

# Husband's drinking puts family at risk, marriage in doubt



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband of 20 years has had DUIs in the past. He has always been a binge drinker when socializing. He has been going out once a week after work for three hours, during which he drinks and then drives home. He tells me he has a couple beers, but his tab and his face tell a different story.

We have three teenagers who see his behavior, and it sets a bad example. My other worry is that he may take the kids somewhere

after he gets home from his weekly outing. I have instructed them not to let Dad take them anywhere on Wednesdays (his regular bar day). I have also asked him not to drive them anywhere on Wednesdays. I make sure I work from home on that day, but all of this doesn't seem like enough, and I want him to stop.

I have thought about divorce for this and other reasons, but I worry his drinking would get worse. I've also considered doing an intervention with family. I'm at the end of my rope and ready to do something, but what is the next step? — **REACHED MY LIMIT IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR REACHED:** Step

one should be to attend some Al-Anon meetings. This is an organization founded to help the friends and families of someone with an alcohol problem, which it appears your husband has. Those meetings will give you perspective. Your next step will be to figure out what divorce may mean for you and your children financially. Once you have that information, tell your husband — while he is sober and you are calm — that you have reached your limit and, unless he is willing to quit drinking, you are going to leave him. See how he reacts and, if nothing changes, follow through.

**DEAR ABBY:** Seven years ago, my husband and I were

going through a rough patch. Unfortunately, he shared all the details with his parents. We are still together going on 24 years. I was so upset when I found out he had told them our business because I loved them and knew it wouldn't be the same.

My father-in-law acts like he loves me, but my mother-in-law doesn't talk to me, and I haven't received a birthday card since. On Christmas we receive a check with only my husband's name on it. Only my daughter and my husband are acknowledged on their birthdays. I love my in-laws, and with my own parents gone, I miss just being loved. My husband thinks it's no big deal that they ignore my birthday. Is it really no

big deal? — **DREADING MY BIRTHDAY NOW**

**DEAR DREADING:** I disagree with your husband. That his parents continue to punish you because he tattled about your marital problems IS a big deal. And now the tattler should tell his folks it's time to bury the hatchet and welcome you back into the fold. If he's not man enough to do that, then some sessions for you with a licensed marriage counselor might help you to accept the status quo. You said you want to be loved, and by that I assume you mean unconditionally. In the case of your in-laws, that may not be possible, and you may need to learn to accept it.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# German town forces cats to remain indoors to save rare birds

The Associated Press

BERLIN — What a cat-astrophe!

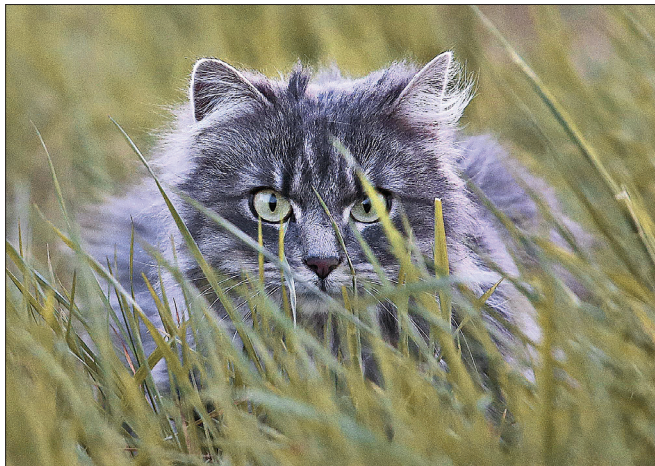
The decree is designed to help save the crested lark, which makes its nest on the ground and is therefore easy prey for feline hunters. The bird's population in Western Europe has declined sharply in recent decades.

Authorities in Walldorf wrote that "among other things the survival of the species depends on every single chick."

The decree, which applies to all cats in the southern part of the town and will be repeated for the coming three years, has reportedly prompted meows of anguish from pet owners.

Regional daily Rhein-Neckar-Zeitung reported that the head of the local animal protection association plans to take legal steps to challenge the decree.

"Please remain calm," it quoted him as saying. "I can assure you we'll do our best to stop this disproportionate measure."



Michael Probst/The Associated Press, File

**A big cat sits in the deep grass in Frankfurt, Germany, Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Authorities in Walldorf, Germany, have ordered some cat owners to keep their pets indoors until the end of August, to protect a rare bird during its breeding season.**

### 168-year-old Peterboro Basket Co. closing, cites forest pest

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. — A 168-year-old company in New Hampshire known for its handwoven, hardwood baskets is closing its factory and stopping production, partly because of an insect pest that has been destroying ash trees.

The Peterboro Basket

Co. has been in business since 1854.

The company said in a recent announcement that the baskets "are principally made of U.S.-grown Appalachian White Ash, the same wood used in ax handles and baseball bats.

"For some years the Emerald Ash Borer beetle has reduced the availability of the wood used to make

the baskets," it said.

The emerald ash borer has destroyed tens of millions of trees in the U.S. and Canada.

The company said other extreme labor shortages, ongoing supply chain issues, and owners who are "ready to retire," are among the other considerations in deciding to close.

The factory plans to produce its last basket this summer or fall.

### Nearly 8,000-year-old skull found in river

REDWOOD FALLS, Minn. — A partial skull that was discovered last summer by two kayakers in Minnesota will be returned to Native American officials after investigations determined it was about 8,000 years old.

The kayakers found the skull in the drought-depleted Minnesota River about 110 miles west of Minneapolis, Renville County Sheriff Scott Hable said.

Thinking it might be related to a missing person

case or murder, Hable turned the skull over to a medical examiner and eventually to the FBI, where a forensic anthropologist used carbon dating to determine it was likely the skull of a young man who lived between 5500 and 6000 B.C., Hable said.

"It was a complete shock to us that that bone was that old," Hable told Minnesota Public Radio.

The anthropologist determined the man had a depression in his skull that was "perhaps suggestive of the cause of death."

After the sheriff posted about the discovery, his office was criticized by several Native Americans, who said publishing photos of ancestral remains was offensive to their culture.

Hable said his office removed the post. "We didn't mean for it to be offensive whatsoever," Hable said.

Hable said the remains will be turned over to Upper Sioux Community tribal officials.

Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Cultural Resources Specialist Dylan Goetsch said in a statement that neither the council nor the state archaeologist were notified about the discovery, which is required by state laws that govern the care and repatriation of Native American remains.

Goetsch said the Facebook post "showed a complete lack of cultural sensitivity" by failing to call the individual a Native American and referring to the remains as "a little piece of history."

Kathleen Blue, a professor of anthropology at Minnesota State University, said that the skull was definitely from an ancestor of one of the tribes still living in the area, The New York Times reported.

She said the young man would have likely eaten a diet of plants, deer, fish, turtles and freshwater mussels in a small region, rather than following mammals and bison on their migrations.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Cloudy	Sun, some clouds	A shower in the afternoon	Cloudy and cooler	Mostly cloudy and cool
Baker City	43	76 45	77 50	66 40	60 37
Comfort Index™	10	8	10	8	4
La Grande	53	76 49	75 50	62 44	59 39
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	5	4
Enterprise	49	74 47	76 46	61 38	52 38
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	8	0

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.

### ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	64°	65°	71°
Low Sunday	31°	34°	32°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.07
Month to date	0.64	1.44	3.19
Normal month to date	0.99	1.56	1.70
Year to date	2.57	5.22	13.06
Normal year to date	3.87	8.01	11.99

### SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	Death Valley, Calif.
High: 103°	Climax, Colo.
Low: 15°	Jennings, La.
Wettest: 4.07"	
OREGON	The Dalles
High: 78°	Meacham
Low: 28°	
Wettest: none	

### AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	WNW at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	7.3
Evapotranspiration	0.22

### RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)

Phillips Reservoir	13% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	99% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	45% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	48% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	101% of capacity

### STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	5790 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	67 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	101 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	340 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1010 cfs
Powder River near Richland	50 cfs

### WEATHER HISTORY

A 91-degree high on May 24, 1982, turned the previous record high of 79 to ashes in San Francisco. If high pressure north of San Francisco forces the wind to come from the east, temperatures can bake the city.

### SUN & MOON

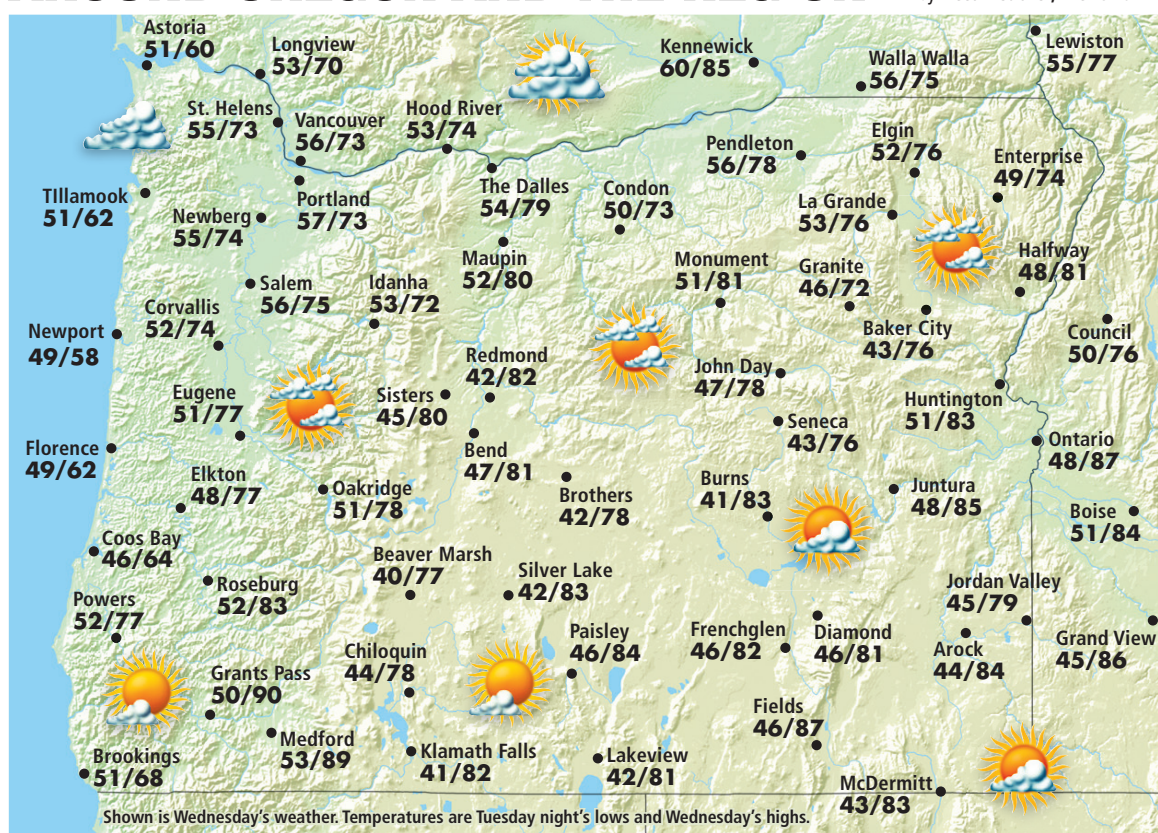
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:13 a.m.	5:13 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.	8:26 p.m.
Moonrise	2:56 a.m.	3:15 a.m.
Moonset	2:33 p.m.	3:42 p.m.

### MOON PHASES



## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	60/48/c	62/49/r	Lewiston	77/53/pc	76/57/pc
Bend	81/50/c	76/49/c	Longview	70/50/pc	71/53/c
Boise	84/58/pc	89/59/pc	Meacham	73/50/s	76/50/c
Brookings	68/51/pc	60/48/c	Medford	89/55/pc	78/54/c
Burns	83/46/pc	79/47/c	Newport	58/47/pc	59/48/r
Coos Bay	64/48/c	63/50/c	Olympia	66/47/pc	65/48/c
Corvallis	74/51/pc	72/52/r	Ontario	87/56/s	89/60/c
Council	76/50/pc	81/54/c	Pasco	83/56/s	82/61/c
Elgin	76/48/s	77/50/pc	Pendleton	78/56/s	78/58/pc
Eugene	77/53/pc	74/54/sh	Portland	73/55/pc	73/57/r
Hermiston	82/57/s	83/58/pc	Powers	77/56/c	71/49/r
Hood River	74/55/pc	77/56/c	Redmond	82/47/c	78/46/c
Imnaha	78/51/s	83/53/c	Roseburg	83/54/pc	76/55/c
John Day	78/50/pc	81/49/c	Salem	75/52/c	74/54/sh
Joseph	74/48/s	77/46/c	Spokane	68/48/c	70/51/c
Kennewick	85/60/s	83/63/c	The Dalles	79/57/pc	79/56/c
Klamath Falls	82/45/pc	74/44/c	Ukiah	73/47/pc	74/47/c
Lakeview	81/45/pc	76/47/c	Walla Walla	75/56/pc	76/57/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 WEDNESDAY

<b>ANTHONY LAKES</b> Some sun	52 43	<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Partial sunshine	73 48
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Sun, some clouds	60 49	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Warmer	81 54
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Nice with some sun	60 37	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Partly sunny	67 45
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Warmer	74 48	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Partly sunny	75 54
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Partly sunny	76 45	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Sun, some clouds	76 49

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