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Bolivar Masonic Lodge is holding its local annual chili fundraiser this Saturday night (Feb. 22) at the lodge hall from 5-7 PM. Tickets are unchanged from \$10 for the last few years and can be obtained from any Lodge member or at the door. Homemade chili, red beans and ham, chips and crackers, tea, and a dessert are on the menu. Please come and help support our local charities!

Sanger Lions Club brings NexTrex program to Sanger

The Sanger Police Department would like to thank the Sanger Lions Club for the the amazing NexTrex program and the Sanger community for donating 1,000 pounds of recyclable plastic for the new bench made from the materials listed to the right:

Club said they have been partnered with NexTrex for around four years. Amid increasing concern related to plastic bag and film recycling, Trex Company is making it easier than ever for Americans to responsibly dispose of plastic film waste. The leading manufacturer of high-performance composite decking and railing is proud to announce the launch of the NexTrex® Plastic Recycling Drop-Off Directory, the country's only online searchable platform dedicated to connecting eco-minded Americans with Trex recycling partners in their

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Sanger Police Chief Tyson Cheek on the new bench outside the department.

Open House to be held for Special Parent Advocacy Group in Sanger

EIGHT ACRES OF HOPE BY WAY OF SPECIAL PARENT ADVOCACY GROUP HAS ARRIVED IN SANGER, TEXAS TO REDEFINE WHAT QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH PROGRESSIVE TREATMENT LOOKS LIKE FOR YOUTH IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. DIAGNOSED WITH INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES and AUTISM!

The Special Parent Advocacy Group was founded in 2011. Special Parent Advocacy Group is a 501(c)3 organization founded by a mother who experienced struggles as she attempted to navigate the treacherous waters of Special Education issues within the Trenton Public School System. As she sought after services for her Autistic son, she noticed a pattern of families in challenging situations like the one she was facing. They were not receiving the services which they were entitled and/or services were not provided in a timely manner as prescribed in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) if they were prescribed at all.

Finding services for families of children with

special needs; holding the school districts accountable; and ensuring the rights of parents of children with Special Needs became the immediate mission of the Special Parent Advocacy Group

In 2022 SPAG began the process to become state contracted in the state of Texas to begin servicing the foster care community. In 2023 SPAG acquired a 2200 square foot home and became state licensed as a general Residential Operation to serve 7 foster children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. SPAG also was approved as a supervised Visitation provider for Texas DFPS.

On November 26, 2024, SPAG & the Founders proudly announced the acquisition of a 8-acre farm, complete with an existing home where they will serve up to 12 foster youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal of this property is to provide the youth with a nurturing, relaxing environment that offers sensory-specific activities such as gardening, animal care, and basic farming. Over the next year, the property will be equipped with a sensory playground, a variety of farm animals, and a garden.

Additional therapeutic services to be added include:

- Equine Therapy
- Farm Therapy

To ensure continuity of care, the agency will also be adding the following services to the ranch:

- Child Placing Agency Services
- Adult Residential

Services for individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (I/DD)

"As we embark upon 15 years of service in the IDD/Autism community we would like to personally invite you to celebrate this incredible milestone with us at our open house at our SPAG Land property to be held on March 1, 2025, at 13469 Chisum Road., Sanger, Texas 76266 from 1-4pm."

Special Parent Advocacy Group is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to service in the IDD/Autism Community. For more information, please visit their website at www.tspag.org and if you are interested in volunteer opportunities; please contact them at 609-349-1456 or send your statement of interest to vharper@tsag.org.

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United Way Denton County Looks to Grow Free Tax Prep Program

With locations from Carrollton to Sanger, eligible taxpayers can visit VITA sites where IRS-trained volunteers will help them file their taxes and maximize credits.

The 2025 tax season is underway and United Way Denton County plans to continue to expand on the growth of last year's VITA | Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to serve more hard-working taxpayers for the 2024 tax season.

With eight sites open across Denton County from now until Tax Day on April 15, 2025, IRS-certified volunteers are ready to assist low- to-moderate-income Denton County residents with filing their federal taxes, ensuring accurate and stress-free returns at no cost. These trained volunteers help complete tax forms, review documents, understand what may be owed, and help get the largest refund possible by maximizing credits like the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. VITA is available to anyone who earned \$67,000 or less in 2024.

"This program is a critical tool to assist ALICE | Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed households in Denton County," said Gary Henderson, United Way of Denton County President and CEO. "Maximizing refunds for these families often accounts for the largest infusion of funds they will see all year. That's why we are excited to build on the 241% increase in returns we saw last year to help even more ALICE households in 2025."

VITA was created by the IRS and implemented by United Way of Denton County in 2008. The program has since proved to improve economic mobility and financial security for hard-working Den-

ton County residents. Since inception, this program has resulted in 10,000+ prepared tax returns, \$14.4 million+ secured refunds to the Denton County economy, and \$2.7 million saved in tax preparation fees for Denton County residents.

According to the National Society of Accountants, Texan's pay an average of \$313 to tax preparers for a tax return. Although VITA has averaged \$1.59M in total returns for Denton County taxpayers in the past 10 years, the IRS estimates that over \$15 million is left on the table by VITA-eligible Denton County taxpayers every year. The team of VITA volunteers have learned the tax code, so members of the Denton County community can file their taxes, get their refund, and save their hard-earned money.

United Way of Denton County's VITA program works in collaboration with public libraries in Carrollton (Hebron & Josey Branch), Denton (North Branch), Lewisville, Little Elm, Pilot Point, Sanger, and The Colony. VITA is supported with funding from the Internal Revenue Service, Charles Schwab, the City of Carrollton, and Wells Fargo.

For specific locations/times, a list of required documents, and other information, residents can visit UnitedWayDenton.org/VITA.

United Way of Denton County is still seeking volunteers for a variety of positions, including as tax preparers, intake specialists, and translators for VITA locations throughout Denton County. Training is happening now. For more information about volunteering with VITA, visit UnitedWayDenton.org/Volunteer-VITA.



Sullivan Senior Center Schedule

Host location - First Baptist Church Sanger (708 Fifth Street) – entrance on Fifth Street at rain canopy door. Anyone looking for low impact exercise classes is welcome (all listed classes are free).

Mondays

**30 min. low impact exercise classes starting at: 10:30am & 11:00am
(Due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not be hosting our Monday Bible Study groups this month)

Wednesdays

**30 min. low impact exercise classes starting at: 10:30am & 11:00am
**Game time (cards, Mahjong, etc) starts 1:30pm

Have questions or need more information? Contact us at:

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Facebook Group: Sullivan Senior Center of Sanger, TX





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local communities. With locations in all 50 states (including Sanger), the nationwide directory fills a gap in the marketplace, offering a comprehensive resource that empowers individuals to contribute to a greener planet by diverting plastic bag and film waste from landfills and waterways.

“Plastic film is a tricky material that cannot be recycled in curbside bins with other recyclable materials, such as paper, cardboard and glass,” explained Stephanie Hicks, Materials and Recycling Programs Manager for Trex Company. “The NexTrex program offers a simple way for people to dispose of flexible plastic waste responsibly and confidently. When you drop off plastic bags and film

at a NexTrex recycling location, you know exactly where those materials are going and how they will be used.”

Since first inventing composite decking, Trex has built a successful business from recycled polyethylene (PE) plastic, a core ingredient in its world-famous composite decking, which is made from up to 95% recycled and reclaimed materials. One of the largest recyclers

of PE film in North America, the company reclaims and repurposes more than 300 million pounds of discarded plastic material annually. Among its primary sources are grocery stores and other retailers who partner with Trex to responsibly dispose of shrink wrap, pallet wrap, and other flexible plastic materials used in their operations. More than 10,000 of these stores also serve as public-facing drop-off locations with dedicated bins posted in their stores where local community members can recycle plastic bag and film materials that qualify to be used by Trex. These include everyday items such as grocery/retail bags, produce bags,

sandwich bags, case overwrap, plastic wrap from paper towels and toilet paper, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaner bags, bubble wrap and flexible shipping pouches. A full list of qualifying materials can be found at www.NexTrex.com.

Through the new NexTrex Plastic Recycling Drop-off Directory, people can simply type in their city, state or zip code to find NexTrex recycling partners in their area. The directory currently includes approximately 10,000 drop-off locations across all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii. New locations will continue to be added as more retailers join the NexTrex

program. The directory site also invites visitors to suggest alternate locations and provide feedback for program improvements.

To find a NexTrex recycling location near you, go to the new NexTrex Plastic Recycling Drop-off Directory at NexTrex.com. For more information about Trex outdoor living products, visit Trex.com.

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What to know before “reversing” your retirement



Nikki Smith
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After working for decades, you may have been looking forward to retiring. But what if you decide to “reverse” your retirement?

You could rejoin the workforce for any number of reasons. You might need the added income to help pay for your living expenses, but you also might miss the social interactions with co-workers, or simply desire more purpose or stimulation in your life.

And if you do un-retire, you’ll have plenty of company. More than 13% of previously retired baby boomers returned to the workforce in 2023, the highest level in five years, according to data from LinkedIn, the online career networking platform.

When pondering the decision to go back to work, you’ll want to evaluate the advantages and the possible drawbacks.

First, let’s look at the benefits of rejoining the workforce. By improving your cash flow, you may be able to do more of the things you enjoy, such as traveling. And you might also be able to reduce your debt load, which can free up even more cash. You

might also use the extra money for other purposes, such as contributing to a tax-advantaged 529 education savings plan for your grandchildren.

Furthermore, depending on where you’re returning to work, and whether you go back full- or part-time, you might gain access to your employer’s benefits programs. If you aren’t already enrolled in Medicare, you could find it financially advantageous to sign up for your employer-sponsored group medical plan. And you may also be able to contribute to your employer’s 401(k) or similar plan. Even if you’re not eligible for an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you can contribute to an IRA if you have any earned income.

And here’s something else to think about: By bringing in income from employment, you may be able to take less out each year from your existing 401(k) and IRA, giving them a chance to potentially grow more. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you’ll have to start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and 401(k). With a Roth IRA and 401(k), you’re not required to take withdrawals at any age.)

Now, let’s consider some potential areas of

concern about returning to the workforce. If you’ve been taking Social Security, your 2025 benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$2 earned above \$23,400 if you haven’t reached your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. In the year in which you do reach your full retirement age, your benefits will be reduced by \$1 for every \$3 earned above \$62,160. Starting in the month in which you reach your full retirement age, you can earn as much as you want without losing benefits. (Also, Social Security will then recalculate your payments to give you credit for the months in which your benefits were reduced due to your earned income.)

Another area of concern might be your Medicare premiums. Because these premiums are based on your income, they could rise if you start earning more money. Also, if your income increases enough, you might be pushed into a higher tax bracket.

Ultimately, you’ll want to weigh the pros and cons of returning to work. If it seems the advantages outweigh the disadvantages, you may well enjoy embarking on your “second act” in the working world.

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September 20th-21st	
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- Submission Dates: March 10 - March 29
- Guidelines: One entry per person

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February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month!

At Sanger ISD, they take pride in offering hands-on, real-world learning experiences that set the students up for success in various careers. The CTE programs at Sanger High School provide valuable skills, certifications, and knowledge that extend far beyond the classroom.

SISD thanks the dedicated teachers, industry partners, and hardworking students who make the CTE programs thrive! Your passion and commitment drive innovation and excellence every day. Below are spotlights on some of the CTE programs at SHS and a complete list offered to students.

Spotlight on Exercise & Wellness!

“Our Exercise & Wellness students are building strong foundations in physical fitness, nutrition, and wellness practices. From creating fitness plans to studying health and nutrition strategies, they are preparing for careers in

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Spotlight on Arts, AV Technology, and Communications!

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Spotlight on Culinary Arts!

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Spotlight on Plant Science & Floral Design!

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Spotlight on Automotive Technology!

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May 3 Election Update: Hunter unopposed and Cody and Hall vying for a place on the school board

An election for two places on the Sanger ISD School Board will be held on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of: Selection one each for Sanger ISD Board of Trustee: Place 4 – (3 yr. Term) currently held by Jesse Hunter; Place 5 – (3 yr. Term) currently held by Lisa Cody

Both Cody and Hunter have filed for their respective places and Drew Hall, an SHS alum, realtor /home builder in Sanger has filed for Place 5, as well.

Cody posted on her Facebook page announcing her candidacy to the public. “Dear Sanger Community, I’m excited to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Sanger ISD Board of Trustees Place 5. For nearly 30 years, I have been proud to call Sanger my home. My children graduated from our schools, my grandson currently attends Clear Creek Elementary, and I had the privilege of working for our district for 15 years.

As I seek re-election, my focus remains on continuing to advocate for our students, ensuring fiscal responsibility, and fostering a strong partner-

ship between the district and the community.

I would be honored to have your support and look forward to the opportunity to continue serving. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, I’d love to hear from you.

Thank you for being a part of this amazing community and IT’S A GREAT DAY TO BE A SANGER INDIAN!”

Hall posted on Facebook, also: “Hello, my name is Drew Hall. I am running for Sanger School Board Place 5. As a product of the ISD and a longtime Sanger resident I feel it’s important to give back and serve.

My experience spans over 20 years in business leadership. I’ve worked for both large and small organizations, including running my own family businesses. This experience equips me with the skills essential for leadership on the school board.

As a member of the community, I have served 6 years on the 4A Economic Board with the City of Sanger and currently serve on the Admin Committee with the Sanger Education Foundation.

As a candidate, I am focused on guid-



ing our district forward against the challenges that may stand in our way.

I am grateful for this opportunity to run for an elected position. I would serve proudly, passionately and bring all my experiences as a parent, community member and leader to strive to make great decisions for our district. I would endeavor to continue the legacy that the previous school boards have provided us with your support.”

The Sanger News will profile each candidate in the month of April before early voting begins.

Applications for a place on the

ballot began on January 15, 2025 at 8 a.m. and ended on February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Early voting locations will be announced at a later date.

The SISD Board of Trustees consists of seven Board Members elected to serve, without compensation, for overlapping terms of three years each. Due to HB 1, School District elections must be held in conjunction with either the city or the county. While candidates run for specific places, they do not represent specific geographical areas; rather, each represents Sanger ISD at large.

Barrett and Gann are unopposed in City Council Election, three vying for Place 3: Dillon, Burrus and Terry

Saturday, May 3, 2025 will be the General Election to elect three places on the Sanger City Council. The City Council consists of a Mayor and five Council Members, all of whom are elected at large. Positions are numbered one through five consecutively. The terms of the Mayor and Council members shall be for two years. The Mayor and Council Places 2 and 4, shall be elected in even numbered years, and Council Places 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected in odd numbered years.

Incumbent Victor Gann filed for Place 5 on Jan. 24 and incumbent Dennis Dillon (Place 3) filed on Jan. 29. Josh Burrus, also filed for Place 3 on Feb. 10th and Larry Terry filed for Place 3, as well on Feb. 13th.

Marissa Barrett (Place 1 incumbent) filed on February 14th, on the last day to file.


The Sanger News will profile all the candidates in April before early voting begins.

Mayor/Council Member	Place	Term Expires	First Term Elected
Thomas E. Muir	Mayor	May 2026	May 2010
Marissa Barrett	Place 1	May 2025	May 2019
Gary Bilyeu	Place 2	May 2026	May 2010
Dennis Dillon	Place 3	May 2025	May 2019
Allen Chick	Place 4	May 2026	May 2014
Victor Gann	Place 5	May 2025	May 2021

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MORE SPORTS

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Kloewer signs with Daytona State



NATIONAL SIGNING DAY...

Sanger High School senior softball player Leala Kloewer signed her National Letter on Intent, recently, to attend Daytona State in Daytona, Florida on a softball scholarship. She was the starting pitcher and one of the top hitters that led SHS to the 2024 State Semifinals. She was the 2024 District 7-4A MVP; All Area MVP; -TGCA All State and All Star Selection -THSCA 4A Super Elite Team -Blue Bell TSWA 4A Honorable Mention Pitcher

2025 Sanger Tennis Schedule

Tournament	Location	Date	Team
Bonham Tennis Tournament # 1	Bonham High School 1005 War Path St, Bonham, TX	Wednesday March 5th	Varsity and JV
Lake Dallas JV Invitational	Lake Dallas High School 3016 Parkridge, Corinth, TX	Wednesday March 26th	JV
Lake Dallas Varsity Invitational	Lake Dallas High School 3016 Parkridge, Corinth, TX	Friday March 28th	Varsity
Bonham Tennis Tournament # 2	Bonham High School 1005 War Path St, Bonham, TX	Wednesday April 9th	Varsity and JV
Celina JV Invitational	Celina High School 3455 N Preston Rd, Celina, TX	Monday April 14th	JV Only
Celina Varsity Invitational	Celina High School 3455 N Preston Rd, Celina, TX	Thursday April 17th	Varsity Only
District 9-4A Tennis Tournament - Varsity	Celina High School 3455 N Preston Rd, Celina, TX	Monday April 21st and Tuesday April 22nd	Varsity Only
District 9-4A Tennis Tournament - JV	Celina High School 3455 N Preston Rd, Celina, TX	Monday April 28th	JV Only

SANGER HIGH SCHOOL GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Confirmed	Tournament	Teams	Time	Site	Town
Monday 2/24/25	*	McKinney HS Invitational	VG & VB	8:00	El Dorado CC	McKinney
Monday 2/24/25	*	Lindsay Invitational	JV Girls	9:00	Gainesville CC	Gainesville
Tuesday 2/25/25	*	Lindsay Invitational	JV Boys	9:00	Gainesville CC	Gainesville
Monday 3/3/25	*	Coyote Classic	V Boys	8:30	Stone Creek GC	Sherman
Tuesday 3/4/25	*	Dragon Invitational	V Girls	TBA	Waterchase GC	Ft. Worth
Wednesday 3/5/25	*	Denton Ryan	JVG & JVB	8:15	Timber Links GC	Denton
Mon-Fri 3/10-3/14		SPRING BREAK				
Monday 3/17/25	*	Cardinal Classic	V Boys	8:30	Tanglewood	Pottsboro
Tuesday 3/18/25	*	Cardinal Classic	V Girls	8:30	Tanglewood	Pottsboro
Monday 3/24/25		11-4A District Tournament	V Girls	TBD	Lake Park GC	Lewisville
Tuesday 3/25/25		11-4A District Tournament	V Girls	TBD	Lake Park GC	Lewisville
Monday 3/31/25		11-4A District Tournament	V Boys	TBD	Westridge GC	McKinney
Tuesday 4/1/25		11-4A District Tournament	V Boys	TBD	Westridge GC	McKinney
Mon/Tue 4/14 - 4/15		4A Regional Tournament	VG	TBD	Van Zandt CC	Canton
Wed/Thur 4/16 - 4/17		4A Regional Tournament	VB	TBD	Van Zandt CC	Canton
Mon/Tue 4/28 - 4/29		State Tournament	VG	TBD	Legends GC	Kingsland
Mon/Tue 5/6 - 5/7		State Tournament	VB	TBD	Legends GC	Kingsland

MONTHLY - SANGER HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Location	JV	Varsity	Type
Feb 20-22	Tournament	Waco		TBD	Tournament
Feb 25	Denison	Denison	5:00	7:00	Game
Feb 27-1	Tournament	Denton		TBD	Tournament
Mar 4	Muenster	Sanger	5:00	6:30	Game

MONTHLY - SANGER HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	DAY	TYPE	Location	VARSITY	TIME	JV	TIME
Feb 20-22	Thur-Sat	Tournament	Away	Denton Ryan	TBA	Aubrey JV	TBA
Feb 27-Mar 1	Thur-Sat	Tournament	Away	Frisco Independence	TBA	Ponder JV	TBA
Mar 3	Monday	District 9 4A	Away			Bonham	5:30/7:00
Mar 4	Tuesday	District 9 4A	Away	Bonham	6:00		
Mar 6-8	Thur-Sat	Tournament	Away	Ponder	TBA		

SANGER INDIANS T&F SCHEDULE

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 02/13 BRONCO INVITATIONAL - DENTON, TX
 02/20 & 02/22 ROUGH RIDERS RELAYS - SAGINAW, TX
 02/27 RUNNIN' CHAPS RELAYS - AUBREY, TX
 03/06 JACKSBORO INVITATIONAL - JACKSBORO, TX
 03/20 POJO RELAYS - SPRINGTOWN, TX
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BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF CHAMPS!!!

SANGER — For the first time in 14 years, Sanger's boys basketball team has earned a spot in Round 2 of the playoffs.

The Indians rolled to an 86-29 triumph Monday over Arlington Uplift Summit Prep, dominating the 4A Division II bi-district round bout at Sanger High to take their first playoff win since beating Celina 74-53 in 2011. Sanger fell to local power Krum in the opening round each of the last two years before breaking through this time around.

"Thank goodness it wasn't Krum again," Sanger coach Bobby Stastny joked postgame. "It was a good feeling to get the monkey off their backs. When you're playing Krum every year [it's tough], then we beat Krum at Krum this year and we're not even in the same region. The Indians have been knocked out of the playoffs the last two years by Krum."

"It was a good night." Sanger (25-6) advances to face the winner of Monday night's game between No. 24 Dallas Roosevelt (19-15) Friday, February 20th at Carrollton RL Turner High School at 7:30 p.m. Roosevelt beat Venus 58-47 in bi-district to advance. Roosevelt was in a tough district with No. 1 state ranked Dallas Kimball and No. 4 Dallas-Carter. They lost to Carter 56-40 and Kimball 82-49 in their most recent district games in

February.

Hunter Nelms led the Indians with 19 points, six rebounds and four assists.

Tyler Grimes contributed 11 points and four assists, while Alex Dee added 10 points with a pair of made 3-pointers. Kason Peebles notched eight points and four steals, Dylan Brown posted seven points and seven rebounds and Kevin Thomas put up seven points and four assists.

Sanger led just 4-2 at the midpoint of the first quarter amid a sluggish offensive start before outscoring the Skyhawks 16-4 over the remainder of the period. It was smooth sailing from there as the Indians took the second quarter 24-7, the third 19-8 and the fourth 23-8 to finish off the historic victory.

Stastny hopes ending the playoff win drought can help ease his team's nerves going into Round 2.

"It's been a while," Stastny said. "So, maybe they'll breathe a little easier and come out not so tight. You could tell they were a little bit tight [early]."

By John Fields
Staff Writer



Alex Dee gets an assist on a fastbreak.

Sanger High School Varsity Boys Basketball Roster

0	Soph	5-10	Tyler Grimes
1	Soph	5-10	Baylor Beard
2	Soph	5-10	Alex Dee
3	Sr	6-4	Hunter Nelms
4	Sr	6-1	Kevin Thomas
5	Sr	6-3	Dylan Brown
12	Sr	5-5	Victor Gonzalez
13	Sr	5-10	Seth Cox
21	Sr	6-3	Kason Peebles
22	Sr	5-10	Hub Cooper
33	Sr	6-4	Daylen Richardson

Head Coach: Bubba Stastny, Assist. Coaches: Erik McCairy, Kyle Stifflemore



Hunter Nelms dunks the ball in the playoff game.



Dylan Brown pump fakes an Uplift player.



Kason Peebles shoots a three-pointer.

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