

Festival returns to help out

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Storms trigger rescues, river warnings in San Juan County



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A motorist makes a turn through a flooded area on U.S. Highway 64 westbound in Kirtland on Saturday.

County receives 1.13 inches of rain, about 200% of normal for time of year

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Above-average rainfall over the weekend in San Juan County swelled rivers and prompted two vehicle rescues.

The Four Corners Regional Airport reported that Farmington received 1.13 inches of rain Oct. 11-12, according to National

Weather Service hydrologist Andrew Mangham.

"It's well above normal for this time of year," Mangham said. "It's 200% of normal."

The weekend storm system came from the remnants of Hurricane Priscilla in the Pacific. Rain on Oct. 13 came from Tropical Storm Raymond, said David Craft, a meteorologist with the

National Weather Service.

"In this case we got a one-two punch," Craft said. More rain is forecast through Wednesday, according to the NWS hydrologic outlook.

The monsoon started in June. "The first few days of June created the wettest days on record for Farmington," Craft said.

"The monsoon ended at the end of September," Craft said, adding this storm brought "a monsoon-like flow."

"What really enhanced this flow was the decaying tropical

storms," Craft said. He said the pattern may continue into November.

These storms were in the Eastern Pacific. "The moisture tracked northeastward over Arizona and Colorado," Craft said. "A lot of that rain flowed down the Animas, San Juan and La Plata rivers with high water levels."

"As for the river flows, they will be quite elevated for the next few days," Mangham said,

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