

# Relative's well-wishes have become burdensome



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** I am blessed to have a wonderfully supportive family, which includes my and my husband's siblings. I was recently scheduled for major abdominal surgery. For the weeks leading up to it, I quietly went about preparing the house and putting systems in place so I could be absent, but otherwise tried not to dwell on the upcoming unpleasantness. Most of my support people checked in occasionally to see how I was doing or if I needed anything. One sister-in-law, however,

has been over-the-top. She sends cards, texts, flowers and calls. I appreciate her support, but it's too much. The cards always say the same thing — "heal gently" and "these are the good old days of medicine." In the weeks leading up to surgery and afterward, I have received nearly a dozen cards, plus her texts, etc. Is there a nice way to let her know it is too much and I'm tired? My body reminds me every day that I'm healing, but slowly. I don't want the attention and the reminder that I'm not yet where I'd like to be. Please let me know if there's a polite, graceful way to make it stop. — **PROGRESSING IN CALIFORNIA**  
**DEAR PROGRESSING:** A

"nice" way to phrase it might be to say, "Honey, I am grateful for all the support you've been giving me, but the surgery is behind me now, and I am slowly regaining my strength. Please don't send me any more get-well cards — the dozen you have sent have already worked their magic." **DEAR ABBY:** I am writing because I'm concerned about my husband's drinking. We have been married 35 years and we love each other very much. We are both retired. He drinks at least a six-pack a day. Although he doesn't appear to be intoxicated, I know this has to mean he is an alcoholic. Because he doesn't drink and drive, he thinks this is fine. Besides being unhealthy and

giving him a huge beer gut, it's expensive. Your thoughts, please. — **CONCERNED WIFE IN GEORGIA**  
**DEAR WIFE:** Schedule your and your husband's "annual medical checkups," regardless of how long they may have been delayed. Before you go in, the doctor should be informed that your beloved hubby imbibes a six-pack per day — at the very least. Whether this will motivate the doctor to encourage him to quit or cut back is anybody's guess, but I am hopeful. You could benefit from attending some Al-Anon meetings. Al-Anon is an offshoot of Alcoholics Anonymous that helps the families and friends of individ-

uals who have an alcohol problem. I am sure if you do, you will not only find it enlightening, but also beneficial for the practical advice and emotional support it offers. Go to [al-anon.org/info](http://al-anon.org/info) for more information. **DEAR READERS:** This is my annual reminder for all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. I love this ritual because it signals the coming of spring and with it longer, brighter days and warmer weather. For me, it's a mood elevator and an energizer. May spring bring good things your way! — **LOVE, ABBY**

## BOUNTY

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Over the summer, my daughter and I completed the rifles. We sighted-in at the beginning of August and by the end of the month we were in the field. My 24-year-old daughter tagged the biggest trophy of her hunting career when the herd buck put on the brakes in front of us at 41 yards. She dropped the book she was reading and in one quick, smooth motion, cocked the gun and fired. When the smoke cleared we saw the trophy pronghorn stretched out before us, felled by a 275-grain conical from her home-built muzzleloader.

After a celebratory antelope camp dinner, my daughter headed for the taxidermist and the butcher block with her buck. The rest of us toughed it out in the desert for the next four days. I missed a buck downhill at 100 yards and Winfield had his chances too.

Not only did we burn our powder last year, I burned my deer tag too and with only one point to count toward the elk drawings, I find myself in the unenviable position of searching the big game regulations for easy-draw muzzleloader hunts. What's a boy to do?

Because muzzleloader hunters are a small minority in Oregon's hunting community, sometimes the opportunities go overlooked. This year, two deer hunts look like they could be drawn with zero or one preference point. The Grande Ronde (152M) hunt runs Nov. 14-27, when whitetails are in the breeding season. Another option is the Sled Springs Unit muz-

zleloader hunt (157M) which runs from Nov. 28 to Dec. 11. Be careful when applying for this one as Sled Springs has a lower percentage of public land and the deer are more likely to be found in the valleys. The bag limit for both hunts is one whitetail deer.

For elk, check out the Elkhorn 1 (251M1) and Elkhorn 2 (251M2) offerings in the Sumpter Unit. The first season runs Aug. 1 to Oct. 15 and the second season runs Oct. 15 to Dec. 31. A frontiersman with his coonskin thinking cap on might also apply for a Baker Muzzleloader (151M) tag for a November whitetail deer season opportunity while hunting elk.

For a nine-day bull elk hunt, consider the Eagle Cap Muzzleloader (260M). This year ODFW offers 55 tags. Nine days is a good long hunt and enough time to pattern animals and get close to herds.

Maybe you don't have a muzzleloader. That's easy to fix. Try to find a 50- to 54-caliber muzzleloader with at least a 28-inch barrel. If it's a traditional sidelock, you can upgrade the sights to adjustable irons, a peep or even to fiber optics.

Plan about 24 hours for the build, working on evenings and weekends. With spring around the corner, the May 15 big game application deadline in view and one or two easy-draw tags in your future, you can start scouting now.

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## Forest Service seeking campground hosts

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**PENDLETON** — The Umatilla National Forest is looking for volunteers to spend the summer as campground hosts at the Jubilee Lake, Woodward, Olive Lake, North Fork John Day and Bull Prairie Lake campgrounds.

A campground host greets campers and day-use visitors and answers questions about the surrounding area. Hosts also clean and maintain restrooms, restock supplies, occasionally clean up after campers, and carry out minor maintenance as needed.

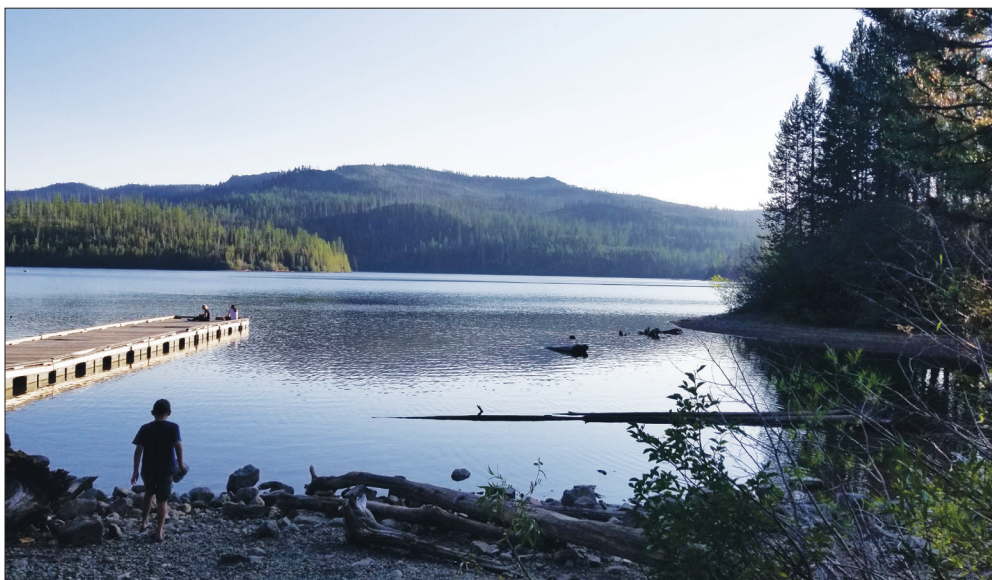
Individuals or couples can apply to be hosts. Retirees often apply to the campground host program. Hosts need to be friendly, flexible and responsible. Host applicants may be subject to a criminal background check.

Those who apply will need to supply their own trailer, camper, or motor home. Campground hosts will be provided a campsite, usually near the main entrance to the campground. Though the host program is a volunteer program, a food allowance and propane is offered, and personal vehicle mileage associated with hosting duties is reimbursed.

Campgrounds seeking hosts for the summer of 2022:

### Jubilee Lake

The campground is 12 miles northeast of Tollgate and is the largest developed campground on the Umatilla National Forest, with 53 campsites, four



Olive Lake is in the Blue Mountains west of Granite.

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picnic areas and a 2.8-mile accessible hiking trail around the 92-acre lake. This campground is very popular for overnight camping as well as day-use activities. Campground hosts are typically onsite from early July through mid-September. For more information, call Kiyoshi Fujishin at the Walla Walla Ranger District, 509-522-6277 or [Kiyoshi.fujishin@usda.gov](mailto:Kiyoshi.fujishin@usda.gov).

### Woodward

The campground is beside Highway 204 at Tollgate and offers 14 tent/trailer sites, four picnic areas, four accessible toilet facilities, and views of Langdon Lake (however, Langdon Lake is a private lake and access to the lake is not allowed). Hosts are typically onsite from early July through the end of September. The hosts at this campground are also responsible for taking care of Target Meadows and Woodland campgrounds,

which are both nearby. For more information, call Kiyoshi Fujishin at the Walla Walla Ranger District, 509-522-6277 or [Kiyoshi.fujishin@usda.gov](mailto:Kiyoshi.fujishin@usda.gov).

### Olive Lake

This campground is 12 miles southwest of Granite and sits on the shore of a 90-acre high mountain lake. This campground is typically hosted from early June through Labor Day. The campground features 28 campsites and seven accessible toilet facilities. Other features include a 2-mile accessible hiking trail around the lake with nearby access to wilderness and scenic area trails, a boat ramp and two docks. If you are interested, contact Roy Vega at [john.vega@usda.gov](mailto:john.vega@usda.gov).

### North Fork John Day

This campground is eight miles north of Granite near the intersection of the Blue Mountains and Elkhorn national

scenic byways, and close to the North Fork John Day River. The campground offers five tent sites, and 15 tent/trailer sites, as well as horse-handling facilities and a trailhead for the trail into the North Fork John Day Wilderness. This campground is typically hosted from Memorial Day through mid-October, though a shorter duration is negotiable. If you are interested, contact Roy Vega at [john.vega@usda.gov](mailto:john.vega@usda.gov).

### Bull Prairie Lake

This campground is 36 miles south of Heppner and offers 30 tent/trailer sites, 12 picnic areas, a 28-acre lake with four floating fishing docks and a 1.5-mile paved accessible trail. This campground is typically hosted from Memorial Day through mid-October, though a shorter duration is negotiable. If you are interested, contact Roy Vega at [john.vega@usda.gov](mailto:john.vega@usda.gov).

# weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
<b>Cloudy, showers around</b>	<b>Rain and drizzle</b>	<b>Rain and drizzle</b>	<b>Clouds and a few showers</b>	<b>Clouds and sun; chilly</b>	
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45 27</b>	<b>46 37</b>	<b>50 26</b>	<b>46 25</b>
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>45 33</b>	<b>50 42</b>	<b>49 33</b>	<b>45 27</b>
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43 26</b>	<b>49 39</b>	<b>50 27</b>	<b>44 27</b>

ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>			
High Thursday	38°	41°	45°
Low Thursday	10°	11°	11°
<b>PRECIPITATION (inches)</b>			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.02	0.21	0.94
Normal month to date	0.22	0.53	0.77
Year to date	0.41	2.08	6.49
Normal year to date	1.51	3.43	6.38

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

#### HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY

Lowest relative humidity	60%
Afternoon wind	W at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.3
Evapotranspiration	0.05

#### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)

Phillips Reservoir	5% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	38% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	26% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	29% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	66% of capacity

#### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	2680 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	6 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	227 cfs
Minam River at Minam	177 cfs
Powder River near Richland	39 cfs

#### THURSDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High: 90° Fort Pierce, Fla.  
 Low: -32° Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.  
 Wettest: 2.92" St. Augustine, Fla.

**OREGON**  
 High: 61° Grants Pass  
 Low: -10° Meacham  
 Wettest: Trace Lakeview

#### WEATHER HISTORY

The famed "Blizzard of 1888" peaked on March 12. The mammoth storm dumped over 4 feet of snow on parts of New England; 70-mph winds created rooftop-high drifts in New York City and Philadelphia.

#### SUN & MOON

	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	6:11 a.m.	6:09 a.m.
Sunset	5:54 p.m.	7:55 p.m.
Moonrise	11:53 a.m.	1:54 p.m.
Moonset	3:35 a.m.	5:19 a.m.

#### MOON PHASES

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 8

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	52/46/r	53/47/r	Lewiston	54/40/sh	58/46/c
Bend	48/43/sn	61/43/c	Longview	51/46/r	51/49/r
Boise	51/32/pc	59/44/c	Meacham	42/31/r	52/41/r
Brookings	52/47/r	55/47/r	Medford	59/39/c	63/47/r
Burns	49/27/pc	56/40/c	Newport	49/46/r	51/44/r
Coos Bay	53/46/r	54/49/r	Olympia	50/42/r	48/45/r
Corvallis	52/43/r	53/47/r	Ontario	58/31/pc	61/45/c
Council	43/27/sn	47/37/c	Pasco	61/43/c	63/47/r
Elgin	42/31/sn	52/43/r	Pendleton	53/38/sh	61/47/r
Eugene	53/47/sh	55/49/r	Portland	53/46/sh	52/47/r
Hermiston	58/39/pc	67/50/r	Powers	51/37/c	60/51/r
Hood River	50/44/r	53/48/r	Redmond	51/37/c	58/42/c
Imnaha	48/35/c	51/43/c	Roseburg	57/44/sh	60/50/sh
John Day	45/32/c	56/44/c	Salem	53/45/r	53/49/r
Joseph	43/26/sn	46/38/c	Spokane	49/36/c	50/44/r
Kennewick	61/47/c	66/48/r	The Dalles	55/43/r	58/46/r
Klamath Falls	49/29/c	58/35/c	Ukiah	41/29/sh	51/41/r
Lakeview	48/26/pc	57/38/c	Walla Walla	54/42/sh	59/48/r

### RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b>	Snow, 1-2"; colder	22	19
<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b>	Snow showers	40	26
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b>	Wintry mix, 1-2"	32	29
<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b>	A morning shower	47	31
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b>	Snow, 1-3"	30	17
<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b>	A little snow	37	26
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b>	Rain and snow	43	26
<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b>	Rain and drizzle	52	38
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b>	Some morning snow	45	27
<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b>	Rain and drizzle	45	33

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