

# Girls get early training in art of writing thank-you notes

**DEAR ABBY:** I have my granddaughters write thank-you notes to everyone who gave them presents for Christmas, birthdays and special events. They are 7 and 8 years old now. They have fun drawing pictures and mailing the letters, and the recipients enjoy receiving their notes. I would like to order your Letters Booklet because it contains samples of many other types of correspondence.

— LINDA IN CENTERVILLE, TEXAS

**DEAR LINDA:** You are giving your granddaughters an early lesson in good manners, and your idea of having them draw pictures on their thank-you notes is clever. Because most children like to draw, some parents have their children do this before they learn to write.

As your granddaughters grow older, suggest that they keep a notebook handy when they open their gifts and jot down the first thing that comes to mind when they see the gift. Do they like the color? The style? Is it something they have been wanting? Write it down and use it for inspiration.

My booklet is helpful for people of all ages who put off writing because they don't know what to say. It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Inside you will find many samples that can be used as patterns from which to write your own. For anyone who has ever wondered where to begin when writing a note of thanks, congratulations, condolences, composing a love letter or the opposite — announcing a broken engagement or a decision to divorce — "How to Write Letters" is a handy guide for putting words down on paper.

**DEAR ABBY:** A close friend of mine recently confided that at a recent office happy hour, after most of her co-workers went home, she made out with a married manager. After that, they went to another bar, after which he eventually paid a \$200 taxi ride for her to go to her parents' house where she was spending the weekend. Now they text after work hours

(presumably while he is home with his wife and kids), and he has invited her out to lunch and drinks, which she has rebuffed.

I asked her what their goal was for this "relationship" — do they want an affair? Something more? She says they are just friends, and she's mad at me for even questioning it. She just broke up with her longtime boyfriend, and I don't want her to get hurt by getting involved with this man from her office. Any advice?

— WORRIED FRIEND IN NEW YORK

**DEAR WORRIED FRIEND:** You asked your friend an intelligent question. Now it's time to step back out of the line of fire. This will not end well, and somebody is going to be unhappy as this unfolds. Do not let it be you.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm recently divorced. We have two wonderful children ages 6 and 11. I try to spend as much time with them as possible because it's important to me, even if it means spending time with my ex-wife.

The woman I am dating is also divorced. She has a bad relationship with her ex and doesn't think I should spend any time with my ex, even if it's for the sake of the kids. An example: My daughter's birthday is coming up, and it is my ex's day with the kids. However, we will be going out for a birthday dinner, and my girlfriend doesn't think I should go.

I'm not torn about going to dinner. I am torn about how to deal with the new girlfriend regarding my relationship with my kids and ex-wife. Any suggestions?

— JEFF IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR JEFF:** Yes, and I sincerely hope you will take this to heart. What you have described is a huge red flag. Lose this girlfriend now. She appears to be both selfish and insecure, and she will worsen your relationship with your ex and destroy your relationship with your children if she can.

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|                   | TONIGHT       | THU                     | FRI            | SAT          | SUN                |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                   | Partly cloudy | Times of clouds and sun | Showers around | Mostly sunny | Mild with some sun |
| <b>Baker City</b> | <b>26</b>     | <b>56 25</b>            | <b>54 25</b>   | <b>53 28</b> | <b>55 28</b>       |
| Comfort Index™    | 8             | 7                       | 7              | 7            | 7                  |
| <b>La Grande</b>  | <b>32</b>     | <b>55 31</b>            | <b>52 31</b>   | <b>51 33</b> | <b>56 39</b>       |
| Comfort Index™    | 7             | 7                       | 4              | 7            | 7                  |
| <b>Enterprise</b> | <b>30</b>     | <b>53 33</b>            | <b>51 31</b>   | <b>49 32</b> | <b>55 36</b>       |
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### ALMANAC

| TEMPERATURES           | Baker City | La Grande | Elgin |
|------------------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| High Monday            | 55°        | 54°       | 52°   |
| Low Monday             | 18°        | 24°       | 29°   |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) |            |           |       |
| Monday                 | 0.00       | 0.00      | 0.00  |
| Month to date          | 0.00       | Trace     | 0.00  |
| Normal month to date   | 0.32       | 0.72      | 1.01  |
| Year to date           | 7.14       | 13.10     | 25.85 |
| Normal year to date    | 8.57       | 13.55     | 18.56 |

### MONDAY EXTREMES

| NATION (for the 48 contiguous states) |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| High: 93°                             | Palm Springs, Calif. |
| Low: -30°                             | Rudyard, Mont.       |
| Wettest: 1.58"                        | Jacksonville, Ark.   |
| OREGON                                |                      |
| High: 69°                             | Medford              |
| Low: 18°                              | Baker City           |
| Wettest: none                         |                      |

### WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 13, 1883, the Leonids Meteor Shower put on a spectacular show from midnight to dawn. Clear skies favored viewing in many parts of the country.

### SUN & MOON

|          | WED.      | THU.      |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Sunrise  | 6:48 a.m. | 6:49 a.m. |
| Sunset   | 4:25 p.m. | 4:24 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 5:29 p.m. | 6:09 p.m. |
| Moonset  | 7:47 a.m. | 8:53 a.m. |

### MOON PHASES

| Last   | New    | First | Full   |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|        |        |       |        |
| Nov 19 | Nov 26 | Dec 3 | Dec 11 |

### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

#### HAY INFORMATION THURSDAY

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Lowest relative humidity | 45%              |
| Afternoon wind           | S at 7 to 14 mph |
| Hours of sunshine        | 6.0              |
| Evapotranspiration       | 0.05             |

#### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Tuesday)

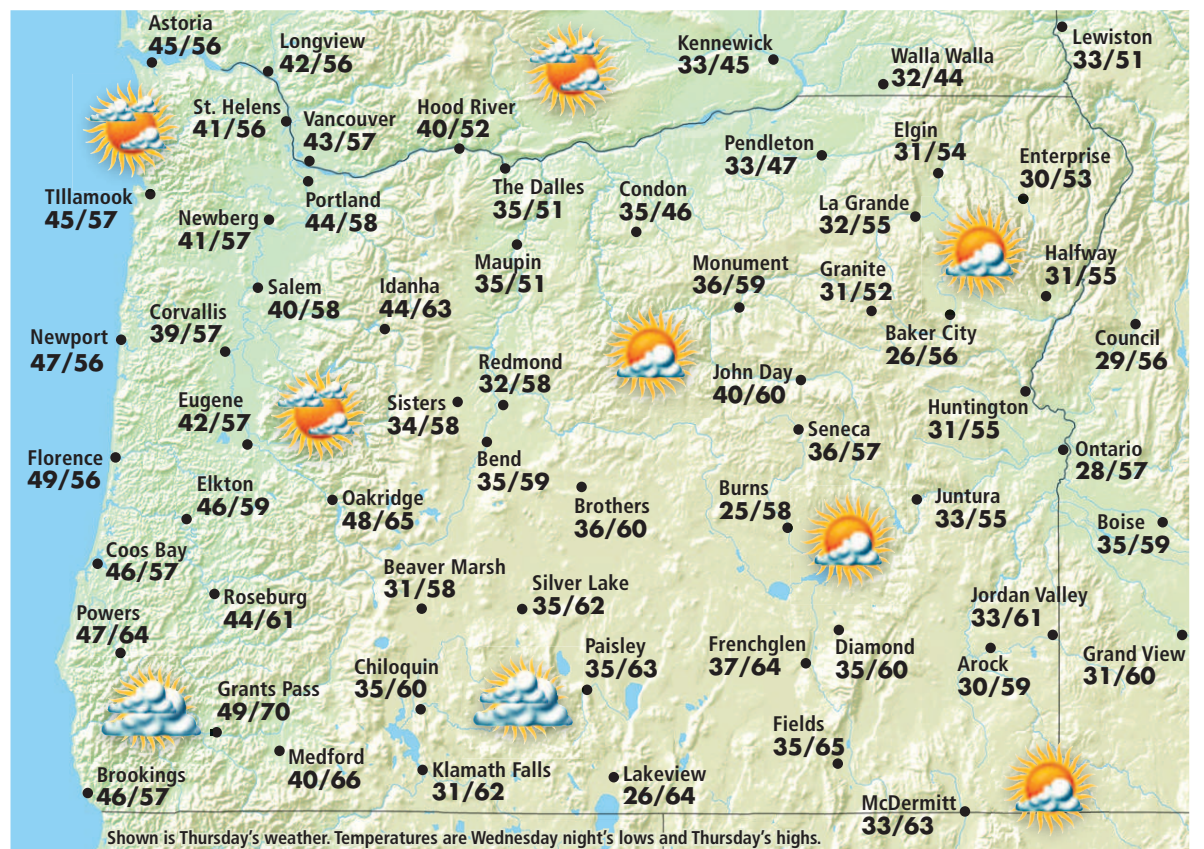
|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Phillips Reservoir     | 22% of capacity |
| Unity Reservoir        | 32% of capacity |
| Owyhee Reservoir       | 63% of capacity |
| McKay Reservoir        | 23% of capacity |
| Wallowa Lake           | 28% of capacity |
| Thief Valley Reservoir | 37% of capacity |

#### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Monday)

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Grande Ronde at Troy                     | 797 cfs |
| Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder | 1 cfs   |
| Burnt River near Unity                   | 13 cfs  |
| Umatilla River near Gibbon               | 53 cfs  |
| Minam River at Minam                     | 87 cfs  |
| Powder River near Richland               | 28 cfs  |

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

| City           | THU.     | FRI.     | City        | THU.     | FRI.     |
|----------------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|
|                | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  |             | Hi/Lo/W  | Hi/Lo/W  |
| Astoria        | 56/49/c  | 57/44/sh | Lewiston    | 51/37/pc | 51/38/sh |
| Bend           | 59/36/c  | 57/28/c  | Longview    | 56/47/c  | 57/44/sh |
| Boise          | 59/36/pc | 59/32/c  | Meacham     | 53/31/pc | 49/30/sh |
| Brookings      | 57/47/c  | 60/47/c  | Medford     | 66/38/pc | 63/37/c  |
| Burns          | 58/23/pc | 60/18/pc | Newport     | 56/50/c  | 55/43/c  |
| Coos Bay       | 57/48/c  | 57/42/sh | Olympia     | 57/45/c  | 57/42/sh |
| Corvallis      | 57/45/c  | 59/41/c  | Ontario     | 57/30/pc | 58/29/c  |
| Council Bluffs | 56/36/pc | 55/32/c  | Pasco       | 46/32/c  | 54/31/c  |
| Elgin          | 54/32/pc | 51/33/sh | Pendleton   | 47/32/pc | 53/36/pc |
| Eugene         | 57/46/c  | 58/41/sh | Portland    | 58/47/c  | 60/44/sh |
| Hermiston      | 47/31/c  | 55/35/c  | Powers      | 64/51/c  | 60/42/sh |
| Hood River     | 52/39/c  | 56/39/c  | Redmond     | 58/31/c  | 60/26/c  |
| Imnaha         | 59/38/pc | 56/37/sh | Roseburg    | 61/46/c  | 60/43/c  |
| John Day       | 60/36/pc | 55/35/pc | Salem       | 58/46/c  | 59/42/sh |
| Joseph         | 54/34/pc | 52/30/sh | Spokane     | 45/35/pc | 46/34/c  |
| Kennewick      | 45/33/c  | 54/33/c  | The Dalles  | 51/34/c  | 57/38/c  |
| Klamath Falls  | 62/30/pc | 59/25/c  | Ukiah       | 56/32/pc | 49/30/pc |
| Lakeview       | 64/25/pc | 58/23/c  | Walla Walla | 44/33/c  | 52/39/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 THURSDAY

|  |              |  |  |              |  |
|--|--------------|--|--|--------------|--|
| <b>ANTHONY LAKES</b><br>Periods of sun     | <b>43 22</b> |  | <b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b><br>Partly sunny; mild | <b>53 29</b> |  |
| <b>MT. EMILY REC.</b><br>Partly sunny      | <b>48 31</b> |  | <b>BROWNLEE RES.</b><br>Partly sunny       | <b>59 34</b> |  |
| <b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b><br>Partly sunny     | <b>42 25</b> |  | <b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b><br>Periods of sun | <b>52 32</b> |  |
| <b>WALLOWA LAKE</b><br>Partly sunny        | <b>54 34</b> |  | <b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b><br>Partly sunny     | <b>49 34</b> |  |
| <b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b><br>Periods of sun | <b>56 25</b> |  | <b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b><br>Partly sunny | <b>55 31</b> |  |

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