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Old Bolivar Station Songwriters Festival

Sanger, are you ready? The annual Old Bolivar Station Songwriters Festival is this weekend at historic downtown Sanger. This FREE event brings together talented songwriters from across the country for an evening of live performances and the stories behind the music.

Come enjoy good music, local flavor, and a Friday and Saturday night in the heart of Sanger.

Learn more: <https://www.sangertexas.org/.../Old-Bolivar-Station...>

FRIDAY NIGHT KICKOFF
Friday, October 2, 2026



UPTOWN RAIL BREWERY
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6:00 PM: Ty Junah
7:30 PM: Jordan Sheppard



WINDMILL SALOON
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6:45 PM: Brian Allison & Nattie Brooke

They are kicking off OBS weekend Friday, October 2, with live music in Downtown Sanger! Catch Ty Junah and Jordan Sheppard at Uptown Rail Brewery, with Brian Allison & Natalie Brooke at The Windmill Saloon. Two venues, one great way to kick off the weekend.

SEE ARTIST LINE-UPS ON PAGES 6-7



Old Bolivar Station Songwriter Festival

Saturday, October 3, 2026

25 Artists • 5 Stages • One Downtown

Old Bolivar Station Songwriters Festival brings an incredible lineup of singer-songwriters and musicians to downtown Sanger for a night of live music across multiple venues.

From Texas country and Americana to rock, folk, and everything in between, you'll find artists performing throughout the evening at Uptown Rail Brewery, The Windmill Saloon, PAPA Ds, and our Downtown Park.

No headliner. No opening acts. Just 25 artist and a whole lot of live music.



OLD BOLIVAR STATION SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL
DOWNTOWN SANGER, TEXAS
OCTOBER 3, 2026

Sanger mourns the loss of Julian Amador

SANGER ISD REMEMBERS JULIAN AMADOR...

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Julian Amador and continue to grieve alongside his family, friends, classmates, teachers, and all who knew him.

Julian was an incredibly bright student who challenged himself through honors classes. He was considerate and quiet—the kind of student you wanted in your classroom and the kind of friend you were grateful to have. He had a sharp mind and a sweet heart, and his presence helped make our school a better place.

Julian will be greatly missed. Our Tribe aches with the loss of one of our own.

Please continue to keep Julian's family in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve this unimaginable loss. We ask our community to surround them with grace, compassion, and support in the difficult days ahead.

Julian will forever be remembered as part of our Sanger ISD family."

Visitation and Ser-



vices for Julian were held earlier this week on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Julian's complete obituary can be found on page 2 or the link: <https://www.geojcarroll.com/obituaries/julian-amador>

Last week, the Sanger Independent School District school bus was headed north on Huling Road when it veered off the roadway, hit a culvert and rolled over shortly before 5 p.m. Sept. 24, according to

the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Julian Amador, a 13-year old student lost his life from his injuries at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton less than an hour after the accident, according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner. The 38-year-old driver and the three other students on the bus were treated on the scene for minor injuries, according to DPS.

Sanger police offi-

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OBITUARIES...

John Welk Ackerman

December 22, 1938 - September 16, 2026

John Welk Ackerman of Sanger, Texas passed away on September 16, 2026 peacefully at his home. He was born on December 22, 1938, 2nd child of 4 children of Dr. Joseph Ackerman and Elizabeth Jane Engstrand.

John attended public schools in Elmhurst, Illinois through 8th grade and then attended Northwestern Military Academy in Lake Geneva, WI. During summer months, he worked on the family farm in Morton, Illinois, finished an associate's degree from Lincoln College and then on to Ohio State to finish his college education in 1963. While at Ohio State, John became active in body building. He was very competitive and was runner up to Mr. Ohio. He taught high school physical education for several years in Ohio while taking flying lessons. After receiving his commercial pilot's license, he taught flying at the University of Illinois until he was hired by Braniff Airlines in 1967.

John's love of flying was always an adventure. In his 32 years with Braniff, he navigated all over the country as well as flying South American routes, Columbia, Venezuela, Peru and Brazil. He also transported troops in and out of Viet Nam. Such diversity in flying enabled John to visit many parts of the world and enjoy the different cultures and life styles. John also had his own plane, a single engine 4 place Piper Commanche. A dream come true.

Dallas was John's domicile and that was where he met his wife of 51 years. Krista Thornsburg was an American flight attendant and they were married November of 1975. Their interests were very compatible and they discovered much of the world together. They were best friends and built a lovely home in Sanger, Texas. They had two children, Joseph V. Ackerman, and Jaclyn K. Ackerman both of Valley View, Texas.

After Braniff, John's second career was establishing a fastener painting company. There were only seven paint companies in the states that painted fasteners and Dallas and the metroplex were getting their goods from Chicago. With John's company, ADR (Ackerman Does Right), the south had a local painter in the area which saved on freight and turn around time. After 25 years and much hard work and devotion, ADR was sold and John retired. Retirement did not last long. He was hired by Jackson Transportation to deliver food staples and prison supplies to prisons throughout the state of Texas. He drove for Jackson for 13 years until neuropathy forced him into retirement again.

John also had a love for dogs. He trained numerous Labradors and took his dogs around the states to different field trials. He won, placed, and lost a few and enjoyed every minute of the training time with the dogs. He also had a love for Ohio State. He was an AVID Buckeye and attended any game he could. One learned NO TALKING during the games!!! He was a Woody Hays man through and through.

John was a devoted family man. He loved living on acreage where he could mow grass, bail hay, teach the kids to drive, to run the tractors, to fish, to be experienced boaters, and to appreciate life in the outdoors. Most of all, he taught the kids to be their own person without depending on anyone else. From Joseph's love of racquet ball and tournaments every week-end to Jaclyn's equestrian riding competitions, John was always their biggest cheerleader. John also loved a fire in the fire place. He enjoyed cutting and splitting firewood which became a family tradition.

He is survived by his wife Krista, his son Joseph and daughter Jaclyn, his granddaughters Haylee and Sydney Ackerman, his sister Sarah Ackerman Jones and his brother Allan J. Ackerman. His older sister Elizabeth Ann Ackerman Dumaree preceded him in death.

A Memorial Mass is scheduled for Friday October 2, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2225 N, Bonnie Brae St., Denton, Tx 75207

Memorials can be made to: www.vnatexas.org/ give.. RE: John Ackerman This is the hospice group that was awesome in taking care of John.



Julian Amador

September 17, 2013 - September 24, 2026

Julian Amador, of Sanger, Texas, passed away on September 24, 2026, in Denton at the age of 13. Born on September 17, 2013, in Denton, Julian left us far too soon, but those who love him hold to the comfort that he is with God and in a better place.

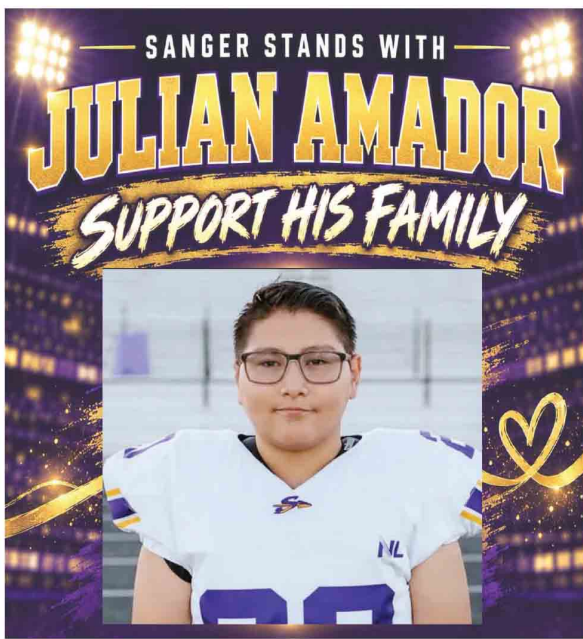
Julian was a bright and hardworking student who attended Sanger schools. He was enrolled in Honors classes and consistently made the Honor Roll. He brought care and enthusiasm to the things he did, and his love of learning was clear in the way he approached school and everyday life.

He also found joy in many interests that showed his creativity. Julian enjoyed cooking, reading, boxing, drawing, and building with Legos. These simple but meaningful parts of his life helped shape the memories his family will carry forward, and they speak to a young life filled with curiosity, imagination, and heart.

Julian is survived by his mother, Brenda Lopez; his father, Emmanuel Amador; and his sister, Alina Amador. He was deeply loved by his family, and his place in their hearts will never be lost. His father shared, "Daddy will always love you." His mother shared, "I will always hold onto your words, 'I love you, Monkey, to the moon and back.'" Those words will remain a lasting treasure and a tender reminder of the bond they shared with Julian.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home, 602 Lindsay St, Gainesville, Texas, with a Rosary Service at 6:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 2225 North Bonnie Brae Street, Denton, Texas. A Committal Service followed at 12:15 p.m. at Sanger Cemetery, 525 McReynolds Road, Sanger, Texas.

Julian's life, though brief, was full of love, promise, and precious moments that will not be forgotten. May his memory bring comfort to all who knew him and peace to the family who loves him so dearly.



Julian was part of the Sanger sports community, and Sanger Sports Corner knows many of you want to help his family during this heartbreaking time. If you're able, please consider donating to their GoFundMe.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-julian-amadors-family>

Please keep Julian's family, friends, teammates, and everyone who loved him in your prayers. For the Town. For the Team. For the Tribe.

Billie Joyce Pennington

July 11, 1934 - September 28, 2026

Billie Joyce Pennington, 92, slipped peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Monday, September 28, 2026, with her loving family at her side.

Born on July 11, 1934, in Denton, Texas, Billie was the daughter of Mary (Bird) Hilliard and Lonnie Thomas Hilliard. On January 7, 1950, she married the love of her life, James Roy Pennington in Denton, Texas. Together they made their home in Sanger, where they raised their four children.

Billie gave her life to the Lord and worshipped Him daily for many decades. She was a devoted member of Bolivar Baptist Church for forty years finding strength and purpose in her walk with Christ.

Billie worked at Texas Instruments for twenty-five years. After retiring from TI, Billie returned to the workforce for the Sanger ISD at Chisholm Trail Elementary for the next thirteen years. The school was a perfect fit for Billie — she adored the children, and her quiet heart often rooted for the underdog, offering encouragement in ways only she could.

Her greatest blessing was her family, whom she loved fiercely without reservation. Like many mothers, Billie supported and loved her children, but becoming "Nannie" brought a special kind of joy that lit up her life. Time spent with her precious family was never enough, and she treasured every moment.

Billie is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Roy; her daughter, Judy Yoast; and five brothers, Lonnie Hilliard, Roy Hilliard, Hubert Hilliard, Ike Hilliard, and Vernon Hilliard.

Those remaining to cherish her sweet memories are children, Joyce Reni Moore, and husband Roy of Pilot Point, James Michael Pennington and wife Patti of Sanger, and Ramie Michelle Hammonds and husband Mitch of Sanger. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, Stephanie Moore, Deedra Powers, Jodie Ingram, Marty Rehm, Matthew Rehm, Amie McGinnis, Shelli Thorson, Michael Pennington, Amanda Carle, Courtney Cleary, and Joshua Hammonds along with twenty-seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A visitation for Billie will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at the Bolivar Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 1, 2026, also at Bolivar Baptist Church, with Pastor Dickie Amyx officiating the service. Billie's grandsons will serve as pallbearers, Josh Hammonds, Michael Pennington, Marty Rehm, Matt Rehm, Jeff Cleary, Tommy Carle, Richard Thorson, Josh McGinnis, Kevin Powers, and Greg Ingram.

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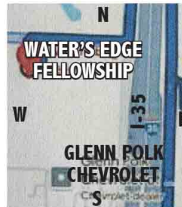
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A promotional banner for Miguelito's Authentic Mexican Cuisine. The banner features a red background with a yellow horizontal stripe. On the left, a cartoon cactus character wearing a sombrero and a white shirt is holding a sombrero. Next to it, the name "Miguelito's" is written in a large, stylized, red font with a black outline. To the right, the text "Authentic Mexican Cuisine" is written in a white, serif font, followed by the website "www.miguelitosmexicancuisine.com" in a yellow, sans-serif font. A small Facebook logo is visible to the right of the website. Below the yellow stripe, the text "COME IN AND TRY OUR COMBINATION SPECIALS!" is written in a large, bold, red font with a black outline. To the right of this text, there are three images: a plate of food, a bowl of soup, and a plate of meat. On the far right, there is a photograph of the Miguelito's restaurant building, which is a single-story structure with a red-tiled roof and a sign that reads "Miguelito's".

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available appointment, or simply doing without. Many people in towns like Sanger, Valley View, Krum, and Pilot Point have been through exactly that. They knew they needed help. They just couldn't easily get to it.

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CITY OF SANGER, TEXAS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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

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

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

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

City Council Meeting - September 21, 2026

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYR21wQqEel>

Detective Kristufek receives Life-Saving Award at the City Council Meeting

Please join the City of Sanger in congratulating Sanger Police Department Detective Kristufek on receiving the Life-Saving Award at the City Council meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026.

On February 4, 2026, Detective Kristufek responded to an emergency in Denton County and provided life-saving care to a critically injured individual until paramedics arrived. Medical personnel credited his quick response and decisive actions with helping save the individual's life.

Detective Kristufek arrived at an active shooting at the Pit Stop Convenience Store/Fuel Station in Bolivar around noon that day. Without hesitation, despite potential for continued danger, he located a critically wounded victim, who was shot multiple times, and applied two tourniquets over the femoral artery. He continued emergency care until paramedics arrived.

Congratulations, Detective Kristufek, and thank you for your service and dedication to our community!

Detective Kristufek (center) is pictured with (L-R): Sanger Police Chief Tyson Cheek, City Council - Mark Bulger, Victor Gann, Josh Burrus, Gary Bilyeu (Mayor), Margie Tisdale and Marissa Newton.

Songwriters Festival

Friday, October 2 Kickoff Preview Night



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The Windmill Saloon and Uptown Rail Brewery



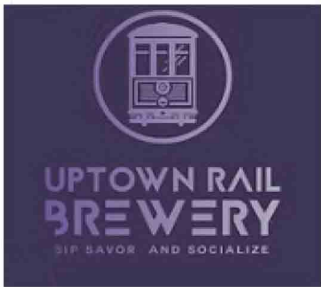
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Sanger, TX 76266



Brian Allison
6:45 PM - 7:45 PM



Natalie Brooke
6:45 PM - 7:45 PM



Uptown Rail Brewery
Inside Stage
204 Bolivar Street



Ty Junah
6 - 7 PM



Jordan Sheppard
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Saturday, Oct 3

The Main Event



Papa Ds Mexican Cuisine y
Cantina
Inside Stage
311 N 4th Street
Sanger, TX 76266



Tara Grace
4 PM - 5 PM



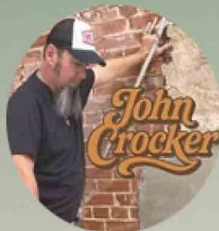
Patrick Cooper
5 PM - 6 PM



Natasha Sanchez
6:15 PM - 7 PM



Shelby Bellenger
7:15 PM - 7:45 PM



John Crocker
8 - 9 PM



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Brian Allison
4 - 5 PM



Tommy Joe Smith
5:15 - 6:15 PM



Natalie Brooke
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Bill Sibley
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Pariseli
5 PM - 6 PM



Ty Junah
6 PM - 7 PM



Andrea Smith W/
Ron Grimes
7 PM - 8 PM



Mike Mancy
8:15 - 9:15 PM

Saturday, October 3rd (Continued)



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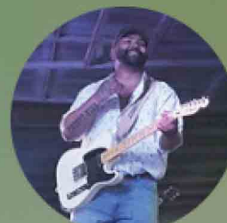
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Kory Quinn
4 - 5 PM



Mike Hernandez
5:30 - 6:30 PM



RaiKown "The
Caramel Cowboy"
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM



Blacktop Bloodline
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM



Jordan Sheppard
10 PM - 11 PM



SANGER
PARKS AND RECREATION
Sanger Downtown Park



The Singer Tina
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM



Ron Woods Jr
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



Mattie Rose
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Richard Lodwig
7:45 PM - 8:30 PM



Jeremiah &
BluHaze
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM



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Saturday, October 3, 2026
4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Downtown Sanger, Texas

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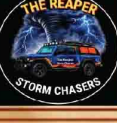


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City of Sanger, Sanger ISD Police Departments and the DEA Dallas Field Division presents:

Just Think Twice: An honest conversation about drugs

October 21, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Sanger Middle School | 100 Indian Lane, Sanger, TX 76266

This will be a crash course in understanding that dab is not a dance move, juuling is not a new way to bedazle your clothing, spice is not the kind in your kitchen cabinet, and Molly is not the girl next door. Learn what the new F word is, know the dangers of fentanyl and the accessibility of these deadly drugs.

This program is suitable for families and their students, grades sixth and up.



The City of Sanger, Sanger ISD Police Departments, and the DEA Dallas Field Division present: Just Think Twice: An Honest Conversation about Drugs on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at Sanger Middle School Auditorium. They cordially invite parents/guardians and their students in 6th grade and up to attend this informative and possibly lifesaving presentation. If you as a parent/guardian have kids younger than the targeted audience and would still like to attend to be better equipped for the challenges ahead, please attend. Refer to the flyer for more details.

Sanger Band

Community Performance



**October 2
7:00 PM**
Indian Stadium

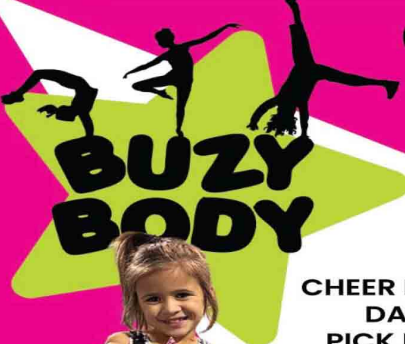
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STADIUM REHEARSAL - 5:00pm

DINNER - served from 6:00-6:45pm
\$5 for Nachos or Pizza (2 slices)

The Spirit of Sanger Marching Band is gearing up for Bandtober and the start of their contest season, and they need your support! Join them for their second annual community day, which promises to be even bigger this year as the Middle School bands will also be performing. This event will provide them with a valuable opportunity to showcase their show in front of a large audience before their competition in Aubrey the following Saturday. We hope you can come out and show your support!



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Julian

(Continued from pg. 1)

and firefighters also responded to the crash, officials said. "We are heartbroken to share that a Sanger ISD school bus was involved in a single-vehicle accident this afternoon. The bus driver and four students were on board," Sanger ISD officials said in a letter to parents, shortly after the accident. "Our hearts are with the student's family and all those impacted by this tragedy. We are working closely with law enforcement and emergency personnel and will share additional information with our families as it becomes available and is appropriate to release. Please keep the family and all those affected by this tragedy in your thoughts."

A GoFundMe account set up to support the family has raised more than \$43,000. Nathan Spraybary, a youth football coach of Julian, created the fundraiser for Julian Amador's family after the unimaginable loss. "No family should have to face this kind of heartbreak, and this devastating tragedy has left Julian's loved ones grieving the loss of a young life taken far too soon. At a time when they should be surrounded only by comfort and care, they are also facing the difficult days ahead and the many burdens that come with such a sudden loss."

"This fundraiser is meant to support Julian Amador's family during this painful time and help ease some of the stress they are carrying as they mourn. Every donation, no matter the size, can make a meaningful difference for Julian's family as they navigate this tragedy. If you are able, please consider donating and sharing this fundraiser with others. Your kindness, prayers, and support can help remind Julian's family that they are not alone and that their community is standing with them in this time of sorrow."

<https://gofundme.com/54e446633>
The Texas Department of Public Safety is investigating the wreck. They released a statement reporting that state troopers responded to the single-vehicle crash at 4:55 p.m. on Huling Road near Lois Road East. "A preliminary investigation indicates that a Sanger ISD school bus was traveling northbound on Huling

Road when it veered off the roadway, struck a culvert and rolled over," said Josue "Tony" De La Cerda, who is with the safety education, public relations and information division of DPS.

Several area school districts have honored Julian with their own special tributes on-line or at their campuses, wearing purple, etc...

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SPORTS

SHS Varsity Cross Country
SHS dominates at Birdville Meet

The Sanger Indians put on a show at the Birdville Flyin' Hawk Invitational, winning the boys team title with just 18 points. Richardson finished second with 143.

Sanger swept the top three spots and placed seven runners in the top nine!

Bryden Meade — 1st | 15:59.39
David Martinez — 2nd | 16:09.76
Travis Martinez — 3rd | 16:35.06
Gabriel Soto — 5th | 16:47.94
Jesse Jacobs — 7th | 17:10.14

PL	Team	Finish
1	 Sanger	18
2	 Richardson	151
3	 Trinity Basin Titan Academics	163
4	 Lucas Lovejoy	180
5	 Carrollton Creekview	182
6	 Grand Prairie	189
7	 Irving Nimitz	190
8	 Life Waxahachie	192
9	 ILTX - Arlington Grand Prairie	209
10	 The Colony	228

PL	Athlete	Time
1	 Bryden Meade Sanger - #4943	15:59.39
2	 David Martinez Sanger - #4940	16:09.76
3	 Travis Martinez Sanger - #4942	16:35.06
4	 Veliye Sensouriya Carrollton Creekview - #2000	16:44.76
5	 Gabriel Soto Sanger - #4949	16:47.94
6	 Berket Gebreslassie Irving MacArthur - #2840	17:09.03
7	 Jesse Jacobs Sanger - #4936	17:10.14
8	 Angel Zepeda Sanger - #4952	17:10.19
9	 Kaden Plaugher Sanger - #4945	17:11.85

XC Schedule Update:
The Decatur Meet (Reunion Run) has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 3 due to incoming weather.
Old Date: Thursday, Oct. 1
New Date: Saturday, Oct. 3

The Sanger High School girls cross country team took 1st place with 24 points last week in Haltom City. What a race by the Lady Indians!

Top Sanger finishers:
Ashton Grahl — 1st | 19:32.33
Tatum Cochran — 5th | 20:58.37
Camryn Cochran — 7th | 21:01.59

PL	Team	Finish
1	 Sanger	24
2	 The Colony	86
3	 Alvarado	88
4	 N Richland Hills Richland	107
5	 Life Waxahachie	123
6	 Prestonwood Christian	145
7	 Grand Prairie	168
8	 ILTX - Arlington Grand Prairie	202
9	 Uplift North Hills Prep	213

PL	Athlete	Time
1	 Ashton Grahl Sanger - #4911	19:32.33
2	 Camille Glenn Prestonwood Christian - #9909	19:58.05
3	 Cynthia Gallegos Ft Worth South Hills - #2662	20:30.89
4	 Clara Lyall Richardson - #9927	20:50.75
5	 Tatum Cochran Sanger - #4908	20:58.37
6	 Abigail Bryant The Colony - #4955	21:00.87
7	 Camryn Cochran Sanger - #4907	21:01.59
8	 Melania Parrish The Colony - #4962	21:07.89
9	 Emy Atumisi FW Eastern Hills - #2702	21:12.03
10	 Paisley Stanley Burleson Centennial - #1050	21:17.28

SANGER INDIANS CROSS COUNTRY

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2026 HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	LOCATION	TEAM	TIME
Rescheduled (see above):	The Reunion Run	Reunion Ground 3101 FM 51, Decatur, TX 76234	JV & Varsity	7:30 AM
10/13 or 10/14 (Tues or Wed.)	District	North Lakes Park 2001 W Windsor Dr, Denton, TX 76207	Varsity/JV	9:00 AM
10/26 or 10/27 (Mon - Tues)	Regionals	1000 W Bardin Rd, Arlington, TX 76017	Varsity	9:00 AM
11/6 or 11/7 (Fri or Sat)	State	Old Settlers Park 3300 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665	Varsity	TBA



SANGER SPORTS CORNER



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SHS Varsity Volleyball

Lady Indians in second place in district

The Lady Indians faced the only other remaining undefeated team in 9-4A on last Friday with a road clash against No. 7-ranked Aubrey (31-6, 4-0). Sanger lost in three games 25-21, 25-22, 25-15.

The Lady Indians are alone in second place in the district standings. They start the second half of district play on Friday against Krum at Indian Gym at 6:00 p.m. They have a bye on Tuesday, October 6 before resuming play at Gainesville on Friday, October 9 at 4:30 p.m.

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



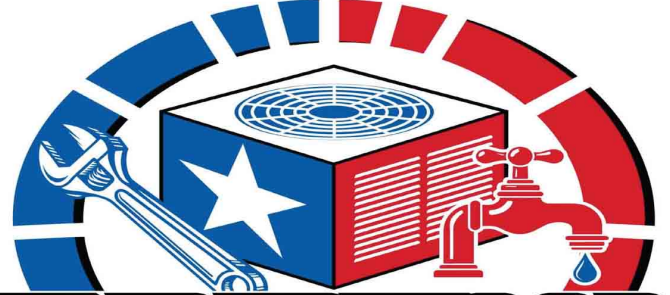
Blakely Pennington, Sanger, So.
Pennington was recognized by the Denton Record-Chronicle as one of the top performers last week. Pennington continued an impressive sophomore season by helping lead the Lady Indians to a crucial win over state-ranked Van Alstyne last Tuesday. The sophomore outside hitter racked up a team-best 24 kills along with 15 digs and one ace in the victory over Van Alstyne, which Sanger took after rallying from a 2-1 deficit through to win the final two sets and take it 3-2.

PHOTO BY Al Key / For the DRC

SHS Volleyball Schedule

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

* = District Match \$ = Senior Night # = Middle School Night ^ = Youth Volleyball Night
! = Teacher Appreciation Night
Head Coach: Scott Montgomery
Asst. Coaches: Jamie Burch, Jeremy Harvey, Shelby Pethel
Girl's Athletic Director: Tracy Sykes
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SHS Indians Varsity Football

Indians lose halftime lead to Canyon, start district play at Krum on October 9

Sanger saw its undefeated start to the season end Friday with a 38-28 loss to Canyon in Thursday's neutral site non-district game at Vernon's Lion Stadium.

The Indians (4-1) got out to a strong start with a 21-10 halftime lead before Canyon (4-1) rattled off a run of 28 unanswered points in the second half to pull in front for good.

Bola Ogunwuyi led the way for Sanger offensively, rushing for three touchdowns. Sanger quarterback Austin Martin ran for the Indians' other score.

Canyon scored all four of its second-half touchdowns on the ground after throwing for one score in the first half along with a

made field goal.

Sanger takes its bye next week before opening District 6-4A DII play Friday, Oct. 9 with a road game against Krum. The game will be a rematch between the top two finishers in 5-4A DII last year after Krum took a 49-35 win in their head-to-head matchup last year on its way to the district title.



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SANGER OFFENSE

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	TD
Austin Martin	13	55	1
Bola	18	131	3

PASSING	COMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT
Austin Martin	5	10	35	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	TD
Chanan Anoh	1	24	0
Bola	1	5	0
Levi Hendricks	2	4	0
Wyatt Pennington	1	2	0

SANGER DEFENSE

#	NAME	TKL	TFL	PRESS	SACK	FF	FR	PBU	INT
6	Luke Hendricks	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
11	Kale Barr	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Max Taylor	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
90	Dezmond Sampson	12	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
9	Lane Taylor	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	James Cook	9	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
50	Joshua Lindsay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40	Seth Del Rio	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Asher VanDyk	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
22	Christian Bush	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS		94	7	10	2	1	1	2	0

TOP PERFORMERS

BOLA
18 CARRIES | 131 YARDS | 3 TD
1 RECEPTION | 5 YARDS

AUSTIN MARTIN
13 CARRIES | 55 YARDS | 1 TD
5-10 PASSING | 35 YARDS

CHANAN ANOH
1 RECEPTION | 24 YARDS

LEVI HENDRICKS
2 RECEPTIONS | 4 YARDS

WYATT PENNINGTON
1 RECEPTION | 2 YARDS

GAME NOTES

- Sanger falls to 4-1 on the season after a hard-fought battle with the Canyon Eagles.
- Bola rushed for 131 yards and 3 touchdowns.
- Austin Martin added 55 rushing yards and 1 touchdown, and completed 5 of 10 passes for 35 yards.
- Defense recorded 7 tackles for loss, 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble, 1 fumble recovery and 2 pass breakups.
- Sanger will have a bye week next week before opening district play at Krum on Friday, October 9th.

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What a fantastic day in the Sanger community on Monday, September 28. The Sanger Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the ribbon cutting for the Grand-Opening of Panda Express in Sanger.

“We had such a great turnout and loved seeing so many members of our community come out to celebrate this exciting new addition,” said Chamber president Stacy McCollom. “There were lots of fun giveaways, plenty of smiles, and of course, opportunities to take a picture with the

Panda! We also got to celebrate the first customer and recognize Panda Express for giving back to our community with donations to Food for the Soul.

“Thank you to everyone who came out, supported the event, and helped make the ribbon cutting such a wonderful celebration!”

We’re so excited to welcome Panda Express to our community and look forward to all the great things ahead.”

Panda Express is located in the Sanger Crossing near Tom Thumb.



Mark your calendars for the Harvest Festival (Day 1) and Harvest Festival (Day 2)! We'll have vendors, food trucks, live music, fall photo ops, antique tractors on Saturday, and a chef demonstration on Sunday! It's going to be such a fun Downtown event!

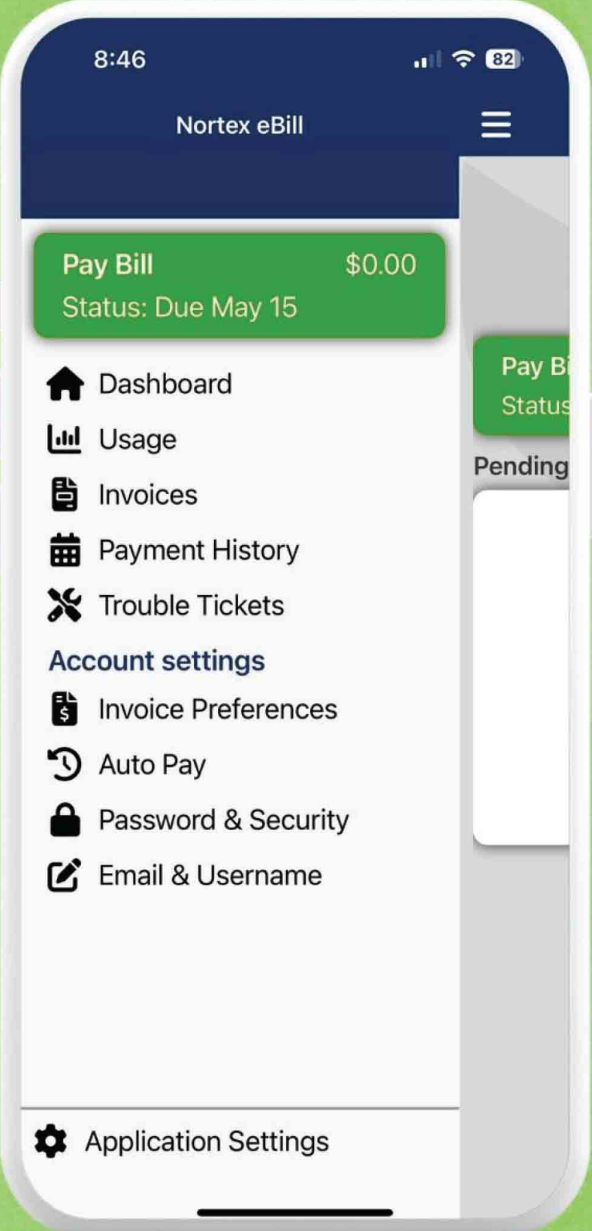
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