowles-Montgomery Funeral Home in Denton.

David Thane Muns

October 1, 1966 - January 10, 2026

David Muns passed away in his sleep, unexpectedly at home January 10 at the age of 59. David was born on an American Air Force base in Landstuhl, Germany, to his parents, Doris and Robert Muns.

Many of you knew David because of his love for football, powerlifting, and all things that made people "bigger, faster, stronger." When David was young, he still loved all of those things. He always credited his coaches with raising him to be an upstanding citizen. He attended Bonham Elementary School, Lee Middle School, Grand Prairie High School, Cisco Junior College, and later "the Great Midwestern State." He played football at each school and even continued past graduation in the semi-pro leagues.

David trained many athletes from Sanger. He loved his job and called it the "greatest gig on the planet." He was so proud of all of his kids in the Big Ape Family, including his biological children, Hayden and Karan. No one was



prouder of their successes or "bummed" by their shortcomings. Bombing out was a horrible thing to him, but he knows that every failure was also a chance to learn and another rep under the belt. He would want all of us to continue to run our races as if he were still with us.

More than anything, David loved his wife, Monica. He normally called her, "Pretty Girl," and was certain that she was the greatest thing ever. He always had a good day when they were together, which was every day since 1990. She was the greatest love of his life.

Visitation will be held at Blue Mound United Methodist Church on Friday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. The service will take place on Saturday, January 17, at 11 a.m. Please wear your Big Ape shirt if you were one of his kids. Blue Mound UMC, 8421 NI 35, Denton, TX.

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New tax laws for 2026 that you should know



Nikki Smith
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The new year brings more than resolutions and fresh starts; it also ushers in several tax changes that could affect your wallet. Whether you're saving for retirement, funding your child's education or supporting your favorite charity, here's a few things you need to know about the tax landscape in 2026.

More room to save for retirement and healthcare. There's good news for savers: Contribution limits for retirement accounts are going up. If you're under 50, you can now contribute up to \$7,500 to an IRA, which is up from \$7,000 in 2025. Those 50 and older can contribute an additional \$1,100, for a total of \$8,600.

The limits for 401(k), 403(b) and governmental 457(b) plans are also increasing, with workers younger than 50 able to defer up to \$24,500. Visit IRS.gov and search "401k limit increases" for an article outlining the details.

Health savings account limits are rising too. In 2026, individual coverage increased to \$4,400 and family coverage to

\$8,750. If you are age 55 or older and are not enrolled in Medicare, you can contribute an additional \$1,000 as a catch-up contribution.

The start of the year is an ideal time to review your contributions and consider increasing them, even by small amounts which can add up over time.

A catch-up rule for high earners. If you're 50 or older and earned more than \$150,000 last year, there's a new wrinkle in your retirement planning. You can still make catch-up contributions to your workplace retirement plan, but they must now be Roth contributions rather than traditional pre-tax contributions. This includes 401(k), 403(b) and 457(b) plans.

While you won't get an immediate tax break, Roth contributions offer tax-free income in retirement and can provide a tax-free legacy for your heirs.

Expanded benefits for 529 education plans. Families using 529 plans to cover K-12 expenses will see the annual federal distribution limit double from \$10,000 to \$20,000 per student. The definition of qualifying expenses has also expanded to include curriculum, books, certain tutoring expenses and testing fees.

This change provides more flexibility for families with overfunded plans and increases options for managing education costs across multiple children or beneficiaries.

New charitable giving provisions. The rules around charitable deductions are shifting in two directions. Taxpayers who take the standard deduction can now deduct up to \$1,000 in cash donations (\$2,000 for joint filers) to qualified organizations.

However, those who itemize deductions face a new threshold: only charitable contributions exceeding 0.5% of adjusted gross income are now deductible. Donors may want to consider bunching strategies or using donor-advised funds to maximize their tax benefits.

Getting help. Navigating these tax changes can be challenging, but you don't have to go it them alone. A qualified financial advisor and tax professional can help you understand how these and other changes affect your specific situation. Together, you can develop strategies to make the most of new opportunities while minimiz-

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Want to stay informed on what's happening in your hometown? The City of Sanger City Council Recap for December 2025 is now available, highlighting important discussions, decisions, and updates from the most recent Council meeting.

From ongoing projects to items that impact our community today and into the new year, this recap is a great way to stay connected and engaged with your city.

Watch the recap on the City of Sanger FaceBook Page or scan QR Code above and see how we're working together to keep Sanger moving forward.

As always, thank you for being an involved and valued part of our community!

Sanger Police Department Leadership Training

The Sanger Police Department strives to be the best department we can and to that end, obtaining the best training available for department leadership and officers is of the utmost importance. Over the course of the last year, we have sent four of our supervisors through highly regarded, sought-after, and intensive leadership training. Please join us in recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of these supervisors in completing these programs. Thank you and have a wonderful, safe and Happy New Year.

Texas Police Chiefs Association (TCPA) Law Enforcement Command Officer Program

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Sgt. Brandon Buttram #164 (12/2025)

Sgt. Reece Dunn #166 (12/2025)

The Institute of Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) School of Police Supervision

This course is designed for first-line supervisors and middle-level management, which focuses on the professionalism of agency management teams. It is a four-week, learning-intensive course for law enforcement leaders that recognizes the importance of supervision as a primary management function. The curriculum focuses on the transition from "street policing" to management, especially the social and personal adjustments.

Sgt. Reece Dunn – 146th School of Police Supervision (02/2025)

Sgt. Hubbel Richmond – 148th School of Police Supervision (10/2025)

The Institute of Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) School of Executive Leadership

The School of Executive Leadership is an intensive eight-week program designed to prepare senior-level law enforcement managers and administrators for leadership in the complex world of public executives. The School of Executive Leadership provides a challenging and intensive environment in which participants can learn, develop, and test a range of success-oriented skills and abilities. The learning accomplished in this setting explores the most current leadership issues and is facilitated by a mix of seasoned law enforcement and academic practitioners.

Lt. Justin Lewis – 64th School of Executive Leadership (04/2025)



Sgt. Brandon Buttram



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Lt. Justin Lewis



Sgt. Reece Dunn

Congratulations to Shani Bradshaw on Earning the CTED Designation

Congratulations to Shani Bradshaw, Economic Development Director for the City of Sanger, on earning the prestigious Certified Texas Economic Developer (CTED) designation! This certification, awarded by the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) and Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), represents the highest level of professional achievement in Texas economic development. We're so proud to see Shani recognized among this elite group of practitioners for her dedication, leadership, and continued commitment to Sanger's growth and success!



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 - Educate the community on city ordinances
 - Maintain detailed case files and documentation
 - Collaborate with other city departments
 - Attend neighborhood meetings and occasional court hearings

- What we're looking for:
- Strong customer service and problem-solving skills
 - Knowledge of code enforcement and city ordinances
 - Texas Code Enforcement Officer Certification (or equivalent experience)
 - Valid Texas Driver's License
 - A professional, respectful, and community-first mindset

This role is ideal for someone who believes code enforcement is about communication, education, and partnership, not just compliance.

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Public Notices

**CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS
ORDINANCE No. 01-02-26**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANGER, DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS, REGARDING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A TEMPORARY CONCRETE BATCH PLAT ON APPROXIMATELY 26.102 ACRES OF LAND DESCRIBED AS A0029A R. BEEBE, TR 56A AND 56B(1) AND KNOWN AS LANE RANCH PHASE 5; 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 ORDINANCES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. SECTION 5. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in The Code of Ordinances, Section 1.109 General Penalty for Violations of Code. PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Sanger, Texas, on this 5th day of January 2026.



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- Fire-certified applicants must be currently enrolled in Paramedic School.
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The Sanger Fire Department is looking for motivated, dedicated individuals ready to answer the call and serve our community. Join a high-performing team committed to excellence, teamwork, and public service.

Minimum Requirements:

- Fire-certified applicants must be currently enrolled in Paramedic School
- EMT-Paramedic-certified applicants must be currently enrolled in Fire School
- Currently have 4 positions open.

If you're passionate about making a difference and advancing your career, we want to hear from you!

Save the Date

SEF Annual Gala
 Friday, March 20th, 2026
 6:00 - 11:00 PM
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Sponsorships, reserved tables, and couples tickets are on sale now! RSVP to SEF at 940-600-8890 or 940-777-0210 or email vfoster@sangereducationfoundation.org

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Dorum named Special Education Director of Sanger ISD

Sanger ISD is excited to announce that Melissa Dorum has been named Special Education Director for the 2026-2027 school year!
 Mrs. Dorum is in her 28th year in education and brings a wealth of knowledge to this role. She has served as a special education teacher, educational diagnostician, and Assistant Special Education Director with Denton County Special Education COOP (DCSEC). She has been part of Sanger ISD for 14 years and has consistently shown a strong commitment to students and staff.
 In her new role, Mrs. Dorum will help build and lead the Special Education Department for Sanger ISD, focusing on supporting students with diverse learning needs and working closely with families.
 Outside of school, Mrs. Dorum has been married to her husband David for 30 years and has two adult children, Miranda (25) and Justin (21). She enjoys music, attending concerts, spending quality time with her family, and caring for her French Bulldogs.
 Please join SISD in congratulating Melissa Dorum on this exciting opportunity! "We look forward to the leadership and vision she will bring to this new position."



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January 21, 2026
5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Indian Showcase
 We are excited to share what it looks like to be in the SHS Tribe!

Come and join this great opportunity for 8th-grade students to explore their options! Sanger High School offers a variety of course offerings, career and technical education (CTE) courses, and clubs that can help students discover their interests and prepare for their future. If you have any specific questions about these offerings or need more information, this is a perfect time to ask.

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SPORTS

Lady Indians beat Gainesville

The Lady Indians varsity hit the road last Friday night, traveling to Lake Dallas, and battled hard but ultimately came up short, falling 42-35.

Despite the tough loss, Sanger had several strong individual performances that kept the game competitive throughout.

Stat Leaders for the Lady Indians:

- Vivianne Lynch led the scoring attack with 9 points, knocking down three 3-pointers.

- Nevaeh Sutherland finished with 8 points, adding multiple steals and doing work at the free-throw line.

- Laurisa Miskell posted a big night on the glass with 13 total rebounds, while also contributing 8 points.

2025-26 SHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL ROSTER:

#1	Addy Garza	5' 5"	fr
#2	Vivianne Lynch	5' 6"	jr
#3	Nevaeh Sutherland	5' 6"	jr
#5	Molly Schmucker	5' 9"	jr
#10	Callie Miller	5' 8"	jr
#11	Jasmine Pace	5' 10"	jr
#12	Laurisa Miskell	5' 10"	fr
#22	Bailey Newton	5' 7"	sr
#23	Alissa Spillman	5' 2"	fr
#33	Am'arie White	5' 8"	sr
#44	Sarah Dee	5' 7"	jr

- Sarah Dee chipped in 8 points, added assists, and was active defensively with steals.

- Callie Miller rounded out the scoring with 2 points.

Sanger hosted Gainesville on Tuesday and won 76-36.

Sanger scorers:
Vivianne Lynch 27
Nevaeh Sutherland 7

Callie Miller 4
Jasmine Pace 6
Laurisa Miskell 6
Bailey Newton 3
Alissa Spillman 5
Am'arie White 2
Sarah Dee 16

The Lady Indians are 14-10 overall and 3-3 in district. They finish the first round of district on Friday, Jan. 16 at Prosper Richland.



Vivianne Lynch shoots a three-pointer.



Jasmine Pace at the free throw line.

SHS varsity basketball beats Lake Dallas

The Sanger Indians hit the road last Friday night and battled all the way to the final buzzer, pulling out a hard-fought 46-43 win over the Lake Dallas Falcons in a game that was back and forth from start to finish.

Despite a tough night at the



Alex Dee

free-throw line, the Indians found ways to make winning plays on both ends of the floor.

Stat Leaders:

- Alex Dee led all scorers with 14 points, knocking down multiple shots from deep.

- Tyler Grimes added 12 points, along with key defensive contributions including steals and blocks.

- Logan Swofford was a force on the glass, pulling down 11 rebounds to go with 7 points.

- Baylor Beard chipped in 7 points, while JT Alambar and Ethan Grant each added 3 points.

Sanger fell to Gainesville at SHS on Tuesday 63-36. Sanger scorers: Grimes 14, Beard 6, Dee 8, Swofford 5, Pennington 3.

The Indians are 13-8 overall and 1-3 in district. They travel to Prosper Richland on Friday, Jan. 16th.



Tyler Grimes

2025-26 SHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL ROSTER:

#	Player	Grade	Position	Height
0	Tyler Grimes	Jr.	SG	6'0"
1	Baylor Beard	Jr.	PG	5'10"
2	Alex Dee	Jr.	SG	5'11"
3	JT Alambar	Sr.	W	6'1"
4	Ethan Exner	Sr.	G	5'10"
5	Joel Rodriguez	Sr.	G	6'0"
15	Wyatt Pennington	Jr.	P	6'4"
12	Kane Kirkland	Sr.	G	5'6"
20	Nash Brockett	So.	G	5'10"
21	Dezmond Sampson	Jr.	P	6'2"
22	Ethan Grant	Fr.	SF	6'3"
23	Noel Hernandez	Fr.	SG	6'1"
24	Logan Swofford	Jr.	P	6'6"



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Day	Date	Event	Location	Time	Title Sponsor	Pre/Post	Player of the Game
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Friday	1/16/2026	Boys Basketball vs Prosper Richland*	Richland	7:30 PM	House of Carts	HRE & DHCI	Church of Christ
Tuesday	1/20/2026	Girls Basketball vs Celina*	SHS	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ
Tuesday	1/20/2026	Boys Basketball vs Celina*	SHS	7:30 PM	House of Carts	HRE & DHCI	Church of Christ
Friday	1/23/2026	Girls Basketball vs Van Alstyne*	Van Alstyne	6:15 PM	Afford it	Beaver Builders	Church of Christ

SHS GIRLS BASKETBALL MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

Date	Opponent	Location	JV Gold	JV Purple	Varsity
Jan. 16	Prosper Richland	Prospe	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan. 20	Celina	SHS	DNP	5:00	6:15
Jan. 23	Van Alstyne	Van Als	DNP	5:00	6:15
Jan. 27	Aubrey (SENIOR NIGHT)	SHS	7:30	5:00	6:15
Jan. 30	Panther Creek	Panthe	DNP	5:00	6:15

SHS BOYS BASKETBALL MONTHLY SCHEDULE:

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAMS/TIMES
*FRI	Jan. 16	RICHLAND PROSPER	AWAY	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*TUE	Jan. 20	CELINA	HOME	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*FRI	Jan. 23	VAN ALSTYNE	AWAY	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*TUE- Sr. Night	Jan. 27	AUBREY	HOME	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30
*FRI	Jan. 30	PANTHER CREEK	AWAY	JV-5,9B-6:15,V-7:30

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| Sydney Hubanks #3 | Aiysha Itani #21 | Whitney Taylor #44 |
| Valerie Buj #5 | Lillian Hawkins #22 | |



SHS JV GOLD BASKETBALL

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| AJ Harris #1 | Annabelle Coello #12 | Myakoda Sanchez #25 |
| Jenna Stockard #2 | Carissa Gosdin #15 | Elizabeth Lollar #33 |
| Grayson Anderson #3 | Kelsey Allan #21 | Jordyn Boykin #35 |
| Yasaira Espinal #10 | Leila Lemayan #24 | |

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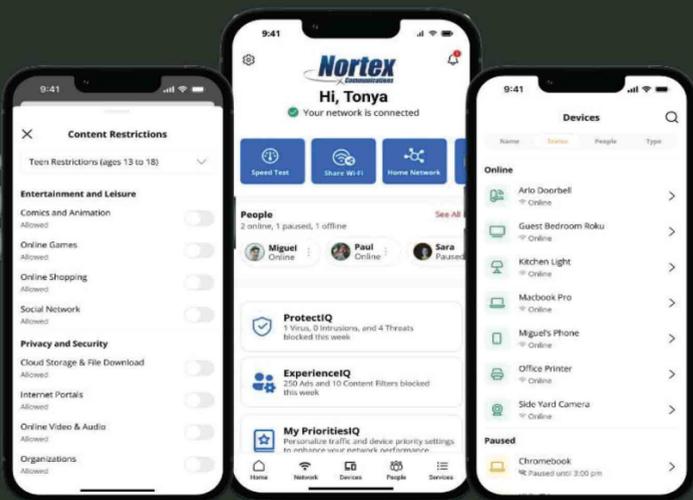
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