

Girl's severe allergies cause strain with animal-loving aunt

DEAR ABBY: My 8-year-old daughter is seriously allergic to most animals, including cats and dogs. Even a little fur sets her off. We are working with an allergist, but this isn't something that's going to go away with simple treatment.

My sister lives in a different state and has invited my family to spend the holidays at her home this year. However, she recently started fostering stray animals for a local shelter and has between five and 10 of them in her house at a time, in addition to their two cats and a dog. I have told my sister we can't visit her with the animals there.

Although she insists that she'll vacuum and it will be OK, there is no way this is safe for my kid. Even if we slept at a hotel, spending the day in a "furry" house will be uncomfortable if not dangerous for my daughter.

My brother-in-law has a mild allergy for which he takes over-the-counter medication. My sister refuses to understand that this is different. She thinks I'm being difficult and overprotective. How do I get her to see that this isn't about her, and I'm just protecting my kid?

— FUR'S FLYIN' IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR FUR'S FLYIN': Ask your daughter's doctor to please — in the name of family harmony — write you a short letter explaining that because of your daughter's severe allergy, she cannot be in an environment that hasn't been professionally sanitized, and simply vacuuming isn't enough. Forward a copy of the letter to your sister with a loving note explaining that you aren't trying to hurt her feelings, but your daughter's health MUST come first.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I married late in life, and while he has never been married before, I have an adult child from a previous marriage. My husband's parents passed away, but his two siblings are torturing him. They are exceedingly bothered by the money and time my husband spends on us, constantly complaining to him that his "blood" family should be more important than his new family. How can we turn this situation around other than cut them off completely (as his therapist has suggested)?

— FRUSTRATED SISTER-IN-LAW

DEAR S-I-L: Your husband is paying good money for the advice he is receiving from his therapist. What the therapist is telling him makes sense. You cannot change your greedy, envious in-laws. You will save yourselves a world of pain and aggravation if you take the advice and distance yourselves both physically and emotionally.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have demanding jobs neither of us is crazy about. I sell insurance; she manages a hairdressing salon for a large company. At day's end

I keep the events of the day — good or bad — to myself. I have heard the saying "Don't bring your family problems to work, and don't bring your work problems home," so I don't carry any "baggage" home with me. If something positive happens, I may mention it.

How do I get my wife to leave her work problems at work? It's the last thing I want to hear about. If I offer an opinion or respond to her, I get criticized and accused of not appreciating how hard she works. She has actually said, "No one else in this world works as hard as I do!" I would like to have an enjoyable evening or weekend with her and not have to hear about HER work problems.

— BAGGAGE-FREE

DEAR BAGGAGE-FREE: There is another saying that may help you to be more understanding: A joy shared is twice a joy; a burden shared is half a burden. If your wife can't discuss her frustrations with you, who else can she safely confide in? Women often just need someone to listen.

Because this is getting to you to the point that you would write to me about it, rather than offer suggestions or opinions, it's time you tell her what you have conveyed to me. Maybe you can agree on a time when these issues can be discussed, once you both have decompressed from your demanding jobs.

TO MY JEWISH READERS: Passover begins at sundown. Happy Passover, everyone!

— LOVE, ABBY

Drones, supercomputers and sonar deployed against floods

Dan Bain
The Associated Press

SUTHERLIN — After a closure from February's epic snowstorm, the St. Francis Community Kitchen is back in business.

The kitchen serves meals to anyone in need each Monday and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m., in the kitchen and dining room of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sutherlin — a feat that works out to be approximately 40 to 60 meals each day. It had to shut down after the snow storm of Feb. 24 caused some major damage to the building that houses the cafeteria.

After the snowstorm on Feb. 24, the roof began to leak, ultimately spreading from the upstairs down to kitchen and dining area on the first floor.

"There is a floor above us with classrooms and an office and the roof leaked through the tar paper," said Gail Francis, co-chair of the Community Kitchen. "It leaked into two light

fixtures and it went down into the wall and also wrecked the carpet."

Because of the damage, the kitchen had to close for over six weeks.

"We were really worried about all of our folks, but a couple of the volunteers work at the food pantry, so they were giving extra boxes of food," Francis said.

Fred Young, 92 years old and a World War II veteran, eats at the center every Monday and Wednesday. He occasionally plays the harmonica for those who come, and he missed the camaraderie and friendship with the other visitors.

"That's the main thing, I come to socialize," Young said. "They have all different foods. Sometimes they have macaroni and cheese, man that's a good meal."

Volunteer Bennie Sigman said he's missed serving the people who come to eat.

"A lot of it is for the socializing, but a lot of people come here for the

food too. There's a lot of them that really need it," Sigman said.

The church has insurance that will cover much of the damage.

"What we noticed on Monday was that they were so appreciative of us coming back," said Theresa Kirkpatrick, a co-chair of the community kitchen. "We serve the needs of Sutherlin and the surrounding areas."

Kirkpatrick said because of the extended closure, it may take some time to get the numbers back up. The quality of food she said, is more like restaurant quality instead of a soup kitchen.

"There are times we get homeless folks, sometimes families, some people that live on their own," Francis said.

The dinners are available to anyone in the Sutherlin and the surrounding area.

The center is run by volunteers and Francis says they are always looking for more people to help out.

Greece: Acropolis reopens after severe weather warning

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Authorities in Greece have reopened the ancient Acropolis to visitors after a temporary closure the day after a lightning strike injured four people.

The Culture Ministry said the severe weather that had been forecast for

Athens earlier Thursday failed to materialize so the Acropolis was reopened.

On Wednesday, two visitors and two guards were slightly injured in the lightning strike at the country's most famous ancient site.

The Culture Ministry said the citadel's lightning

conductor, which is set apart from the 2,500-year-old marble buildings, was hit.

The impact shattered glass windows nearby. The guards and the two visitors were taken to a hospital with cuts.

The monuments suffered no damage.

weather

	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Showers around early	Clouds and sun; cooler	Partly sunny and warmer	Partly sunny and nice	Partly sunny and warm
Baker City	46	58 39	66 35	70 42	73 44
Comfort Index™	9	5	10	10	9
La Grande	44	57 35	64 35	66 43	71 48
Comfort Index™	8	7	10	10	10
Enterprise	41	54 29	61 31	63 39	68 45
Comfort Index™	10	6	10	10	10

Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Wednesday	61°	59°	61°
Low Wednesday	36°	40°	41°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	0.00	0.02	0.05
Month to date	0.76	1.88	4.77
Normal month to date	0.43	0.83	1.13
Year to date	4.39	6.79	16.49
Normal year to date	2.63	5.06	8.83

WED. EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 96°	Laredo, Texas
Low: 0°	Bodie State Park, Calif.
Wettest: 2.10"	Marshfield, Wis.
OREGON	
High: 72°	Medford
Low: 27°	Crater Lake
Wettest: 0.05"	Meacham

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	45%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	3.3
Evapotranspiration	0.11

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)	
Phillips Reservoir	36% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	89% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	79% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	94% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	87% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	N.A.

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Wednesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	12000 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	N.A.
Burnt River near Unity	448 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	813 cfs
Minam River at Minam	634 cfs
Powder River near Richland	748 cfs

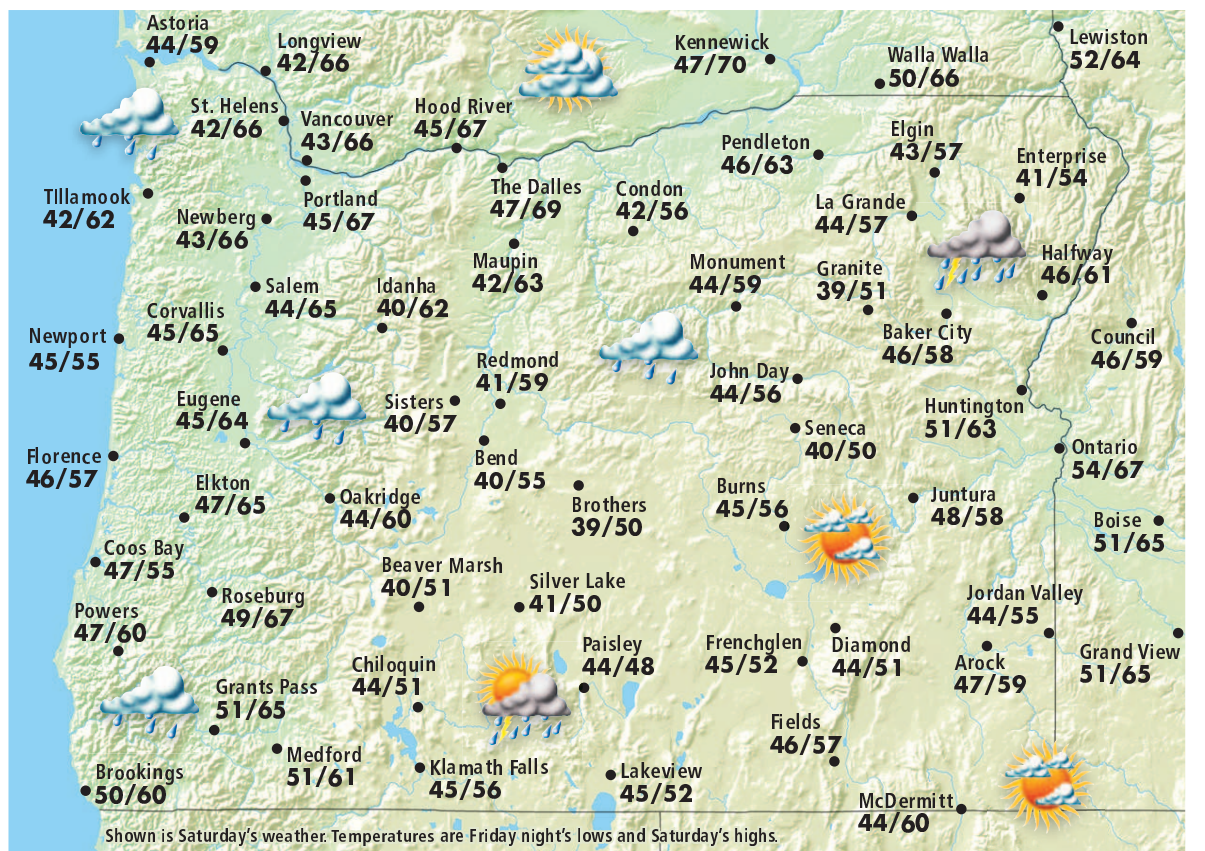
SUN & MOON

	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	6:01 a.m.	5:59 a.m.
Sunset	7:43 p.m.	7:44 p.m.
Moonrise	8:15 p.m.	9:28 p.m.
Moonsset	6:35 a.m.	7:05 a.m.

MOON PHASES			
Full	Last	New	First
Apr 19	Apr 26	May 4	May 11

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT.	SUN.	City	SAT.	SUN.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	59/44/s	57/42/s	Lewiston	64/45/pc	67/43/pc
Bend	55/31/pc	65/36/s	Longview	66/40/s	65/40/s
Boise	65/46/c	67/43/pc	Meacham	54/31/pc	61/32/pc
Brookings	60/46/pc	62/45/s	Medford	61/45/pc	70/45/s
Burns	56/33/sh	65/34/pc	Newport	55/45/s	54/43/s
Coos Bay	55/44/s	57/42/s	Olympia	64/38/s	65/39/s
Corvallis	65/43/s	67/40/s	Ontario	67/48/sh	71/44/pc
Council	59/39/c	65/35/pc	Pasco	72/43/pc	76/45/s
Elgin	57/32/pc	63/33/pc	Pendleton	63/40/pc	67/43/s
Eugene	64/42/s	67/40/s	Portland	67/45/s	68/44/s
Hermiston	70/40/pc	72/45/s	Powers	60/42/s	65/40/s
Hood River	67/43/pc	70/45/s	Redmond	59/35/pc	66/37/s
Imnaha	59/37/pc	66/38/pc	Roseburg	67/46/pc	70/45/s
John Day	56/33/pc	64/34/pc	Salem	65/43/s	67/41/s
Joseph	54/30/pc	61/30/pc	Spokane	63/37/pc	65/41/pc
Kennewick	70/40/pc	73/43/s	The Dalles	69/44/pc	72/44/s
Klamath Falls	56/33/sh	65/34/s	Ukiah	53/28/pc	60/31/s
Lakeview	52/33/sh	62/32/s	Walla Walla	66/44/pc	67/48/pc

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Colder	34	23
PHILLIPS LAKE	Cooler	52	31
MT. EMILY REC.	Clouds and sun	44	31
BROWNLEE RES.	Cooler	63	38
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Cooler	40	23
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Cooler	49	26
WALLOWA LAKE	Cooler	54	30
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Partly sunny	61	38
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Cooler	58	39
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Cooler	57	35



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