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This service will continue on Saturdays through April 15. No appointments, just show up. If too many come we can refer to our larger facility in north Denton.

## Sanger ISD trustees approve the hire of Chad Rogers as head football coach, boys' athletic director

Sanger ISD trustees unanimously approved the hire of Chad Rogers to be the Indians' next boys' athletic director and head football coach at a board meeting Friday morning. Sanger ISD superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter and the seven person committee recommended the hire and school board member Bruce Elsey made the motion for the hire and board member Jesse Hunter seconded the motion, and the motions ended in a 7-0 vote.

A veteran coach with an extensive winning pedigree, Rogers was most recently the head coach and athletic director at Tioga High School. Over the last two seasons, Rogers compiled a 13-9 record, leading the Bulldogs to a district championship in 2022.

"I am excited to get Coach Rogers here so he can begin building relationships with our student-athletes, our parents, and our community," Sanger ISD Superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter said. "He and his family will be an asset to our school district, and we are excited about the future of our athletic programs."

Hunter said there were 142 applicants for the position, a pool the committee narrowed down before conducting multiple rounds of interviews. Rogers emerged as the leader for the job in the second round of interviews, in which candidates



Chad Rogers and Sanger ISD superintendent Dr. Tommy Hunter

made 25- to 30-minute presentations on how their programs would be run, touching on details such as offseason training to junior high programs.

Rogers' plan for a pre-athletic program starting in fifth and sixth grade intended to prepare students on their way up to the varsity football team made him stand out among the candidates, according to Hunter.

"Throughout the entire process, it was neat to see Chad Rogers continue to rise to the top, because in all transparency and honesty, after the first interview, he wasn't our No. 1 candidate," Hunter said. "After the second interview, everything changed.

... He just shined in that second round. We just knew he was our guy."

In his 22 seasons as a head coach, Rogers made the playoffs 14 times, amassing a 159-94 career record. In 11 seasons as the head coach at Snyder from 2001-2012, Rogers went 96-40. Following his stint at Snyder, Rogers spent 10 seasons at Denison. While at the helm of the Yellow-jackets, Rogers won eight consecutive games against rival Sherman in the coveted Battle of the Axe.

Rogers has been named District Coach of the Year six times and was a state semifinalist in 2004 and 2007. He is a graduate

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## Sanger ISD names longtime coach Tracy Sykes girl's athletic director

Sanger ISD has named longtime coach Tracy Sykes as its first girls' athletic director.

An integral piece of the community for nearly two decades, Sykes has coached in Sanger since 2005 and has been the girls' athletic coordinator since 2016. As the head girls' basketball coach, Sykes guided her team to a region final appearance and the most wins in school history.

She stepped down from her role as head girls' basketball coach in 2018 to be more involved in all girls' programs. In doing

so, she promoted her assistant, Derek Hilliard, to head coach. Hilliard has served in the role ever since.

Sykes' tenure in Sanger began 18 years ago when she took over the middle school girls' coordinator position. Since she arrived, Sykes' teams have won district championships in every sport.

Sykes is a graduate of Hawley High School, as well as Western Texas College and Schreiner University. She has over 30 years of experience in coaching.

"I am truly honored to be given this opportuni-



Tracy Sykes  
ty to be the Girl's Athletic Director. It's honestly surreal. I love Sanger. I love

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## OBITUARIES...

### Tommy Dale Wilhelm

July 22, 1943 - February 22, 2023

Tommy Dale Wilhelm, 79, of Denton, passed away on February 22, 2023, surrounded by his family. The sixth of seven children, Tommy was born on July 22, 1943, in Ranger, Texas to Lorraine (Blackman) and Merrell Wilhelm.

Tommy's family worked in the oil fields, and at the age of seven, the rough-necks would pay Tommy to climb the derricks and change the light bulbs, so they did not have to do the hard work. In high school, he played in the band, played football, and enjoyed other sports and activities.

In the Wink and Kermit area, his neighbor was famed singer/songwriter Roy Orbison, who paid Tommy in candy bars to sing for him. He enjoyed rock and roll from the 50's and 60's era. In his twenties, Tommy



started racing motocross and continued into his forties. He was a lifelong fisherman—a sport he enjoyed immensely.

Tommy was adventurous as a young man and this trait Tommy served his country in the United States Army as a Green Beret during the Vietnam War Era.

For over 30 years, Tommy worked as a mechanical engineer for Peerless Manufacturing. He traveled the world with this company installing air filtration systems for nuclear reactors.

Tommy's most incredible adventure was marrying the love of his life. On July 11, 1970, he married Billie Lois Creamier in Alvarado, Texas. They made their home in Krum and eventually settled in Greenwood, Texas, where they raised their daughter, Rena. He proudly wore the title "Gpa" or "O. G." for Original "Gangsta" Grandpa, given to him by Miguel and Jaycee.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson, Miguel Garza. Those who remain to cherish his memory are his wife, Billie; daughter Rena both of Denton; and granddaughter Jaycee Garza of Sanger.

In Lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the Miguel Garza "Love and Light" Memorial Scholarship with Sanger Education Foundation.

Services for Tommy will be held privately. Arrangements are with Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please offer your condolences to [www.cokerfuneralhome.com](http://www.cokerfuneralhome.com).

### Ann Kelley Schertz

February 22, 1956 - February 22, 2023

Ann Kelley Schertz, 67, of Slidell, gained her angel wings in Denton Wednesday, February 22, 2023, surrounded by her family. The daughter of Johnnie Arthur and Lee Omadell (Kelley) Schertz, Ann was born on February 22, 1956, in Decatur, Texas.

Ann was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Slidell and a resident of Slidell. She grew up farming and ranching with her family in the Slidell area and made a career in the agricultural business as an adult.

Her parents, brother James Dennis Schertz, and sister Kathom "Kathy" Schertz Bounds preceded her in death. Those who will cherish her memory are her sister, Ginger Boone of Slidell; nieces and nephews, Danny Schertz and wife Laurie; David Schertz and wife Dawn, D'Lynn Schertz, Brandon Boone, and wife Lindsey; Bradley Boone and wife Megan, and Lisa Durham. Ten great-nieces and nephews and five great-great-nieces and nephews also survive her.

A visitation was held Sunday, February 26, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church in Slidell, followed by a funeral service at 2:30 pm. Pastor Todd Stevens officiated the service. Ann's great-nephews, Caleb Schertz, Brent Boone, Trey Schertz, Rance Schertz, Chase Boone, and Joshua Boone, were pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Colby Schertz and Cash Boone.

Ann's wishes were for memorial donations to be made to the Lupus Foundation at [www.lupus.org](http://www.lupus.org), the American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org), or the charity of your choice.

Services were under the direction of Coker Funeral Home in Sanger. Please share a memory or offer your condolences to [www.cokerfuneralhome.com](http://www.cokerfuneralhome.com).



### Cheryl Lublin

August 13, 1944 - February 20, 2023

'cherished wife, mother, grandmother and friend.'

Cheryl Lublin, 78, of Sanger, Texas passed away on February 20, 2023, in Denton, Texas.

Cheri, to her friends, was born in Bakersfield, CA on August 13, 1944, the youngest of eleven children, born to Cyril and Fontella Woolstenhulme.

Cheri was a self-taught creative wunderkind and wasn't afraid to take on any new project. Including, but never limited to floral arranging, painting, sewing, decorating, craftwork, upholstery, even tackling the odd power tool, of which she owned many.

Cheri was a collector and curated everything from antique tea sets, ceramics, glassware, teddy bears, Father Christmas, cookie jars, vintage dolls, shoes, collectable model cars and more.

She led an active and energetic lifestyle and even became licensed to drive an eighteen-wheeler rig to hit the road with husband Myron. That chapter was short lived, much to Cheri's delight.

Cheri's happiest days were spent surrounded by dogs, chocolate, and crafts.

Her health began to decline in 2016 when she required reconstructive heart surgery that resulted in many complications and aftereffects. She navigated her way through multiple additional health conditions, ultimately succumbing to complications that arose from a major stroke she suffered in September of 2022.

Cheri is survived by her husband of fifty-eight years, Myron Lublin and her five adult children, Glen Richard (wife Taya) of California, Diana Linn of Idaho, Nanci Kaye (husband Nate) of Texas, Brad Anthony of Washington, and Paul Douglas (wife Jodie) of Illinois. Grandchildren, Jared Beal (wife Ashley) of Idaho, Kaylinn Gozart (husband Ben) of Utah, Trey Beal, Idaho, and Taylor Chavez (husband Marvin) of California.

Cheri was preceded in death by her mother, father, two sisters and seven brothers.

Cheri was a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and friend and will be deeply missed.

Funeral services will be held on March 4, 2023, at 11 am, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, at 1801 Malone Street, Denton, TX 76201.

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The Sanger issues are searchable through The Portal to Texas History at <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/SANG/>. Thousands of past issues are being added.

## OBITUARIES...

### Helen Stobaugh

May 18, 1934 - February 22, 2023

Helen Stobaugh, 88, of Gainesville, passed away February 22, 2023 in Gainesville.

Helen was born May 18, 1934 in Gainesville and graduated from Gainesville High School. She married Hebert Stobaugh on August 22, 1952 at Calvary Baptist Church in Gainesville. Mrs. Stobaugh worked at W.W. Howeth Abstract and the Cooke County Clerk's office. She was also the consummate homemaker and assisted in her family's dairy and farm business. Mrs. Stobaugh was a skilled gardener, seamstress, and cook, and treasured the times her family was gathered together. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and supported the Downard Fair-plains Community Center.

Mrs. Stobaugh was preceded in death by: parents Edd and Allene (Savage) Hames; husband Herbert Stobaugh; and brother Louis Hames.

Survivors include: son Charles Stobaugh of Sanger; son Tim Stobaugh and wife Debbie of Gainesville; son Toby Stobaugh and wife Keela of Gainesville; grandchildren Charee Humphreys (Trevor), Tom Stobaugh (Tasha), Craig Stobaugh, Rachel Bowles (Daniel), Jared Stobaugh (Jessica), and Kacey Rauscher (Chisam); 11 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Betty Roane of Valley View; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Interment at Fairview Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Home Hospice of Cooke County, 316 S. Chestnut St., Gainesville, TX 76240.



### Cherry Lynn Hill

December 29, 1950 - February 21, 2023

Cherry Lynn Hill passed away in Denton, Texas on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. She was born in Amarillo, Texas on December 29, 1950, to Joseph Bradshaw and Dorothy Stokes Bradshaw. Cherry enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, picnics with her family, singing church songs, and attending church. She is preceded in death by her parents, grandparents (David and Laura Stokes), one sister (Shannon Shearer), and brother-in-law (Mark Pearce).

Funeral services were held at DeBerry Funeral Homes at 2 PM, Saturday, February 25, 2023. Cherry was laid to rest at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton, Texas following the service.

Cherry is survived by a daughter and son-in-law (Tammy and Saul Hernandez) of Amarillo, Texas, and a daughter (Tera Evans of Cleburne, Texas). Sister and brother-in-law (Jackey and JP Couch) of Mesquite, Texas, and sister (Kimberly Pearce) of Sanger, Texas. Seven grandkids, eight great grandkids with one on the way.

Cherry was a miracle of God who wasn't expected to live past one day old. She was born with a defect in her esophagus. The first of many surgeries occurred when she was one day old. She was given less than a 10% chance of survival from the surgery. Through the years she has had more than 300 procedures and surgeries, and each time doctors gave her a small chance of survival. Cherry's survival is proof that God is in control.

Cherry was known for remembering everybody's birthdays, anniversaries, etc. She never failed to send birthday cards, anniversary cards, valentines day cards, easter cards, Mother's and Father's Day cards, Christmas cards, and thinking of you cards every year. Cherry kept the Hallmark Card Company in business.

Cherry was the oldest of four sisters. They were named by their mother as idiot daughter #1, idiot daughter #2, idiot daughter #3, and idiot daughter #4. The family was known for its sense of humor.

Cherry's thoughtfulness, love, compassion, smile, and cards will be dearly missed. She will always be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.



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# DAN DAVIS

By Sanger Area Historical Society and Museum  
(interview by Eunice Sullivan Gray of Ruby Davis Cherry)

The late 1880s brought much to the newly formed 1886 community of Sanger, Texas. New people arrived in the community with ideas of building and showing progress in the area by opening businesses, churches, a school, a post office, and a government of the people for the newly formed town. Many of these transplanted folks were to be instrumental in building Sanger. They came from both local areas and out-of-state.

Dan Davis came to Sanger from Illinois in December 1902. An early Sanger resident, Barlow Everly, remembered Davis arriving on the Santa Fe train. He was called "dapper" as he wore a black derby hat, a Van Dyke beard, carried an umbrella, and wore gloves. This was quite a sensation for the citizens of Sanger, who witnessed this young man's arrival. Davis walked south of Bolivar Street to the west and back easterly on the north side, viewing the small community's businesses and perhaps allowing himself to be viewed.

Davis was a locomotive and stationary engineer by profession who was to become a jeweler, watch repairman, and part-time stationary engineer. He rented a room at Mrs. Howard's boarding house. He married Lizzie Ledbetter Thatcher. She was the widow of Frank Thatcher, who had built two major industries in Sanger and died in 1904. Davis and his wife had one child, Ruby Davis. Ruby married Lockett Cherry, and their daughter was Lona Joyce Snellgrove.



Dan Davis at his jewelry and watch repair shop about 1910



Dan Davis, in later years, working on a watch.

Davis was a genial Yankee gentleman who purchased Charlie Henderson's interest in the waterworks business. With his mechanical ability, he kept the town of Sanger supplied with water. He also operated his jewelry store and watch repair shop, first in the back of Bower's Drugstore and later in Kay's Drugstore.

Davis studied engineering and worked for the Denver Great Smelting Company. He later volunteered for the Spanish American War and spent time in the Philippines.

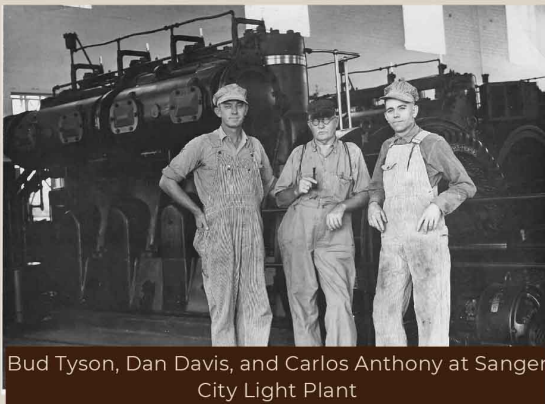
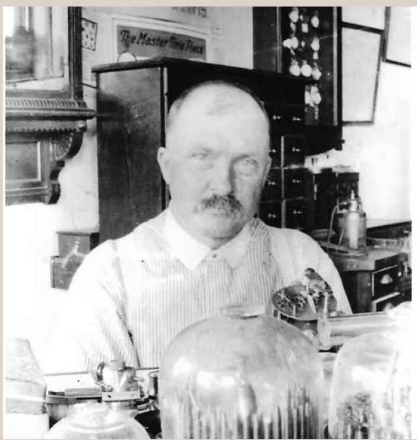
In 1902 Sanger had 900 residents. Dr. Bower's Drugstore was located in the building recently known as the Bolivar Street BBQ. The Bert Jones, Happy Hour Theater was later located in this building. Davis eventually moved to the Sanger Pharmacy Building owned by Dr. J.C. Rice which later was to become Kay's and Sullivan's Drugstore.

Davis gained the confidence of the people of Sanger and could buy anything he wished on credit. His importance to the community increased, and the Sanger Courier wrote in 1909 that a man couldn't do anything in Sanger without seeing Dan Davis about it first. He helped the owner of the Sanger Courier when assistance was needed in getting more advertising for an issue of the paper. He manufactured a piece for a Linotype machine so the paper could go to press. His jewelry business became a thriving business for jewelers across the United States as he could repair the finest foreign-made clocks that their clientele had invested in.

Thatcher (Davis' wife's first husband) and Charlie Henderson first owned a shallow water windmill pump and a Fairbanks pumping engine. Once the main line was enlarged in the town, a 15-horsepower Stover engine was installed, and an 8 x 8 Ingersol air compressor with a Myers Bulldog pump was placed in the water system. This was in 1908, and in 1910 the old wooden water tower fell and was replaced with a steel and wooden tank. The tank held 900 bbl. and was located on the Davis lot on the southeast corner of 4th and Locust Streets. It was stated that the bottom of the tank was four feet higher than the highest point in Sanger. Until recently, the top of this well could be viewed from the street behind the home of Lona Joyce Snellgrove's home.

In 1919, the engine room was destroyed by fire, and new equipment was installed to a capacity of 23,000 gallons a day. Ruby Cherry, the daughter of Dan Davis, was quoted as saying, "we had to wait for the tank to fill before we could go for a ride in our Model T."

1921 brought a new engine house at the cost of \$1,500, and other improvements were to follow. The entire Sanger community was covered with 81,000 feet of mains for Sanger's 1,500 inhabitants.



Bud Tyson, Dan Davis, and Carlos Anthony at Sanger City Light Plant

lamps, but 40 years later, a young man named Thomas Edison made his first public exhibition of a new phenomenon, and electric lights came to Sanger. The light plant was sold to Claude Brown, and in 1924, the City of Sanger took over and put in the present water, sewer, and light systems.

Davis' daughter, Ruby Davis Cherry, talked about the early days of Dr. Rice's medical practice of traveling the country roads to minister to patients' illnesses. Dr. Rice had purchased a motor buggy to arrive in Sanger in 1909 and paid \$650.



Dan Davis helped install new equipment at Sanger City Light Plant

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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 Planning & Zoning Commission in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, Sanger, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, and by the City Council on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, for the purpose of considering the following: A Rezoning from "I-1" Industrial 1 to "B-2" Business 2 of Approximately 0.251 Acres of Land, Described as A1241A TIERWESTER, TR 50, OLD DCAD SHT 5, TR 15 Within the City of Sanger, and Generally Located on the East Side of N Stemmons Frwy and Approximately 218 Feet North of the Intersection FM 455 and N Stemmons Frwy. Amend Planned Development Ordinance No. 10-28-22 to amend the Multi-Family Definition by Reducing the Number of Two-Story Buildings Along the Property to the South Zoned Agricultural by One and Increasing the Number of Three-Story Buildings by One, for the Approximately 12.01 Acres of Land Described as A1241A TIERWESTER, TR 264 and 265 Generally Located on the Southeast Corner of 5th St and Cowling Rd. A Request for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a Personal Training Studio use, at 304 Acker St, Ste. 101 Located on approximately 1.365 Acres of Land Described as Sanger Industrial Park Lot 4, and Generally Located on the East Side of Acker St Approximately 183 feet North of the Intersection of Acker St and Pecan St. Notice is hereby given that public hearings will be held by the Board of Adjustments in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, Sanger, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, for the purpose of considering the following: A Request for a Variance From PD Ordinance No. 09-38-07 to Allow a Variance From the Minimum Rear Yard Setback of 20 Feet and to Allow for a Minimum Rear Yard Setback of 16 Feet for a New Residential Structure to be Constructed at 731 LaPaloma Road. All interested citizens and property owners are hereby notified of their right to appear and be heard on this matter.

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

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City Council in the Historic Church Building, 403 N 7th Street, Sanger, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023, for the purpose of considering the following: An amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sanger, Chapter 13 Utilities, Adding Article 13.2800 Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) Section 13.2801 through 13.2809. All interested citizens and property owners are hereby notified of their right to appear and be heard on this matter. Kelly Edwards, City Secretary, City of Sanger



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By Allen Chick,  
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### Can you plan for an unplanned retirement?

Many people plan to take an early retirement, so when that day arrives, they're ready for it. But what if you were to face an unplanned retirement? Would you be prepared to deal with the financial issues?

It's something worth thinking about, because any number of factors — illness, a spouse's illness, downsizing, other issues — could lead to an abrupt departure from the workforce. But taking action while you're still working may help you make the transition easier on yourself.

Your first move, of course, should be to at least consider the possibility of having to retire earlier than you planned. You can then move on to some concrete steps, possibly including the following.

Build an emergency fund. Under any circumstances, it's a good idea to build an emergency fund — but it's especially important if you want to prepare for an unfore-

seen retirement. Generally speaking, your emergency fund should contain three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. But if you suspect an earlier-than-anticipated retirement may be in your future, and you have some time to prepare for it, you should consider an emergency fund that contains a full year's worth of expenses.

Consider your portfolio's asset allocation. If you're concerned about an unexpected retirement, you may want to consider the equities allocation in your portfolio. If you think you may need to tap into your portfolio sooner than you expected, you may not want to be over-exposed to investments most vulnerable to market volatility. However, these are the same investments that offer you the most growth potential — which you'll need to help stay ahead of inflation. So, look for an investment balance that's appropriate for your needs. As part of this positioning, you may want to shift some assets into income-producing vehicles, while also adding to the "cash" portion of your portfolio to boost your liquidity.

Evaluate your Social Security options. An unplanned retirement may cause you to consider taking Social Security earlier

than you had planned. You can start taking Social Security when you're 62, but your monthly benefits will be up to 30% lower than if you had waited until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. If you have sufficient income through other sources, you may be able to delay taking Social Security until your checks will be bigger — but of course, if you need the money, waiting may not be an option.

Address your health care needs. If you take an unplanned retirement, and you have employer-sponsored health insurance, you'll have to look for alternatives. You might be able to get extended coverage from your employer, but this could be quite expensive. Of course, if you're already 65, you can get on Medicare, but if you're younger, you might be able to get coverage under your spouse's plan. If that's not an option, you may want to explore one of the health care exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act. To learn more about these exchanges, visit [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov).

Taking an unexpected retirement can certainly be challenging — but the more prepared you are, the better your outcomes are likely to be.

*Allen Chick is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Sanger. He can be reached at 940-458-7866.*

## Texas Legislature is Taking Off

By Dr. Lynn Stucky - Texas State Representative



Watching a legislative session is like watching a space shuttle launch. After months of watching sparks fly and clouds of smoke billowing outward, the 88th Texas Legislature is about to leave the launch pad. When the final constitutional coupling comes loose on March 10th, everyone in Austin will need to hold on tight as this rocket ship takes off toward Sine Die.

House Committees were assigned in mid-February and spent the last two weeks getting organized as we prepare to start holding public hearings on legislation. The Texas Constitution prohibits the legislature from bringing any policies to the House Floor except for the items listed by Governor Abbott as Emergency Items. More on those in a bit.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have already begun work pouring over the next budget. My focus on the Article II subcommittee is on how the state will spend nearly 34% of the budget on health care issues. That is only slightly less than the nearly 40% of the budget that will go toward public education and higher education in Texas for the next two years.

Article II will take on several important funding priorities this session, including the landmark Mental Health reform funding for more hospitals and more beds. The Health and Human Services Commission has about 20,000 employees working at state hospitals and state-supported living centers like the one in Denton. The ongoing discussion over Medicaid expansion is an important part of making sure that Texans who are truly in need have access to care.

The budget contains a lot of clues about legislation that will be proposed for programs, such as expanding the Healthy Texas Women, Alternatives to Abortion, and Nurse-Family Program, which helps new mothers learn the skills to raise healthy children. Larger priorities, such as property tax relief — slated to be almost \$18 billion total between proposals to buy

down local school taxes and the Lt. Gov.'s priority to increase homestead exemptions from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

As we approach the March 10 deadline to file bills — also the 60-day deadline to hear bills — we will likely see some of the larger items start to move. Those include Governor Greg Abbott's seven emergency items:

- Strengthening Border Security
- Property Tax Relief
- School Choice
- School Safety
- Addressing the Fentanyl Crisis
- Ending COVID-19 mandates
- Ending revolving door bail policies

These and other essential issues will begin to be open to public debate as committees have bills referred to them and hearing notices are posted. To follow House Committees, go to [house.texas.gov/committees](http://house.texas.gov/committees). There, you will find links to each committee, public postings on which bills will be heard, and links to watch the committee hearings and House Floor proceedings.

Anyone wishing to submit written comments to a committee may also do so at the House website. I encourage you to engage in the issues that are most important to you. To notify my office where you stand on a specific bill, send an email to [Lynn.Stucky@house.texas.gov](mailto:Lynn.Stucky@house.texas.gov) or call 512-463-0582.

## Dan Davis

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It was impractical, so he sold it to Dan Davis as the buggy didn't hold up to the roads, and Dr. Rice went back to riding his horse. The following year he purchased his first automobile. This motor buggy had no top over the back seat, the seat had no springs in it, and it folded up when not in use. Ruby described how many people in Sanger had memories of getting a ride in this unique motor buggy.

Davis and Emmett Kirkland were the first to make radios in Sanger. Emmett finished first because Dan had to rewind the coil on his device. Bessie Kirkland (sister of Emmett) helped Dan wind the coil by hand. D.H. Minick was the next man in Sanger to make his radio.

Dan Davis was a unique man, and Sanger was fortunate to have this fine citizen who helped the community advance in its growing years.

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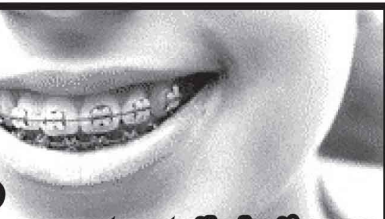
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# Houchin headed back to state in powerlifting

Sanger High School's Emma Houchin won the regional meet for the second year in a row in her weight class and she earned another trip to state. She hit 430 lbs., in squat, 215 on the bench and 315 in the deadlift for a 960 lbs., total at Kennedale High School. Her best total this season is 1010 lbs.

The THSWPA State Powerlifting Meet will be held on Friday, March 17 for Class 4A small at the Comerica Center in Frisco.

The boys regional meet is Tuesday, March 7 in Decatur. Weston Hill is sitting first in the region and second in state currently. He is 10 lbs., from breaking a school record which he hopes to do at the regional meet.



Emma Houchin squatted 430 lbs.

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## American Legion Post 268 celebrates four years as part of the Sanger Community



American Legion Post 268 was established in February of 2019 in Sanger, Texas. Post 268 held its monthly meeting on February 19, 2023 and as part of the meeting and to celebrate four years in Sanger members enjoyed chili and cornbread during their meeting while visiting with other members and conducted their meeting at the same time. Post 268 is very active in the Sanger Community and participates in many activities as part of the community.

Post 268 activities include the following: Post 268 recognizes the Police Officer and Firefighter of the year in January and presents plaques to each at the City Council meeting. Post 268 collects old worn out American flags and holds a flag retirement ceremony. Post 268 sponsors and mentors a cub scout group in Sanger, Texas. Post 268 places flags at the headstones of Veterans in the Sanger Cemetery for Veterans Day and host a

luncheon for Veterans on the same day. Post 268 host the American Legion Classic Car Show in October. Post 268 recognizes and presents awards to graduating Seniors at Sanger High school. Post 268 sponsors a Junior boy from Sanger High school to attend American Legion Boy's State in Austin, Texas in the summer. Post 268 participates in the annual Sanger Sellabration each year. Post 268 assist local Veterans with different issues throughout the year. Post 268 purchases the large American and Texas Flags and donates them to the Sanger cemetery when the current flags are at the end of their usefulness. Post 268 welcomes Veterans from all branches of the military to be a part of the American legion family here in and around Sanger, Texas. We would encourage Veterans who have served their country to attend a meeting of Post 268 and to join the American Legion.

Post 268 meets on the third Sunday of each month at the Chamber of Commerce building on Bolivar street in Sanger. The General meeting starts at 3:00 and usually last about an hour.

Any Veteran of any branch is welcome to become a member of Post 268 with a DD 214 showing you received an Honorable discharge from the military.

Post 268 also has an American Legion Riders group that any Veteran who joins Post 268 can also become a member of the Riders group and they participate in different functions with the Riders as well.

If you have questions about the American Legion you can contact Clint S. Smith, Adjutant for Post 268 at [clintsmith@ntin.net](mailto:clintsmith@ntin.net) and he will be happy to answer any questions and help you to become a member of American Legion Post 268 in Sanger, Texas. **VETERANS HELPING VETERANS!**

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Chandler Bowland pitching

2023 SHS Varsity Baseball Roster

Number	Name	Grade
1	Reed Sebastian	FR
2	Major Bilyeu	SR
3	Weston Hill	SR
4	Barrett Gruber	SR
5	Bryson Liechty	SR
6	Brysn Valencia	JR
8	Chandler Bowland	SR
9	Kade Phillips	SO
11	Chase Wernimont	SR
12	Justin Horst	JR
13	Eli Wilson	FR
16	Chris Adame	JR
17	Mason Allen	JR
18	Conner Murphree	SO
20	Phillip Lerma	JR
23	Declan Echols	JR
25	Norman Vincent	JR

Sanger's varsity baseball team played in the Denton Ryan Tournament last week and went 3-2. They lost to Ryan, beat Fort Worth Brewer, Frisco Heritage and Liberty Christian. Wichita Falls Rider beat Sanger 7-2. See tournament results below:

Sanger traveled to Krum on Tuesday and lost 15-3. Sanger led until the fourth inning, when the Bobcats scored 13 runs. Chase Wernimont and Declan Echols each had two hits and Barrett Gruber, Justin Hort

**Ryan 4**  
**Sanger 2**  
8 total team hits from 8 different players  
LP: Justin Horst 4.1 innings

**FW Brewer 9**  
**Sanger 3**  
Justin Horst 1 for 2, 1 3B, 1 RBI  
LP: Mason Allen 3.2 innings

**Sanger 7**  
**Frisco Heritage 3**  
WP: Chandler Bowland, Complete Game 7.0 Innings,  
Chandler Bowland 3 for 4, 2 2B, 1 1B, 1 SB  
Weston Hill 2 for 3, 1 2B, 1 1B  
Declan Echols 2 for 4, 2 1B

**Sanger 5**  
**Liberty Christian 3**  
WP: Bryson Liechty, 6 SO, 0 ER  
Weston Hill 2 for 3, 1 2B, 1 1B, 1 RBI  
Declan Echols, 2 for 3, 2 1B, 1 RBI  
Phillip Lerma 1 for 2, 1 3B, 2 RBI

**WF Rider 7**  
**Sanger 2**  
Chase Wernimont 2 for 4, 1 2B, 1 1B  
LP: Declan Echols 1.1 innings

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SHS softball loses to Denison 4-3

Sanger's varsity softball team traveled to Denison on Tuesday. They came away losing 4-3. Sydne Faulkner was 2-for-3 with 1 RBI and MaKynna Meeks went 2-for-3 with a double.

Sanger plays in the Denton High Tournament this week.

Sanger Lady Indians Varsity Softball

- 2 Harley Miller, Fr.

3 Lily Wilson, Fr.

4 Grace Wallace, Sr.

5 Sydne Faulkner, Sr.

6 Piper Lindlau, Jr.

9 Emily Wells, Jr.

10 Audrey Lindsey, Sr.
- 11 Sophia Troegle, Fr.

13 MaKynna Meeks, Jr.

14 Samantha Hydock, Jr.

15 Chelsie Johnson, Sr.

17 Kyley Cochran, Soph.

20 Leala Kloewer, Soph.

Sykes  
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the tradition that has been created through the years. I just want to continue to expand upon our successes and keep an extremely high standard of excellence that has been set. I am also excited to work along the side of Coach Rogers, the new Boy's Athletic Director. We are going to spend a lot of time focusing on our academics, character development, and overall athletic achievement. I have so many people to thank for this opportunity- Sanger ISD Admin and staff, the Sanger community and school board. Especially Dr hunter, Jennie Flaa and Chuck Galbreath. I will be forever grateful for their constant backing of me and the girls program.

"They have always been so supportive of me. I also want to recognize my coaching staff and my girl athletes. Without them, this dream would've never came true. Lastly, I can't go without thanking, my wonderful friends and beautiful family, Shane, Casey, and Mick for always pushing me to be my best possible."

SHS Baseball Schedule

DATE	DAY	VARSITY	JV
Mar 2-4	THUR-SAT	Aubrey Tournament	Ponder JV Tournament
Mar 7	TUESDAY	*Hirschi 6:00	
Mar 9-11	THUR-SAT	Ponder Tournament	SHS & Denison JV Tournament
Mar 14	TUESDAY	*@Gainesville 5:30	

SHS Tennis Schedule

City of Denton Tournament	Denton Goldfield Tennis Center 2005 W. Windsor Drive Denton, TX 76201	March 3rd	Varsity and JV
Springtown Tennis Tournament	Richland Tennis Center 7111 NE Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180	March 8th	Varsity ONLY
Lake Dallas JV Invitational	Lake Dallas HS 3016 Parkridge, Corinth, TX 76210	March 22nd	JV ONLY

SHS Track Schedule

Valley View	3/9/2023	Thursday	Valley View High School
Lovejoy Distance Fest (Distance Only)	3/11/2023	Saturday	Lucas Lovejoy High School
Texas Distance Fest (Distance Only)	3/17-18/2023	Friday/Saturday	Carroll High School

SHS Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Times	Team	Type
3/2-4	Denton High Tournament	Denton High	TBA	V	Tournament
3/6	Aubrey	Sanger	6:00	V	Game
3/10	Van Alstyne	Van Alstyne	5:00/6:30	JV-V	Game

SHS Golf Schedule

3/8/23	Timberlinks/Denton	JV (B,G)
3/21/23	Bridlewood/Flower Mound	V (B,G)
3/27,3/28	District - Turtle Hill/Muenster	V (B,G)

SMS Track Schedule

Monday, March 6

Tuesday, March 21

Monday, March 27

@ Valley View

@ Sanger

@ Ponder

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## New coach

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of New Mexico State University.

"As a search and interview committee consisting of educators who collectively have 139 years in public education, we created a characteristic profile to assist in narrowing down the applicants," Dr. Hunter said. "We, like our community, felt characteristics such as integrity, humility, leadership, discipline, and aca-

ademic excellence within the athletic program were just as important as their head coaching records. Throughout the process, Coach Rogers kept rising to the top of the list."

Rocky Smart had been the program's head coach since his February 2019 hiring, and Galbreath became solely the athletic director in 2016 after serving in both posts concurrently dating back to 2007. Smart is the head football coach at Valley View.

Rogers' hiring also

marks a departure from Sanger's previous one-athletic director model under Galbreath, who retired in January. The school will now split the duties between two positions with Rogers in the boys athletic director role, while girls athletic coordinator Tracy Sykes will serve as girls athletic director.

Although Rogers was approved unanimously by the school board in a 7-0 vote, not everyone at the board meeting agreed with the hire.

Sanger residents

Sandra Miller, Jessica Albritton and Callie Baird McPherson each voiced a variety of concerns during the public comment portion of the meeting. Much of the topic centered on Sanger not hiring Marcus Schulz — the current athletic director and head football coach at Humble High who has strong ties to the Sanger community.

Schulz, who spent seven seasons leading Splendora before taking over at Humble in 2021, has tallied a 36-56 record over the last nine years combined.

Two other members of the community spoke up in favor of Rogers during the public comment period — Sanger head athletic trainer Martin Caddell and David York, president of Sanger's youth sports board.

Board member Lisa Cody acknowledged the community's split opinions during the question-

ing period of the meeting before Rogers' approval.

"I am torn by this decision, torn by what's happened here," Cody said. "This is a huge decision. Outside the superintendent, this is probably the most important decision in a district."

"We have to come together as a community, we have to think of our kids. This [search] committee was a good committee. I had questions on this committee, I doubted some of the people on this committee — I do not doubt them anymore."

Hunter acknowledged the weight Rogers' hire holds in the community and is confident he can shape the program for the future.

"This is a position that impacts more than just athletics. It impacts our entire community," Hunter said. "Everybody I spoke with personally about coach Rogers, whether it was about his

professional or personal life, it was nothing but glowing remarks. The more references I checked, the more excited I became about getting him here."

Rogers is ready to hit the ground running and begin preparing his program for the upcoming season.

"The main thing is getting to know the kids, getting to spend time with the kids to sort of figure this out," Rogers said. "I have to learn fast. I feel like I'm behind already, but I've done it before. I haven't done it a lot, haven't taken over a lot of schools in 30 years, but I have a plan. I have a system that I try to follow with what I need to get done by a certain time. A majority of that we've already got checked off."

Rogers started his duties with the district on March 1.

Rogers and his family sat in the packed board room for over an hour while he listened to comments from the public. He wasn't fazed by it at all or took it personal. He said after the meeting, he appreciated the passion in the people and he's ready to start winning them over. "The funny thing is when I was hired at Snyder, there was some opposition. They were saying I was too young and inexperienced. I told my wife we have come full circle. Now, I am too experienced." Rogers says he has plenty of passion and energy to take Sanger to the next level, on the field, in the classroom and at home.



Chad Rogers with wife Leanne and children Chance Rogers and Samantha Parker.



Sanger ISD board members - L-R: Bruce Elsey, Ann Marie Afflerbach, Sarah York, Chad Rogers, Dr. Tommy Hunter (Superintendent), Lisa Cody, Jarrod Roberts and Jesse Hunter.



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