

Aging husband wants to screen potential suitors for his wife



DEAR ABBY: I am an old man, married to a wonderful woman who does everything for me. I'm in poor health and don't expect to live much longer. My wife is a youthful 80. She's trim, pretty, active, hard-working, loving and sexy. She enjoys skiing, fishing, gardening, board games, puzzles etc. She is the most organized person I have ever known. She likes to cook

and entertain and is excellent at both.

Although she has quite a few friends — widowed and otherwise — we don't know any men who would be acceptable as a future mate after I'm gone. She's financially independent and meticulous about keeping track of expenses. Neither of us is formally religious.

To be blunt, I can't imagine a better wife for someone special. I would like us to meet a man, probably in his 70s, preferably widowed, physically active, romantically inclined, energetic, capable with tools and household projects, not addicted to drugs or alcohol, financially independent and pref-

erably politically conservative who would be a potential mate for her after I am gone.

We have discussed this to a limited extent, but she has expressed little interest in the subject. I can't imagine she won't experience a renaissance after this albatross is off of her neck. She has more than earned it. If you have any suggestions, I would appreciate them. — **THANKFUL IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR THANKFUL: You are clearly a caring and protective husband who is deeply in love with and concerned for his wife. However, as much as you would like to screen the appli-

cants to fill the vacancy that your death would create, there are some things a person must do for themselves. When you pass on, your wife may not feel ready to move on according to your timetable. Please let her make this decision for herself when the time is right.

P.S. I am sorry you are not in better health, because it seems you and your wife have a strong and loving relationship that will not be easy to replace.

DEAR ABBY: My grandson is in a relationship with a girl who manipulates him and abuses him emotionally. I told my grandson what she is doing, but he doesn't see it. Because of that, neither one

of them is speaking to me.

My grandson was a caring, happy person until he met her. Now he's withdrawn. He is working, but she is not. They are struggling to make a life for themselves. When I ask how he's doing, he just says OK and nothing more. Is there anything I can do to make him see what she is doing to him? — **IT'S OBVIOUS IN IOWA**

DEAR OBVIOUS: No. You have done everything you can by trying to enlighten your grandson, who, it appears, "love" has blinded. Now it's time for you to accept that nothing will change until he wakes up and smells the coffee.

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“Serving as a treasurer was greater than I ever could have thought possible. I knew it would be a great experience but I had no idea how amazing the year would be,” said Dippold, a 2021 graduate of Imbler High School who served as state FFA treasurer from March of 2021 through March 21 of this year.

The many responsibilities of state FFA officers include putting on workshops for chapter members, meeting chapter members at their schools to promote FFA, working with current and potential sponsors, connecting business and industries with FFA and helping conduct the annual state FFA convention.

Dippold said the opportunity to meet and work with many remarkable people, some of whom he believes will be lifelong friends, are a big reason he will long treasure his year as an FFA officer. Dippold doubts he ever would have gotten deeply involved in FFA if he had not accepted an invitation from Cant to participate in the livestock judging competition in Corvallis six years ago. Dippold was a member of Imbler's FFA chapter at the time but was not active in it.

Dippold initially said he did want to go to Corvallis but Cant kept encouraging him to come. Finally Dippold agreed to take part in the competition. Today he views the event as a turning point. It sparked a passion for FFA that helped him become a state officer.

“That contest is what started everything for me,” Dippold said. “I’m so thankful that J.D



J.W. Dippold/Contributed Photo

Imbler High School FFA adviser J.D. Cant, left, and J.W. Dippold, who served as state FFA treasurer, appear on stage at the state FFA convention in Redmond, which was conducted March 17-21, 2022. Dippold credits Cant's encouragement as the source of his fulfilling involvement in FFA.

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He soon became a leader of the Imbler High School FFA chapter, helping keep it vibrant even during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Cant, who is still IHS's chapter adviser and the school's agriculture teacher.

Dippold and the other five state officers all played major roles in helping put on the 2022 state FFA convention, which was conducted in Redmond March 17-21. Each officer had to give several presentations at the convention.

Cant credits Dippold with giving some of the most compelling presentations.

“He drew students in,” the adviser said.

Dippold did so by discussing how FFA has improved his life and the challenges he has overcome. These include a childhood accident that damaged one of his legs so seriously that doctors were forced to amputate a portion of it. Dippold told people at the convention that he learned to treat the injury like a speed bump, never letting

it stop him from doing anything, including playing for Imbler High School's basketball program.

Cant said the inspiring way Dippold discussed the injury at the convention is an example of the young man's optimistic approach to hardship, noting that Dippold does not feel he has faced more adversity than most other people.

“He says that we all carry burdens,” Cant said.

Imbler School District Superintendent Doug Hislop said Dippold is someone people look up to

for at least two reasons, one is what he has accomplished in FFA, and the other is how he has dealt with the challenge of his leg injury.

“He is an inspiration to everybody,” Hislop said.

Dippold, the son of Katie Dippold and Andy Pereria, will attend Eastern Oregon University in the fall and plans to earn an entrepreneurial agriculture degree.

UNION COUNTY'S 2022 FFA STATE WINNERS

Following are the results of the 2022 FFA state convention for schools in Union County.

State Degree Recipients

Cove High School — Gavin Bakker, James Frisch, Kailee Mansveld, Collin Rovey, Caleb Wiggins.

Elgin High School — Kylee Bagett, Piper Banducci.

Imbler High School — Sadie Bingaman, Payden Bowles, Zoe Brown, Harvest Coston, Noah Insko, Ayssa Jennings, Kadyr Trick.

La Grande High School — Gwenyth Cooper, Marissa Lane, Alyssa Toney.

Powder Valley High School — Dallee Bingham, Ariel Pointer.

Union High School — Samuel Baxter, Jakob Graffunder, Delaney Klebaum, Paul Reed.

Career Development Events

Advanced Public Speaking — 3rd, Zoe Brown, Imbler High School.

Conduct of Chapter Meetings — 2nd, Imbler High School.

Ag Issues — 1st, Imbler High School.

Marketing — 2nd, Imbler High School.

Agriscience Fair Animal Systems — Division 2 winner: Ellie Turley and Keira Counsell, Imbler High School.

Plant Systems — Division 2 winner: Kellan DeLint and Dekker Adams, Imbler High School; Division 4 winner: Helen Gordon and Hunter Voss, Imbler High School.

Environmental Sciences and Natural Resource Systems — Division 2 winner: Maggie Pahlow and Sonya Gordon, Imbler High School.

Food Products and Processing Systems — Division 2 winner: Jo Bingaman and Kadin Allen, Imbler High School.

Power, Technical and Social Systems — Division 1 winner: Ayden Lucas, Imbler High School; Division 2 winner: Eva Paulson and Paige Braseth, Imbler High School.

High School Systems — Division 2 winner: Madilyn Burrig and Jeytt Cant, Imbler High School.

Scholarships

Washington Leadership Conference — Jayda Cant, Imbler High School.

Oregon Fairs Foundation — Kendra Counsell, Imbler High School.

2022 Chapter Book Results

Portfolio Advanced — Bronze: Delaney Klebaum, Union High School.

Technology Scrapbook — Gold: Imbler High School and Union High School.

Scrapbook — Gold: Imbler High School; silver: Union High School.

Secretary Books — Silver: Imbler High School.

Treasurer's Book — Gold: Elgin High School.

State Convention Proficiency Results

Outdoor Recreation: 1st, Sarah Baker, Elgin High School.

Sheep Production: 1st, Delaney Klebaum, Union High School.

Beef Production-Entrepreneurship: 1st, Cierra Chastain, Union High School.

Specialty Crop Production: 1st, Nate Bingaman, Imbler High School.

Swine Production: 1st, Alyssa Jennings, Imbler High School.

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weather

TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Mostly cloudy	Still cloudy	A morning shower in spots	Partly sunny and milder	Cloudy
Baker City Comfort Index™ 0	54 31 2	57 30 3	63 37 10	64 39 9
La Grande Comfort Index™ 1	56 37 3	57 32 8	65 39 10	67 41 10
Enterprise Comfort Index™ 1	50 33 1	51 31 7	58 34 10	60 43 9

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 Tuesday	53°	53°	54°
Low Tuesday	28°	31°	34°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.01	0.15	0.08
Month to date	0.51	0.66	2.36
Normal month to date	0.50	1.11	1.56
Year to date	1.18	3.04	9.55
Normal year to date	2.56	5.73	9.42

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	40%
Afternoon wind	NW at 8 to 16 mph
Hours of sunshine	0.7
Evapotranspiration	0.09

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	10% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	75% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	44% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	78% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	43% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	100% of capacity

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	2810 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	2 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	5 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	535 cfs
Minam River at Minam	310 cfs
Powder River near Richland	21 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

HIGH: 101° (for the 48 contiguous states)	Eloy, Ariz.
LOW: -2°	Cando, N.D.
WETTEST: 2.15"	Pawtucket, R.I.
OREGON	
HIGH: 61°	Ontario
LOW: 21°	Prineville
WETTEST: 0.72"	Florence

WEATHER HISTORY

Several hundred people died when flooding reached the Mississippi Delta in Louisiana on April 21, 1927. The flood forced 500,000 residents from their homes.

SUN & MOON

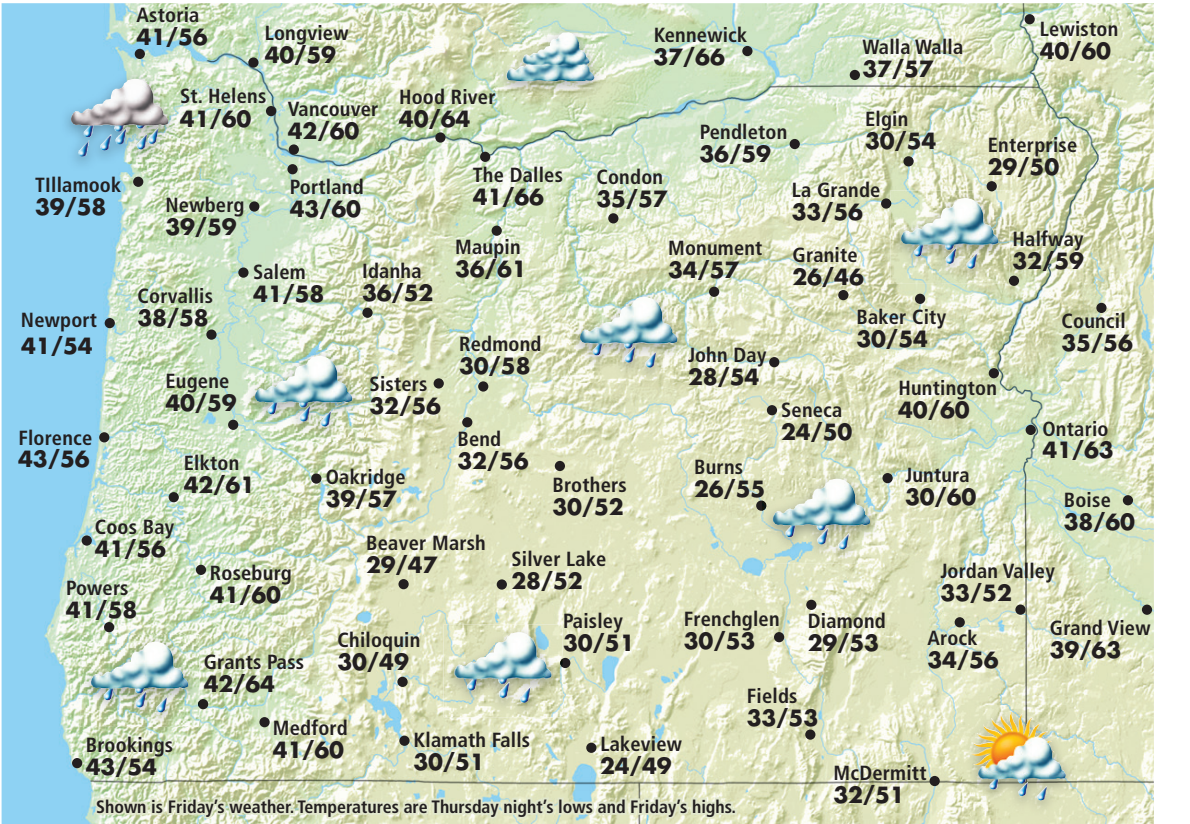
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Sunrise	5:57 a.m.	5:55 a.m.
Sunset	7:46 p.m.	7:47 p.m.
Moonrise	1:12 a.m.	2:13 a.m.
Moonset	9:24 a.m.	10:31 a.m.

MOON PHASES

Last	New	First	Full
Apr 23	Apr 30	May 8	May 15

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	56/40/pc	55/41/pc	Lewiston	60/42/pc	61/40/pc
Bend	56/30/sh	59/34/s	Longview	59/42/sh	65/39/pc
Boise	60/36/pc	60/37/pc	Meacham	53/37/c	56/31/pc
Brookings	54/42/c	57/43/s	Medford	60/39/sh	66/39/pc
Burns	55/27/c	58/27/s	Newport	54/40/c	53/40/s
Coos Bay	56/39/pc	59/40/s	Olympia	59/38/sh	62/39/pc
Corvallis	58/37/pc	63/39/s	Ontario	63/40/pc	66/38/pc
Council	56/35/c	58/32/pc	Pasco	64/40/c	67/40/s
Elgin	54/35/c	56/32/pc	Pendleton	59/41/c	61/40/s
Eugene	59/39/c	64/38/pc	Portland	60/44/r	64/43/pc
Hermiston	65/44/c	66/41/s	Powers	58/39/sh	65/40/pc
Hood River	64/45/c	66/42/s	Redmond	58/29/sh	62/30/s
Imnaha	54/36/sh	54/35/r	Roseburg	60/40/sh	67/40/pc
John Day	54/33/r	55/32/pc	Salem	58/39/sh	64/40/pc
Joseph	47/32/sh	48/32/pc	Spokane	55/35/pc	60/36/c
Kennewick	66/40/pc	67/41/s	The Dalles	66/43/c	69/44/s
Klamath Falls	51/26/c	56/28/s	Ukiah	51/34/sh	53/29/s
Lakeview	49/24/c	53/24/pc	Walla Walla	57/40/c	59/41/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 FRIDAY

ANTHONY LAKES A bit of a.m. snow 28 21 	PHILLIPS LAKE A little a.m. rain 49 32
MT. EMILY REC. Cloudy and cold 41 31 	BROWNLEE RES. Mostly cloudy 57 36
EAGLE CAP WILD. A bit of p.m. snow 35 19 	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Cloudy and chilly 48 31
WALLOWA LAKE A few showers 47 32 	MCKAY RESERVOIR Cloudy and cool 56 40
THIEF VALLEY RES. Windy 54 31 	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Still cloudy 56 37