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**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high near 57. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north in the afternoon  
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 21. Wind chill values as low as 9. North wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25.  
**Thursday:** Partly sunny with a high near 33. Wind chill values as low as 6. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph.  
 Source: weather.gov

**COVID-19 in Howard County:**  
**Jan. 18, 2022**  
 Confirmed Cases: 3,310  
 Probable Cases: 2,477  
 Fatalities: 156  
 Source: dshs.texas.gov

**Daily Quotes**

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."  
 — *Dolly Parton*

"I have no faith in human perfectability. I think that human exertion will have no appreciable effect upon humanity. Man is now only more active - not more happy - nor more wise, than he was 6,000 years ago."  
 — *Edgar Allan Poe*

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**Housing Authority change sparks strife with Crossroads Housing Development**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

A difference of opinion between city officials and leadership of the Crossroads Housing Development Corporation is causing tension recently.

The issue stems from who is allowed to have keys to Crossroads Housing's building at 201 N.E. Seventh Street in Big Spring.

Although the building is owned by Crossroads Housing, the Big Spring Housing Authority has held meetings of its city-appointed commission at the facility for many years.

At the most recent meeting of the BSHA commission, Crossroads Housing employee Anna Scott requested that members of the Housing Authority sign an agreement that keys to the building only be issued to paid Housing Authority employees – in other words, not volunteer commissioners.

"That is what Crossroads is wanting," said Big Spring Mayor Shannon Thomason. "And, again, that is a decision by the Board. They're saying they only want Housing Authority employees to have keys, but the Board is the Housing Authority, not the employees.

I'm not denying that they could make those (rules). But, the thing is that there is a verbal lease, I guess. Changing this, showing up at the meeting, demanding that this form be signed...they wanted the Board Chair to sign it right then and there. Number one, it wasn't on the agenda. Number two, he wanted to get legal input before he signed anything. And so, yeah, everyone left the meeting assuming they were going to be locked out (Tuesday). It's my understanding they're going to let the employees in."

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*Junior high students display artistic talent in Lions Peace contest*



At left, Big Spring Junior High student Keila Reyes, right, shows off her first-place winning poster in this year's Big Spring Centennial Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Keila's poster progressed to the District level, where she won second place.

Above, Keila, center, stands with second-place winner Jacqueline Van Blarcom; third-place, Jade Valenzuela; and honorable mentions Misha Hira, Andrea Guerra and Santiago Desantiago.

**EDC discusses Ceram-Kote, EDA grant**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The board of directors of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation held a short meeting Tuesday evening that was mostly routine, except for the absence due to illness of the EDC Director, Mark Willis.

Following the meeting's opening call to order, invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Board President Shane Seaton opened the floor for public comment, but no one chose to speak.

The board approved the minutes of its Dec. 21 regular meeting and the December investment report and financial statements, each unanimously. Secretary/Treasurer Raul Benavides went over the items, noting the EDC's balance with TexPool, a large local government investment pool, is \$2,193,057.28. Sales Tax totals for November 2021 were

up about 9 percent, coming in just over \$200,000. Benavides also spoke about comparisons with other cities in our region.

"There you see our 18-19 percent change since the prior year," he said.

Benavides mentioned a list of top taxpayers in town, but gave no details, except that there are no newcomers to the list. He discussed the EDC's Statement of Revenues and Expenditures.

"Nothing major there. We did spend some money on the Leadership Conference we had at Howard College," he said.

The report was approved unanimously.

Due to Willis' absence, EDC Associate Director Teresa Willis presented the director's report for the meeting. During the report, she presented economic indicators to the board.

"You can see the building permits are down a little bit," she said. "Sales

tax, Mr. Benavides reviewed those. Rig counts are up, not a whole lot, but a little bit. And then our labor stats, our unemployment rate for 2020 was 9.2 percent; November of 2021 was 5.9 percent."

Morris shared several items of interest with the board, starting with Willis' illness. She also mentioned that an Economic Development Association grant, which will be used to improve and repair water and wastewater systems in the city, will be turned in by Jan. 24.

"The deadline was extended due to the holidays, so hopefully we'll get that in on Monday," she said.

She mentioned that Ceram-Kote Coatings Inc., a manufacturer located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, has begun to make payments on their loan balance.

"The board has kind of agreed to let them get caught up this week on their

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**Forsan school board to hold another meeting on Superintendent job**

**By ROGER CLINE**  
 Herald Staff Writer

The Forsan ISD School Board will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday evening to discuss selection of a candidate to replace resigning superintendent Randy Johnson. Johnson is a candidate in the upcoming county election.

Following the meeting's invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting will be called to order and a quorum established, and an opportunity for public comment will be

provided.

Following the open forum, the board will adjourn into executive session to interview and discuss candidates for the superintendent's position. Any action stemming from the closed session will be handled when the board returns to open session.

After the closed session, the board will discuss, consider and potentially approve naming a lone finalist for the job.

The board will consider a date for the next board meeting before adjourning for the evening.

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## Obituaries

### Natalie Zan Ryan



Natalie Zan Ryan went to bed with the Lord on December 30, 2021. She was born on March 12, 1966, in Big Spring, Texas, to Virginia Ann Ryan and George Alden Ryan.

Natalie is survived by her father and his wife Patricia; brothers and sisters-in-law, G. Brint Ryan and Amanda Sutton Ryan, Kristopher Klay Ryan and Miranda Bond Ryan, and Kory Lee Ryan and Tara Nichole Ryan;

aunts, Mary Wilson Merritt, Jane Ryan Rowland, Camella Louise Ryan; uncle, Melvin Gregg Ryan; nieces Virginia Beth Ryan, Sarah Sterling Ryan, Annabelle Templin Ryan, Victoria Zan Ryan, and Mary Reagan Ryan; and nephews Alden Kristopher Ryan and Liam Edward Ryan. She is preceded in death by her mother and grandparents Mary Lu Wilson and Jack Bethel Wilson, Sr. and Zan Elizabeth Ryan and Jesse Alden Ryan.

Natalie spent her early childhood in Big Spring but moved to her Ryan grandparents' ranch ten miles outside town in Luther, Texas, where she rode horses, drove tractors, and helped her grandfather tend cattle. While living in Big Spring, Natalie was a member of College Heights Christian Church. She moved to San Angelo, Texas, after high school and lived there until her passing.

In 2003, Natalie graduated with honors from Angelo State University with a Master of Arts in English and received the Outstanding Academic Achievement award. Natalie was President of Sigma Tau

Delta English honor society, 2001-2003, and was a member of the International English Honor Society, 2001-2002.

Natalie joined Angelo State University's faculty in 2004 as an English professor, a position she held until her death. Her love of writing inspired her young students and gave her much satisfaction knowing she made a difference in their lives. She was an avid traveler to Europe and Asia, and she returned to her ancestral country of Ireland several times. Also a gifted writer, Natalie was completing a novel as well as coauthoring several books at the time of her passing. She was witty, gutsy, extremely loyal, exceptionally intelligent, and always the life of the party. With her beautiful face, radiant blue eyes, and unforgettable Texas accent, she was a force of nature who never let adversity hold her back.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas, will hold Natalie's memorial service on January 21 at 2:00 PM in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

After the service, her family will host a celebration of Natalie's life at 4:00 PM at the Hotel Settles.

In accordance with her wishes, a portion of Natalie's inurned remains will be buried next to her mother at Trinity Memorial Park and a portion will be spread over the Cliffs of Moher in County Clare, Ireland.

Forever missing her, "nolle timere".

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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### Kenneth Wayne Huibregtse



Kenneth Wayne Huibregtse, 60, of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Jan. 14, 2022. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 20, 2022 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Kenneth was born Sep. 3, 1961 in Big Spring to Harlan and Doris Huibregtse. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1981. He was a long time

employee at Howard College as a security guard. He was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers and the Texas Rangers, enjoyed playing video games and attending concerts.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his cousins, Steve Lowry, Jim Lowry, Becky Rousch, Darrin Blanton, Keith Blanton, Karen Bain and Kelly Zangarine.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Robert Huibregtse.

The family suggests memorials to First United Methodist Church, 400 S. Scurry St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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### Carol Gard



Carol Gard, 86, of Forsan, passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022. Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2022, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born April 8, 1935, in El Paso, Texas to Margaret (Key) Davis and Prentis O. Davis. Carol married Leo Gard

and he preceded her in death Sep. 13, 2013.

Carol loved to travel and especially enjoyed her trip to Alaska. She traveled to 48 of the 50 states. Carol enjoyed being outdoors and being active. She

loved her dogs and doting on them.

She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Van Ness and Vicki Foust; one son, Robert Foust; two grandchildren, Ryan Foust and wife, Keri, and Karol Jimenez and husband, Samuel; five great-grandchildren, Kaelyn Foust, Damian Luna, Carter Luna, Alia Jimenez and Luna Jimenez; one sister, Nancy Smith; and numerous extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggests memorials to College Baptist Church, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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### Dovie Nichols



Dovie Nichols, 92 of Midland, passed away on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at 3:00p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring, TX. Private burial will be held at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Dovie was born on May 27, 1929 in Noble, Oklahoma to Gladys and LeRoy Wallace. She attended Midland High

School and married Claude Nichols on May 31, 1947 in Midland. Dovie was Cafeteria manager in Greenwood and MISD, and a director of the senior citizens center in Spur, Texas. She always loved people unconditionally no matter their age, and was very devoted to her family.

She was a faithful member of the Church of Christ from her baptism into the Lord in 1947 until her death. She attended Westway Church of Christ in Midland with many members of her family. Dovie and Claude farmed and ranched in many counties in Texas including Midland and Dickens. She loved to mold and paint ceramics. In later life, she created homemade soaps, lotions and creams to sell and to give to family and loved ones. She was creative, spunky and fun. She knew how to make you laugh and brighten your day and was known for her wisdom. She was an exceptional country cook. Everyone was welcomed to her table, but an appetite was required.

Dovie is survived by her children; Claudia Chase and husband Tim from Mansfield, Texas, son, John Nichols and Autumn of Monahans, Texas, son, Mark Nichols and wife Sherry of Midland, Texas; 9 grandchildren; Scott Nichols, Stuart Nichols, Stephen Nichols, Jill Bishop, Jennifer Hanson, Jessica Morgan, Megan Smith, Jacob Nichols and Cameron Nichols and 7 great grandchildren and one on the way.

Dovie is preceded in death by her husband, Claude; daughter, LaDonna Adkins.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Home Hospice for their assistance and to our wonderful church family for their support and love for our mother for many years and for the family in this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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### Esmael Munoz, Sr

Esmael Munoz, Sr., 70, died Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- JESSICA BLANCO, 39, of 2102 Alabama was arrested on three outstanding warrants.

- BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA, 39, of 1108 S. Austin Street was arrested on warrants for manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, one to four grams) and manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance (penalty group 1, less than 1 gram).

- JOE DOWELL MATTHEWS, 64, of 2202 Cindy Lane was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

## Support Groups

### WEDNESDAY

- Celebrate Recovery meets at First United Methodist Church Youth Hall, 400 Scurry, from 6-8 p.m. Hurts, habits and hang-ups. Leave message for Joyce Webb at 325-212-860

### THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-ins confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

- Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-cooperated peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email [francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org](mailto:francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org), or call 432-268-3003.



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# HOUSING

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Anna Scott explained that CHDC owns the building, and stores private client records within, which must be kept secured.

"Crossroads owns the building 100 percent," she said. "We share the building with the Housing Authority."

Scott said the city pays Crossroads approximately \$200 per month in rent, which Crossroads uses to help defray the cost of utility bills on the facility.

"As of December 2019, we lowered their monthly payment from \$700, which paid for all the utilities and then \$100 or \$200 that could constitute as rent. We lowered it from \$700 to \$200. That's in our minutes," Scott said. "So they, for the last two years, have been paying \$200 toward utilities. The gas, the water, the electric, that is all in our name."

Scott said the monthly payment was decreased due to a rules change made by the federal government.

"The reason we lowered the payment was, the federal government was starting to gut the budget for municipal small housing authorities. So to ease their burden, we lowered it. We just asked that they would assist with the utilities for \$200 a month," she said. "We love the Housing Authority. I love the ladies that work there. I like to see them every other week or so. So this really hurts me that we're pursuing the path that we're pursuing."

During a special Public Hearing held by Mayor Thomason on Monday, Jan. 10, the mayor removed Housing Authority Commissioner Margaret Cervantes from the board for failing to adequately oversee Housing Authority Director Sharon Fritz, and for failing to file adequate reports regarding Housing Authority activities to the city.

As a result of the mayor's action, Fritz resigned her position the same day.

"Issues were brought to my attention concerning the oversight of the Housing Authority Board with the director," Thomason said following the hearing. "I tried addressing those with some of the board members, and unfortunately, the bug has to stop somewhere. In this situation, the buck stops with the mayor."

Cervantes was the only member of the Housing

Authority removed during the Hearing.

"Monday, we saw one of the board members (Joann Valle) quit, formally resign. She didn't want to deal with it. Then we saw Margaret kind of try to stand up to the Mayor and try to stand up to the charges he alleges against her," Scott said. "Sharon, on Monday, she resigned as the executive director. On Thursday, my boss asked me to change the locks, because Sharon had the keys for 15 or 20 years and we don't know if she had copies, and one of their board of directors members got ahold of the keys and, just kind of a precaution for them and us, we had the locks changed."

Scott said Crossroads Director Stacy Swisher asked her to put together an agreement for BSHA personnel to sign regarding key management for the building, which she did.

The agreement states "Only paid employees of the organizations (BSHA and CHDC) will have copies of keys or knowledge of door codes. In the event of an organization losing control of keys or codes, the organization will be financially responsible for immediately rekeying all of the keys lost. If any key or code is given to a non-employee for any period of time, all exterior and security doors must be rekeyed or recoded at the expense of the responsible organization."

The agreement also states, "If an employee of either organization is fired, quits or retires, all of the exterior locks of the building must be rekeyed immediately. If nonemployees will be in the building, they must be attended and supervised by an employee."

During Scott's presentation of the agreement form, tempers apparently got heated on both sides of the discussion.

"The executive director works for the board, and therefore, the new executive director would get the keys not from you, they would get them from the board," Big Spring Housing Authority Chairman Bruce Brown said during the meeting Friday. "If every board member wanted a key to this room or this part of the building, they'd have authorization to do that because that's who actually is Public Housing Authority, is the board, not the Executive Director or the employees."

In response, Scott said Brown's assertion was unacceptable.

"We own the building," she said. "We're renting

it to them very cheap. If the board have keys, then y'all have to find a different building."

Brown said the issue would have to be discussed later, because it wasn't part of the meeting's agenda.

"I understand what you're saying, but we'll have to talk about it...I'm not sure how we should handle that one. You're dictating to us how we run our own business and you can't do that."

Crossroads Chairman of the Board John Scott tried to speak at that point of the meeting, and was denied by Brown.

"No, you're not being recognized," Brown said. "Please have a seat. You're not being recognized, please have a seat. Did you sign the form to be able to speak?"

John Scott pointed out that no forms were available, at which point Mayor Thomason, who was present at the meeting, requested a police officer be sent to the location.

"I'm going to need an officer," he said.

"John and Anna Scott, the director and chairman of the board of Crossroads Housing Development changed the locks of the building, so the meeting got started late," Thomason said. "And then, yeah. John Scott was disrupting the meeting."

Thomason confirmed that no one was arrested.

The mayor said no decision had been made as of Monday regarding what to do about the situation, but said that one solution would be to have the Housing Authority Commission begin holding their meetings in the City Council Chambers.

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Danna Moore, 50, died Thursday. Memorial service Saturday 10 AM at Eastside Baptist

Billy Jones, 86, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Ryals, 61, died Saturday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Helen Rodriguez Lopez, 90, died Sunday. Visitation Friday 9 AM until 9 PM at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service Saturday 2 PM at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive

Esmael Munoz, Sr., 70, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# EDC

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loan payments," Morris said.

She noted that an owner of property west of town is still in talks with a travel center business prospect, but mentioned no names. She also noted discussions with companies interested in renting business space to the Airpark.

"The city is in negotiations with a couple of companies interested in Building 75, which used to be Desert Tank or the old limestone building out on the Airpark," she said. "There is one

that is very, very promising that we have been working very closely with the city on, to run analysis on and things of that nature."

Morris said the city has passed the first reading of a resolution to increase the change the number of board members and qualifications, and is set to be confirmed at the Jan. 25 city council meeting.

"After that, it will go to the Secretary of State for approval," she said.

She also said the EDC had promising meetings with Union Pacific and Big Spring Rail regarding a rail spur in Big Spring.

She noted that the board's next meeting will be held Feb. 15.

# Take Note

• Isaiah 58 food pantry will be closed until further notice due to COVID-19. The pantry's staff plans to clean and sanitize the building during the closure.

• City of Big Spring offices and Howard County offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. City and County offices will reopen at the usual time on Tuesday.

• The Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be February 10 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At the event, the annual Five under 55 Awards, the Russ McEwen Community Award and the 2021 Man and Woman of the Year will be announced. For sponsorship information, call 263-7641.

• Food distribution at Three Angels Food Pantry is held every third Tuesday of the month at the Big Spring Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 4319 Parkway Rd. Food is provided by the West Texas Food Bank. People will need to bring ID and plastic bags, and answer a few questions to pick up food. The food pantry also has a Facebook page where they will post any updates. <https://www.facebook.com/healthynuggetsofgold44>.

• New Life senior/mature adult dances has been canceled for this month. There will be no dance this Friday, Jan. 21. The dances are normally held the third Friday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Music is usually Western swing style. Entry fee is \$5 and refreshments are provided. For more information call 517-9097.

• The Big Spring Art Association is looking for community businesses to display pieces of their artwork. In an effort to build awareness for the importance of the arts and highlight local talent, the Big Spring Art Association displays different art pieces across the community. If you would like a piece of art work displayed in your business lobby contact any member of the Big Spring Art Association.

• The Big Spring Symphony is celebrating 40 years. Shows remaining this season include: Jan. 22: 'The Music of Queen' at Big Spring High

School; Feb. 19 "Winter Wonderland"; and Spring Pops Concert on April 23. Venues for the February and April concerts will be announced at a later date.

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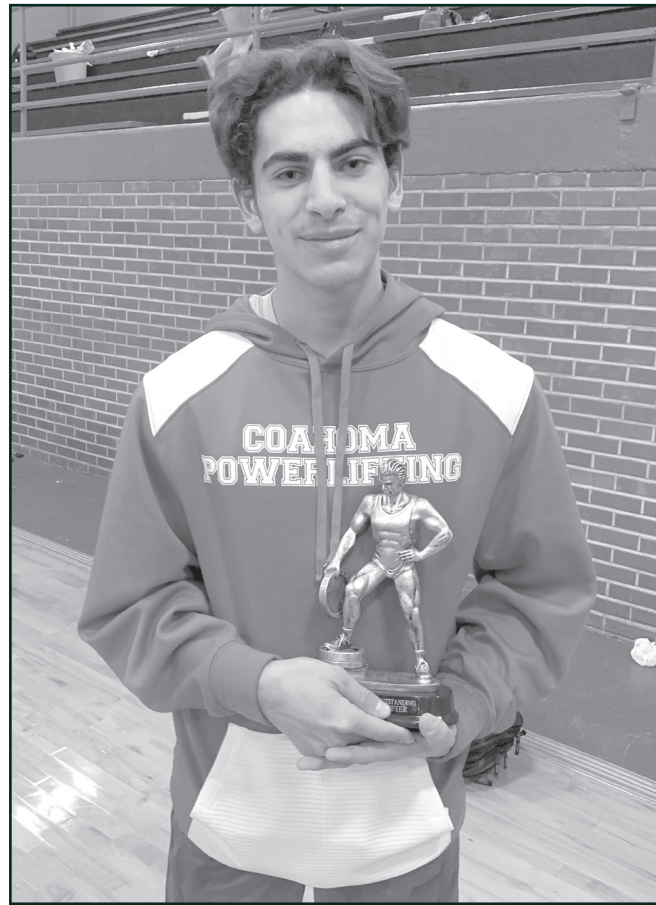
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## Coahoma girls powerlifting team wins C-City Invitational



**Top Left: The Bulldog Powerlifting team shows off its medals. Top Right: The Bulldogettes pose for a photo after the meet. Bottom Left: Christian Evertt shows off her trophy. Bottom Right: Hector Colon-Rivera proudly displays his new trophy won at the powerlifting meet.**

Special to the Herald

**COLORADO CITY** — The Coahoma girls and boys powerlifting teams returned from the Colorado High School Invitational meet on Saturday loaded down with medals including the girls division championship plaque.

Christian Everett and Hector Colon-Rivera had stand-out performances. The two were named outstanding lifters in the light platform in their respective divisions. Everett earned gold with a 3-lift total of 560 pounds of iron. The Coahoma High School junior pumped 205 on squat, 115 on bench, and 240 on deadlift. Colon-Rivera also won his weight division.

He can pump 365 on squat, 160 on bench press, and 370 on deadlift for a total of 895 pounds of iron lifted.

In all, the Coahoma girls team had four lifters earn gold in their respective weight divisions to pave the way for the championship title. Representing the Bulldogettes in the winners circle along with Everett were Serena Dobbs (570 total), Vada Cortez (605 total), and Paula Mae Bacon (570 total). Nevaeh Kirby, Maddie Cervantes, and Maci Green earned silver.

For the Bulldogs, Eugene Vazquez (555 total), Reagan Chapman (775 total), and Silas Privett (520 total) earned bronze in their respective weight class. Overall the Coahoma boys finished fourth out of

nine teams.

Next: Coahoma Power will host the Coahoma High School Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 22.

### Colorado High School Invitational

The Pit, Colorado City  
Jan. 14, 2022

### Girls Results (Coahoma only)

Results are listed by class, standing, competitor, lifts (squat, bench, deadlift), and totals.

97 — 1. Christian Everett, 205, 115, 240 -- 560; 2. Nevaeh Kirby, 185, 85, 185 -- 455.

114 — 1. Serena Dobbs, 225, 115, 230 -- 570

132 — 5. Katie McDonald, 175, 105, 195 -- 475

148 — 1. Vada Cortez, 230, 140, 235 -- 605; 2. Maddie Cervantes, 215, 90, 260 -- 565; 4. Marianna Glover, 210, 95, 240 -- 545; 5. Alexcia Munoz, 200, 105, 175 -- 480

165 — 2. Maci Green, 270, 155, 265 -- 690; 8. Mya Sanchez, 185, 125, 185 -- 495

220 — 1. Paula Mae Bacon, 220, 115, 235 -- 570

**Team Standings:** 1. Coahoma 46 points; 2. San Angelo Grape Creek 26 points; 3. Colorado City 23 points; 4. Forsan 19 points; 5. Miles, 10 points; 6. Post 7 points; 7. Roscoe Collegiate, 7 points; 8. Tuscola Jim Ned, 5 points; 9. Midland Classical Academy, one point.

### Boys results

114 — 3. Eugene Vazquez, 185, 125, 245 -- 555

132 — 1. Hector Colon-Rivera, 365, 160, 370 -- 895;

3. Reagan Chapman, 295, 165, 315 -- 775; 6. Brandyn Cortez, 225, 150, 290 -- 665.

148 — 12. Charlie Mashburn, 235, 120, 275 -- 630

181 — 5. Jaidyn Vineyard, 310, 205, 315 -- 830

198 — 4. Jacob Padron, 280, 215, 275 -- 770; 6. Adiel Perez, 190, 160, 230 -- 580

220 — 3. Silas Privett, 190, 130, 200 -- 520

242 — 4. Alexavier Mendoza, 225, 145, 255 -- 625

**Team Place.** 1. Forsan, 38 points; 2. Colorado City, 32 points; 3. Miles, 24 points; 4. Coahoma, 21 points; 5. Roscoe Collegiate, 20 points; 6. Midland Classical Academy, 20 points; 7. Tuscola Jim Ned, 19 points; 8. Post, 14 points; 9. San Angelo Grape Creek, 5 points.

## Allen, Mahomes, Stafford star on wild-card weekend

By **JOSH DUBOW**

AP Pro Football Writer

Josh Allen and the Buffalo Bills pitched a near perfect game in their playoff victory against the New England Patriots.

The Bills became the first team in NFL history to score touchdowns on their first seven drives of a playoff game before kneeling down on the final possession of a 47-17 win over New England.

Allen, Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes and Matthew Stafford of the Rams all provided big passing days to highlight wild-card weekend.

The Bills became the first team ever to go an entire game without a punt, a field goal, a turnover or getting stopped on fourth down, while scoring the most points ever against a defense coached or coordinated by Bill Belichick.

Allen went 21 for 25 for 308 yards, five TDs and rushed for 66 yards, joining Kurt Warner (2009 season against Green Bay), Tom Brady (2007 season vs Jacksonville), Peyton Manning (2003 season against Denver) and Daryle Lamonica (1969 season against Houston) as the only starting QBs with more TD passes than incompletions in a playoff game.

Mahomes provided his own highlights throwing five TD passes in a 42-21 win over Pittsburgh to join Lamonica and Kurt Warner as the only QBs ever to throw at least five touchdown passes in two playoff games.

Mahomes' throws came in a span of just 11:31 of game time, the fastest anyone has thrown that many touchdowns in playoff history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The previous mark was held by Tom Brady, who did it in 24:56 against Denver in the 2011 playoffs.

Stafford also had a strong playoff debut for the Rams, going 13 for 17 for 202 yards, two TDs and a 154.5 rating in a 34-11 win over Arizona that delivered Stafford his first playoff victory in 13 NFL seasons.

Stafford joined Allen (157.6 rating) and Mahomes (138.2 rating) with big perfor-

mances. The only other postseason when three starting QBs posted a rating of 135 or better in a game was in 1982 when Joe Theismann (against Detroit), David Woodley (against New England) and Lynn Dickey (against St. Louis) all did it.

### LOPSIDED WEEKEND

Wild-card weekend didn't provide a lot of drama with three of the six games decided by more than 20 points and another by 16.

The average margin of victory in the six games was 17.2 points per game, making this the fourth most lopsided wild-card weekend since the playoffs expanded to 12 teams in 1990. Only 2016 (19 ppg), 1996 (17.5 ppg) and 2005 (17.3 ppg) had larger average scoring margins.

The wins by at least 20 points for Buffalo, Kansas City and the Rams, leaving this season two shy of the 2002 season for the most playoff games decided by at least 20 points.

### DUAL THREATS

Travis Kelce and Odell Beckham Jr. showed off their arms as well as their catching skills.

One day after Kelce became the first first player in NFL history to throw a touchdown pass, catch a TD pass and have at least 100 yards receiving in a playoff game in Kansas City's win over Pittsburgh, Beckham showed off his dual-threat skills.

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the SAN ANGLEO/SAN ANDRES formation, Denman -B- (Lease), Well Number 13W. The proposed disposal well is located 5 miles South of COAHOMA, in the latan, (EAST HOWARD) Field, in Howard, County.
The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2526 to 2904 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
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Contract Bridge
By Steve Becker
East's bid tells the tale
East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K 6
♥ A J 6 3 2
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ K 6
WEST
♦ J 10 8
♥ 5 4
♦ 10 7 5
♣ 9 8 5 4 2
EAST
♦ A Q 9 7 3
♥ 9
♦ K Q 6
♣ J 10 7 3
SOUTH
♦ 5 4 2
♥ K Q 10 8 7
♦ A 8 2
♣ A Q
The bidding:
East South West North
1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥
Opening lead — jack of spades.
The opposing bidding often guides declarer to the best method of play. In this deal, for example, East's opening spade bid drew an accurate blueprint that declarer could easily follow to reach his goal.
West led the jack of spades, and East cashed two spade tricks before shifting to a club. South's problem was to avoid two diamond losers. He could not expect to do this against most possible divisions of the East-West cards, but South found the solution by relying heavily on the vital clue furnished by East's opening bid.
As play began, South could see 12 points in dummy and 15 in his own hand, leaving only 13 points for East's opening bid. Even that number had been reduced to 12 by West's jack-of-spades lead, marking East with the K-Q of diamonds.
South's best chance by far was to attempt an endplay against East. Accordingly, he won the club return with the queen, ruffed a spade in dummy, cashed the A-K of trump and ace of clubs and then led a low diamond toward dummy.
When West played low, South played dummy's nine, losing to the king. East was now in bad shape, whether he returned a spade, a diamond, or a club. Regardless of which he chose, declarer was sure to score the rest of the tricks.
It is true that if East had held the K-Q-10 of diamonds, the endplay would not have succeeded — but in that case, any other approach would also have failed.
Tomorrow: An old favorite.
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Good Father, Bad Husband
Dear Annie: I have been married for more than 24 years, and we have three wonderful daughters. My husband has always been a wonderful father and an OK husband.
However, he has always treated me with a lot of disrespect, and over the years, I always brushed it off because he was such a great dad to my daughters and because he provided everything for me.
But as we all get older, he is treating our youngest daughter in the same way as he has treated me. This is upsetting her every day, and I have told him numerous times to stop, and he just continues to do this.
I am ready to leave him, which I have told him many times, but he doesn't believe me.
Honestly, I can't take it anymore. I have asked him to talk to someone, but he says

I have the issue. I just can't do this life anymore. Please help! -- Torn About What To Do
Dear Annie: It is understandable that watching your husband mistreat your youngest daughter is going to be the last straw. Your mother bear instincts are in full force, and you can't watch your husband hurt your daughter the way he has hurt you for all these years.
I question whether he was a great father, even if he was kind to the girls, because disrespecting their mother in front of them is not modeling good behavior and will lead them to think they deserve to be treated like that in a relationship. If he won't go to counseling with you, then you should consult a therapist for yourself first.
Best of luck to you and your family. Hoping that your husband will be able to see how his behavior is so toxic and

harmful.
Dear Annie: Every year, my husband and I, having no children of our own, travel several states away to spend a few days around Christmas with my sister and her husband and their grown children and grandchildren -- a total of 13 to 15 in all.
Not everyone stays at her house, but we all gather there throughout the day and eat our meals there.
Even though the kids are pretty well-behaved and people help out with the cooking and cleaning, the hostess -- my sister -- gets very stressed out and generally ends up mad and upset.
Every year, I think I won't go, because of the chaos. But I always end up going because I know the time is coming when this gathering won't be possible.
How can I adjust my thinking so I can enjoy this event more? Or should I give myself

permission to stay home? -- Not Really Enjoying Christmas
Dear Not Really Enjoying Christmas: You're not alone. Many people find the holidays stressful, and family feuds often develop. In your case, the person who is really not enjoying Christmas is the one who is hosting and doing all the work.
Instead of judging your sister's mood, why not talk to her beforehand and see how you can help? Maybe if she has her sister by her side, her spirits will lift and she won't end up angry and upset.
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# Becky Hammon: 'Right time' to leave NBA, return to WNBA

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

Becky Hammon said she has always followed her heart and not worried about what other people think of her career decisions.

There were concerns when she chose to play at Colorado State instead of a bigger school. There was backlash about her playing for Russia in the Olympics and now she has heard rumblings about leaving the NBA and coach the WNBA's Las Vegas Aces.

"My heart was saying it was time to go. This is where I am supposed to be right now," she said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "There were a lot of sleepless nights getting to this conclusion."

She spent eight years as an assistant for the San Antonio Spurs becoming the first fulltime female coach in NBA history. She learned from one of the NBA's best in Gregg Popovich and now feels it is time to for a different path, so she pivoted to the WNBA, where she played for many years.

"Las Vegas sees me as a head coach now," she said. "The WNBA has called every year with job openings. ... I've always said thank you I'm very flattered, but stayed on this path. This was first time where I was like I'll listen."

She's proud of her still—being-written legacy as a trailblazer, having interviewed for several NBA head coaching jobs. But for now, her dream of becoming the first woman to lead an NBA team is on hold.

"Women are getting hired in all sorts of positions now. Not just the NBA, but across professional sports leagues," she said. "For anyone to say the needle hasn't moved is wrong. The process (interviewing) in Portland moved the needle. It was a great process for me."

Hammon has heard the outside noise that taking the WNBA job is a step down and she takes umbrage with any who believes it.

"I think it's an ignorant statement. To think I've outgrown the WNBA in a coaching capacity is ridiculous," she said. "I'd rather be a coach in the WNBA and have my own organization and be running a team."

There are still a half dozen women assistant coaches in the NBA. Hammon's resume has earned her plenty of respect: A person familiar with her contract says she will be the WNBA's highest-paid coach. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details of the deal has not been publicly announced, and they are still unclear.

"It's a great opportunity to have a head coaching job at that level." Popovich said. "To prove herself. She's already proven herself to me, but that doesn't matter in the long run. She's interviewed for a few jobs in the NBA, and she's more than qualified and would have done a great job."

Hammon will be pulling double-duty for the next few months until the Spurs' season is over. One of the first things that she'll have to do is hire her own coaching staff. She's begun calling Aces' players to get to know them.

"Right now I'm reaching out to all the players on the roster," she said.

"Establish a relationship with them and talk a little bit about roles what we're doing offensively and defensively."

The Aces finished with the second-best record in the WNBA last season at 24-8 before falling to the Phoenix Mercury in the semifinals. The franchise, looking for its first WNBA title, has a solid core led by former MVP A'ja Wilson.

Hammon was coy about what her on-court philosophy will be, only saying that the team which was last in 3-pointers attempted will definitely shoot more this season. The 44-year-old former WNBA player says she just wants to coach for now and not worry about being the team's general manager.

"Down the road we'll talk. I just want to coach. That's it. Get out there, get with the players," Hammon said. "Get in the foxhole with each other."



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