

Concern for grandma's health keeps grandson from visiting

DEAR ABBY: I work and have a family and live five hours from where I grew up. My mom isn't in the best health and neither is her husband. While I try to visit as often as I can, she always wants me to visit more often, which I understand.

The problem is, she keeps asking us to leave our 5-year-old son with her for long weekends or to spend a week with her and her husband. They are good people, but both have physical limitations.

Would I let my son stay with them if one of them was still in good health? Yes. It is hard for me to explain to her my concern that my son would be too much for them to deal with at this point. If she has a series of good days, great. If she doesn't, we would have a problem, and I'd have to drive back to deal with it.

I have tried explaining nicely, and then other times more directly, that it isn't that I don't want her to spend time with her grandchildren. I'm tired of the guilt trips she tries to put on me. I'm also tired of her telling my son to "talk to your mom about staying with me for a week."

As a child, I was in my son's position, and I know how it affected me. I just wanted to see "Sara," and I thought Mom and Dad were mean for not letting me. I do not want my son to feel that way. He's a child, not a pawn in a game. Can you help me explain to my mom that my concern is for the safety of everyone involved?



DEAR ABBY

going out to the bars and, because my town is extremely Catholic, there are only a couple of gay-friendly ones.

Is it OK to not be actively looking for love? Everyone I know keeps asking me if I have found someone, and I keep telling them I don't believe in love. I'm content. I don't do anything but work, so I always say I never have time.

Is there something wrong with being single all your life and not having a significant other? I have my cat to love, as well as my sisters. Does a person have to be with someone if they are content being alone? Yes, I would like to go out, but why does it have to be with a partner?

— **CONTENT LONER IN MONTANA**

DEAR LONER: If you are comfortable flying solo, it is perfectly acceptable to live your life that way. The people who are telling you otherwise may mean well, but you do not have to take it to heart. Live your life the way you want, do not second-guess yourself and don't allow yourself to be pressured. If you are content, you are doing fine.

DEAR ABBY: I am about to be shipped off to basic training for the Army, and I have heard many horror stories about military spouses cheating while their significant other is away. Any advice on how to make sure my relationship doesn't end up like that? Do you think she will cheat?

— **WONDERING IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR WONDERING: Having never met your significant other, I have no way of guessing whether she will cheat on you — just as I can't predict if the reverse will be true.

But this I do know: Communication is the key to overcoming the physical distance. Writing and Skyping as often as you can to share what's going on will keep you from drifting apart.

Will there be more temptations while you're separated? Probably. That's true for both of you. If you plan on spending the rest of your life with this person — or anyone — you should be confident that she's trustworthy.

— **SAFETY FIRST**

DEAR SAFETY FIRST: Have a series of talks with your little boy. He needs to understand that, although Grandma loves him and wants him to visit, she is not always well enough to look after him properly if he does, which is why you won't allow it. It isn't his fault, it isn't your fault, and it isn't Grandma's.

If Grandma could come to visit you occasionally for a few days, it might give her more time with your boy and be good for both of them.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old, single gay man. Although I've had a few crushes, I have never been deeply in love. I don't like

OREGON New agreements boost conservation on 2M acres

By **Jes Burns**
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SALEM — Federal wildlife officials have entered into agreements with timber companies and the state of Oregon to protect the rare Pacific fisher on nearly 2 million acres of forestland in Oregon.

Five companies — Green Diamond, Weyerhaeuser, Roseburg, Lone Rock and Hancock — have signed conservation agreements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over the past few months.

The fisher is a carnivorous mammal related to weasels and mink and once was widely found in the Pacific Northwest. But their numbers crashed because of trapping, the use of rodenticides and destruction of their habitat through logging and other development that removed forestlands.

The agreements puts on-the-ground conservation measures in place while still allowing timber companies to inadvertently kill fisher though a provision called "incidental take," a commonly employed allowance in federal species protection plans. The agreements' conservation measures include things like maintaining a quarter mile radius of undisturbed buffer around known den sites, leaving downed trees in place to provide habitat and lengthening the time between cutting trees.

"The biggest part of these agreements are the measures that these companies are agreeing to do on their



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Fishers are rare in the United States. The fisher is a carnivorous mammal related to weasels and mink and once was widely found in the Pacific Northwest.

property," said Fish and Wildlife Service Oregon supervisor Paul Henson. "To increase the retention of certain types of habitat on the property that they otherwise wouldn't have to do under state forest practice regulations."

Currently, privately-owned timberlands in Oregon are regulated under the Oregon Forest Practices Act.

"These voluntary conservation measures to protect the fisher, it's something new to Roseburg, but something that we've embraced," said Mark Wall, land and timber manager for Roseburg Forest Products.

Currently, small native populations of fishers remain only in Southern Oregon and Northern California, although efforts are underway to reintroduce fishers from Canada in Washington.

Wall says the company's surveys haven't found any fishers living on their land in southern Douglas County, the closest Roseburg Forest Products property to the current known range. But the agreement provides an avenue for federal fisher re-population efforts to include releases Roseburg Forest Products land.

"We hope that the habitat that we're leaving and starting to create for them will one day lead to them becoming something you'll find on our property," Wall said.

Wall said the company is training its forest contractors to recognize fisher dens and habitat.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is currently considering whether to protect the fisher and its habitat under the federal Endangered Species Act. The voluntary conservation agreements could influence that decision.

AccuWeather weather

	TONIGHT	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
	Clear and cold	Sunny	Partial sunshine	Clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny
Baker City	16	53 22	55 26	56 22	54 22
Comfort Index™	6	6	9	7	7
La Grande	24	51 27	55 33	54 31	55 32
Comfort Index™	4	5	9	6	9
Enterprise	22	49 27	52 32	51 28	51 30
Comfort Index™	4	6	7	6	7

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	43°	43°	44°
Low Wednesday	4°	5°	8°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.11	0.59	3.17
Normal month to date	0.60	1.23	1.62
Year to date	7.14	13.10	25.85
Normal year to date	8.22	12.77	17.47

WED. EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 95°	Jacksonville, Fla.
Low: -46°	Peter Sinks, Utah
Wettest: 4.41"	Crestview, Fla.
OREGON	
High: 65°	Brookings
Low: -1°	Rome
Wettest: none	

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 1, 1861, a hurricane battered the Union fleet as it tried to attack ports in the Carolinas. On Nov. 1, 1946, a tropical storm drenched Naples, Fla., with almost 8 inches of rain.

SUN & MOON

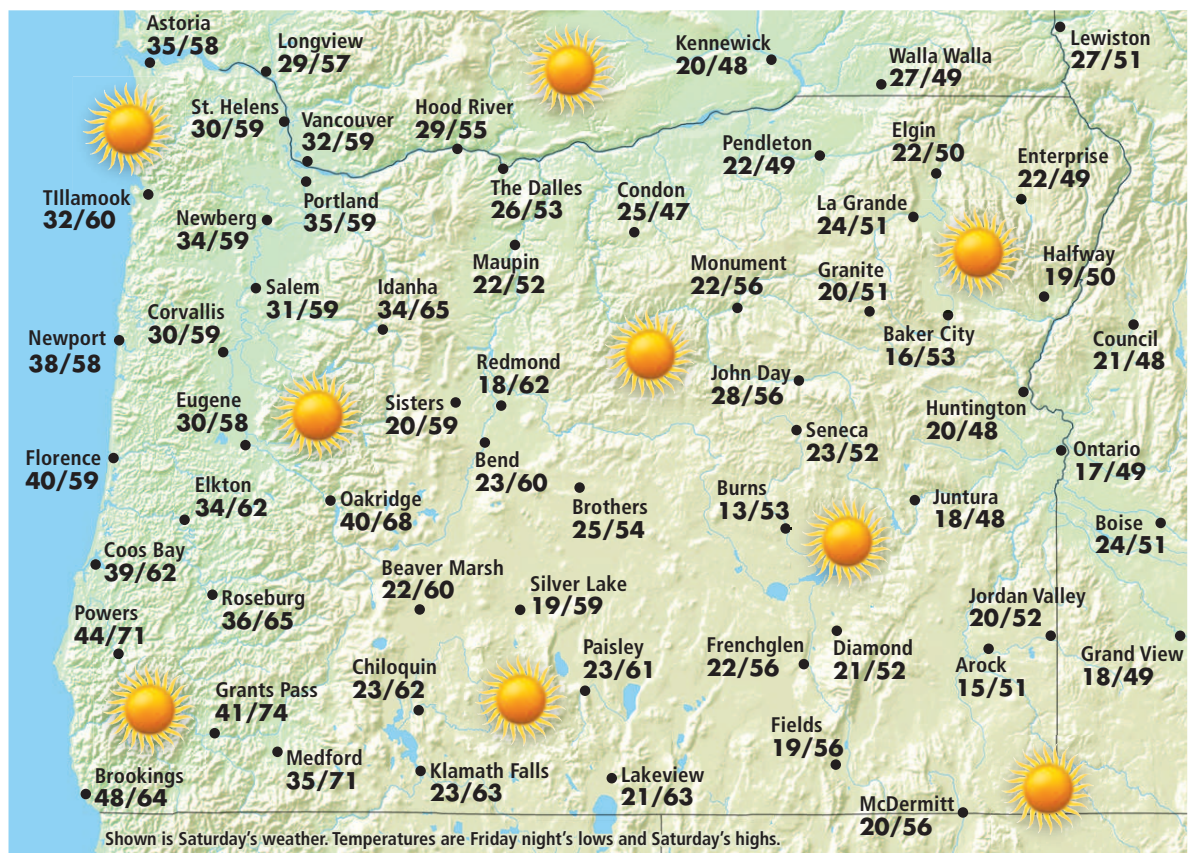
	FRI.	SAT.
Sunrise	7:31 a.m.	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	5:40 p.m.	5:39 p.m.
Moonrise	12:31 p.m.	1:22 p.m.
Moonset	9:25 p.m.	10:22 p.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 4	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26

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	58/41/s	56/44/r	Lewiston	51/31/pc	52/35/pc
Bend	60/29/s	66/32/s	Longview	57/36/s	56/44/c
Boise	51/28/s	53/33/s	Meacham	50/26/s	53/30/pc
Brookings	64/49/s	68/49/s	Medford	71/37/s	68/38/s
Burns	53/20/s	64/27/s	Newport	58/39/s	56/44/s
Coos Bay	62/40/s	60/42/s	Olympia	56/33/pc	57/40/c
Corvallis	59/33/s	61/39/s	Ontario	49/21/s	52/27/s
Council	48/26/s	51/31/pc	Pasco	50/27/s	54/29/pc
Elgin	50/27/s	53/33/pc	Pendleton	49/28/s	52/34/pc
Eugene	58/35/s	61/39/s	Portland	59/37/s	58/45/pc
Hermiston	50/26/s	53/31/pc	Powers	71/40/s	69/43/s
Hood River	55/35/s	58/42/pc	Redmond	62/25/s	68/30/s
Imnaha	54/31/s	56/37/pc	Roseburg	65/36/s	65/41/s
John Day	56/31/s	58/36/s	Salem	59/33/s	60/40/pc
Joseph	50/28/s	51/32/pc	Spokane	46/27/pc	46/29/pc
Kennewick	48/27/s	52/30/pc	The Dalles	53/33/s	56/38/pc
Klamath Falls	63/27/s	66/25/s	Ukiah	53/27/s	55/31/pc
Lakeview	63/24/s	65/24/s	Walla Walla	49/33/s	54/36/pc

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

RECREATION FORECAST SATURDAY

Location	SAT.	SUN.	Location	SAT.	SUN.
ANTHONY LAKES	40	22	PHILLIPS LAKE	50	23
MT. EMILY REC.	45	29	BROWNLEE RES.	53	26
EAGLE CAP WILD.	39	20	EMIGRANT ST. PARK	49	25
WALLOWA LAKE	50	28	MCKAY RESERVOIR	50	30
THIEF VALLEY RES.	53	22	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	51	27

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