

Young adult's life turned upside down by revelation



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: I took a DNA test seven months ago. It came back that the man who raised me is not my biological father. My heart dropped, but I decided to meet my real dad. We have formed a relationship, mostly a good one, and I introduce him as my dad now. My problem is, we hardly know each other or how we react to things.

I had a hard week. My older sister was very rude to me, I had many college exams to take, and my best friend unexpectedly announced she had to go away for

six months. I just wanted to run "home," but then I realized I no longer have a home to run to. My dad doesn't know I'm very clingy when I'm upset, so he was oblivious to my constant communications, and I'm sure it came off as annoying.

My mother and I don't get along these days because she hid this secret from me for 25 years. Also, I mostly just wanted to go over to his house because my three little siblings are there, and I actually feel like we're a family. What do you think, Abby? AM I too clingy? Is it understandable? How do I explain to him that I need to see them more? If he tells me no, how do I handle that? — **ADJUSTING IN OHIO**

DEAR ADJUSTING: If you

want a better relationship with your biological father, slow down and let him get to know you gradually. A way to accomplish this would be to mend fences with your mother, believe it or not. Yes, she should have told you about your biological father years ago, but she may have had reasons for not doing so. One of them may have been embarrassment.

You ask, "Am I being too clingy?" The answer is yes. You stand a better chance of building a solid relationship with your bio-dad, his wife and your half-siblings if you don't overwhelm them when you are feeling so needy. Your chances of finding the emotional support you need would be better if you talk with a counselor at the student health

center at your college when you are as stressed as you are.

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I inherited our mother's condo some years ago. She wants to sell it; I do not. She has harangued me nonstop with inane scenarios of what "could" happen with our heirs if we don't sell, even going so far as to threaten, "If we don't sell it now, I don't think I will want to sell." I don't even know what that means.

Because I was fed up, I agreed to sell. The problem is, at this point, I don't even like her. I'm not mad — I just abhor the way she harangued me. I don't think I'll ever want to talk to her again, and I feel sad about that. Any thoughts? — **SIBLING DISASTER IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR SIBLING: It is unfortunate (but not uncommon) for money to drive a wedge between family members. When your sister started her harangue, you should have inserted your lawyer into the negotiation. Because you wished to keep the unit, you could have bought her half from her, leaving you both with what you wanted. If it's not too late, give it some consideration. As to never wanting to talk to your sister, I hope with time your feelings will mellow and fences can be mended.

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KNI-CO

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hour soon. The top-end jobs go up into the \$20s and into the \$30s for management positions.

But it's the employee stock-ownership program that Jones is really touting. He said he learned about how well an ESOP program can work while working in California's Silicon Valley in the 1980s. One co-worker there told him he was to retire as a millionaire soon from the ESOP benefits.

"I would expect that everyone in this company — if everything goes as expected — everybody here, I'm going to do my best to help everybody here become a millionaire," he said. "It's a big goal, but we have a big opportunity. What I want to talk to you guys about culturally is that you're the owners now."

As such, he urged his employees to "change the way you're thinking," he said, focusing on efficiency and how to do their jobs faster and better.

Plans to expand

Jones expects to be able to continue to grow his company without the threat of overseas competition.

"Sheet metal doesn't ship well," he said, adding that its weight and size makes shipping it difficult and expensive. So sheet metal products are a natural for home production.

As a result, he also expects to be able to add more employees. Since the Joneses purchased the company, the staff increased from six to 18. He envisions

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— **Theodore Jones**, co-owner, Kni-Co Manufacturing and Magnum Metals, on the employee stock-ownership program

a staff of 40-50 eventually.

And he's eager to hire locally. At present, all but one of Kni-Co's workers live in Wallowa and the other in Joseph. Jones hopes to add more locals to the growing staff.

New workers don't necessarily have to be trained in sheet metal work, Jones said.

"They'll become skilled once we train them," he said. "We're looking for people with a high energy level and a work ethic who want to learn and want to develop some skills and we can train them. We definitely want to hire local."

During his talk, Jones definitely was the company cheerleader.

"We're going to do fine and we're going to keep expanding," he said. "We want you guys to win. Our goal is to have you guys win."



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Kni-Co Manufacturing owners Theodore Jones, left, and Molly Jones talk to employees during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, May 25, 2022, to mark a grand reopening of the Wallowa sheet metal manufacturing plant.

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| | TONIGHT | FRI | SAT | SUN | MON |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Weather | Clear and cool | Sunny and pleasant | Sunny and beautiful | Sunshine | Mostly sunny and hot |
| Baker City | 40 | 74 41 | 80 49 | 88 55 | 92 54 |
| Comfort Index™ | 10 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| La Grande | 48 | 74 46 | 81 51 | 86 57 | 92 59 |
| Comfort Index™ | 10 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 5 |
| Enterprise | 44 | 69 46 | 77 52 | 84 58 | 91 59 |
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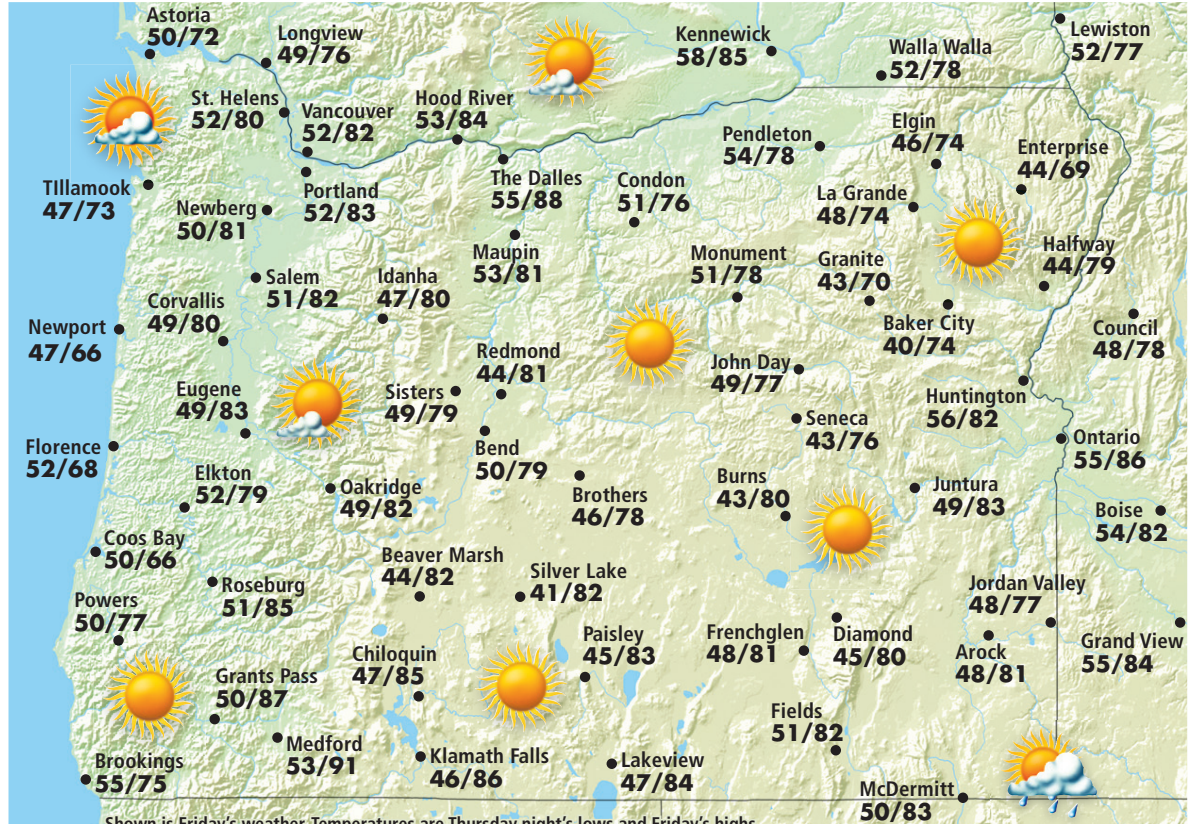
Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

| ALMANAC | | TUESDAY EXTREMES | |
|--|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| TEMPERATURES | | | |
| High Tuesday | Baker City 79° | La Grande 79° | Elgin 86° |
| Low Tuesday | Baker City 38° | La Grande 41° | Elgin 40° |
| PRECIPITATION (inches) | | | |
| Tuesday | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Month to date | 0.48 | 2.40 | 3.27 |
| Normal month to date | 0.84 | 1.06 | 1.39 |
| Year to date | 4.46 | 8.76 | 17.44 |
| Normal year to date | 5.18 | 9.75 | 14.07 |
| NATION (for the 48 contiguous states) | | | |
| High: 112° | Death Valley, Calif. | | |
| Low: 25° | Fraser, Colo. | | |
| Wettest: 1.42" | Kansas City, Mo. | | |
| OREGON | | | |
| High: 92° | Brookings | | |
| Low: 29° | Crater Lake | | |
| Wettest: none | | | |

| AGRICULTURAL INFO. | |
|---|------------------|
| HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY | |
| Lowest relative humidity | 30% |
| Afternoon wind | N at 7 to 14 mph |
| Hours of sunshine | 13.7 |
| Evapotranspiration | 0.26 |
| RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday) | |
| Phillips Reservoir | 25% of capacity |
| Unity Reservoir | 95% of capacity |
| Owyhee Reservoir | 42% of capacity |
| McKay Reservoir | 100% of capacity |
| Wallowa Lake | 38% of capacity |
| Thief Valley Reservoir | 102% of capacity |
| STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday) | |
| Grande Ronde at Troy | 8240 cfs |
| Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder | 267 cfs |
| Burnt River near Unity | 66 cfs |
| Umatilla River near Gibbon | 119 cfs |
| Minam River at Minam | 1850 cfs |
| Powder River near Richland | 240 cfs |

| SUN & MOON | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Sunrise | 5:05 a.m. |
| Sunset | 8:44 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 1:59 a.m. |
| Moonset | 3:48 p.m. |
| MOON PHASES | |
| New | Full |
| Jun 28 | Jul 6 |
| Jul 13 | Jul 20 |

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



| REGIONAL CITIES | | RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| City | FRI. HI/Lo/W | SAT. HI/Lo/W | City | FRI. HI/Lo/W | SAT. HI/Lo/W |
| Astoria | 72/55/5 | 80/60/5 | Lewiston | 77/53/5 | 85/57/5 |
| Bend | 79/54/5 | 88/57/5 | Longview | 76/55/5 | 87/60/5 |
| Boise | 82/52/5 | 89/59/5 | Meacham | 73/47/5 | 80/51/5 |
| Brookings | 75/56/5 | 72/56/5 | Medford | 91/59/5 | 99/64/5 |
| Burns | 80/47/5 | 85/52/5 | Newport | 66/54/5 | 75/56/5 |
| Coos Bay | 66/52/5 | 78/54/5 | Olympia | 78/51/5 | 87/57/5 |
| Corvallis | 80/56/5 | 90/58/5 | Pasco | 85/56/5 | 91/59/5 |
| Council | 78/46/5 | 87/54/5 | Pendleton | 78/55/5 | 85/60/5 |
| Elgin | 74/47/5 | 81/51/5 | Portland | 83/58/5 | 90/62/5 |
| Eugene | 83/54/5 | 90/58/5 | Powers | 77/53/5 | 89/56/5 |
| Hermiston | 85/57/5 | 93/59/5 | Redmond | 81/48/5 | 87/53/5 |
| Hood River | 84/58/5 | 91/65/5 | Roseburg | 85/56/5 | 92/61/5 |
| Imnaha | 75/52/5 | 83/56/5 | Salem | 82/59/5 | 92/61/5 |
| John Day | 77/50/5 | 85/55/5 | Spokane | 73/53/5 | 80/55/5 |
| Joseph | 70/45/5 | 78/55/5 | The Dalles | 88/58/5 | 94/64/5 |
| Kennewick | 85/57/5 | 90/61/5 | Ukiah | 70/45/5 | 78/51/5 |
| Klamath Falls | 86/50/5 | 90/52/5 | Walla Walla | 78/54/5 | 84/58/5 |
| Lakeview | 84/49/5 | 88/50/5 | | | |

| ANTHONY LAKES | | PHILLIPS LAKE | |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| Sunshine | 51 42 | Sunny and nice | 74 47 |
| MT. EMILY REC. | | BROWNLEE RES. | |
| Plenty of sunshine | 60 46 | Nice with sunshine | 79 52 |
| EAGLE CAP WILD. | | EMIGRANT ST. PARK | |
| Plenty of sunshine | 58 38 | Plenty of sun | 67 40 |
| WALLOWA LAKE | | MCKAY RESERVOIR | |
| Plenty of sunshine | 70 45 | Sunny and pleasant | 77 55 |
| THIEF VALLEY RES. | | RED BRIDGE ST. PARK | |
| Sunshine and nice | 74 41 | Sunny and pleasant | 74 46 |