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Denton County Sheriff vehicles quickly swarmed the Pit Stop just minutes after the shooting.

## Eyewitness recounts shooting

At 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, February 5, a shooting took place at the Valero Pit Stop in Bolivar. Bryce Peters, a recent Sanger High School graduate, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The victim, who was shot, is currently in the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Peters remains in Denton County Jail and was denied bail by a judge this week.

A witness, who works at the Pit Stop, provided an account of the incident to the Sanger News. She observed Peters approaching the outside entrance of the convenience store when a middle-aged man, seated (inside) at a table near

the front windows, got up, walked to the entrance doors, then punched Peters in the face hard enough that Peters' head struck the window really hard. Once Peters regained his bearings, he fired five shots at the man from outside the store, striking the victim three times. All five shots were fired from outside the store at the victim, which was inside Pit Stop. The three bullets that struck the victim passed through him, hitting parts of the store. The victim managed to crawl back to the kitchen area, where employees assisted him.

The witness, who was behind the counter with two other employees, took cover on the floor until the gunfire subsided. The



Bryce Peters - Denton County Jail Mugshot

store owners were in the back office at the time, and around six customers were present. The employees activated the silent alarm, and the witness estimated that the police arrived quickly on the scene within 6 to 7 minutes. Peters remained outside until authorities arrived, sur-

rendering willingly with his hands raised. Peters claimed self defense to authorities. But, one of the main reasons a judge has denied bail, because he continued to shoot inside the store, while innocent customers and employees were in the area. Fortunately, no one else was injured in the chaos. Clearly, Peter's wasn't trying to shoot them, but the stray bullets could have injured or killed innocent bystanders.

Following the incident, the witness expressed that everyone was shaken up, and she now feels more cautious about who enters the store. This local favorite establish-

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## Sanger ISD Board calls Bond Election to address growth

During Monday night's meeting, the Sanger ISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to call a bond election to address the district's enrollment growth, which is expected to more than double by the 2035 school year, reaching more than 6,400 students. The Board's approval of the 2026 bond package is based on recommendations from the 37-member Long Range Facilities Planning Committee. The committee reviewed demographics, growth and enrollment patterns, tax impact scenarios, district finances, educational programs, and the district's current and long-term needs to ultimately develop a recommendation to present to the Board of Trustees. This proposal is based on their recommendation. If approved by voters, the bond will impact campuses across the district. The projects include new construction and additions to prevent overcrowding and reliance on portable buildings, safety and security, technology updates, and additional buses to meet Sanger ISD's growing student population.

"This bond proposal is a direct response to the growth in our community," said Sanger ISD Superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter. "We must plan now to ensure all our current and future students continue to have access to safe schools and quality learning spaces". The Sanger ISD bond proposal will appear on the ballot for voters' approval this May. Election Day is Saturday, May 2nd, and early voting begins on Monday, April 20th. For more information, visit <https://www.votedenton.gov/>.

More details of the bond will be announced by SISD in the coming weeks.



Dr. Tommy Hunter  
SISD Superintendent

## SHS alum Robert Chick running for U.S. Congress

Robert A. Chick, age 31, is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives - Texas 26th Congressional District, in the March 3, 2026 Texas Primary Election. He's proud to call Sanger home and he's running against Republican incumbent Brandon Gill and Gavin Solomon. The 26th district covers parts of Denton County, including most of the City of Sanger and Wise and Cooke Counties. SEE DISTRICT MAP AT THE END OF THIS ARTICLE: Ernest Lineberger III and Steven Shook are running in the Democratic primary.

Chick is a 2013 graduate of Sanger High School. "I'd also like to say SISD's new campus is one of the most well-designed, modern high schools I've ever seen. Thank you to all the faculty and staff that keep the SISD school system continually achieving excellence."

He states he is running his campaign based on solutions, not money. "I'll never ask for cam-



aign contributions nor will I seek money from any organization, business interest, or other groups. The best way to support is a referral to neighbors, friends, or family who might share our vision of a better American future," he said. "I graduated

from Sanger High School, where I proudly live. I attended college at Texas State University, proud alma mater of Lyndon B. Johnson. "I've worked as a mechanic, a bouncer, an office supply salesman, and now I own my own small business, advocating

on behalf of nurses & other healthcare workers.

"I've failed more times than I can count, like a lot of Americans. But, I've always been so incredibly proud of the resilience of the American spirit that dwells in each of us. We do not accept problems; we solve them."

Chick is very passionate about this campaign. He got involved in politics after Charlie Kirk was assassinated. "I hoped we were going to learn the lesson I believe the Lord was intending: We are all Americans, countrymen and children under Christ. We are a stronger, better nation when we're working together."

"I've watched as America has left behind the teacher, the welder, the veteran, the nurse, the working-class American. I've been waiting most of my adult life for someone to represent the things I and millions of Texans care about. I'm done with waiting. The time to start solving problems for Texans is now."

He's also been influenced by his father Allen Chick, who's been a Sanger city councilman since May of 2014. "My father has and will continue to be a great influence in my life. He's very pragmatic and even-keeled. Better than that, he's a wonderful father and if I can ever be half that man he is, then I have lived a life worth living," Robert said.

"America's best times are still ahead us, I believe that with my whole heart. But we need to start solving the problems we have in our country. That's not going to happen with cable news clips, division, or rage-baiting each other. It happens with bold ideas, leaders with the will to execute them, and a clear vision of a better American future for all Americans. To my constituents: I stand for you, I fight for you, and I'll win for you."

He list a significant amount of topics and explains the solutions to each one on his election website - [stickwithchick.org](http://stickwithchick.org).

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## OBITUARIES...

### Larry Edwin Kyle

November 11, 1941 - January 31, 2026

Larry Edwin Kyle left this world at his Sanger home with a heart that was too tired.

He was born in Edmond, Oklahoma to Gertrude and John Kyle. He graduated high school in Jones, Oklahoma. After a short jaunt as a t.v. cameraman in Roswell, NM, he enlisted in the army and was stationed in Korea. Following his military service, he started working as a technician with Sears and fixed everything they sold. After 21 years he took early retirement.

Then he spent 12 years working in maintenance with Kroger at their warehouse until he again retired. Larry was very gifted in that he could fix or build anything. Right up to his last day here, he was tinkering with projects and always stayed busy.

In 1966 he met and married Theodis "Anne" Kyle and they had 2 sons, Alan and Stuart Kyle. The family moved to Sanger in 1970 and soon after moved to their home in the country west of Sanger where they have lived for 53 years.

He and Anne loved travelling in their motor home and flying around in their Stinson airplane to many places. He was a private pilot and loved it.

He also loved gardening, reading, watching his grandson Liam and niece Analise play ball. He was a big sports fan. He found a set of golf clubs at 70 years old. He checked books /videos out of our wonderful Sanger Library taught himself to play. He loved the game and played well for his age and late start.

He is survived by his wife Anne, his son Alan and his wife Gina and their son Liam of Prosper TX, his son Stuart and his wife Kristin who live in Wichita KS, two sisters Barbara Walker of Holdenville OK, Gloria Perin of Krum Tx, and one brother John Kyle of Yukon OK as well as 2 nieces Karla Rayborn and Susan Green of Yukon OK. He also has many friends who will miss him and his advice.

A memorial will be held on Sunday, March 15 at the Denton Bridge Studio from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. It is located inside the Budget Host Inn, Denton, TX.



### Mary Frances Preston

March 10, 1935 - January 29, 2026

Mary Frances (Chapman) Preston, aged 90, peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on the morning of January 29, 2026, in Gainesville, Texas. Born on March 10, 1935, in Ivanhoe, Texas, she was the beloved daughter of James John and Mary Eliza (Jones) Chapman.

Mrs. Preston married Jack Preston on December 18, 1954. Together they raised seven children, cherishing the joys and challenges of family life. Mary's devotion to her family was evident in every aspect of her daily life. Mary was surrounded by a loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Leola and Faye, brothers Lin and Basil, grandson Brad, granddaughters Jamie and Candace.

Outside of her responsibilities as a devoted mother, Mary built a distinguished career at Lockheed Martin. She contributed to several assembly lines, working on various models of fighter jets. Her dedication and work ethic shone through during her 21-year career, culminating in her retirement in March 2000. Mary took pride in her work, knowing she played a part in building aircraft that served and protected our nation.

Mary is survived by her seven children: daughters Theresa Anderson, Mary Alford and husband Travis, Karen Clark and husband Craig, and sons Jace Preston and wife Debbie, Harmon Preston and wife Cindy, Jack Preston and wife Dena, Robert Preston and wife Rose. She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren who will carry forward her memory and love.

Funeral services were held at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home on February 6, 2026, at 10:00 AM in Gainesville, Texas. Burial followed at Sanger Cemetery in Sanger, Texas.



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## Love languages can help you enjoy Valentine's Day on a budget

Valentine's Day doesn't have to break the bank. In fact, the most meaningful expressions of love often cost little to nothing. The key is understanding your partner's love language and tailoring your approach accordingly. When you know what makes your partner feel truly valued, you can create memorable experiences without the financial pressure that often accompanies this holiday.

The five love languages — words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time and physical touch — offer a roadmap for showing affection without overspending. Here's how to express your love while staying financially smart this Valentine's Day.

**Words of affirmation:** For partners who value verbal expressions of love, heartfelt words matter far more than expensive gifts. Write a letter expressing what you appreciate about them, create a personalized playlist with songs that remind you of your relationship or record a video message. All are free but carry immense emotional value. For this love language, thoughtful expression surpasses financial investment every time.

**Acts of Service:** If your partner feels loved through helpful actions, Valentine's Day is about sweat equity, not spending. Cook their favorite meal, tackle chores they've been dreading or, for those who have expressed frustration with budgeting, create a simple budget tracker or spreadsheet tucked into a decorative folder. Your time and effort demonstrate your love. The beauty of acts of service is that they cost little to nothing but demonstrate care and attention.

**Receiving Gifts:** Even gift-oriented partners don't need expensive presents to feel valued. Focus on thoughtfulness and personalization over price tags. Try DIY crafts that show you put time into creating something. Explore thrift stores for vintage treasures or consider giving stock in a company your partner loves — a retail store, a tech brand or a coffee chain. Many platforms offer fractional shares, so you don't need a huge budget. Remember: A \$10 item chosen with care can mean more than a \$100 generic gift.

**Quality time:** For those who value undivided attention, experiences often cost less than gifts. Check for free museum days, plan a scenic hike, go stargazing or create a cozy

home movie night with homemade popcorn. The key is being fully present without distractions. For a longer-term outlook, consider a future fund jar for shared goals, like a couples massage or a trip. Make the first deposit and pair it with a handwritten note about building dreams together.

**Physical Touch:** Intimacy and affection are inherently free, but small comfort investments can enhance closeness. Create an at-home spa experience with inexpensive bath products, invest in cozy blankets for cuddling, or clear space in your living room for dancing together. These minimal purchases amplify connection without requiring significant spending.

There's no wrong way to celebrate Valentine's Day, and overspending isn't necessary. If you're diligent about budgeting, you'll know what you can afford to spend. Understanding your partner's love language empowers you to express affection in ways that resonate deeply — without the financial stress. The best Valentine's celebrations come from the heart, not the wallet.

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



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# Self-Love Isn't Selfish: Building a Foundation for Healthy Relationships



*Tiffany Stone, LMFT  
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Valentine's Day often focuses on romantic love, but the relationship we have with ourselves is just as important—arguably even more so. Self-love isn't about being self-centered or selfish; it's about recognizing your worth, treating yourself with compassion and grace, and giving yourself permission to grow and heal.

Many of us are our own harshest critics. We replay mistakes like a constant reel loop, compare ourselves to others, or put our needs last. Over time, this can wear down our confidence and make it harder to show up authentically in our relationships. Practicing self-love means:

Speaking kindly to yourself, especially on tough days.

Allowing yourself to rest and recharge when you need it.

Setting boundaries that protect your time and energy.

Celebrating your strengths and for-

giving your missteps.

Acknowledging your feelings, even the difficult ones, without judgment.

Self-love also means acknowledging when you need support. Just as we encourage our loved ones to seek help when they need it, we deserve the same care. Counseling isn't just for those in crisis, it's a tool for personal growth, reflection, and healing. It can help you learn to trust your instincts, set healthy boundaries, and build confidence to pursue your goals.

This February, consider starting a self-care ritual that works for you: journaling, taking a walk, meditating, sitting in silence, or connecting with a friend. Remember, nurturing yourself isn't selfish, it's an essential part of a healthy life. When you care for your own well-being, you bring your best self to those around you. Our community is stronger when each of us feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive.

If you're curious about how self-care and self-love can fit into your life, local resources like New Hope Counseling Services are here to help. Everyone's journey is different, and every step forward matters. Let's make this month a celebration of every kind of love, including the love we show ourselves.



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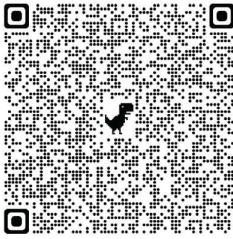
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The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
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Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

There are over 1,900 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 25,000 members and the communities they serve.



## Have Your Say, Sanger!

We want to hear from you. The City of Sanger is asking residents to take a short Solid Waste Customer Survey to share feedback on our current trash and recycling services.

Your input helps us understand what is working well and where we can improve as we continue looking for ways to better serve our community.

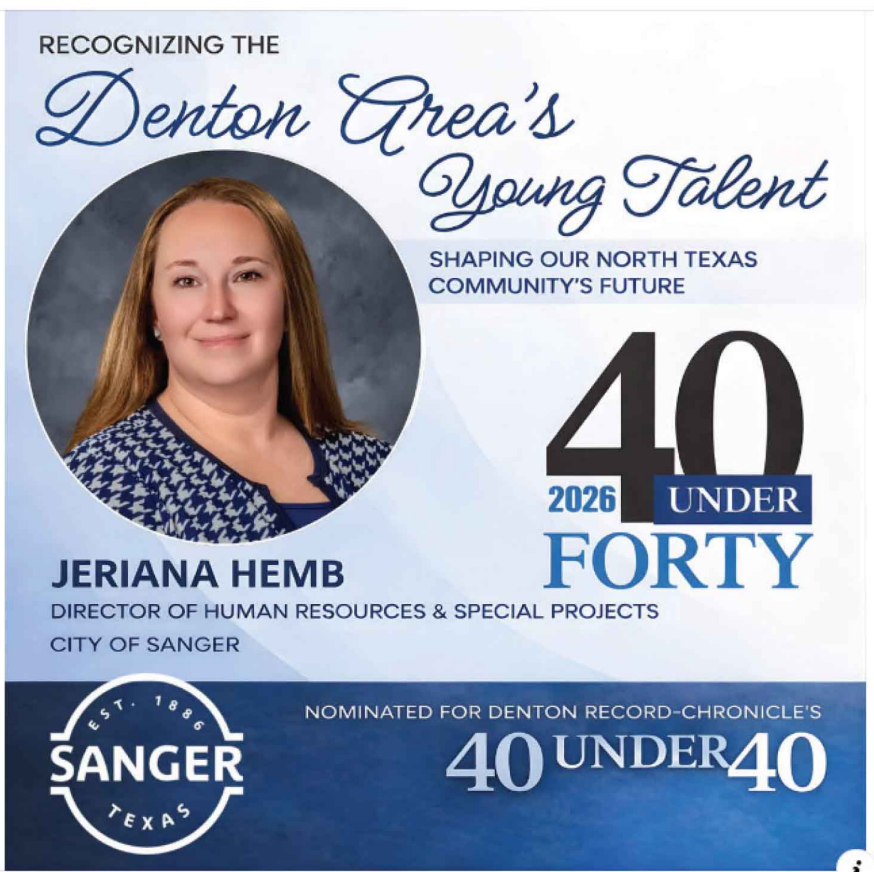
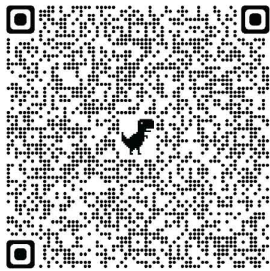
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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z9KKP6K>

• The survey will remain open through the end of February.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts and help shape future solid waste services in Sanger.

#survey #CityofSanger #CommunityInput



## City of Sanger HR Director Nominated for Denton Record Chronicle 40 Under 40

The City of Sanger is proud to announce that Jeriana Hemb, Director of Human Resources and Special Projects, has been nominated for the Denton Record Chronicle's 40 Under 40, an annual recognition honoring young professionals who are shaping the future of North Texas.

Jeriana has served the City of Sanger since 2016 and has played a vital role in the organization's growth and stability over the past several years.

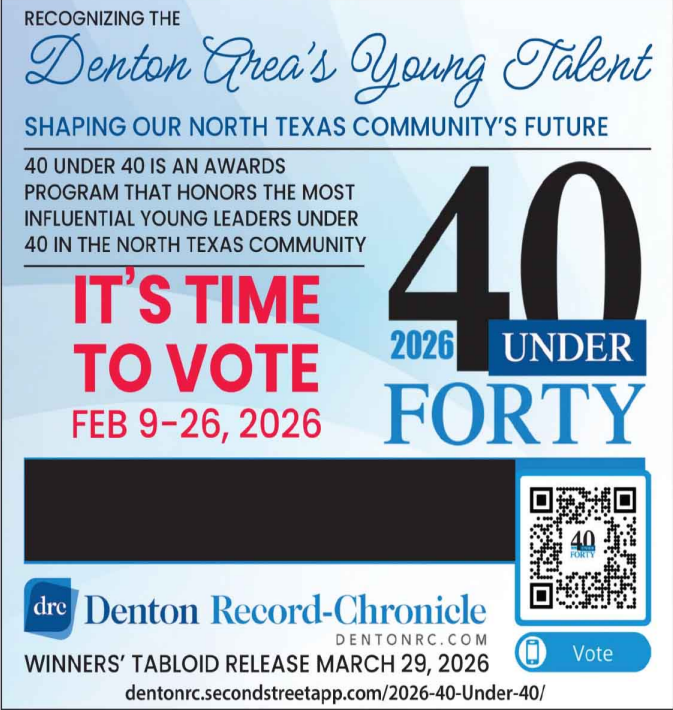
In addition to her role overseeing human resources, she has stepped into key leadership positions, including Interim City Manager and City Secretary, when called upon. She currently leads a high-performing team responsible for recruitment, onboarding, training, benefits administration, risk management, and employee relations.

With more than 15 years of experience across both the public and private sectors in human resources, Jeriana brings a broad and thoughtful perspective to municipal operations. Her leadership and dedication have been recognized statewide. In 2018, she received the Rising Star of Texas Award from the Texas Municipal Human Resources Association and was among the first 30 professionals in Texas to earn the TMHRA Certified Professional designation. She was also named a Texas Municipal League Leadership Fellow in 2023. She is an active member of North Texas SHRM, where she previously served on the board, and remains engaged in advancing human resources practices across the region and the state.

Jeriana is actively involved in professional organizations that advance human resources practices across the state, including the North Texas SHRM, and she serves on the TMHRA Board as Secretary and has held leadership roles for more than four years. Known for her servant heart and commitment to continuous improvement, she finds purpose in building strong teams and serving the community she calls home.

The Denton Record Chronicle's 40 Under 40 is determined by community voting, which is open now through February 26. Residents are encouraged to support Jeriana and the City of Sanger by voting.

To vote, visit: [dentonrc.secondstreetapp.com/2026-40-Under-40/](https://dentonrc.secondstreetapp.com/2026-40-Under-40/) or SCAN QR CODE ABOVE: Supporting Jeriana's nomination is a way to celebrate local leadership and the positive impact being made right here in Sanger.









## City and School Board Election Update:

As of Wednesday, February 11th morning, the seats for city council Place 2 and Place 4 remain empty for the May 2, 2026 local election. City Councilman Gary Bilyeu has filed to run for Mayor. Three election packets have been picked up for the city council places. They have until Friday, February 13 to file.

Open places on the council are Place 2 - Gary Bilyeu (This place will be vacated since he is running for Mayor) and Place 4 - Allen Chick. Bilyeu has been on the council since 2010 and Chick's first term started in 2014.

Mayor Thomas Muir announced in ear-

ly January he will not seek another term. He's been Mayor since May of 2010.

Sanger ISD has three places up on the ballot. They are held by: Place 7 - Bruce Elsey, Place 6 - Mitch Hammonds and Place 1 - Jarrod Roberts.

As of February 13th, Roberts and Drew Hall, have turned in their packets for Place 1 and Hammonds has filed for Place 6. Elsey filed for re-election in Place 7 earlier this week.

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

## New McDonald's planned near SHS

A new project titled "MCD Indian Lane" has been registered with the state, signaling a brand-new McDonald's is coming to the intersection of East Chapman Drive (FM 455) and Indian Lane.

The \$1.5 million project involves the ground-up construction of a 4,061-square-foot restaurant on the Southwest Corner of the intersection. This places the new fast-food spot directly across the street from Sanger High School, and Sanger Middle School, making it a prime destination for students, staff, and families attending games at the nearby athletic complex. This location is distinct from the existing McDonald's on the I-35

frontage road (Stemmons St), suggesting a strategic move to serve the residential growth and school traffic on the eastern side of town.

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Lady Indians basketball missing playoffs for the first time since 2016

Sanger's varsity girls basketball team has missed the playoffs for the first time since 2016. Combine a youthful Lady Indians team with a very tough district and it makes this season a learning experience. Sanger finished 17-15 overall, 6-8 in district and 5th place. Prosper Richland won the district championship and Frisco Panther Creek came in runner-up. Van Alstyne and Aubrey placed third and fourth, respectively and rounded out the playoff spots.

Sanger played Prosper Richland in the final district contest on Tuesday and lost 54-21.

Sanger: 4, 5, 5, 7: 21

Richland: 16, 11, 20, 7: 54

Sanger scorers:

Molly Schmucker 7

Jasmine Pace 1

Madison Biediger 1

Alissa Spillman 2

Sarah Dee 10

The Lady Indians had a dominant 61-22 win over the Gainesville Lady Leopards at Gainesville High School last Friday night.

Sanger Stat Leaders & Team Notes:

Vivy Lynch led all scorers with 17 points, knocking down 4 three-pointers and adding 3 free throws.

Jasmine Pace finished with 11 points, including 10 points inside the arc and a free throw.

Laurisa Miskell added 8 points.

Sarah Dee chipped in 7 points.

Nevaeh Sutherland contributed across the board with 4 points, 5 fouls drawn, 1 rebound, 1 assist, and 1 steal.

Molly Schmucker filled the stat sheet with 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, and 1 block.

Bailey Newton provided interior presence with 2 rebounds and 3 points.

Callie Miller knocked down a three-pointer and added 3 points.

Addi Garza added 1 point along with a rebound, assist, and steal.

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Sanger Sports Corner provided these district game recaps. Check them out on FaceBook.

2025-26 SHS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL ROSTER:

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

Head Coach: Derek Hilliard

Head Assistant / A.D. : Tracy Sykes

Asst Coaches: Brianna Whitley, Jeremy Harvey

Mgrs:Farah Hughey, Lexi Reyes, Brianna Alvarado

Filmer: Annabelle Doubet

Indians varsity basketball update:

The Sanger Indians varsity basketball team is 14-15 overall and 2-10 in district play. They lost to Gainesville last Friday in a nail-biter and fell to Prosper Richland 66-43. Logan Swafford led Sanger with 15 points, followed by: Baylor Beard with 9, Alex Dee (8), JT Alambar (5) and Wyatt Pennington and Ethan Grant chipped in 3 points each.

Sanger has two more district games left: Friday, February 13 host Celina (7:30 p.m.) and travel to Van Alstyne on Tuesday, February 17th.

The Sanger Indians made the trip to Gainesville last Friday night and delivered a gritty, wire-to-wire battle, coming up just short in a 49-47 loss to the Gainesville Leopards. It was a completely different game than the first meeting, where Sanger was beaten 63-36—this one went down to the final buzzer.

Sanger by the Numbers:

Alex Dee led all scorers with 15 points, attacking the basket and getting to the free-throw line.

Baylor Beard chipped in 11 points, including multiple baskets that kept Sanger in control during key stretches.

Logan Swofford added 8 points and battled inside.

Tyler Grimes finished with 7 points, knocking down a three and going a perfect 4-for-4 at the free-throw line.

The story of the night for Sanger was

freshman Ethan Grant, who delivered one of his most complete performances of the season in a high-pressure road environment. Grant posted 5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 blocks, and a steal, doing the dirty work on both ends.



Sanger Sports Corner provided these district game recaps. Check them out on FaceBook.

2025-26 SHS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL ROSTER:

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

2026 Season Preview:

Sanger HS Lady Indians Softball presented by Sanger Sports Corner

The standard has been set, and the expectations remain high for the 2026 Sanger Lady Indians as they enter the season with championship experience, proven production, and a roster loaded

field presence with a career .298 average, .429 OBP, 42 hits, 32 RBIs, and 55 runs scored.

Dalilah Millan (Jr) – One of the most dangerous bats on the roster, owning a career .425 batting average, .527 OBP, 77 hits, and 62 RBIs.

Abby Chapmond (Jr) – A key two-way contributor, Chapmond brings experience in the circle and at the plate. As a pitcher she recorded a 3.32 ERA, 91 strikeouts, and a .255 opponent batting average, while also hitting .347 over her varsity career.

Carley Kates (Jr) – A reliable junior whose versatility strengthens both the lineup and defensive alignments.

Callie Miller-Gideon (Jr) – A steady contributor continuing to develop into an important varsity piece.

Chelsea Walton (Jr) – A dependable junior who provides consistency and competitive energy.

Depth, Experience & Continuity

The Lady Indians also return valuable varsity experience from a strong sophomore group including Tarryn Liechty (Soph), Niki Boone (Soph), Madison Biediger (Soph), and Zoe Bassham (Soph)—players who already understand the pace of varsity softball and the demands of district play.

The One Big Question

Replacing four-year varsity starting pitcher Leala Kloewer will be the biggest challenge. Kloewer leaves behind an incredible legacy: 40 career wins, a .336 career batting average, and 60+ RBIs over her final two seasons as a Lady Indian. Filling those innings won't fall on one player alone—but with returning arms, experience, and a strong defensive core, the Lady Indians are built to handle the transition.

Outlook for 2026

With elite returning production, experienced senior leadership, and a junior class ready to take the next step, the Sanger Lady Indians enter 2026 as a legitimate contender once again. The goal is clear: win district, make another deep playoff run, and push past the Regional Finals.



Senior Leadership at the Core

The backbone of this year's squad starts with an experienced senior class that has consistently produced at the varsity level:

Sophia Troegle (Sr) – A proven run producer with a career .322 batting average, .427 OBP, 66 hits, 52 RBIs, and 56 runs scored. Troegle's presence in the lineup brings reliability and leadership in big moments.

Lily Wilson (Sr) – One of the most complete players on the roster, Wilson posted a career .342 average, .414 OBP, 63 hits, 50 RBIs, and 67 runs scored. Her versatility and consistency make her a tone-setter on both sides of the ball.

Harley Miller (Sr) – A battle-tested senior who brings experience, toughness, and continuity to the lineup and defense.

Paige Child (Sr) – A senior addition who adds depth, athleticism, and competition throughout the roster.

Juniors Ready to Take Over

A talented junior class returns with serious production and upside:

Vivianne Lynch (Jr) – A steady out-



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Thur-Sat	2/19-2/21	Sanger at Waco Tournament	Tournament	Waco	TBD
Monday	2/23/2026	Sanger vs Denison	Non District	SHS	6:30 PM
Thur-Sat	2/26 - 2/28	Sanger at Denton Tournament	Tournament	Denton High	TBD
Tuesday	3/3/2026	Sanger vs Muenster	Non District	Muenster	6:00 PM
Thur & Sat	3/5 & 3/7	Sanger at Aubrey Tournament	Tournament	Aubrey	TBD
Friday	3/6/2026	Sanger vs Dallas Christian	Non District	SHS	4:00 PM

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Attendees will enjoy a delicious, specially prepared catered meal, the Foundation's Signature Dessert Frenzy, a traditional Candy Station, and an evening filled with excitement through an extensive Silent Auction and an energetic Live Auction. In addition, guests can participate in interactive activities designed to celebrate the Foundation's mission and the lasting impact made possible through community support.

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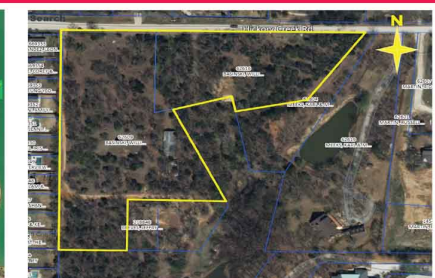
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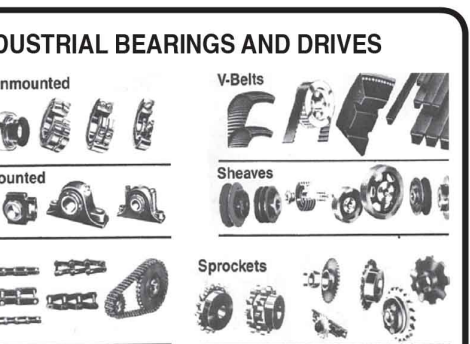
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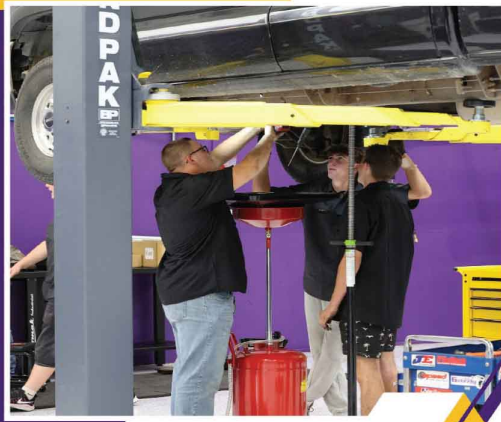
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