

Teen's sudden death comes amid fractured friendship



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: Last year, after a falling out with someone I have been friends with for more than 20 years, I was OK with writing this person off and going on with my life. From my understanding, this person felt the same way.

Last week, their teenage son died in a terrible accident. I was heartbroken. I truly cared about the boy and had watched him grow up. I reached out and received no response (as I expected). I'm torn about whether I should go to the

funeral and how it would be perceived. I want to show support, but I'm concerned I'm not wanted there. I'm also concerned that if I don't go it will look awful and disrespectful, since I have been a part of this boy's life. I don't know what to do. — Cared For Him in Ohio

Dear Cared For Him: You may not have heard from the family because they are grieving and not communicating with everyone. As I see it, you have several choices: Send a condolence card, send flowers, contribute to a charity in the young man's name and/or go unobtrusively to the funeral and sit in the back. If, however, you decide to do this, do not go with

any expectation it will heal the breach in your relationship.

Dear Abby: I was happily married for almost 20 years. Suddenly my husband became withdrawn, obviously unhappy, and moved out. He keeps telling me we are going to spend the rest of our lives together, that we aren't divorced, just "taking a break."

Although I had a great relationship with his family, they no longer speak to me. My family still treats him the same. He has a friend who is always whispering in his ear about how terrible I am. My husband denies it, but I have seen the text messages. As far as I know, I haven't done anything to this friend.

Between my husband's paydays, I help him out financially. We're both close to retirement age because we married late, and we still have a teenager at home. Do I wait for him to come around, or move on with my life? I still love him, but I'm feeling used. — Disillusioned in the South

Dear Disillusioned: You are not only being used, but also being lied to. In addition, your in-laws' behavior is emotionally abusive. (Could they have been told things about you that aren't true?) Offer your husband the option of marriage and family therapy and a chance to repair what went wrong. However, if he refuses, quit being so accommo-

dating, close your checkbook and move on with your life.

Dear Abby: After an invitation to visit, how long can I stay before I'm imposing? — Too Long in New Mexico

Dear Too Long: It depends upon the relationship you have with the person who invited you. Usually, when an invitation is extended, it is for a specified time period — a week, a weekend, etc.

Two truisms apply here: "Guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days" (Benjamin Franklin), and "One of the most important things that Hollywood teaches is to always leave your audience hungry for a little more" (Howard Bragman).

P.S. When in doubt, ask!

SUMMIT

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The highlights of a hike along the Elkhorn Crest often aren't limited to the floral.

The area between Marble Creek Pass and Elkhorn Peak is prime habitat for the mountain goats that have thrived in the range since the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife released the first batch in 1983 along Pine Creek, just north of Elkhorn Peak.

I saw five goats on our hike — including a nanny and three kids reclining on a snowfield, the animals' favorite spot on summer afternoons.

But if you're patient, and bring binoculars, you're almost certain to see far more goats than I did. The best places to look are those aforementioned notches along the trail, as goats prefer the nearly sheer east side of the ridge, where their surefootedness makes them all but immune to predators.

There is no trail to the top of Elkhorn Peak.

The easiest way to get there is to hike the Crest Trail for about 2.75 miles north from Marble Creek Pass, then pick your way up the slope to the peak's south ridge.

We diverted from the trail about where it bends to the west. The climb to the ridge is steep but not technical. We had to bypass a steep snowfield, but I expect it will be melted by mid July.

The ridge drops steeply — dangerously so — on its east side, so unless you're equipped for roped climbing, stay well to the west (left) of the ridgetop (besides which, the area east of the ridge is part of Baker City's watershed, which is off limits to the public). There is a false summit a couple hundred feet below the peak — this notch is distinct even when seen from Baker City, just to the left of the triangular tip of the summit.

From the top you can see four lakes.

Almost directly below to the east — and about 2,300 vertical feet — is Goodrich Lake. The lake is a supplementary water



Goodrich Lake from the summit of Elkhorn Peak on June 19, 2021.

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source for Baker City.

Pine Creek Reservoir is barely visible to the northeast, and Twin Lakes glisten in the sunshine to the northwest.

Twin Lakes are tarns — they formed in the basin gouged by an Ice Age glacier.

The hulking peak that forms the backdrop for

Twin Lakes is Rock Creek Butte, elevation 9,106 feet.

Although the fastest way back to the trailhead is to reverse your route, it's also possible to descend Elkhorn Peak by its north-west ridge — again, stay to the west to avoid the steepest ground — to Twin Lakes saddle.

Here a trail branches

off the Elkhorn Crest Trail and descends to Twin Lakes. From the saddle it's about 3.5 miles to Marble Creek Pass.

Hikers with an abundance of energy (and enough water; one downside of the Elkhorn Crest Trail is that it doesn't cross any water sources) can claim the top two sum-

mits in the Elkhorns in a single day. To climb Rock Creek Butte, hike north on the Crest Trail for about a mile, through a scenic pass.

Just beyond the pass, head straight up the south ridge of Rock Creek Butte. It's about 800 vertical feet from the trail to the summit.

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	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Clear and mild	Sunshine and very hot	Sunshine and very hot	Very hot with sunshine	Mostly sunny and very hot
Baker City	56	97 60	100 63	103 62	104 61
Comfort Index™	3	3	2	2	2
La Grande	63	102 65	102 69	106 70	106 67
Comfort Index™	2	2	2	1	1
Enterprise	60	98 67	101 69	102 68	100 67
Comfort Index™	3	2	1	1	2

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 Thursday	88°	90°	91°
Low Thursday	50°	53°	52°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.01	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.21	0.02	0.77
Normal month to date	1.00	1.31	1.48
Year to date	2.44	5.92	14.98
Normal year to date	5.53	9.11	13.40

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 113° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 30° Wolcott, Colo.
Wettest: 5.44" Falls City, Neb.

OREGON
High: 100° Ontario
Low: 44° Lakeview
Wettest: 0.08" Baker City

WEATHER HISTORY

New York City was hit by a blizzard in March 1888. By June 26, however, a different type of weather had set in, and the city had its 14th consecutive day with average temperatures above 80 degrees.

SUN & MOON

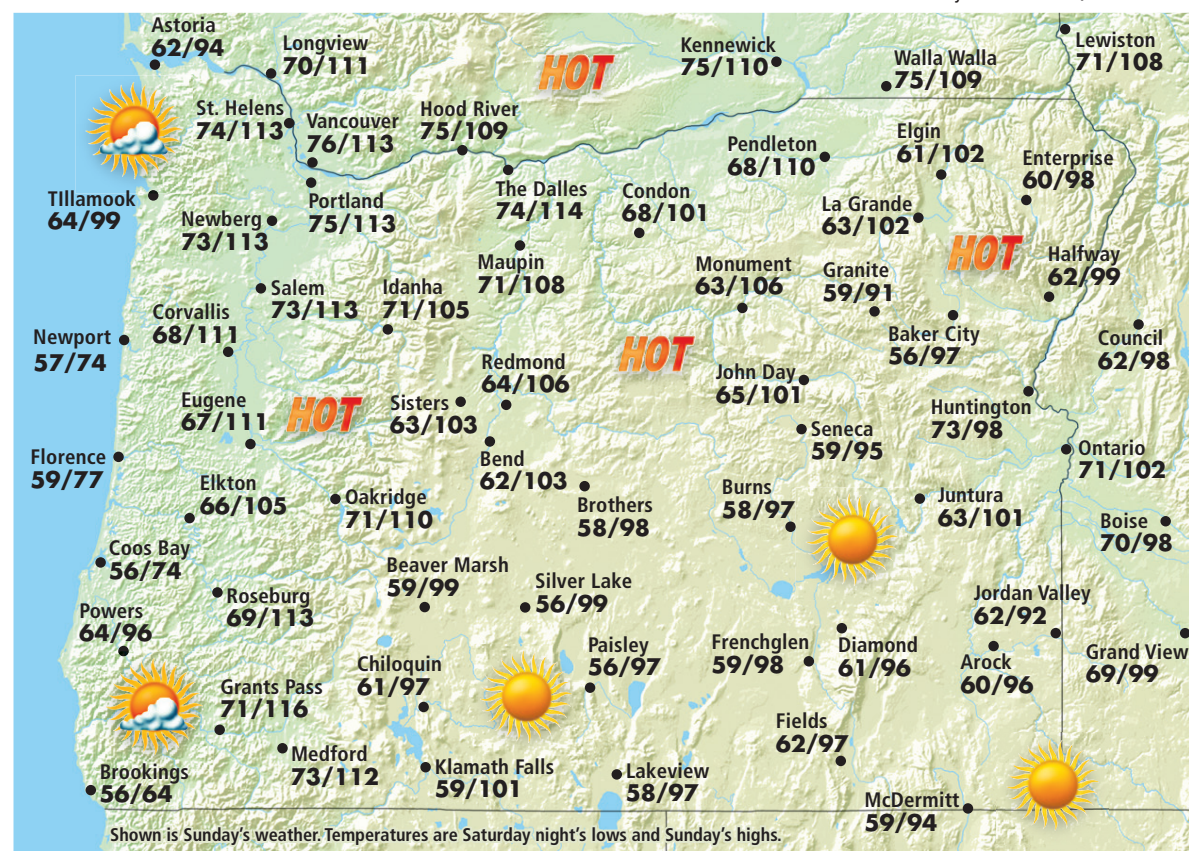
	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	5:06 a.m.	5:06 a.m.
Sunset	8:45 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise	11:01 p.m.	11:36 p.m.
Moonset	6:57 a.m.	8:12 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Jul 1	Jul 9	Jul 17	Jul 23

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. Hi/Lo/W	MON. Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	94/66/s	74/59/pc
Bend	103/67/s	107/68/s
Boise	98/73/s	102/75/s
Brookings	64/54/pc	64/53/pc
Burns	97/63/s	101/65/s
Coos Bay	74/55/pc	70/55/pc
Corvallis	111/65/s	94/58/s
Council Bluffs	98/65/s	102/66/s
Elgin	102/67/s	103/74/s
Eugene	111/64/s	94/58/s
Hermiston	110/71/s	112/75/s
Hood River	109/78/s	115/74/s
Imnaha	102/71/s	105/67/s
John Day	101/64/s	104/67/s
Joseph	97/70/s	100/71/s
Kennewick	110/77/s	113/78/s
Klamath Falls	101/63/s	103/58/s
Lakeview	97/62/s	101/60/s
Lewiston	108/74/s	110/76/s
Longview	111/73/s	104/63/s
Meacham	102/64/s	103/64/s
Medford	112/73/s	105/69/s
Newport	74/57/s	64/55/c
Olympia	105/68/s	107/60/s
Ontario	102/74/s	106/72/s
Pasco	111/77/s	114/77/s
Pendleton	110/73/s	112/76/s
Portland	113/79/s	109/68/s
Powers	96/62/pc	85/59/pc
Redmond	106/67/s	109/67/s
Roseburg	113/67/s	95/62/s
Salem	113/71/s	101/62/s
Solkane	104/76/s	105/76/s
The Dalles	114/77/s	116/76/s
Ukiah	99/63/s	102/65/s
Walla Walla	109/77/s	110/81/s

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

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Sunny and warm	Sunny and hot
71 59	93 63
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Sunny and warm	Sunshine; very hot
88 65	100 71
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Sunny and warm	Sunshine; very hot
79 57	95 53
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunshine; very hot	Sunshine; very hot
97 70	109 71
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Sunshine; very hot	Sunshine; very hot
97 60	102 65

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