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Around the Town with Denise Honeycutt

Fourth Annual 'Run to the V' Ruck, Run & Walk 5K Draws Crowd

VFW Post 10429 held the Fourth Annual support this function. Ruck, Run, Walk 5K race at their facility on Sunday, Sept. 15. The route took participants along Lake Benbrook for great scenery. This event is focused on providing awareness for suicide prevention.

to participate in the race.

dors, a silent auction, on-site masseuse, a readily available. four-plane flyover, and food and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone who came out to dedicated

Proceeds benefit the non-profit organization, One Tribe Foundation, that provides services for Veterans facing life struggles.

Thousands of individuals commit suicide annually and the numbers continue to Approximately 255 individuals came out increase. Experts note there are several contributing factors for suicide; one of them Several local businesses sponsored the is limited access to mental health resources. event, and a 50/50 raffle was held. There This factor isn't an issue for military was music by Proud Country, many ven- members and their families because help is and prizes.

> The VFW is a non-profit organization (continued on page 6)

From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook Trash Bash Saturday

The 32nd Annual Trash Bash clean-up event will be held Saturday, Sept. 21, at Dutch Branch Park. Registration opens at 8:30, cleanup begins at 9 a.m. and a free hotdog lunch is provided to all volunteers.

Participants will gather at the pavilion located behind the concession stand, in the rear parking lot behind the YMCA at 1899 Winscott Rd.

The City is providing giveaway items

For more information, call Cecilia Ventura at 817-249-6008.

From Benbrook Public Library

Dog Adoption Event Saturday

Join us Saturday, Sept. 21 from noon to 3 p.m. for a Dog Adoption Event at Benbrook Public Library, located at 1065 Mercedes St, Benbrook, TX, Texas 76126.

Everyone is invited to come meet adorable dogs from 4Paws Benbrook eager to find their forever homes.

Whether you're looking for a playful companion or a loyal friend, there's a dog here waiting for you! Don't miss out on this chance to change a life and bring endless joy into yours.

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Scout Troop 9299 presented the Colors. Pictured are: (l-r) Ashton Calderon, Jessy Monger, Ethan Tate, Cody Bloomingdale, Jaxon Mason and Scout Master Kenny Monger.

August Crime Report

- Aug. 2: A theft of grocery items and other merchandise occurred in the 8800 block of Ben-curred in the 4000 block of Willow Bend. brook Blvd.
- able mattress took place in the 8800 block of Blvd. Benbrook Blvd.

dise occurred in the 8800 block of Benbrook

• Aug. 7: A motor vehicle theft of a 2005 F550 with miscellaneous tools and a Mossburg shotgun occurred in the 500 block of Winscott Rd.

A theft of \$300 was reported in the 9000 block of Benbrook Blvd.

• Aug. 8: A motor vehicle theft of a 2017 Dodge truck occurred in the 1200 block of Timbercreek Rd.

Silverado was reported in the 1200 block of Vernon Castle.

the 1800 block of Timberline Dr. where clothing, cosmetics and other personal items were reported stolen.

- Aug. 9: A theft of grocery items and other merchandise occurred in the 8800 block of Benbrook Blvd.
- Aug. 10: A motor vehicle theft of a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado was reported in the 10000 block of Stoneleigh Dr.
- Aug. 12: A theft of grocery items and other merchandise occurred in the 8800 block of Benbrook Blvd.
- Aug. 14: A theft of wire was reported in the 7300 block of Hawkins Center Dr.

A theft of an antique Colt revolver, bag of ammunition, Louis Vuitton purse, Chanel purse, ballroom dancing shoes, Chanel perfume, urn with ashes, an antique portrait, two left Christian Louboutin shoes and a silver bracelet was reported in the 7400 block of Heights View Dr.

- Aug. 15: A theft of grocery items and other merchandise occurred in the 8800 block of Benbrook Blvd.
- Aug. 16: A theft of a bathroom vanity, bathroom sink faucet, showerhead, kitchen faucet, light fixtures, ceiling fans, electrical outlet covers, a dishwasher, a stove and a refrigerator was reported in the 3800 block of Levee Circle East.

A theft of a Red Tiger Dash camera, Panasonic radio face plate occurred in the 8800 block of Benbrook Blvd.

• Aug. 17: A theft of \$10 and a rosary oc-block of Benbrook Blvd.

A theft of grocery items and other merchan-• Aug. 6: A theft of spray paint and an inflat- dise was reported in the 8800 block of Benbrook

A motor vehicle theft of a 2016 blue Hyun-A theft of grocery items and other merchandise was reported in the 3500 block of merchandise was reported in the 8800 block of Boston Ave.

- Aug. 18: A theft of gym bag with clothes, car keys and wallet containing a TX drivers license, debit cards and \$120 occurred in the 7900 block of Camp Bowie W. Blvd.
- Aug. 19: A theft of a Gen 5 9mm Glock 19 was reported in the 3900 block of Meadow Rd.
- Aug. 20: A motor vehicle theft of a white 2020 Kia Soul occurred in the 6200 block of Southwest Blvd.
- Aug. 21: A burglary of a motor vehicle oc-A motor vehicle theft of a 2020 Chevrolet curred in the 1800 block of Winscott Rd. where a purse and wallet with contents was taken.
- Aug. 23: A theft of grocery items and other A burglary of a motor vehicle occurred in merchandise was reported in the 8800 block of Benbrook Blvd.
 - Aug. 25: Two separate thefts of grocery items and other merchandise were reported in the 8800 block of Benbrook Blvd.
 - Aug. 27: A 2021 GMC Sierra was reported stolen in the 5500 block of Sedalia Trail.

Two separate thefts of grocery items and other merchandise were reported in the 8800

- Aug. 28: A theft of a 55" Roku television occurred in the 1100 block of Highbush Dr.
- Aug. 29: Two tires were reported stolen in the 9200 block of Benbrook Blvd.
- Aug. 30: A theft of grocery items and other Benbrook Blvd.
- Aug. 31: A theft of a robot vacuum occurred in the 7900 block of Camp Bowie W Blvd.







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From the Sports Desk with John English

Benbrook Volleyball Girls Beat Diamond Hill-Jarvis; Lady Cougars and Lady Bobcats Face Off Tomorrow

The Lady Bobcats opened up district on Friday with a 3-0 victory over Diamond Hill-Jarvis.

Benbrook won by scores of 25-11, 25-11, 25-2.

Coach Frances Davies said after the game that her team adapted well to an unexpected situation.

"I'm very pleased with our performance tonight," Davies said. down. "We did have a bit of a lineup change due to an injury, however the girls stepped up and really committed to the game plan and the interception, Desmond Chambers had 10 tackles and Christian changes and it was a really fun night."

Davies said she had a couple of players in Samantha Lindsey and Layla Furundija.step up in the game for Benbrook.

"Sam has been a very consistent producer for us this year," Layla on the other hand had a full positional change. She has been in the libero role the past year and a half. "However, when one of our outsides got injured, we knew we needed her to step up in the front row. She did beautifully and contributed quite a few points Dallas Hillcrest last Thursday by a score of 21-15, and coach Blake on strong swings and smart placements."

Benbrook will play Western Hills tomorrow night, and Davies said this is always a fun game.

really exciting and the fans are great. I know he's (Coach Michael to get better each week and learning. It was a bit of a heart-breaker. Yeager) got a few new girls on his roster and due to the crosstown rivalry, I know we'll have us a nice little battle. However, we're hoping to add another W to win column. My girls know the expectation for our season and are very committed to achieving those goals so I'm excited to see what they do."

tional this past week.

The boys finished fourth overall as a team, with Owen Atkins overall individually at the meet.

On the girls side, Benbrook finished fifth overall with Ruth the two best times for Benbrook.

with a 33-29 win against Holliday on Friday night, and coach Cody games." Slater said it was a good, all-around performance.

"I was super proud of our team and our coaches," Slater said. "It was a total team effort. Our kids battled to the very end against a very good Holliday team."

Slater said he and his team and coaches were also very appreciative for the support of Benbrook's band, cheerleaders, Emerald Line, parents, and fans.

"It was a great environment Friday night," Slater said.

Carlos Harris had 20 carries for 156 yards and two touchdowns, while Brady Gordon finished the game with 31 carries for 181 yards and rushing and receiving touchdowns.

Brennan Barton had nine carries for 40 yards and a rushing touchdown and was 4-9 passing with 85 yards and a passing touch-

Defensively, Lucas Jackson had 5 tackles and the game-winning Gleason had 7 tackles, 2 hurries and a sack.

Benbrook will play Eastern Hills tonight, and Slater he expects his team to have its hands full.

"Eastern Hills is a better football team than their scores indi-Davies said. "However tonight her serving was definitely a major cate," Slater said. "Coach (Devvin) Anderson and his staff do a piece of our success. In the third set, she served 16 points straight. good job. With it being a short week, we have to be locked in and focused in each day so we can be ready to play on Thursday."

> Over at Western Hills, the Cougars came up just short against Moilan said his team competed well in the game.

"Our kids played their tails off and took the lead with a couple of minutes left, but unfortunately we were not able to hold on and "I love the BMHS/WHHS match up," Davies said. "It's always get our first win of the season," Moilan said. "We are continuing We have to choose to continue to get better this week."

> Moilan said he had a couple of especially strong efforts this week.

"Lester Cole had a huge game on defense," Moilan said. "Brycen Foster continued to play well and the D-line. He got a lot of pressure on their quarterback. Elijah Jones went for 190 yards In cross country, Benbrook competed in the Glen Rose Invita- rushing and now has over 600 yards rushing, which eclipses his 2023 season total."

Western Hills will wrap up their non-district schedule at 7 p.m. (18:19.81) and Elijah Lopez (18:35.25) finishing sixth and eighth on Sept. 20 when they travel to Nevada Community and Moilan said it will be another challenge.

"Community is a tough-nosed team," Moilan said. "We will Walker (14:46.46) and Kourtney Brown (14:53.87) finishing with have to meet or beat their aggressiveness and toughness. It will be a great final test for us before we start district play, which are the games that really count toward our ultimate goal. We are happy The Benbrook football team remains unbeaten on the season with the growth our young team has shown over the first three



How to Vote in Texas' 2024 Elections

How to register to vote:

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, Oct. 7. On the registration application, you must provide your Texas driver's license number, Texas personal ID card number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, or check the box stating you don't have one of these forms of ID.

You can register:

- By mail: Complete a voter registration application online. Then print, sign and mail it to your county registrar's office. To request an application be mailed to you, contact your county voter registrar.
- In person: Request an application form at your county registrar's office, public libraries and certain government offices.

Texas doesn't permit registration on Election Day, and you can check your registration status via the state's online voter portal.

How to request a ballot by mail:

A ballot by mail is available to voters who meet certain qualifications, including those who are 65 or older, are sick or have a disability, or will be out of their home county on Election Day and during the early voting period. Applications must be received — not postmarked — by Friday, Oct. 25.

Apply for a ballot:

- By mail: Download an application, fill it in electronically or print and fill it in by hand. Or request an application be mailed to you from the secretary of state's office or your county's early voting clerk. Once complete, hand-deliver or mail your application to your county's early voting clerk. Forms require first-class postage when mailed.
- In person: Request an application from your county's early voting clerk.
- By email or fax: Download an application, and email the completed form to your county's early voting clerk, or fax it, if the clerk's office has a fax machine. You must also mail the original application to the clerk. If applying on or near the deadline, the mailed copy must be received by the clerk no later than the fourth business day after the email or fax version was received.

Your application must include your Texas driver's license number, Texas personal ID number or election ID certificate number (which is different from your Voter Unique Identifier number). If you haven't been issued one of these numbers, you can submit the last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you haven't been issued any of the required personal identification numbers, you can check the box stating so, but your voter's registration record must not contain any of these numbers.

Returning your ballot by mail:

A return envelope will be provided with your ballot. Before

sealing your ballot in this envelope, you must include your Texas driver's license number, Texas personal ID number or election ID certificate number in the space provided. If you haven't been issued one of these numbers, you can submit the last four digits of your Social Security number, or a statement that you haven't been issued one of the requested forms of ID.

Return your voted ballot:

- By mail: Mail your ballot to your early voting clerk. To be counted, your ballot must be postmarked by 7 p.m. on Nov. 5 and received by Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.
- In person: Deliver your ballot to your early voting clerk's office on Election Day by 7 p.m.

Check the status of your mail-in ballot via the state's online Ballot by Mail Tracker.

Voting in person before Election Day:

Any eligible registered voter can cast a ballot at an early voting site in their county. Early voting runs from Monday, Oct. 21, to Friday, Nov. 1. Hours vary per location. Contact your county elections office for location details, or check the state's online voter portal. Locations will be posted closer to the start of early voting.

Voting at the polls on Election Day:

Poll hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. local time. If your county participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program, you can vote at any location in your county. If your county doesn't participate, you can only vote at the voting precinct assigned to you.

Find your voting precinct location using the state's My Voter Portal, which will be populated with voting sites closer to Election Day, or contact your county elections office. Your voting precinct number (Pct. No.) is located next to your birth year on your voter registration certificate.

Learn about what's on the ballot on the secretary of state's website, closer to Election Day.

Voter ID requirements on Election Day:

Before voting, you must present one of Texas' seven acceptable forms of photo ID, which include a Texas driver's license, an election identification certificate and a U.S. passport. If you don't have a photo ID and can't reasonably obtain one, you can fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration at your polling place. You must also present an acceptable form of supporting ID, such as a current utility bill or bank statement. If you have an acceptable photo ID but didn't bring it to your polling place, you can still vote a provisional ballot. For your vote to count, you must present an acceptable ID to your county registrar within six days or process an exemption if it was lost in a natural disaster.

Voting with a disability:

Voters who are sick or have a disabil- (continued on page 5)

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ity may request a ballot by mail.

All polling places in the state must be accessible for voters. Voters who can't read English may use interpreters at the polls. If a voter is physically unable to enter a polling place, curbside voting is available. If planning to vote curbside, you're encouraged to call your polling place ahead of arrival.

If you need assistance to cast your ballot, you may ask a person of your choosing (aside from your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union) or two election workers. The person assisting must recite an oath stating they'll mark the ballot as directed and won't try to influence the voter. For more information, visit the votetexas.gov website.

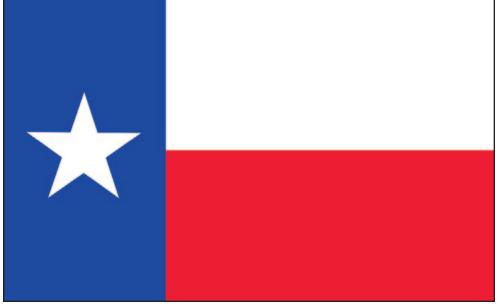
Recent voting changes in Texas:

Election laws enacted in 2023 have affected several voting rules 23, 24, 25 and 26. and processes.

Among the changes:

- Voters with mobility problems can skip the line when voting in person. Polling places must have at least one parking spot for voters who are physically unable to enter the site and want to vote curbside.
- Ballot-by-mail voters who make errors in their applications or submitted ballots will receive instructions from election officials on how to correct their mistakes when there's enough time to meet voting deadlines.
- Early voting days and hours at each county's main early voting polling place have been standardized for general elections, with weekend hours required.
- A sweeping 2021 state law that banned drive-through and 24-hour early voting, introduced ID requirements for mail-in voters and prohibited election officials from distributing mail-in ballot applications to voters who didn't request them faces legal challenges.

Redistricting that went into effect in 2022 redrew the boundaries of certain state legislative and U.S. congressional districts, but litigation over some districts is ongoing. Confirm your district using the state's online My Voter Portal.



From the Spay Neuter Network

Fort Worth Clinic Offers Pet Spay, Neuter & Vaccines

Spay Neuter Network's (SNN) Fort Worth clinic, located at 3117 E Seminary Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76119, provides affordable and free high-quality spay, neuter, vaccinations, parasite prevention and basic pet care for dogs and cats.

Low-cost Vaccines and Wellness services are available first-come, first-served. No Appointments are taken.

In order to provide a level of care and due to high volume, we may limit the number of clients. Wait times may vary and could run up to 1 hour or more. To decrease wait times you can print and fill in vaccine forms ahead of time here.

The Fort Worth clinic will be open for surgeries on Sept. 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

Free Spay/Neuter and Vaccine Program for Dogs and Cats

Fort Worth residents in qualifying zip codes can receive free spay or neuter, rabies vaccine, pain medication, and Microchip for their dogs and cats.

Qualifying zip codes for this program are: 76103, 76104, 76105, 76106, 76107, 76108, 76110, 76111, 76112, 76114, 76115, 76116, 76119, 76133 and 76140.

Surgery Check-in is at 7 a.m., and appointments are encouraged.

Everyone arrives for check-in and check-out at the same time. Wait times can be up to an hour or more.

Walk-ins are welcome if space is available after clients with appointments are checked in. Space is limited so services cannot be guaranteed without an appointment.

Un-owned outdoor cats and feral cat surgery check-in starts at 9 a.m. A minimum of six cats are taken on a first-come-first-served basis during open surgery days, with two cats allowed per person. More will be accepted if the clinic is not at capacity. No appointments are given. We request that you do not arrive until at most 20 minutes before check-in time, and if you do arrive early, please wait in your temperature-controlled vehicle.

For more information about Un-owned outdoor cats and Feral cats, including special programs that may be available to you, click here.

Surgery check-out is at 4 p.m,

The clinic will be open for vaccines and wellness checks every Monday from 2 to 4 p.m., also including Sept. 19, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

The clinic will be closed Sept. 27.

Free Pet Food for Those in Need

SNN is a distribution partner with Don't Forget to Feed Me. They deliver pet food to this location monthly to help those who cannot afford to feed their pets. Food is available while supplies last on a walk-in bases when the clinic is open.

$VFW \, 5k \, \text{(continued from page 1)}$

foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans. VFW Post 10429 prides itself on having a non-smoking, all volunteer facility and is a unique model for VFW's across Texas. They are family friendly and offer Burger Night every Friday and Steak/Pork Chop Night the first Saturday of the month from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. These events are open to the public.



Representing the Texas Beef Council (l-r) Sara Dudzikowski, Renee Baher, Alda Ollactillium, Amanda Richardson and Hayes Richardson.





Pictured above: Female Overall Winner Mary King and Male Overall Winner Jose Mejorada.



Pictured right: Special Needs competitor and winner, Lorelei Stuart received her medal from Jamie Bengford.

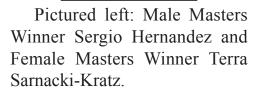




Commander Troy Collum, Asst. Race Director Karen Toomer, Race Director Jamie Bengford, Mayor Jason Ward and W.A.T.C.H. Program Founder/One Tribe Director Buck Kern.

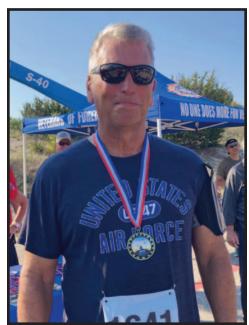


USMC Vets (l-r) Jose Cruz and Adriana Rosas participated in the Ruck.





Most Seasoned Winners Olivia and Sam Ballandran.



60-65 Male Winner Phil Kauffman.



Seven-year-old Dustin Rose competed in his very first 5K.

American Lawyer and Federal Judge, Sarah T. Hughes



"It all depends on whether you're willing to work hard enough to get what you want, not what stands in your way," Judge Sarah T. Hughes said in 1977. Hughes faced obstacles in her life, but became the first woman appointed as a federal judge in Texas and also became a nationally-known figure amidst a national tragedy.

She was born Sarah Tilghman in Baltimore in 1896. As a youth, she was extremely intelligent and also very determined. She excelled at athletics and academics alike.

She earned a bachelors degree from Baltimore's Goucher College, then an allwomen's college. After graduating in 1917, she took a series of interesting jobs on her way to her law career. She taught science for two years at a small school in North Carolina before coming to Washington, DC, to attend law school at George Washington University. In a time before women could vote nationwide or even attend some universities, she was determined to become an attorney and worked her way through law school as a police officer, taking classes at night. For a time, she even had to live in a tent on the edge of the city.

She met her future husband, George Hughes, a Texas native, in law school. The two married in 1922 and left for Dallas. While her husband quickly found success

Dallas hired her as a receptionist and only handed her a few cases at first. Within a short torneys. Nevertheless, she enjoyed the law and "the thrill of a fight" as an attorney, as she told an audience in 1928.

In 1930, she was elected to the state legislature. She worked for rights for women and served on the Judiciary and Labor committees. One issue she had become passionate about was a law barring women from serving on juries. She attempted to have the law changed in her time in the legislature but failed. She continued to work for it afterward, and as a result of her work, the right for Texas women to serve on juries was secured by 1954.

third term in the legislature, Gov. James V. Allred appointed Hughes to an open judicial, the 14th District Court in Dallas. In the process, she became the first Texas woman to serve as a district judge. She was elected to a full term in 1936 and re-elected every four years up to 1960. When influential Dallas Congressman Hatton Sumners retired in 1946, Hughes jumped at the chance to run for the seat that comprised all of Dallas County. However, she came just short in the primary against J. Franklin Wilson, himself a former Dallas judge.

She had become a respected figure in legal circles and had generously donated to her old college in Maryland. In honor of what she had achieved, Goucher College established the Sarah T. Hughes Field Center in Politics to study Maryland politics and to encourage students to get more heavily in-County's first juvenile detention center in 1950. In 1952, she was surprised by being nominated for vice-president at the Demodid not have a chance and won only one vote while the vice-presidential nomination went to Sen. John Sparkman of Alabama with Illi-

Hughes ran for the State Supreme Court 1985 at age 88.

with a private firm, Sarah Hughes had a dif- in 1958. In a hard-fought contest, she won ficult time as a woman in spite of her impres- 49.3 percent of the vote, coming up just sive law school degree. One law firm in 14,000 votes short in her race against incumbent Justice Joe Greenhill.

At 65, when most people were preparing time, she earned the respect of the other at- to retire, Hughes was determined to move up the ladder. In 1961, she asked her old friends Vice-President Lyndon Johnson and Sen. Ralph Yarbrough to recommend her for a federal judgeship. Johnson, Yarbrough, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Bonham lobbied President John F. Kennedy for the appointment. Several women had been appointed to the federal judiciary already, starting with Judge Kathryn Sellers in 1918, but the issue that the American Bar Association and even Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy had was her age. President Kennedy nevertheless was impressed by her accomplishments and appointed her to the In January 1935, as Hughes started her newly-created position of Federal Judge for the District of North Texas.

> It was that fateful trip to Dallas by President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, that thrust her into the national spotlight. After Kennedy's assassination, Johnson, fearing a Soviet plot, insisted on being sworn in as president immediately and asked for Hughes. The judge was preparing to leave for Austin to see Kennedy's speech that night when Barefoot Sanders, a United States Attorney and future federal judge, contacted her and asked her to come to Love Field to swear in Johnson aboard Air Force One.

Hughes administered the oath to Johnson in a cramped compartment aboard the plane with the grieving aides and next to a traumatized Jackie Kennedy still in clothes covered in her husband's blood. Only photographs from reporters and an audio recording exist as no TV cameras were present. In that horvolved in politics. She helped secure Dallas rible moment, Hughes became the only woman to swear in a president – and the only

In 1964, the Federal Bar Association precratic National Convention. She realized she sented its first Outstanding Woman Jurist Award to Hughes.

She retired from her full-time status in 1975 at age 79. She spent her last years in a nois Gov. Adlai Stevenson heading the ticket. Dallas nursing home, where she died in April

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Saturday, Sept. 21:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 96. South wind 5 to 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - Mostly clear, with a low around 74. South southeast wind around 10 mph.



Sunday, Sept. 22:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 93. South wind around 10 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **PM** - Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 10 mph.

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