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From the Sports Desk with John English

High School Football: WHHS Cougars Defeat CHS Lions, BMHS Bobcats Topple Venus Bulldogs

The Western Hills football team improved to 3-1 in district competition with victory over Castleberry on Friday night, and coach Blake Moilan said he was pleased with the way his team persevered.

"I thought that our kids played hard and never gave up," Moilan said. "There were a couple of times when we it looked like it might not go our way, and we kept fighting and clawing to get the win. I was very happy with the kids 'find a way' attitude."

EJ Jones had a huge night running the ball for the Cougars, rushing for 183 yards and a touchdown, while Kyu Wilson with finished with 130 yards rushing and a touchdown.

Jacqualen Daniel had two touchdowns and 80 yards rushing for Western Hills.

"Jeremiah Stribling had a fantastic double pass trick play to ORylon Crockett that set us up to win the game," Moilan said.

Defensively, Dominic Salazar led the team in tackles, and Moilan said he had a "great overall defensive effort to make several key stops."

Western Hills will play Lake Worth next, and Moilan said his team will have its hands full.

"Lake Worth is a good team that plays with really fast tempo," Moilan said. "It's a short week with a Thursday night game, so we will need to get ready and play fast and mistake free. It will be a great challenge for us that we are looking forward to."

Over at Benbrook, the Bobcats picked up a close victory over Venus on Friday by a score of 14-6 to level it's district record at 1-1.

The Bobcats improved to 5-2 overall on the season with the victory, and will host Ferris at 7 p.m. tomorrow night.

On the court, the Benbrook volleyball team defeated Western Hills 3-0 on Friday night, and coach Frances Davies it was a not an easy win.

"We have a tendency to come out blazing in the first set, then relax in the second allowing the other team to get just a bit to close for my liking," Davies said. "But they handled their business in the

end, so I'm pleased with that."

Davies said she had one player step up in a big way against Western Hills.

"My standout would be the birthday girl Maile Petty," Davies said. "She's one of my kids that can play wherever I want honestly, and she just steps in and handles it! Finished the night with a couple aces, a handful of big kills and some solid back row."

Benbrook will play the Young Women's Leadership Academy tomorrow night, and Davies said her team will have it's work cut out.

"Much like with Dunbar, I expect them to come out swinging and making us work for the win," Davies said. "Fancy Ford puts up a big block and has a great swing, so we'll need to be mindful of that going into the game."

As the playoffs approach, Davies said there are a few areas where she would like her players to focus.

"While I'm always pleased with us winning, I know we have more in us, and we're trying to focus more on staying aggressive, even if the win seems easy," Davies said. "We need to set the tempo and make teams match us, not the other way around. I want the girls to focus on playing strong from start to finish in these next three district matches."

On the trails, the Benbrook boys' and girls' teams both won district championships this past week.

Carley Couch won the individual district championship on the girl's side and Levi Brawley was the top finisher on the boy's side, taking third place overall individually.

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Obituary



Michael Joe Williams

Mike went to be with the Lord on Sept. 16.

A memorial service will be held at Broadway Baptist Church on Oct. 21 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be given to Broadway's Sack Lunch Ministry, Broadway's Chapel Choir, or the Pythian Home in Weatherford.

Michael Joe Williams was born Oct. 15, 1945, in Eastland, Texas. At age 4 he was sent to the Pythian Home in Weatherford with his five siblings, where he lived until age 20. Mike graduated from Weatherford High School, attended Weatherford College, and graduated from the University of North Texas with degrees in Physical Education and Industrial Arts, and later an M.Ed. of Industrial Arts.

He married Julia (Judy) Lumpkin in 1970 and began his 35-year teaching career at Castleberry High School.

Known at CHS as *Coach Big'un*, Mike coached football and golf for eight years and sponsored the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for over 20 years. He also drove a regular bus route, the cheerleaders, band and others for over 40 years. He taught Drafting, Architecture, Wood Shop, and other Industrial Arts classes. He was named the Texas State Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year in 1999.

Mike and Judy were members of Broadway Baptist Church, where he was recently named Deacon Emeritas. They were active supporters of Broadway's Baptist Center, organizing the assembly of thousands of sack lunches for Fort Worth's homeless. They also worked and traveled with Broadway's Chapel Choir for many years, and Mike served as the construction foreman on the choir's mission trips.

He was preceded in death by "Mom and Pop" Horstmann (Pythian Home superintendents), brothers Charles, Dickie, and Roger and sister Juanita Clary.

Mike is survived by: his wife, Julia (Judy) Williams; sister, Alyce Korn; son, Daryn Williams and wife, Tiff; son, Ryan Williams and husband, Julien Martineau; and grandchildren, Belle and Davis Williams (who Mike adored).

From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook City Council Accepting Applications for Various Boards and Commissions

The Benbrook City Council is accepting applications from citizens interested in serving on various Boards and Commissions. These positions include:

- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Zoning Board of Adjustment/Appeals Commission
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Benbrook Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Appointed members of the Boards and Commissions serve a two-year term and must meet the following qualifications

- Be a registered voter of the City;
- Have resided in the City for one year;
- Continue residency in the City during the term of office;
- Not hold a public elective office within the State; and
- Serve without compensation.

Planning and Zoning Commission members must also own real property within the City.

Tax Increment Finance Reinvestment Zone No. 1 Board of Directors qualifications:

- Be a resident of the City or own a busi-

ness within the City

- Serve without compensation

Applications and information on each board/commission is available at City Hall, 911 Winscott Rd., or on the Government page of the City's Website www.benbrook-tx.gov.

The application deadline is Nov. 6, 2023.

From the City of Benbrook

Benbrook Trash Bash Saturday

Join us for the Benbrook Trash Bash! The 31st Annual cleanup event is Saturday, Oct. 21 at Dutch Branch Park. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m., and cleanup begins at 9 a.m. A free hotdog lunch is provided to all volunteers.

This event offers an opportunity for Benbrook residents, volunteers, visitors, groups, and organizations to help during a fun cleanup! The City will provide giveaway items and prizes. Advance registration is requested. To register, call Jared DeVries at 817-249-6008.



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Thousands Of Additional Donations Needed To Replenish Red Cross Blood Supply

Since announcing a national blood and platelet shortage a month ago, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply.

As that generosity continues, the Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs.

Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets.

Don't wait – patients are counting on critical care.

To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

To encourage more blood and platelet donations, the Red Cross is offering new incentives to donors over the next month. All who come to give Oct. 21 through Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross.

They'll also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners – one chosen at random each week. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch.

As cold and flu season quickly approaches, the Red Cross is reminding donors that they can still give blood or platelets after receiving a flu vaccine, so long as they are feeling healthy and well on the day of their donation.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Oct. 21 through Nov. 9:

Arlington

• Saturday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1500 California Ln.

• Wednesday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Central YMCA, 2200 S. Davis Dr.

Bedford

• Friday, Nov. 10: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Bedford Center YMCA, 2801 Forest Ridge Dr.

Burleson

• Monday, Oct. 23: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints - Burleson Chapel, 390 John Jones Dr.

Dallas

• Monday, Oct. 23: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m., White Rock Family YMCA, 7112 Gaston Ave.

• Wednesday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Plaza of the Americas, 600 North Pearl, 12th Floor

• Friday, Oct. 27: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Moorland Family YMCA at Oak Cliff-Multipurpose Room, 6701 S Hampton Rd.

• Monday, Oct. 30: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Red Cross Dallas Chapter, 2055 Kendall Dr.

• Monday, Nov. 6: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., American Red Cross Dallas Chapter, 2055 Kendall Dr.

Denton

• Friday, Oct. 27: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Medical City Denton-Professional Building, 3537 South Interstate 35 E

Fort Worth

• Saturday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Fort Worth, 500 W. Bonds Ranch Road

• Wednesday, Oct. 25: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Hulen Mall, 4800 South Hulen Street

• Friday, Oct. 27: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., American Red Cross FTW Office, 6000 Western Pl. #6000, Ste. 100

• Friday, Nov. 10: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., American Red Cross FTW Office, 6000 Western Pl. #6000, Ste. 100
11/10/2023: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Texas Christian University, 2901 Stadium Drive

Plano

• Saturday, Oct. 21: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Haggard Plano Library, 2501 Coit Rd.

• Monday, Oct. 23: 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Whiskey Cake Kitchen & Bar, 3601 Dallas Parkway

• Monday, Nov. 6: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Chase Oaks Church: Legacy Campus, 201 Legacy Dr.

The Colony

• Monday, Oct. 30: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Nebraska Furniture Mart, 5600 Nebraska Furniture Mart Dr.

Waxahachie

• Thursday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Baylor Medical Center of Waxahachie, 2400 N. I-35 E

Weatherford

• Monday, Oct. 30: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Weatherford College Texas Hall, 225 College Park Dr.

• Thursday, Nov. 9: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2251 Bethel Rd.

How to donate blood:

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojaAmericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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What to Do if Your Mortgage Application is Denied

If you dream of homeownership, having your mortgage application denied can be devastating. If this does happen to you, it's important to remember that you're not alone. Thirteen percent of all purchase mortgage applications -- a total of nearly 650,000 -- were denied in 2020, according to federal government data.

Before quickly reapplying for a loan, it's important to first understand the reasons your loan was denied. The lender is required to disclose that information to you within 30 days of its decision. You can also call your lender for further explanation. Having this knowledge will help you work toward building your eligibility for a mortgage.

In some instances, the situation involves a quick fix, such as providing missing or incomplete documentation. However, if the reasons cited for your application denial involve down payment cost, a low credit score, an adverse credit history or a high debt-to-income ratio, here are six steps you can take toward recovery:

1. Consult a Housing Counselor. Consider speaking to a community-based credit counselor or a HUD-certified housing counselor. They can help you create a plan to increase your savings, decrease your debt, improve your credit, access down payment assistance or take advantage of first-time homebuyer programs.
2. Improve Your Credit. In a recent Freddie Mac survey of consumers denied a mortgage application in the past four years, three in five cited debt or credit issues as reasons given for their initial

denial. If this describes you, take time to improve your credit profile before applying for another loan. Good credit demonstrates responsible money management and gives you more purchasing power, opening doors to better loan terms and products.

3. Pay Down Debt. In the application process, lenders will look at your recurring monthly debts, such as car payments, student loans and credit card loans. By lowering or paying down monthly debts, you can build a positive credit history and lower your debt-to-income ratio. Not sure where to start? Tackle your debt with the highest interest rate first.

4. Obtain Gift Funds. If you're short on money for your down payment, you may be able to use gift funds from a family member to decrease the amount you need to borrow.

5. Find a Co-Signer. A co-signer applies for the loan with you, agreeing to take responsibility for the loan should you default. The co-signer's credit, income and debts will be evaluated to make sure they can assume payments if necessary. In addition to ensuring your co-signer has good credit, you should make sure they are aware of this responsibility and have sufficient income to cover the payment.


6. Look for a Lower-Cost Home. Remember, you should only borrow an amount you feel comfortable repaying. You may need to look for a lower-cost home than you're financially prepared to purchase and maintain.

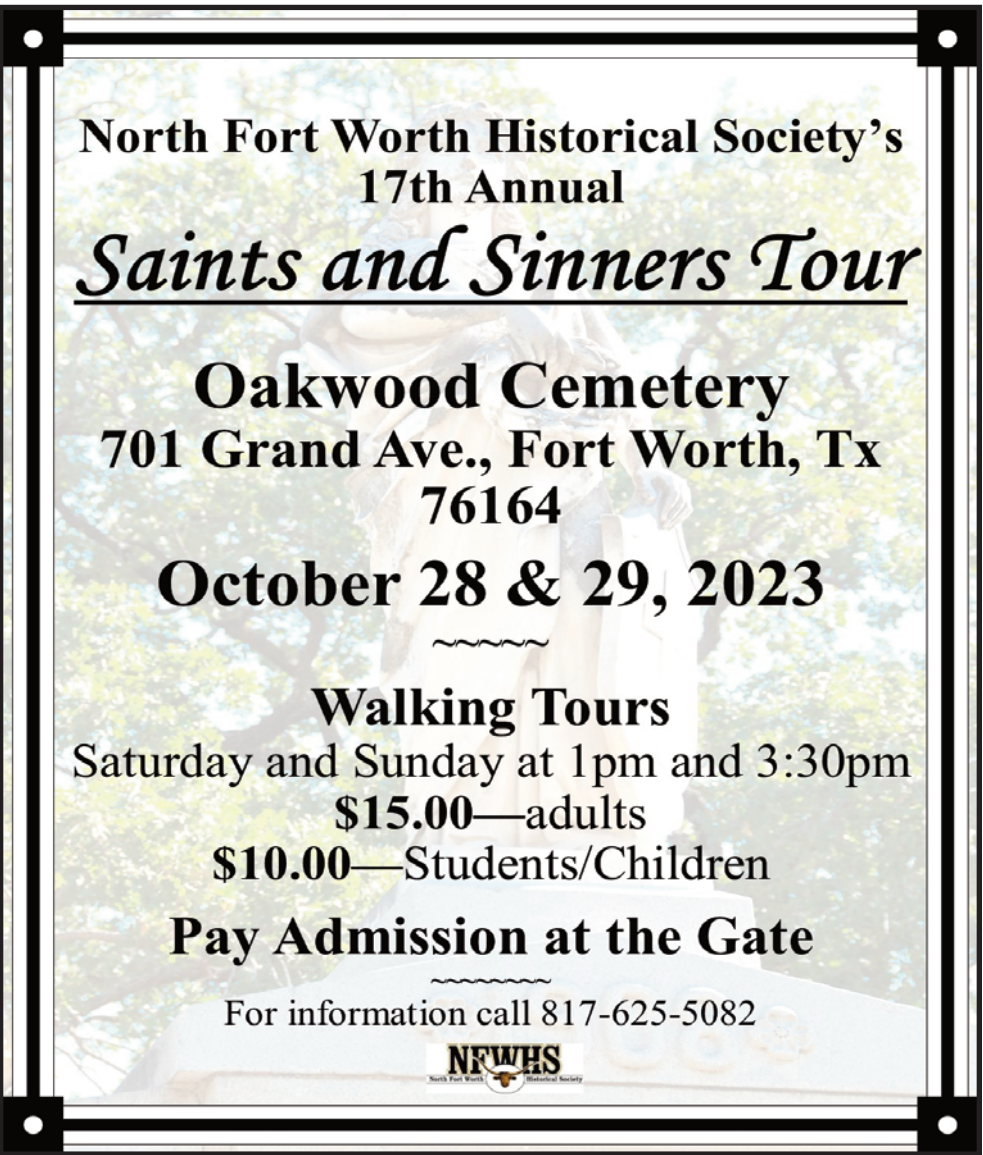
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The Brothers Lubbock - Politicians and Civil War Figures

by Dr. Ken Bridges



Francis Lubbock



Thomas Lubbock

Two orphaned brothers headed west in search of adventure and a new life. The story is common in the annals of the frontier. In the case of brothers Francis and Thomas Lubbock of South Carolina, their story would play an important role in Texas history.

Francis Richard Lubbock was born in Beaufort, South Carolina, in 1815 to Dr. Henry and Ann Lubbock. While still an infant, the family moved to Charleston, where younger brother Thomas was born in 1817. Tragedy struck the family in 1829 when their father died. With the family struggling, the 14-year-old Francis quit school to work as a clerk.

In 1835, after the death of their mother, the two brothers moved to New Orleans, where the elder Lubbock worked with a variety of businesses and the 17-year-old Thomas worked as a cotton agent. The revolution erupting in Texas captivated their attention.

Thomas Lubbock and a group of other New Orleans residents organized a unit, the New Orleans Grays, and marched into Texas to support independence. He participated in the Siege of Bexar in late 1835, temporarily wresting San Antonio from Mexican control. After the Texas Revolution, he worked as a businessman and a Texas Ranger.

In 1836, Francis Lubbock followed his brother to Texas and settled in what became Houston and set up a store. He became heavily involved in politics and was appointed as comptroller by Texas President Sam Houston in 1837.

In 1857, he was elected lieutenant governor of the state but lost re-election in 1859 to Ed Clark, a Unionist. Nevertheless, Lubbock was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1860. He and other southern delegates clashed with northern delegates over the conciliatory platform they pushed to preserve the Union. The Democratic Party fractured, and a convention of southern Democrats, chaired by Lubbock, pushed their own candidate, Vice-President John Breckinridge over the national Democratic candidate,

Stephen A. Douglas.

In the meantime, Thomas Lubbock was an ardent secessionist and campaigned for years for secession. Once Texas seceded in 1861, he went to Virginia to enlist in the Confederate Army, fighting in the Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War. He saw many battles and died at a Kentucky hospital in 1862 as a colonel at age 44.

Ed Clark became governor in 1861 after then-Gov. Sam Houston was forced from office. That fall, Lubbock challenged his old foe Clark in the gubernatorial election. Lubbock won by a scant 124-vote margin.

As governor, the Civil War was the focus of Francis Lubbock's administration. He was an outspoken defender of the Confederacy and the draft. He even pushed for drafting non-citizens into the army as well. He attempted to increase trade with Mexico, even offering to trade United States bonds held by Texas and cotton for weapons. Lubbock attempted to spur defense manufacturing in Texas, to little effect. The chaotic whirlwind of Civil War politics consumed his administration, and he declined to run for re-election in 1863.

Lubbock enlisted in the Confederate Army at the age of 46 and was made a lieutenant colonel. He helped organize supplies and troops for the defense of Louisiana during the 1864 Red River campaign and served on the staff of several generals. In August 1864, Lubbock was appointed as a military aide to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. He went to Virginia to update Davis on activities west of the Mississippi River. This voyage was made even more difficult with the Union naval blockade of the South and that Union forces now controlled the Mississippi River, cutting the Confederacy in half. Lubbock spent the next several months in Richmond, watching the Confederacy disintegrate as Union forces encircled the city and laid siege to it.

The Union Army broke through Confederate lines in April 1865, and the Confederate government fled, Lubbock included. Davis, Lubbock, and a number of others headed south in a mad flight to avoid capture and to try to keep their government alive. Several days later, Lubbock was captured in Georgia. He was held at an army prison in Delaware where he awaited his fate. After eight months, he was released as part of an amnesty program and returned to Texas.

In 1876, the Texas legislature organized Lubbock County in West Texas in honor of Thomas Lubbock. Its namesake city was organized a few years later and a century later would grow to a city of more than a quarter of a million residents.

The surviving Lubbock brother, Francis, continued to piece his life back together after the Civil War and Reconstruction and eventually re-entered politics. He served as state treasurer from 1878 to 1891.

Francis died quietly at his home in Austin in 1905 at age 89.

TDLR Seeks Volunteers to Serve on 17 Advisory Boards and Committees

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation seeks volunteers to serve on 17 advisory boards and committees to provide technical knowledge and industry expertise to the agency, which regulates 38 occupations in Texas. The agency also seeks public members who have no attachment to the industry being regulated

“TDLR needs Texans who care about their communities to participate on our advisory boards and committees,” said TDLR Executive Director Mike Arismendez Jr. “Thanks to a change in state law, we’re able to hold most of our advisory board meetings online, so members no longer have to travel to Austin to meet. We hope that more people will want to get involved.”

Many of the vacancies that TDLR seeks to fill are for public members who will represent Texas consumers and do not have a connection to the industry of their appointed board. . Most terms on the boards and committees last for six years, although some terms may be shorter because a seat has been vacated by a member who was unable to complete their term.

Advisory board members are appointed by the chairman of the Texas Commission on Licensing and Regulation. There is no financial compensation for membership.

The following boards and councils currently have vacancies:

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- Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst
- Board of Boiler Rules, 6-year term
- Public Member

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- Structural Engineer/Architect
- Combative Sports Advisory Board, 6-year term
- Physician

Electrical Safety and Licensing Advisory Board, 6-year term

- Master Electrician with a statewide association

Elevator Advisory Board, 3-year term

- Public Member/Disabled

Hearing Instrument Fitters and Dispensers Advisory Board, 6-year term:

- Doctor of Otolaryngology
- Midwives Advisory Board, 6-year term
- Midwife

Orthotists and Prosthetists Advisory Board, 6-Year term:

- Public Member who uses Orthosis
- Registered Sanitarian Advisory Committee, 6-year term

- Consumer/Public Member

Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Advisory Board, 6-Year terms:

- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Audiologist

Texas Water Well Drillers Advisory Council, 6-year term:

- Public Member

Towing and Storage Advisory Board, 6-year term:

- Peace Officer/Population More Than One Million Residents

Used Automotive Parts Recycling Advisory Board, 6-Year terms:

- Domestic Auto Parts Business
- Foreign Auto Parts Business

[See this page](#) for details on specific membership requirements and how to apply.

About TDLR

TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 38 business and occupational licensing programs with almost 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR’s website for more information and resources. You can search the TDLR licensee database, and also find past violations in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR’s Customer Serv-

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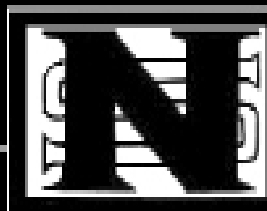
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Friday, Oct. 20:

AM - Sunny, with a high near 90. W/NW wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north in the afternoon.
PM - Mostly clear, with a low around 60. NE wind around 5 mph becoming south after midnight.



Saturday, Oct. 21:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. S/SW wind 5 to 10 mph.
PM - Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. SE wind around 10 mph.



Sunday, Oct. 22:

AM - Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. S/SE wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
PM - NightPartly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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