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Marching into a new season



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Buena High School freshman band member Jasmine Bangle practices obliques with bandmates during Friday's band camp at the school. The three day camp had students practicing their marching and playing skills as they prepare for the upcoming school year.

Band camp puts players on the field before football practice begins



Buena High School senior band member Jay Carroll, right, tutors new member Caleb Hernandez, freshman, in fundamental marching techniques at last week's band camp.

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SIERRA VISTA — Even though school has not yet begun, the halls of Buena High School are filled with the sounds of activity.

Administrators are shuffling papers, parents are registering their kids and last week the Buena High School band filled the halls with music, which must mean it's time for band camp.

"Band camp is to help bring all the members together and get them up to date," Antonette Calma said. She's a senior and a drum major, which makes her a bit of a servant to all.

"We're always here early," Morgan Helmrigh, senior and drum major, said. "We're here to set up. We're here to make sure that everyone else is ready and prepared. We conduct the band. We help out with a lot of the marching stuff so if anybody needs help we're kind of the people to go to or the section leaders as well."

"We're like little Chuns," Jay Carroll, a senior and the other drum major, said, referring to

the band program director, Duane Chun.

Before the football team hits the field, the kids in the band have been busy at band camp. Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the band began its season with practice, marching and games. For many this is simply a time to brush up on what they already know. For the incoming freshmen, there's a lot to learn.

There's new music. "We're already playing songs really fast and when we tried practicing back in middle school, it took us months," freshman Megan Bingham said. She plays the clarinet.

There's marching, which is far more complicated than you think it should be.

"The marching is great," freshman Camille Watson said. She plays the bari sax, which is baritone saxophone for the rest of us. "They do so many different marchings. It's just a wonderful thing...We did learn the slides. That's when you keep straight or the flanks is when you turn. It's so fun. I just love it."

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Mosquito season is here

Take steps to protect yourself from mosquito-borne diseases

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SIERRA VISTA — Summer storms bring spikes in mosquito populations, with vector control specialists trapping the insects and testing them for harmful viruses they could be carrying.

Protect against the bite, **A5**



While West Nile, Zika and dengue viruses are big concerns, West Nile is the only one of the three that has been identified in Arizona through infected mosquitoes. None of the positive West Nile mosquitoes from Arizona have been trapped in Cochise County so far this year, but there have been positive mosquitoes in other parts of the state, said Dan DeBee, county vector control specialist. West Nile season in Cochise County typically runs from July through October, noted DeBee, who has been monitoring for West Nile on the border, as well as in Willcox, Benson and Whetstone.

Travel-related cases of dengue and Zika have been reported in the U.S., but according to the CDC, no infected mosquitoes have been identified in the continental United States.

"Dengue and Zika surveillance are a collaborative effort between the U.S. and Mexico, where we're monitoring how far those viruses travel to our border," DeBee noted. "As of now, all cases of Zika and

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 1** number of people in the county's Emergency Services Department
- 1.5** number in millions of dollars being returned to the county for repair work following Hurricane Odile
- 2** the number of people it takes to fill a sandbag.
- 15** number of sandbag locations across the county
- 36** number of Highway & Floodplain
- Dept. operators countywide
- 40** number of miles each operator is responsible for
- 600** the number of sandbags it takes to properly build a 100-foot long levee, one foot tall
- 1439.6** number of miles of roads maintained by the Highway & Floodplain Dept.
- 20k** number of people signed up for emergency alerts

August brings late summer growing season at SV Community Garden

Beds available for rental

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SIERRA VISTA — Sure Google has all the information you need at a moment's notice. But sometimes, when you dig your hands in dirt for your food, experience provides the best data.

"The cucumbers don't need as much water as the strawberries, so I think they're getting too much water right now. This is too much water," Savannah Porter said at the Sierra Vista Community Garden on Saturday morning, picking a cucumber that was yellow and felt squishy to the touch. "So we're gonna try and fix that today."

WHAT TO PLANT NOW

August is an ideal time to plant seeds for a second gardening season that can be as productive as your major early spring plantings. Late summer is the time to plant these vegetables and herbs, including: beans, cucumbers, flower bulbs, kale, lettuce, peas, radish and spinach. August is also an ideal time to grow cover crops as a great way to add nutrients to your soil for the following year.

SOURCE: UFSEEDS.COM

Porter was one of a handful of gardeners out before 8 a.m. to tend to their beds before the afternoon heat would crash the party later. The community garden, which hits its fifth anniversary this fall,

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JACQUELINE MORAN/FOR THE HERALD-REVIEW

Valerie Nottingham contemplates her garden Saturday morning at the Sierra Vista Community Garden on Wilcox Drive.

Ready for anything

Communication, awareness keys to safety during disaster

BY AMANDA BAILLIE
 For the Herald/Review

In case of emergency, follow Norm Sturm's advice.

As the go-to guy when a crisis unfolds in Cochise County, Sturm's job is to keep his finger on the danger zone pulse.

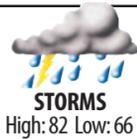
And during the monsoon, that usually involves a 24-hour obsession with the weather.

While the rest of us are wondering if we'll need an umbrella, Sturm is focused on possible flash flood situations throughout the vast geographical area that makes up Cochise County.

For the past three years, former

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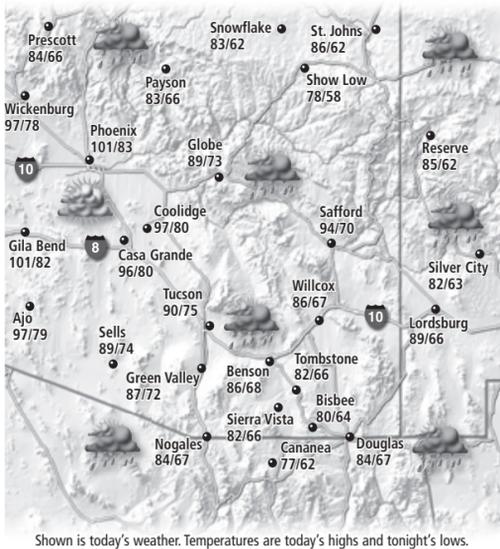


5-DAY FORECAST FOR SIERRA VISTA

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY
PM t-storm; flash flooding possible	Partly cloudy, a t-storm in spots	PM t-storm; flash flooding possible
High 82°	Low 66°	79° 65°
RealFeel: 95°	RealFeel: 66°	RealFeel: 93°/67°
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A heavy t-storm in the afternoon	A heavy t-storm in the afternoon	Times of sun and clouds
82° 63°	83° 63°	86° 62°
RealFeel: 89°/65°	RealFeel: 93°/64°	RealFeel: 97°/63°

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REGIONAL WEATHER



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Sierra Vista through 6 p.m. yesterday. (Readings from Sierra Vista Fire Dept.)

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 6 p.m. yest.	0.02"
Rainfall past seven days	0.29"
24-hour rainfall last year	0.57"
Total rainfall year to date	5.04"
Total rainfall last year to date	8.26"
Normal rainfall year to date	6.58"
Diff. from normal y-t-d	-1.54"
Diff. from normal last y-t-d	+1.68"

Temperature:

High	85°
Low	67°

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UV INDEX TODAY



8am 10am Noon 2pm 4pm

SUN AND MOON

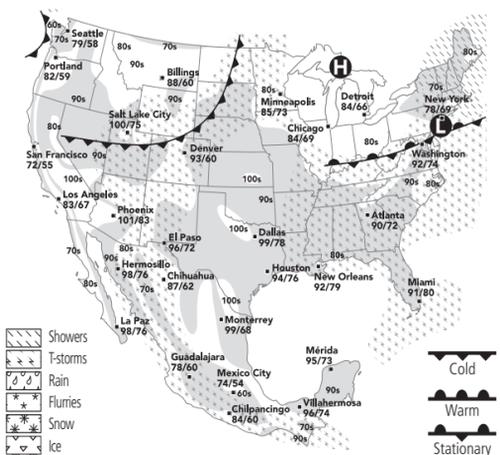
Sunrise today	5:38 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:17 p.m.



ARIZONA CITIES

City	Today			Tue.			City	Today			Tue.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Casa Grande	96	80	c	95	79	t	Phoenix	101	83	c	98	83	t
Flagstaff	75	54	t	74	54	t	Prescott	84	66	t	80	65	t
Globe	89	73	t	87	70	t	Safford	94	70	t	90	70	t
Grand Canyon	83	55	t	82	56	t	Sedona	85	67	t	82	65	t
Green Valley	87	72	t	86	70	t	Show Low	78	58	t	75	58	t
Holbrook	89	64	t	88	65	t	Superior	91	75	t	89	73	t
Kingman	95	75	t	93	73	t	Tombstone	82	66	t	80	66	t
L. Havasu City	107	87	t	105	85	pc	Tucson	90	75	t	88	74	t
Mesa	99	83	c	97	81	t	Window Rock	81	59	t	82	59	t
Nogales	84	67	t	81	65	t	Yuma	104	83	pc	103	83	pc

U.S. / MEXICO WEATHER TODAY



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Tue.			City	Today			Tue.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	90	67	t	88	65	t	Las Vegas	105	86	pc	105	85	pc
Anchorage	65	57	sh	66	55	r	Little Rock	96	77	t	98	77	s
Atlanta	90	72	t	92	73	t	Los Angeles	83	67	pc	81	66	pc
Atlantic City	85	70	t	80	65	pc	Miami	91	80	pc	91	79	t
Austin	98	73	pc	97	73	s	Milwaukee	81	69	pc	84	72	r
Baltimore	89	70	t	87	67	pc	Minneapolis	85	73	pc	87	69	t
Billings	88	60	s	96	65	pc	Nashville	91	73	t	91	73	t
Bismarck	82	59	t	86	64	s	New Orleans	92	79	t	91	79	t
Boston	73	67	r	72	64	c	New York City	78	69	t	80	67	pc
Charleston, SC	92	76	t	93	76	t	Oklahoma City	96	72	s	98	71	s
Charleston, WV	87	67	pc	88	65	pc	Omaha	95	76	pc	95	75	s
Charlotte, NC	91	70	pc	93	76	t	Orlando	95	76	t	93	76	t
Cheyenne	89	57	pc	85	59	pc	Philadelphia	88	71	t	83	68	pc
Chicago	84	69	pc	89	72	r	Pittsburgh	83	63	pc	87	65	pc
Cincinnati	87	68	pc	88	71	pc	Portland, ME	81	60	r	77	58	c
Cleveland	83	65	s	87	68	pc	Portland, OR	82	59	s	76	57	pc
Dallas	99	78	pc	99	79	s	Reno	98	64	s	97	60	s
Dayton	85	66	s	87	71	pc	Sacramento	93	59	s	94	59	s
Denver	93	60	pc	91	64	pc	St. Louis	89	76	pc	96	78	t
Des Moines	90	76	pc	93	75	pc	Salt Lake City	100	75	t	101	76	pc
Detroit	84	66	s	86	71	pc	San Antonio	95	75	pc	95	76	s
El Paso	96	72	t	93	71	t	San Diego	77	69	pc	77	68	pc
Helena	89	55	s	96	56	pc	San Francisco	72	55	pc	70	53	pc
Honolulu	88	75	sh	87	76	s	San Juan, PR	87	78	t	89	78	s
Houston	94	76	pc	95	76	pc	Santa Fe	87	61	t	84	59	t
Indianapolis	85	70	pc	86	74	r	Seattle	79	58	pc	71	57	pc
Jacksonville	93	73	t	93	73	t	Tampa	92	78	t	92	78	t
Kansas City	92	75	pc	95	74	s	Washington, DC	92	74	pc	89	73	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Tue.			City	Today			Tue.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	89	79	t	91	81	t	Mexico City	74	54	t	74	56	t
Athens	96	77	s	95	77	s	Moscow	82	65	pc	84	64	s
Baghdad	119	86	s	119	87	s	Nassau	92	82	pc	93	81	pc
Beijing	89	74	t	94	74	t	New Delhi	87	77	t	89	79	pc
Berlin	72	55	pc	70	59	t	Paris	77	60	pc	74	64	r
Cairo	99	79	s	98	76	s	Rio de Janeiro	82	69	s	82	69	s
Dhahran	114	90	s	116	90	s	Rome	85	68	pc	85	70	s
Hong Kong	97	81	t	88	82	r	Seoul	89	77	pc	89	76	t
Istanbul	90	75	s	89	75	s	Singapore	85	79	pc	87	79	pc
Jerusalem	91	73	s	90	71	s	Sydney	67	52	pc	60	51	sh
Kabul	94	58	s	94	61	s	Taipei	98	82	t	95	79	t
Kuwait City	121	94	s	123	94	t	Tokyo	85	76	t	84	77	t
London	67	59	r	71	63	t	Toronto	82	65	s	84	65	pc
Madrid	95	68	s	98	67	s	Vancouver	74	57	s	68	57	c

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice

EMERGENCY: Storm suggests people sign up for emergency alerts

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firefighter Sturm has held the position of Emergency Services Coordinator for Cochise County. It is a function vital to the community, but one that you hope the community does not have to use.

During monsoon, however, it is inevitable that Sturm will be called upon — usually to deal with the needs of the first responders and to keep the public updated on any potentially dangerous situations.

“If things go bad, I’m there to back up the people out in the field,” he said. “But most of what my job involves is prior to the monsoon ... and making sure everyone has information, such as where the sandbags are, as well as making sure our plans and procedures are in place.”

“I’m not the one who goes out and closes a road, but I’ll be keeping the website updated, and updating our map of county maintained roads.”

Sturm will also make himself available to those first responders, highway maintenance workers, and any other key personnel to help relay information and provide logistical or practical support during an emergency situation, such as flash flooding.

Public communication is also important and Sturm urges area residents to follow his advice when a heavy monsoon downpour hits.

“What surprises people is that it can only take a few inches of fast flowing water across a wash to move a car downstream,” he said.

And yet, every year there are cases where people ignore this recommendation, and the road signs, and find themselves in need of emergency assistance when their vehicle is swept away, sometimes with deadly consequences.

“If you see water running rapidly across a wash, turn around. It just isn’t worth it,” Sturm said.

This advice also applies to road closures, which can often occur in rural areas.

“But we still see peo-

LEARN MORE

Want to find out more about the county’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, road closures, sandbag locations, or whether your home is at risk from flooding?

Here are some websites for further information:

- Emergency Alerts Sign-up: http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/cochise_az/wens.cfm
- Hazard Mitigation Plan: <https://www.cochise.az.gov/emergency-services/2016-cochise-county-multi-jurisdictional-hazard-mitigation-plan-update>
- Flood insurance and flood risk information: <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>
- GIS Parcel Map/Floodplain mapping: <https://3ac41e73860ceb7f7d5b353d97ef9713a353f8f-www.google.com/host/0BznDFdGXICuNFtWVpvM281Q2c/gedit/gedit.htm?map=Parcels>
- Road closures: <https://www.cochise.az.gov/emergency>
- Sandbag locations: https://www.cochise.az.gov/sites/default/files/highway_and_floodplain/SandbagsCountywideLocations2016.pdf
- Sandbag tips: <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Portals/29/docs/emergencymanagement/sandbagshow.pdf>

ple ignore the barricades and drive around them,” he said.

As the monsoon starts to approach in late June and early July, the county offers free sandbags to area residents to help them prepare for a potential flood situation.

Sandbags are available at various points across the region, but anyone who wants them is advised to bring a shovel to fill them.

Sturm emphasizes, however, that sandbags are not an “end all” solution to flooding.

“They are good for re-routing water around small areas, like a doorway or garage, but it would take a lot of sandbags to do any major diking,” he said. “You have to have realistic expectations. Hopefully you will have done your due diligence when buying your property, but if you’re not sure if you’re in a floodplain then you can find out, either by contacting our highway and floodplain department, or you can go on to the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s website.”

As well as monitoring the county’s website for the latest information, local citizens can also sign up for the organization’s emergency alerts service.

To do this, they need to go to the county’s website and register their telephone number and address, before checking the type of information they would like to receive alerts on, such as severe weather, fire, or boiling water advisories.

Right now, about

20,000 people have registered, but Sturm would like to see that number increase.

“It’s a great system but it’s only as good as the database,” he said. “The more people that sign up, the more people we can relay emergency information to. If you get something like a pre-evacuation alert, then make sure your neighbors know about it also. We won’t flood you with texts or messages though. It’s usually only used if there is an immediate threat to life or health safety.”

The arrival of monsoon also brings with it an increase in mosquito activity, and Sturm works closely with the county health department to help mitigate any potential issues.

While much focus has been placed on the Zika virus, Sturm said there have been no known cases of Zika being contracted inside the U.S.

That doesn’t mean, however, that local residents should not take precautions to help prevent being bitten.

“Make sure you wear an insect repellent that contains DEET, and eliminate any potential mosquito breeding grounds,” Sturm advises. “That could be dumping out buckets of standing water or placing mosquito disks in ponds or fountains.”

In the fall of 2014, a state of emergency was declared in Cochise County by then Governor Jan Brewer when the area was hit by the tail end of Hurricane Odile.

Heavy rainfall and

the subsequent flooding left a number of local roads damaged and the county facing a hefty repair bill.

“There was quite a bit of damage to county roadways,” recalls Sturm. “But, working with Arizona Division of Emergency and Military Affairs, the county was able to qualify for public disaster assistance through the Arizona emergency fund.”

Thanks to the joint efforts of Sturm and the Highway and Floodplain Department, which oversaw the work and handled the mountains of paperwork involved, the county will receive around \$1.5 million back into its coffers in reimbursement for approved repair work.

This kind of success is a good example of what takes up the majority of Sturm’s time.

“A big part of my job is meetings,” he explained. “I probably drive about 20,000 miles a year with this job, but that’s because emergency management is 60 percent relationship building.”

Right now, Sturm is focused on building a relationship with local residents and wants to hear from them about how they perceive risk.

He is asking people to participate in a survey as part of the process to update the county’s Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

“The money we’re receiving back from the state would not have been available had we not had a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place,” said Sturm. “It’s important that we have public participation in updating the plan and we want to gauge their perceptions of risk and concerns. Are our maps correct, what threatens them the most, and are the floodplain areas correct?”

“We also have to engage the local municipalities because it’s part of their job as the local authorities to see what the needs are, and all of our local municipalities are helping with that.”

To participate in the public risk perception survey visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CochiseHazardRisk>.

Rescues prompt warning to hikers