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**SISD Place 1 and City Council Place 4 Election Profiles inside**

SEE ELECTION PROFILES ON PAGES 9 and 14

Sanger residents have a lot to consider in the upcoming local election. There are 42 early voting locations in Denton County, including the Sanger Community Center at 101 Freese Drive. Early voting began on Monday, April 20, and ends on Tuesday, April 28, for the election scheduled for Saturday, May 2.

On the ballot is a \$68 million bond for the Sanger Independent School District (SISD). HOW ARE TEXAS SCHOOL DISTRICTS FUNDED? Texas school districts are funded by three sources: Federal money, state money and local taxes. Local taxes comprise two tax rates, Maintenance and Operations (M&O) and Interest and Sinking (I&S), set by the school board. M&O is the money used to pay for the day-to-




**Jarrod Roberts**



**Drew Hall**



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**Margie Tisdale**

day operations of a school district, including salaries and professional development, utilities, curriculum, building maintenance, and student services. I&S is the money generated from bonds to pay for new buildings, renovations, security, buses and other large expenses. The I&S tax rate is used to repay the bonds. Funding approved for M&O and I&S projects can't be mixed.

HOW CAN BOND MONEY BE SPENT? Bond money can only be spent on capital projects like new buildings, renovations, security upgrades, land acquisition, and other non-recurring costs. It can't be spent on salaries, staff, utilities, fuel, or other recurring costs. The money repaid from a bond will include interest over time, generally 30 years. Many

districts try to repay their bonds early to save on the interest obligation.

Sanger ISD is not the only medium size school district proposing bonds. Ponder is proposing a \$301 million bond, Pilot Point's is \$295 million. Aubrey and Krum passed bonds in 2022 for \$386 million and \$275 million respectively. Sanger passed a bond in 2022 for \$130 million.

of a Municipal Development District (MDD). This district is designed to help fund the infrastructure needed to support the area's rapid growth. It is important to note that this proposal does not involve a Municipal Utility District (MUD) and will not affect property taxes or any annexation. The MDD allows for the collection of sales tax revenue within the ETJ, which has led to some misconceptions on social media. You can find a list of frequently asked questions on page 6 regarding the MDD, as well as a clear explanation, as well as a YouTube video.

There is also a race for City Council in Place 4, featuring incumbent Allen Chick and challenger Margie Tisdale, a teacher at Sanger High School. Chick, a financial advisor, has served on the council for 10 years. Gary Bilyeu is running unopposed for Mayor after serving 16 years. Incumbent Mayor Thomas Muir announced

**MDD ETJ INFORMATION ON PAGE 6**

And, with this new proposed \$68 million bond for 2026, the total adds up to \$198 million for Sanger ISD voters. It's understandable that people don't want their property taxes to go up. People have the right to vote yes or no and each side should respect that. But, voters should be informed first. Fact is, Sanger isn't alone with all the growth.

Additionally, there is one school board race for Place 1 between incumbent Jarrod Roberts and Drew Hall. Places 6 and 7,

held by Mitch Hammonds and Bruce Elsey are unopposed.

Residents within the Sanger city limits and the adjacent Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) will also vote on the creation

in early January that he will not seek another term after more than a decade in office since May 2010. Longtime Sanger resident Mark Bulger is unopposed for Place 2 on the council.

**SANGER ISD BOND INFO INSIDE:**

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## Jewell Marie Monty

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Jewell Marie Monty, 83, of Gordonville, Texas, passed away on Sunday April 12th, 2026, at her daughter's home in Sanger, Texas surrounded by Family and loved ones.

She was born on March 2, 1943, in Frisco, Texas to Clifton and Juanita Carroll. She grew up in Denton, Texas with her parents and two sisters Elizabeth and Lucille Carroll. Her family attended Faith Tabernacle Assembly of God Church on Davis St. in Denton. Jewell graduated from Denton High School in 1961. After high school she worked for Texas Instruments for many years. She then worked for the Texas State School until retirement in 2005.



Jewell was a devoted sister, mother, grandmother, and friend. She is survived by her Sister Lucille Addkison, her children, Troy Williams and Wife Ewa, Rhonda Fleissner and husband Scott; her grandchildren, Benjamin Williams, Julian Williams, Nicholas Fleissner, Grace Fleissner, and Ingmar Williams; four great-grandchildren, Parker, Evelyn, Carson, and Kennedy Williams. Additionally, she is survived by Christie Bell Jaegers, Jayce Bell Cartwright, and Shelby Fleissner, whom she loved as her own grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Elizabeth Mayo and her grandson Lars Williams.

She loved Bowling, Scrapbooking, traveling and was a collector of dolls, spoons and Salt and Pepper shakers from her extensive travels around the United States. She was a dancer, loved waterskiing and spending time at the lake. She loved dominoes and was an enthusiastic bowler. She loved being with her family and hosting her grandchildren throughout the year, particularly in the summer. She will be remembered for her quick wit, kindness, generosity and humor. She was a devout Christian with an unshakeable faith in Christ.

Her family meant everything to her. She especially cherished holiday gatherings and trips across the country to visit family and friends. Jewell will be deeply missed and forever loved by everyone who knew her.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a date to be determined soon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to cancer research in her memory.

Arrangements are with Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please offer your condolences to the Monty Family in our guestbook online at [www.cokerfuneralhome.com](http://www.cokerfuneralhome.com).

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## Jake Christopher Dusak

December 15, 1950 - April 19, 2026

Jake Christopher Dusak, Jr, 75, of Haskell, passed away April 19, 2026 in Abilene, Texas. A memorial service will be held 11:00am, Sunday May 10, 2026 at the Bolivar Cemetery in Sanger, Texas. Condolences may be made at [www.haskellfuneral-hometx.com](http://www.haskellfuneral-hometx.com).

Jake was born December 15, 1950 to the late Jake Christopher Dusak, Sr and Sarah Agnes "Pat" Fairchild Dusak. Jake spent his childhood living in Texas, Louisiana, and the South. He graduated from Smackover High School in Smackover, Arkansas in 1970 and attended North Texas State University. He settled in Haskell, Texas in 1972.



Jake was a member of the Haskell County Jaycees and the Local 178 Operating Engineers Union. He loved country music, going to the rodeo, watching soap operas, deer hunting and crafting.

To know Jake was to love him. He lived and loved every day and helped in any way possible. He was a wonderful, fun-loving, and giving person who cherished life and remained strong in spirit even in the face of adversity.

He was preceded in death by his parents; nephew, Jeff Converse; and brothers-in-law, Wayne Converse, John Ledbetter, and Wayne Campbell.

Jake is survived by his sisters, Margie Ledbetter of Sanger, Texas and Nina Campbell of Woodward, Oklahoma; nieces, Jennifer Stong and husband Donald of Woodward, Oklahoma, Sarah Ledbetter and husband Steve Giovanni of Flower Mound, Texas, Kamey McEwan and husband Steve of Sanger, Texas, and Janie Sons and husband Mike, of Sanger, Texas; great nieces and nephews, extended family and a host of dear friends.

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All board and commission members may serve three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms. A member may be re-appointed to the same board or commission after a one (1) year absence, or may be appointed to serve on other boards or commissions immediately.

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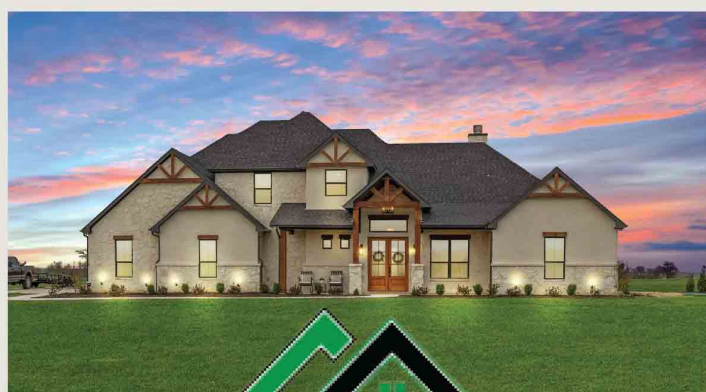
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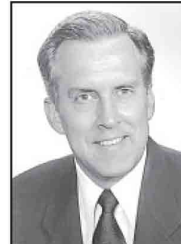


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If this sounds familiar, you're not alone. Many Americans struggle to maintain emergency savings. But building those savings doesn't necessarily require massive lifestyle changes or windfalls. With a strategic approach and realistic milestones, you can create the financial safety net you need.

Start small and build momentum. Traditional advice suggests saving three to six months of total expenses. It's excellent goal but can feel overwhelming when you're starting from zero.

Instead, begin with a more achievable target, such as \$500 or a full month's worth of expenses. The key is to get started and contribute consistently.

Even a few hundred dollars can provide meaningful protection and help you avoid relying on credit cards or high interest loans. This initial milestone can cover many medium-sized emergencies. Once you reach the first milestone, work toward one and a

half to two months of expenses, then the full three to six months.

Find money you didn't know you had. Building your emergency fund doesn't always require cutting expenses. If you're employed, set up automatic transfers from your paycheck into a separate savings account. Cancel subscriptions you rarely use, shop around for better insurance rates and take advantage of sales whenever you can.

Consider saving windfalls like tax refunds, work bonuses or birthday money. If your budgeted expenses come in lower than expected — perhaps your

health care costs or home maintenance needs were less than anticipated this month — save the difference in your emergency fund.

Have a dedicated account for your fund. Keep your emergency savings in a separate account from your regular checking, so you're less tempted to use the money for non-emergencies. Choose an account that's easily accessible and without penalties and, while you shouldn't invest emergency money in stocks or bonds, look for an account that earns interest.

Balance competing priorities. Building an

emergency fund is important, but it shouldn't come at the expense of other crucial financial goals. If you're carrying high-interest debt or missing out on your employer's retirement contribution matches, address those priorities first, while still building your emergency savings.

Ultimately, you'll want to balance your emergency fund with other goals. To determine an emergency savings target, consider your personal risk for unexpected expenses, your job security and family circumstances. You may need three to six months' worth of savings, or possi-

bly some other amount. If this step feels overwhelming, ask a financial advisor to help you come up with a suitable plan.

The path to financial security requires progress rather than perfection. Begin where you are, use what you have and take

one small step at a time. That first \$500 might feel modest, but it represents the freedom to handle whatever life throws your way.


Nikki Smith is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Sanger. She can be reached at 940-458-7866.



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One of the most common relationship struggles is not conflict in and of itself, but the way conflict is managed. Couples often fall into familiar cycles. One person may push for answers and resolution immediately, while the other shuts down. One partner may become critical while the other becomes defensive. Over time, even small disagreements can start to carry more weight because they tap into deeper feelings of loneliness, frustration, or not being valued in the relationship.

Healthy communication does not mean a couple never argues. It means they learn how to work through disagreements in a way that protects the re-

lationship rather than harming it. That includes listening carefully, speaking honestly without attacking, managing tone, and staying focused on the issue instead of trying to win.

A helpful shift for many couples is moving from blame to curiosity. Instead of saying, "You never listen to me," it may sound like, "I do not feel heard when we talk about this, and I want us to understand each other better." That kind of language lowers defensiveness and makes it easier for both people to stay engaged in the conversation.

Timing also matters. Difficult conversations often go badly when they happen in the middle of exhaustion, distraction, or heightened emotion. Taking a break to calm down can be healthy when both partners agree to come back and finish the conversation. A pause is different from avoidance when it is used to protect the relationship and improve communication.

Many arguments are not really about the surface issue. A disagreement about chores may be about feeling unsupported. A fight about schedules may be about feeling unimportant. Frustration about parenting decisions may reflect deeper fears about feeling alone in the responsibility. When couples learn to identify the emotions underneath the argument, they are often able to respond with more empathy and less defensiveness.

Counseling can help couples understand these patterns more clearly. In therapy, couples can learn practical tools for communication, conflict resolution, trust-building, and emotional connection. They can also explore long-standing habits or wounds that may be affecting the relationship in ways they did not realize.

A common misconception is that couples counseling is only for relationships that are falling apart. Many couples seek support because they want to strengthen what they already have. They want to reconnect, improve their communication, navigate through a stressful season in their relationship, or build a healthier foundation for the future.

Strong relationships are not built

by avoiding hard conversations. They are built by learning how to have those conversations with honesty, respect, and care. Even minor changes in communication can make a meaningful difference over time. Feeling heard, valued, and emotionally safe can change the tone of an entire relationship.

If your relationship has felt strained, distant, or stuck in the same repeated arguments, support may help. Reaching out for counseling does not mean the relationship has failed, it means both people care enough to invest in something better. With the right support and tools, couples can move towards stronger communication, deeper understanding, and healthier connection.

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# Sanger is Growing.

## Here's What the MDD Ballot Measure Means for You.

On May 2, 2026, Residents in the Sanger City Limits and the adjacent ETJ will vote on the creation of a Municipal Development District (MDD) – a tool designed to help fund infrastructure needed to support the local rapid growth.



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Early Voting  
April 20 – 28

Election Day  
May 2, 2026

### What is a MDD?

A MDD is a local funding tool authorized in Texas that helps pay for roads, utilities, and public infrastructure using sales tax revenue – without increasing property taxes.

### ETJ Residents

You will vote on authorizing the creation of the MDD to include your ETJ area within the proposed MDD boundary.

### City Limits Residents

You will vote on dissolving the current Type A EDC contingent upon voter approval to create the MDD.

Scan the QR code to learn more!



The MDD helps ensure Sanger area growth is supported by the infrastructure it needs—today and in the future.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What is a Municipal Development District (MDD)?

A Municipal Development District is a special-purpose district created for the purpose of generating economic development and growth opportunities within the boundaries of the district. The proposed Sanger MDD boundary is the City of Sanger and the Sanger's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

### 2. What are the differences between a Type A Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and a Municipal Development District (MDD)?

The City currently has a Type A EDC. The Type A EDC can generally fund economic development projects that create or retain primary jobs associated with manufacturing and industrial companies. The Type A sales tax is limited to the City limits. The MDD can fund these Type A projects, and projects that enhance professional and amateur (including children's) sports, athletic, entertainment, tourist, convention, and public park purposes and events; projects enhancing housing; and convention center facilities. The MDD sales tax can be imposed in the City limits and ETJ.

### 3. Will there be an increased tax burden if the Type A EDC is dissolved and the MDD is created by the voters?

No, there will be no additional taxes imposed within the City limits of the City of Sanger. Currently, the Type A EDC is funded by a sales tax of one-half of one percent of sales and use tax. If approved by the voters, that sales tax will be dissolved, and the MDD will be funded by the same sales tax rate of one-half of one percent. The total sales tax rate will not increase within the Sanger city limits. There would be an increase in the sales tax rate in the ETJ.

### 4. How do other cities finance their economic development projects?

More than 500 small and mid-sized Texas cities have authorized the funding of economic development projects with a dedicated portion of sales tax. They chose from a variety of programs based on the needs and goals of their community.

### 5. How is the district created?

To create an MDD, a city must call an election through an ordinance that defines the proposed boundaries of the district (City limits and the Sanger's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction or ETJ). The ballot for this election must be printed to allow voting for or against the proposition. In the ordinance calling the election, the city may specify that the district boundaries will automatically conform to future changes in the city's ETJ boundaries. If the voters turn down the creation of the district, a subsequent election to establish a district may not be held within a year of the first election.

### 6. What will the ballot look like when I go to the voting booth?

For voters within the City limits the ballot shall read as follows: "The termination of the Sanger Industrial Development Corporation, a Type A economic development corporation and local sales and use tax at a rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%), contingent upon the eligible voters of the proposed Sanger Municipal Development District, which comprises the City of Sanger, Texas, and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Sanger, Texas, approving this ballot proposition authorizing the creation of the Sanger Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district."

- FOR
- AGAINST

For voters residing in the ETJ, the ballot shall read as follows:

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"Authorizing the creation of the Sanger Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district, which comprises the City of Sanger, Texas, and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Sanger, Texas, approving a joint ballot proposition on the termination of the Sanger Industrial Development Corporation, a Type A economic development corporation and local sales and use tax at a rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%), and the creation of the Sanger Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district, which comprises the City of Sanger, Texas, and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Sanger, Texas."

- FOR
- AGAINST

### 7. Who will pay for the MDD?

Anyone making a purchase of taxable items in the Sanger MDD will pay the sales tax, including purchases made by individuals who live outside of the district, shopping and eating in the district.

### 8. What will the proceeds from the sales tax be used for?

State law authorizes expenditure of MDD funds for economic development activities, including industrial and manufacturing projects, retail development projects, recreational and/or community facilities projects, housing projects, and convention center facilities and related improvements.

### 9. Who oversees the MDD?

A board of at least four directors would govern the District. The Sanger City Council will decide on the actual number of board members and will appoint the board.

### 10. Who determines how the funds are spent?

The MDD Board of Directors must adopt a budget for each year at a public meeting.

### 11. Can the MDD sales tax be repealed?

The sales tax can be repealed if a majority of the registered voters in the district vote to repeal the sales tax.

### 12. How do we know the funds were spent for their authorized purposes?

State law requires the District to have an annual audit conducted by an independent auditor. The audit and other District records are open to public inspection during normal business hours.

### 13. If approved, when would the MDD become effective?

If approved by vote in May, the MDD tax would become effective once the Texas State Comptroller has time to make the specific changes and notifications, which could take approximately six months.

### 14. How can I get more information about the proposed MDD?

The legislation governing MDDs can be found in Chapter 377 of the Local Government Code. Chapter 377 is available online at:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/LG/htm/LG.377.htm>.

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## Public Notices

### CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

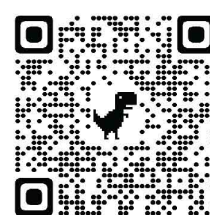
Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the City Council in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7 th Street, Sanger, Texas, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2026, for the purpose of considering the following:

A Request for a Variance from APX SR Sign Regulations, Article 3.1400, Section 7 Business, Industrial, and Agricultural Zoning Districts to Allow a Variance from the Required On Premise Sign and to Allow for a Sign with no On-Premise building for a lot located at 307 Bolivar St.

A Request for a Variance from APX ZO Zoning Ordinance, Article 1 Section 6.A.3 Off Street Parking and Loading Requirements to Allow a Variance from the Required Paved Concrete or Asphalt Parking and to Allow for Crushed Concrete for a Lot Located at 180 E Chapman Drive.

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# Sanger TX Senior Center to host OPEN HOUSE EVENT on May 7th



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The Sanger TX Senior Center Board is extending an invitation to you:

What: Open House Event

When: May 7th, 2026 11:00am - 7:00 pm (see additional dates they will be open listed below)

Where: 125 Bolivar Street Sanger (corner of 2nd and Bolivar)

Who: The Public is invited!

Why: If you have been curious; if you have questions; if you just have been wanting to see what is happening on the corner – please come to the Event!

The facility will remain closed until after the Open House to allow time to move in and prepare a wonderful space for everyone to see and to plan for the event. Opening date for the SSC facility programs to be open will be announced at the Event!

\*\*\*\*\* If you cannot attend the Open House on May 7th the facility will be open ONLY for tours and questions on the following dates:

May 11th 1:00pm -3:00pm & 5pm-7pm

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# Sanger City Council - Place 4 Candidate Profiles

1. Name: Margie Tisdale  
 2. Age: 55  
 3. Family (spouse's name, children's names, and ages ). I have two grown sons, Brelon and Joey Tisdale, who live in Bolivar with their families. I also have three grandchildren, and I spend a lot of time with them because they are very active in the community through their youth sports.



4. Education: I graduated from Texas Woman's University (TWU).

5. Profession/Title/Company: I am a teacher at Sanger High School, where I instruct a Lifeskills and S.T.E.P. class. This class focuses on developing academic skills while also teaching essential daily living skills.

6. How long have you been a resident of Sanger? I have lived in Sanger for 39 years as of July 2026.

7. Why did you choose to run for City Council? I decided to run for City Council because of my grandchildren. I want them to love Sanger as much as I do! My goal is to guide the city's growth in a way that benefits families and ensures a bright future for my grandchildren. This involves planning to support healthy schools where our kids spend 8 hours a day, and enhancing recreational facilities and attractions for all our residents.

8. Why do you believe you are qualified for the seat of City Council? I am qualified to serve on the City Council because I genuinely care about our city and its residents. I not only live in Sanger but also work here, making me fully invested in our community.

9. What do you believe is the best way to control all the growth that is coming to Sanger? Growth is coming to Sanger whether we like it or not. You can't stop growth, but you can set standards and expectations to compliment your community.

10. Do you think our downtown is healthy and successful? If not, what would you do to change that? I believe that over the last seven years, our downtown has thrived with small businesses. While some have come and gone, there is more entertainment available now than I have ever seen in my 39 years of living here. I often see people walking between businesses on the square and parents watching their kids play at the park. It's a wonderful sight to witness people of all ages visiting and enjoying time with friends and family in our small town. When you go to a restaurant, you find yourself stopping at almost every table or at least nodding your head or waving a greeting to people you know across the room. This sense of community is what I love about our town and reflects the values of a community that cares for each other, which is probably why we often hear the sentiment that we want to stay a small town.

11. If you received a \$2 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why? I would allocate the funds for Belz, Metz, Marion, and McReynolds roads; however, the total costs will be much higher due to various factors beyond the city's control. Coming from a construction family, I understand that bringing these roads up to current National and State codes involves more than simply laying a new layer of asphalt over unstable existing layers. It is moving utilities to widen the road and create safer shoulders.

12. Where are your favorite places to spend time in town? I enjoy spending time with my family and watching my grandchildren cheer, play baseball, basketball, and practice soccer at the field here in Sanger. When I'm not engaged in these activities, I like to relax with family and friends, listening to music and dining on the square.

13. What do you believe are the most important projects to be started or completed in the next 3-5 years? We need our roads fixed. We cannot continue to expand without good roads and infrastructure.

14. What are new businesses and restaurants you would like to see come to Sanger? I am very satisfied with what we currently have in Sanger and what is in development. This may not be a popular opinion, but if I wanted all the amenities found in Denton or Gainesville, I would simply move there. I choose to live in Sanger for the community and the people, not for the stores or restaurants.

15. If you could change one thing in our zoning code, what would it be and why? In past years, I remember attending town hall meetings with the city to discuss and vote on how we wanted our community to grow and develop in the future, as well as how to set zoning regulations. I want the zoning codes to reflect the values of our good citizens, care for our community, and enhance our Sanger family values. I would never change a zoning code without understanding its necessity for remaining unchanged or revised. I would ensure that my vote serves the best interests of the majority.

16. In Sanger's ETJ, there are 19 future subdivisions platted totaling more than 12,500 future lots. What are your thoughts on such rapid growth? As a citizen and teacher in Sanger, I feel concerned about the growth. I'm worried it could have negative effects if not regulated to uphold Sanger's core values.

17. What is your opinion of the drinking water in Sanger, and if anything can be done to make it better? I drink tap water, and the water at my house tastes fine. However, one winter, I noticed a bleach smell coming from the tap, so I called the city to ask about it. They explained that there was a repair, and using bleach to flush the lines is a national standard to prevent contaminants and keep us safe. The water at the high school, which I drink daily, also tastes fine. I've seen complaints on The Sanger Speaker. I'm hoping to be voted in, so I can inquire about the issues being reported.

18. Please feel free to add any other information or ideas you want voters to know about your candidacy. I would like to ask for your vote to represent you on the City Council. New perspectives are always beneficial, and I am willing to volunteer my time on the Council to help improve our community of Sanger. I will work to guide our growth responsibly and be a good steward of your tax dollars. I am running for City Council to uphold the values that make Sanger a wonderful destination city. I want to ensure that Sanger is a place people want to live, not one they want to leave. It's important to me that my grandchildren can grow up in the same caring community where I was raised, surrounded by people like Linda Tutt, who loved her town and its students. Thank you for your support!

1. Name - Allen Chick  
 2. Age - 62  
 3. Family - 3 kids grown  
 4. Education - BS A&M  
 5. Profession/Title/Company - Financial advisor  
 CFP Piccolo Investments & Consulting  
 6. How long have you been a resident of Sanger? 19 years



7. Why did you choose to run for City Council? I wanted to be involved.

8. Why do you believe you are qualified for the seat of City Council? I'm not really, but I have volunteered my time on the council since 2014 and I have a lot of experience now.

9. What do you believe is the best way to control all the growth that is coming to Sanger? Build a wall around us or hold developers to the building guidelines that we have established.

10. Do you think our downtown is healthy and successful? If not, what would you do to change that? - It's getting there... We need to be as helpful to new businesses that want to start up here.

11. If you received a \$2 million grant to use for the city any way you wanted, what would you do with it and why? Build the downtown park or work on park east side of highway across from Porter Park.

12. Where are your favorite places to spend time in town? Besides my house or local restaurants and bar? I guess the laundry mat.

13. What do you believe are the most important projects to be started or completed in the next 3-5 years? I would say HWY 455 but we don't oversee those projects (TxDOT does) and complete Marion/Belz Road. The sale of land east of town, parks and interior streets.

14. What are new businesses and restaurants you would like to see come to Sanger? Target, Best Buy, Dry Cleaners, Uber, Ma & Pa Restaurants

15. If you could change one thing in our zoning code, what would it be and why? Tough one - zoning codes or building codes? Building codes - permits and fees for small household repairs; Zoning codes - I don't know I would have to read them.

16. In Sanger's ETJ, there are 19 future subdivisions platted totaling more than 12,500 future lots. What are your thoughts on such rapid growth? My thoughts are that it will be a strain on city as far as roads and utilities.

17. What is your opinion of the drinking water in Sanger and if anything can be done to make it better? It's drinkable; not much can be done to make it better.

## Sanger City Council & Mayor Term Dates

Mayor/Council Member	Place	Term Expires	First Term Elected
Thomas E. Muir	Mayor	May 2026	May 2010
Marissa Barrett	Place 1	May 2027	May 2019
Gary Bilyeu	Place 2	May 2026	May 2010
Josh Burrus	Place 3	May 2027	May 2025
Allen Chick	Place 4	May 2026	May 2014
Victor Gann	Place 5	May 2027	May 2021

## SAMPLE BALLOT CITY OF SANGER

### Joint General & Special Elections

May 2, 2026

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2 de Mayo de 2026

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City of Sanger General Election  
 Elección general de la Ciudad de Sanger

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 Elección especial de la Ciudad de Sanger

**City of Sanger Proposition A**  
 Ciudad de Sanger Proposición A

"The termination of the Sanger Industrial Development Corporation, a Type A economic development corporation and local sales and use tax at a rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%), contingent upon the eligible voters of the proposed Sanger Municipal Development District, which comprises the City of Sanger, Texas, and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Sanger, Texas, approving a separate ballot proposition authorizing the creation of the Sanger Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent (0.50%) for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district."

"La terminación de la Corporación de Desarrollo Industrial de Sanger, una corporación de desarrollo económico Tipo A, y del impuesto local a las ventas y al uso a una tasa de medio por ciento (0.50%), supeditado a que los votantes elegibles del Distrito de Desarrollo Municipal de Sanger propuesto, que comprende la Ciudad de Sanger, Texas, y la jurisdicción extraterritorial de la Ciudad de Sanger, Texas, aprueben una proposición separada que autorice la creación del Distrito de Desarrollo Municipal de Sanger y la imposición de un impuesto a las ventas y al uso a una tasa de medio por ciento (0.50%) con el propósito de financiar proyectos de desarrollo que beneficien al distrito".

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(2 DE MAYO DE 2026)

**JOINT, GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION**  
(ELECCION CONJUNTAS DE GENERALES Y ESPECIALES)

The main Early Voting polling place is Denton County Elections Administration located at 701 Kimberly Dr., Denton, TX 76208, room A111 (El principal lugar de votación anticipada es la Administración de Elecciones del Condado de Denton ubicada en 701 Kimberly Dr., Denton, TX 76208, sala A111)

**EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE DAYS AND HOURS**  
(DÍAS Y HORAS DE VOTACIÓN TEMPRANO POR APARICIÓN PERSONAL)

April (abril) 20	Monday (lunes)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April (abril) 22 – 25	Wednesday – Saturday (miércoles- sábado)	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
April (abril) 26	Sunday (domingo)	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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	Location (Ubicación)	Address (Dirección)	Room (Sitio de Votación)	City (Ciudad)	Zip Code (Código Postal)
1	Argyle Town Hall	308 Denton St. E.	Community Room	Argyle	76226
2	Aubrey First Rock Fellowship	201 N. Cherry St.	Building C, Room 5	Aubrey	76227
3	Carrollton Public Library at Hebron & Josey	4220 N. Josey Ln.	Large Meeting Room	Carrollton	75010
4	Rosemeade Recreation Center	1330 E. Rosemeade Pkwy.	Front Lobby	Carrollton	75007
5	Celina Fire Station #3	4400 FM 1385	Community Room	Aubrey	76227
6	Briarwood Retreat Center	670 Copper Canyon Rd.	Chapel	Copper Canyon	76226
7	Corinth City Hall	3300 Corinth Pkwy.	Lobby	Corinth	76208
8	Steven E. Copeland Government Center	1400 FM 424	Community Room	Cross Roads	76227
9	Timberglenn Recreation Center	3810 Timberglenn Rd.	Large Room	Dallas	75287
10	Denia Recreation Center	1001 Parvin St.	Room A	Denton	76205
11	Denton Civic Center	321 E. McKinney St.	Community Room	Denton	76201
12	Denton County Elections Administration	701 Kimberly Dr.	A111	Denton	76208
13	Denton Fire Station #7	4201 Vintage Blvd.	Training Room	Argyle	76226
14	Denton Wesley Foundation	1501 Maple St.	Great Hall	Denton	76201
15	Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center	1300 Wilson St.	Computer Room	Denton	76205
16	North Branch Library	3020 N. Locust St.	Meeting Room	Denton	76209
17	North Lakes Recreation Center	2001 W. Windsor Dr.	Room B	Denton	76207
18	Robson Ranch Clubhouse	9428 Ed Robson Cir.	Bandera/Medina Room	Denton	76207
19	South Branch Library	3228 Teasley Ln.	Large Meeting Room	Denton	76210
20	Texas Woman's University	303 Administration Dr.	Room 1525	Denton	76201
21	Double Oak Town Hall	320 Waketon Rd.	Government Room	Double Oak	75077
22	Flower Mound Community Activity Center	1200 Gerault Rd.	Chill Zone	Flower Mound	75028
23	Flower Mound Senior Center	2701 W. Windsor Dr.	Mockingbird Room	Flower Mound	75028
24	Frisco Fire Station #4	4485 Cotton Gin Rd.	Training Room	Frisco	75034
25	Frisco Fire Station #6	3535 Eldorado Pkwy.	Training Room	Frisco	75033
26	Frisco Fire Station #7	330 W. Stonebrook Pkwy.	Training Room	Frisco	75036
27	Frisco Government Center	5533 FM 423	Community Room	Frisco	75036
28	Town of Hickory Creek Stables	1930 Turbeville Rd.	Hickory Creek Stables Office	Hickory Creek	75065
29	Highland Village Municipal Complex	1000 Highland Village Rd.	Police Training Room	Highland Village	75077
30	Dennis McCreary Multipurpose Facility	2200 Texan Dr.	Room 106	Justin	76247
31	Justin Municipal Complex	415 N. College Ave.	Gymnasium	Justin	76247
32	Krum ISD Administration Building	1200 Bobcat Blvd.	Boardroom	Krum	76249
33	Castle Hills Community Center	2501 Queen Margaret Dr.	Banquet Room	Lewisville	75056
34	Frederick P. Herring Recreation Center	191 Civic Cir.	Multipurpose Room	Lewisville	75067
35	Thrive Recreation Center	1950 S. Valley Pkwy.	Sage Meeting Room	Lewisville	75067
36	Northlake Town Hall	1500 Commons Cir. Ste. 300	Council Chambers	Northlake	76226
37	Oak Point City Hall	100-B Naylor Rd.	Community Room	Oak Point	75068
38	Pilot Point Senior Center	310 S. Washington St.	Room 1	Pilot Point	76258
39	Ponder Town Hall	102 W. Bailey St.	Council Chambers	Ponder	76259
40	Roanoke Public Library	308 S. Walnut St.	Meeting Room A & B	Roanoke	76262
41	Sanger Community Center	101 Freese Dr.	Meeting Room	Sanger	76266
42	Trophy Club MUD No. 1 Building	100 Municipal Dr.	Board Room	Trophy Club	76262

**SANGER ISD BOND 2026**

37 CITIZENS STUDIED ENGAGED

Thank you, Bond Committee!

## Built by Sanger, for Sanger.

The 2025 Long Range Facilities Planning Committee included 37 community members—parents, grandparents, students, educators, business and civic leaders, and Sanger ISD alumni.

Together, they worked through a structured process to review:

- Demographics and enrollment trends
- Community growth
- District finances and tax impact scenarios
- Educational programs and facility needs

Throughout the process, members asked questions, shared input, and provided recommendations.

The current bond proposal is based on the committee's work.

**BOND PLANNING... SEE THE PROCESS** at the link below or QR Code:

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**VISIT SANGERISD.NET/BOND-2026 TO LEARN MORE**

The Sanger ISD Bond 2026 website is officially LIVE! This bond proposal focuses on investing in our students, enhancing campuses across the district, and preparing for the incredible growth happening in our community. Get all the details you need — including what's in the bond, project plans, voting information, and FAQs. Learn more here: [sangerisd.net/bond-2026](https://www.sangerisd.net/bond-2026) or scan the QR Code:



# 2026 BOND - DEVELOPED BY OUR COMMUNITY TO ADDRESS GROWTH

## Currently in Sanger ISD:

Butterfield and Clear Creek Elementary Schools will exceed maximum capacity by 2029

Building systems such as ventilation, lighting, and electrical systems in the CTE Metal Fabrication Center make it challenging to offer a student program in a safe, modern learning environment

Butterfield and Clear Creek Elementary and Sanger Middle School continue to operate with aging classroom furniture and equipment

The current bus fleet requires costly upgrades to meet state safety requirements, and additional buses will serve our growing enrollment

## Bond 2026 Will:

➔ Build a new 650 student elementary school to relieve overcrowding

➔ Upgrade the Metal Fabrication Center with modern systems and finishes to provide students with a safe, up-to-date program in an industry-relevant learning environment

➔ Update classroom furniture to provide flexibility for collaborative learning spaces and instruction aligned with current students' needs

➔ Purchase new buses to safely transport students and upgrade our fleet



# SHS SOFTBALL UPDATE

Presented by Beaver Builders

*Lady Indians Softball*  
**PLAYOFFS**

**VS**

**Bi-District**  
SINGLE GAME  
FRIDAY, 4/24 AT 6:30

It's that time of year again. Playoff time! The Bi-District round is set. Single game win or go home vs Lake Dallas. Friday, 6:30 at Denton High. Make plans now to be there.

# SPORTS

## Lady Indians place second in district - ready for a playoff run

The Lady Indians put on a show Friday night, rolling past Gainesville 19-3 in a big Senior Night victory at home!

Sanger exploded for 11 runs in the 3rd inning to break things wide open and never looked back. Lily Wilson led the charge with a monster night at the plate, driving in 5 runs and sparking the offense.

Big contributions across the lineup from Vivianne Lynch, Harley Miller, Paige Child, and Sophia Troegle helped power an 18-hit performance.

In the circle, Paige Child got the start and Madison Biediger came in to shut things down in relief.

Sanger finished 6-2 in district and the runner-up with the second seed in the playoffs. Van Alstyne won the district with a perfect 8-0 record. Celina came in third place.

Sanger plays Lake Dallas in the first-round of the playoffs on Friday, April 24 at Denton High School at 6:30 p.m. Lake Dallas finished second in their district, as well, with an 8-2 record.

SANGER Lady Indians	
NUMBER	PLAYER
2	Harley Miller Sr
3	Dailah Millan Jr
4	Carley Kates Jr
5	Tarryn Liechty Soph
6	Callie Miller-Gideon Jr
7	Paige Child Sr
8	Abby Chapmond Jr
9	Lily Wilson Sr
10	Niki Boone Soph
11	Sophia Troegle Sr
12	Chelsea Walton Jr
13	Vivianne Lynch Jr
17	Madison Biediger Soph
20	Zoe Bassham Soph



## SENIOR NIGHT!



**GOOD LUCK IN THE PLAYOFFS!**

Sanger Sports Corner provided all the recaps. Check them out on Facebook and YouTube.

Facebook icon  
YouTube icon

## Class of 2026 College Signing Day

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
2:45 PM  
@ Sanger High School Main Gym

Samantha Bentley, Golf @ Collin College  
Paige Child, Softball @ Salt Lake Community College  
Zane Garcia, Football @ Hardin Simmons University  
Farah Hughey, XC/Track @ University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Reggie Jones, Football @ East Texas Baptist University  
Lily Wilson, Softball @ Oklahoma Christian College

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**SANGER BOYS TRACK**

# REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

**4A REGION 2**



4x400 Relay Team

<b>SHOT PUT</b> JJ MIKAS	<b>LONG JUMP</b> JOEL RODRIGUEZ	<b>3200 M</b> DAVID MARTINEZ BRYDEN MEADE	<b>400 M</b> FERNANDO CAMARILLO
<b>DISCUS</b> JJ MIKAS*	<b>TRIPLE JUMP</b> JAISE JACKSON	<b>1600 M</b> DANIEL MARTINEZ* BRYDEN MEADE	<b>4X400 RELAY</b> FERNANDO CAMARILLO REGGIE JONES AUSTIN MARTIN ROMAN WRIGHT VON JON BLAKELY
<b>POLE VAULT</b> BAYLOR BEARD MAX TAYLOR	<b>HIGH JUMP</b> JOEL RODRIGUEZ	<b>800 M</b> DANIEL MARTINEZ*	

\*AREA CHAMPION

**SANGER LADY INDIANS**

# REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

**SURVIVE AND ADVANCE**



Jordin Milo 4x200m Relay	Isabelle Escobedo 400m
Alex Aguayo 4x200m Relay	Farah Hughey* 1600m
Valerie Buj 4x200m Relay	Niki Boone* 3200m/1600m/800m
Kaliyah Gee 4x200m Relay	Tatum Cochran 3200m/1600m
Avalynne Lloyd 4x200m Relay	Ashton Grahl 3200m
Olive Vivorakij 4x200m Relay	Emma Stegeman Pole Vault

\*AREA CHAMPION

**SHS TRACK UPDATE**

Presented by Underwood's Heating/Air & Plumbing

The Sanger Lady Indians put together an outstanding performance at the UIL 4A Area Meet in Celina last week — bringing home multiple Area Championships, a school record, and advancing a deep group to Regionals.

- AREA CHAMPIONS REPRESENTING SANGER:
  - Niki Boone – 800M 2:17.74 (NEW SCHOOL RECORD)
  - Farah Hughey – 1600M
  - Niki Boone – 3200M

**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS (Top 4 Advance):**

- 1600M: Farah Hughey (1st), Niki Boone (2nd), Tatum Cochran (4th)
- 3200M: Niki Boone (1st), Ashton Grahl (3rd), Tatum Cochran (4th)
- 800M: Niki Boone (1st), Farah Hughey (3rd)
- 400M: Isabelle Escobedo (4th)
- 4x200 Relay: Lloyd, Gee, Aguayo, Vivorakij (4th)

Pole Vault: Emma Stegeman (2nd) — Area Pole Vault competitors advance to Regionals

What a night for the Tribe in Celina! The Indians had a strong performance at the UIL 4A Area Meet, bringing home multiple Area Championships and sending a strong group on to Regionals.

**AREA CHAMPIONS**

- Daniel Martinez – 800M (2:03.42) & 1600M (4:46.63)
- JJ Mikas – Discus (152-8)

**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**

The Indians are sending a deep and talented group to Regionals, highlighted by multiple podium finishes across distance, sprint, and field events.

**Big performances from:**

Daniel Martinez, David Martinez, Bryden Meade, Fernando Camarillo Jr., JJ Mikas, Joel Rodriguez, Jaise Jackson, and the 4x400 Relay team (Camarillo, Reggie Jones, Austin Martin, Roman Wright).

Shoutout to Joel Rodriguez for qualifying in both Long Jump (2nd) and High Jump (4th) — huge night!

This team continues to build momentum at the right time of the season.

**SANGER INDIANS TRACK**

# AREA MEET RECAP

PRESENTED BY **UNDERWOODS MECHANICAL**  
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**AREA CHAMPIONS**

**AREA CHAMPIONS REPRESENTING SANGER!**

**1st DANIEL MARTINEZ**  
800M RUN - 2:03.42  
1600M RUN - 4:46.63

**JJ MIKAS**  
DISCUS  
152-8

**FIELD EVENTS**

**Shot Put**  
3 JJ Mikas - 3rd (44-4)

**Discus**  
1 JJ Mikas - 1st (152-8)

**Long Jump**  
Joel Rodriguez - 2nd (21-2.25)

**Triple Jump**  
4 Jaise Jackson - 4th (43-5.50)

**High Jump**  
4 Joel Rodriguez - 4th (6-4)

**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**  
TOP 4 ADVANCE TO REGIONALS!

**1600M RUN**  
1 Daniel Martinez - 1st (4:46.63)  
3 David Martinez - 3rd (4:54.54)

**3200M RUN**  
2 Bryden Meade - 2nd (10:23.25)  
3 David Martinez - 3rd (10:25.30)

**800M RUN**  
1 Daniel Martinez - 1st (2:03.42)

**400M RUN**  
4 Fernando Camarillo Jr. - 4th (51.85)

**4x400 RELAY**  
Camarillo, Reggie Jones, Austin Martin, Roman Wright 3:23.03

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**MULTIPLE AREA TITLES. A SCHOOL. A STRONG GROUP HEADED TO REGIONALS!**

UP NEXT: UIL REGIONAL MEET | MAY 1ST & 2ND

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**LADY INDIANS TRACK**

# AREA MEET RECAP

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**AREA CHAMPIONS**

**AREA CHAMPIONS REPRESENTING SANGER!**

**1st NIKI BOONE**  
800M RUN  
2:17.74  
★ NEW SCHOOL RECORD!

**1st FARAH HUGHEY**  
1600M RUN  
5:28.75

**1st NIKI BOONE**  
3200M RUN  
12:26.87

**POLE VAULT**  
Emma Stegeman  
2nd - 9'0"

**AREA POLE VAULT COMPETITORS ADVANCE TO REGIONALS!**

**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**  
TOP 4 ADVANCE TO REGIONALS!

**1600M RUN**  
1 Farah Hughey - 1st (5:28.75)  
2 Niki Boone - 2nd (5:32.00)  
4 Tatum Cochran - 4th (5:38.51)

**3200M RUN**  
1 Niki Boone - 1st (12:26.87)  
3 Ashton Grahl - 3rd (12:34.96)  
4 Tatum Cochran - 4th (12:42.35)

**800M RUN**  
1 Niki Boone - 1st (2:17.74)  
3 Farah Hughey - 3rd (2:20.18)

**400M RUN**  
4 Isabelle Escobedo - 4th (59.56)

**4x200 RELAY**  
4 Ava Lloyd, Kallyah Gee, Alex Aguayo, Olive Vivorakij 1:48.21

**MULTIPLE AREA TITLES. A SCHOOL. A STRONG GROUP HEADED TO REGIONALS!**

UP NEXT: UIL REGIONAL MEET | MAY 1ST & 2ND

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**REGION 2-4A MEET**  
MAY 1 & 2 | TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE

**UIL STATE 4A MEET**  
MAY 14 - 16 | THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

**SHS BASEBALL UPDATE**

Presented by Kelly Saw Inc.

**Sanger could finish as district runner-up**

The Indians varsity baseball team came up big in a classic pitcher's duel Friday night, taking down Van Alstyne in a huge district matchup 3-1. Sanger sits in third place in the district with a 7-4 record and 16-10-2 overall. Van Alstyne is in second place at 7-3 and Celina is a perfect 10-0 in district. The Panthers have two games left against Celina, which could put the Indians as the district runner-up, if VA loses to Celina. Sanger has one game left to Gainesville and the Leopards are 0-11 in district.

Reed Sebastian was dominant on the mound, going the distance with 7 Ks while allowing just 1 run on 5 hits vs. VA. Kale Barr delivered the biggest swing of the night with a clutch 2-RBI single to give Sanger the lead late.

The Indians finish the district season at Gainesville on Friday, April 24 at 6 p.m. They have qualified for the playoffs. SHS celebrated Senior Night the right way with a dominant 11-1 win over Gainesville on April 21, ending it early via run rule in 4.5 innings.

**FINAL**  
Van Alstyne **1** | **3** Sanger

**SANGER STANDOUTS**

- Kale Barr: 1-3, 2-RBI single
- Levi Hendricks: 1-3, R
- Logan Swofford: 1-3, R

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Reed Sebastian pitched a complete game with 7 Ks, 1 R, 5 H.
- Barr drove in 2 runs on a clutch single in the 6th inning.
- Sebastian allowed just 1 run and 5 hits over 7 innings.
- The Indians played error-free defense.

**Sanger 11, Gainesville 1**

**SANGER STANDOUTS**

- **2** TWISTER WILSON  
2-2, 3 R, RBI
- **17** LOGAN SWOFFORD  
1-3, 2 RBI
- **RILEY TARWATER**  
1 H, 3.2 IP, 4 K
- **1** REED SEBASTIAN  
2 BB, 2 R

**SANGER INDIANS BASEBALL**

Number	First	Last	Class	Pos
1	Reed	Sebastian	2026	SS, P
2	Twister	Wilson	2026	OF
3	Levi	Hendricks	2027	OF
4	Luke	Hendricks	2027	OF
5	Michael	McKeown	2026	OF, P
6	Jonas	Autry	2027	2B, P
7	Travis	Martinez	2028	INF, P
8	Brody	Phillips	2027	OF, C, P
9	Maddox	VanderRoest	2029	C, INF
11	Kale	Barr	2027	2B, SS
13	Riley	Tarwater	2026	1B, P
16	David	McKeown	2026	1B, P
17	Logan	Swofford	2027	3B, 1B
18	Jacob	McIntire	2027	1B
20	Kyle	Goss	2029	3B
21	Colton	Wernimont	2027	1B
22	Creedon	Boerner	2027	OF, P
25	Bennett	Roelofs	2026	1B, P

Head Coach	Curtis King
Assistant Coach	Nick Sparks
Assistant Coach	Taylor Snodgrass

# SMALL INVESTMENTS THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENC

BY GRANT BOWLES



Grant Bowles is a 1989 graduate of Sanger High School and pastor of First Baptist Church of Sanger.

I grew up riding the bus to school. Coach Ralph Amyx was the driver for my route. I could tell you many stories from those days, but one thing I remember most was being able to hear that bus long before we ever saw it. Everyone on our route thought Coach Amyx had modified the muffler so he didn't have to wait for riders to be at their stop. I never learned the truth about that rumor—but I'm still not convinced it wasn't true.

Sanger ISD is one of the largest districts in North Texas at just over 100 square miles. Around 45% of our students ride a bus to school, and some ride for an hour or more each day because of how spread out our district is. These aren't short trips. This bond will help address the need for additional buses, primarily replacing those reaching the end of their lifespan and adding a small number to keep up with growth. If my grandson were riding a bus, I would want to know it would get him safely to its destination. This bond helps ensure our bus riders are safe and arrive at school ready to learn each day.

We have a beautiful new high school with furniture and an environment that supports learning. But not every building in the district is there yet. Some of our older campuses are showing their age, especially when it comes to furnishings. A portion of this bond will help upgrade those classrooms so students across the district can benefit from the same kind of environment.

At the last Town Hall meeting, I heard a teacher at Clear Creek Elementary express excitement knowing her classroom would receive new equipment and furnishings. She teaches in one of the older sections of the building. She made it clear she wasn't complaining about the newer parts of the school having updated resources. She just wants her students to have that same experience. I think most of us would agree, that's a pretty reasonable ask.

Every aspect of this bond addresses real, day-to-day needs. Safe buses. Functional classrooms. Updated learning environments for students and teachers. This bond is not about luxury; it is about taking care of what we have and making sure our students and teachers have what they need.

These are the kinds of practical investments that make a real difference for our students.

Join me in voting yes for Sanger's students.

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## 2026 Bond Tax Implications

Estimated Increase with \$140K Homestead Exemption

Home Value	Taxable Value	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase
\$200,000	\$60,000	\$72	\$6 / mo.
\$250,000	\$110,000	\$132	\$11 / mo.
\$300,000	\$160,000	\$192	\$16 / mo.
\$350,000	\$210,000	\$252	\$21 / mo.
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\$400,000	\$260,000	\$312	\$26 / mo.
\$450,000	\$310,000	\$372	\$31 / mo.
\$500,000	\$360,000	\$432	\$36 / mo.
\$550,000	\$410,000	\$492	\$41 / mo.
\$600,000	\$460,000	\$552	\$46 / mo.
\$650,000	\$510,000	\$612	\$51 / mo.
\$700,000	\$560,000	\$672	\$56 / mo.
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## MYTH OR FACT?

**We can wait another year or two for this bond.**

**FACT:**  
**Waiting means overcrowding and higher costs.**

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## SANGER ISD: BY THE NUMBERS

- There are currently six campuses serving nearly 3,000 students
- Sanger ISD has grown by nearly 400 students since 2019
- There are more than 12,500 home sites in 19 planned subdivisions
- Butterfield and Clear Creek Elementary are expected to be beyond max capacity by 2029
- Bond 2026 is a \$68 million plan to address our growing student population
- Voters would see an approximate 11-cent increase in the tax rate
- Homeowners who have filed for and received the Over 65 exemption will not see an increase over their frozen dollar amount
- The 2022 bond projects were completed on time and on budget
- Sanger ISD employs more than 500 people
- 93% of Sanger ISD students participate in Career and Technical Education programs, many achieving career certifications

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## Planning for Our GROWING COMMUNITY

**Sanger ISD enrollment is projected to more than double, exceeding 6,400 students by 2035**

Sanger School Board- Place 1 Candidate Profiles

1. Name: Jarrod Roberts
2. Age: 50
3. Family (spouse's name, children's names and ages): Heather Class of 94, Cutter Class of 2029, Colbee Class of 2030
4. Education: Sanger High School Class of 94
5. Profession/Company: JCO Custom Homes
6. How long have you been a resident of Sanger? 43 years



7. Why are you running for school board, and what are your qualifications? I am seeking re-election for a 3rd term. My reason for serving is simple. Our students are our future leaders of our community, and I want to ensure we are making thoughtful, responsible decisions that set them up for success.

8. What are the top needs of your school district? Our needs are simple. Sanger is growing quickly, and with that growth comes opportunity and responsibility. We need more room for kids to thrive and grow. We need to help to guide the growth and not simply play catch up when it arrives. Our CTE programs are growing by leaps and bounds. I hope to continue to work towards those programs along with our current need for campuses. We should focus on managing growth, maintaining new and existing facilities, and strengthening student outcomes while being responsible with taxpayer dollars.

9. What do you believe are the most important projects to be started or completed in the next 3-5 years for Sanger ISD? First and foremost we must be able to house the influx of students we are expecting. So buildings are a priority. We are nearing capacity at both BES and CCE so a 3rd elementary campus is a must. I believe the district is doing a great job repurposing our older campus. However the need is there. I would like to also continue to see our CTE programs grow. I fully believe in educating children for further education whether it be to enter into college or the workforce.

10. What are your budget priorities? As a contractor I am always very budget aware. Keeping things on time and within budget is always a top priority. School budgets should be simple maximizing student success while being responsible with taxpayers' dollars. As always teacher pay & staffing are top priorities. We have to invest in our teachers and staff. We also need to continue to offer safe and well-maintained facilities for our children to thrive in. Every budget decision should come back to one question: How does this improve outcomes for our students?

11. How will you address the different needs of all students? All students don't learn the same way, they all come to school with different challenges and needs. Our staff does an outstanding job recognizing those needs. One thing my family is very passionate about is helping when we can. We can't help every student all the time, but we try our best to help as many as possible when we hear of a need. As a district we must continue to support and encourage strong special education and individualized students. Simply every child is different, every child has different need.

12. What are your views on educator salaries and benefits? In my opinion, educator's will never be paid their true value. They are in the trenches daily educating our future leaders. This is a thankless job and their value is immeasurable.

13. What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities? The role of a school board is to provide leadership, oversight and accountability for the district. However my main goal is to focus on student and staff success. I am always open to texts, calls, and emails from anyone. Listening to parents, students, staff, taxpayers is essential.

14. Can you explain where the money to fund our schools comes from? Our district is funded through a combination of local, state, and federal sources. This comes from property taxes (local), enrollment, attendance, and also special programs (state) and Title 1 (federal) We also receive funds from bonds and grants.

15. What is your opinion on the proposed \$68 million bond for Sanger ISD? I fully support this bond. I believe in the future of our district and community.

16. What role should the community play in supporting the education of children? Our community has critical role in our students' education. When families stay engaged it's a direct impact on our students' success. A strong community builds strong relationships and bonds. When we all work together we all succeed!

17. Please feel free to add any other information you want voters to know about your candidacy.

I believe in the strength of Sanger ISD. We are always striving to improve, to better, and provide the very best for our students and staff. It would be an honor to continue to serve this community that has given so much to me and my family.

Thank you for your support. One Town One Tribe

1. Name: Drew Hall
2. Age: 40
3. Family (spouse's name, children's names and ages): Mandy Darwin-Hall (16yr educator) and father to Kynadi (19) and KJ (Kynlee) (7)

Raising a family here in Sanger and deeply invested in the success and future of our schools and community.

4. Education: Graduated from Sanger High School in 2003; 21yr background in business and real-world leadership experience that has shaped a strong understanding of budgeting, growth, and long-term planning.

5. Profession/Company: Business owner/operator (Hall Real Estate, Don Hall Construction Inc & Flying D&D RV Ranch) with a focus on building, development, and community growth.

6. How long have you been a resident of Sanger? Longtime Sanger resident with deep roots in the community and a strong commitment to its future.

7. Why are you running for school board, and what are your qualifications? I'm running because I care about Sanger and the future of all the kids and it's where I grew up. Our community is growing quickly, and we need leadership that understands both the opportunities and the challenges that come with that growth.

My background in business and development gives me a strong foundation in budgeting, planning, and making decisions that are both responsible and forward-thinking. I want to bring a common-sense, community-first approach to the board and ensure we are making the right decisions for students, teachers, and taxpayers.

8. What are the top needs of your school district? The biggest need right now is planning for growth. We're already seeing increased enrollment, and we need to stay ahead of it, not play catch-up.

That includes:

- Classroom space and facilities
- Supporting and retaining quality teachers
- Maintaining strong academic and extracurricular programs

9. What do you believe are the most important projects to be started or completed in the next 3-5 years for Sanger ISD?

The most important projects are those tied directly to growth and student success:

- Expanding and improving school facilities
- Upgrading infrastructure to support increased enrollment
- Continuing to invest in programs that give students opportunities to succeed

The goal is simple: Keep Sanger schools strong while our community grows.

10. What are your budget priorities?

My priorities are:

- Responsible spending
- Transparency with taxpayers
- Putting students and teachers first

We need to make sure every dollar is used effectively while still planning for the future.

11. How will you address the different needs of all students? Every student is different, and our district needs to continue supporting a wide range of opportunities. Academics to athletics to career pathways. That means making sure resources are available across the board and that no group of students is overlooked.

12. What are your views on educator salaries and benefits? Our teachers are one of our greatest assets. If we want to attract and continue to retain great educators, we have to stay competitive. That means supporting fair pay, strong benefits, and an environment where teachers feel valued and supported

13. What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities?

The school board's role is to:

- Set direction and policy
- Ensure financial responsibility
- Support the superintendent and staff
- Represent the community

It's about leadership, accountability, and making decisions that are best for students.

14. Can you explain where the money to fund our schools comes from?

School funding comes from a combination of:

- Local property taxes
- State funding
- Bonds (for facilities and infrastructure)

Bonds specifically cannot be used for salaries — they are used for buildings, land, and major improvements.

15. What is your opinion on the proposed \$68 million bond for Sanger ISD? I support the bond because it's about staying ahead of the growth we're already seeing in Sanger.

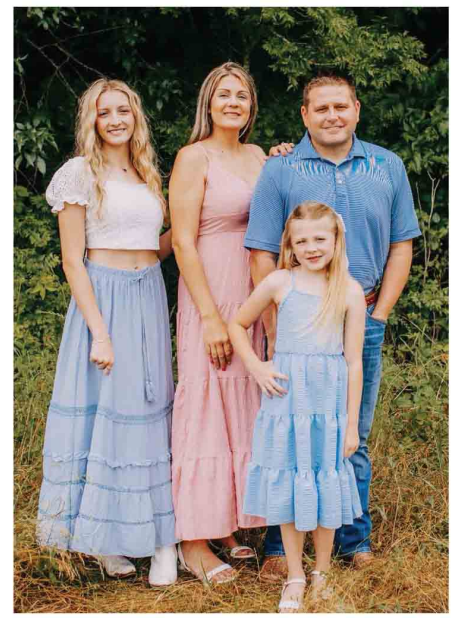
This bond focuses on infrastructure and facilities that our students need now and will continue to need in the future. It's about being proactive instead of reactive and making sure our schools remain a source of pride for the community.

16. What role should the community play in supporting the education of children? The community plays a huge role. Strong schools require strong community support — whether that's through voting, volunteering, or simply showing up.

When a community supports its schools, students benefit across the board.

17. Please feel free to add any other information you want voters to know about your candidacy? I'm committed to Sanger. This is my home, it's where I grew up and I care about where we're headed. I believe in common-sense leadership, transparency, and doing what's right for our kids, our teachers, and our community.

I would be honored to earn your vote and serve Sanger.



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Elección general del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sanger

Sanger Independent School District Board of Trustee, Place 1  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sanger la junta de gobierno, Lugar 1

- Jarrod Roberts
- Drew Hall

Sanger Independent School District Board of Trustee, Place 6  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sanger la junta de gobierno, Lugar 6

- Mitch Hammonds

Sanger Independent School District Board of Trustee, Place 7  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sanger la junta de gobierno, Lugar 7

- Bruce Eisey

Sanger Independent School District Special Election  
Elección especial del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sanger

Sanger Independent School District Proposition A  
Distrito Escolar Independiente de Sanger Proposición A

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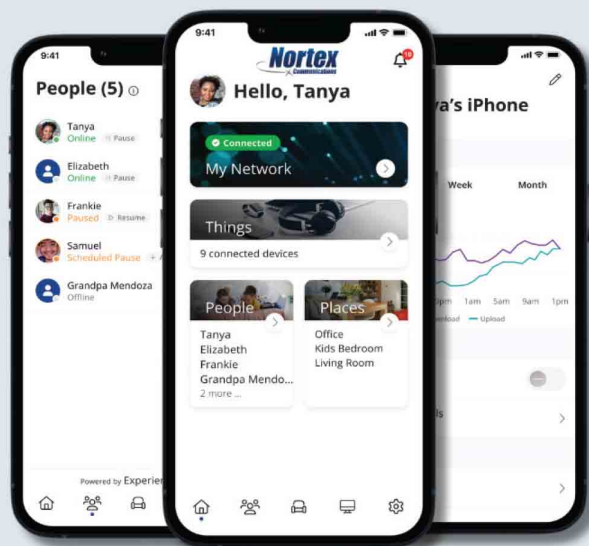
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