

Granddaughter's behavior at funeral offends family



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

her uncles mentioned her attire, she snapped that we had better things to think about. I was very upset and wanted to yell at her to leave, but my grief overcame my anger.

The whole time this granddaughter was there, she made sure everyone knew she was. I burst into tears, but that didn't seem to bother her. Rather than allow the family to grieve, it was more important to her that nobody was going to tell her what to do.

I want to tell her how we all felt about her attire and her attitude. I don't want to ruin my relationship with her, but honestly, if another family member passes, none of us wants to deal with her attitude while we are grieving.

How do I tell her how disrespectful she was and that the time was not for her — it was for us as a family to grieve? — **STILL SAD IN THE EAST**

DEAR STILL SAD: Your granddaughter's behavior at her great-grandmother's funeral was atrocious. It was worse than her attire. The people who should "explain" proper attire and funeral etiquette to her are her parents, not you. Discuss this with them when you can do it calmly, since you and your siblings still are in pain, and your emotions are raw.

DEAR ABBY: I am a stepfather to five kids. Three are over 18; the other two are young teens. I need help explaining to my wife the importance of having the

younger kids take responsibility in life. Each time I start talking about it, she says it stresses her out.

She has a busy career and shoulders the responsibilities the kids should be doing. She's a wonderful mother, but I feel she is becoming a crutch to them. I want the kids to be successful, but I think they are being held back. How do I address this in a positive way? — **LOST FOR WORDS IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR LOST: Sometimes well-meaning parents can do too much for their kids. A positive way to approach this sensitive subject with your wife would be to explain that you want those children to be capable of becoming independent when they

are older. To achieve that, they need to learn certain skills now so they can practice them while they are young adults.

Many families accomplish this by giving their tweens and teens an allowance in return for taking on certain household chores. It shouldn't stress out your wife to discuss this with you and consider the wisdom of it. Because she is so busy working, it might be helpful if you took the lead on this by broaching the subject with the kids, and showing them what they have to gain if they agree.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

'Biblical' insect swarms spur Oregon push to fight pests

By **CLAIRE RUSH**
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Report for America

ARLINGTON — Driving down a windy canyon road in northern Oregon rangeland, Jordan Maley and April Aamodt are on the look out for Mormon crickets, giant insects that can ravage crops.

"There's one right there," Aamodt says.

They're not hard to spot. The insects, which can grow larger than 2 inches (5 centimeters), blot the asphalt.

Mormon crickets are not new to Oregon. Native to western North America, their name dates back to the 1800s, when they ruined the fields of Mormon settlers in Utah. But amidst drought and warming temperatures — conditions favored by the insects — outbreaks across the West have worsened.

The Oregon Legislature last year allocated \$5 million to assess the problem and set up a Mormon cricket and grasshopper "suppression" program. An additional \$1.2 million for the program was approved earlier this month.

It's part of a larger effort by state and federal authorities in the U.S. West to deal with an explosion of grasshoppers and Mormon crickets that has hit from Montana to Nevada. But some environmental groups oppose the programs, which rely on the aerial spraying of pesticides across large swaths of land.

Maley, an Oregon State University Extension Agent, and Aamodt, a resident of the small Columbia River town of Arlington, are both involved in Mormon cricket outreach and surveying efforts in the area.

In 2017, Arlington saw its largest Mormon cricket



Claire Rush/The Associated Press

April Aamodt holds a Mormon cricket in her hand in Blalock Canyon near Arlington, Ore. on Friday, June 17, 2022. Aamodt is involved in local outreach for Mormon cricket surveying.

outbreak since the 1940s. The roads were "greasy" with the squashed entrails of the huge insects, which damaged nearby wheat crops.

Rancher Skye Krebs said the outbreaks have been "truly biblical."

"On the highways, once you get them killed, then the rest of them come," he explained. Mormon crickets are cannibalistic and will feast on each other, dead or alive, if not satiated with protein.

The insects, which

are not true crickets but shield-backed katydid, are flightless. But they can travel at least a quarter of a mile in a day, according to Maley.

Aamodt fought the 2017 outbreak with what she had on hand.

"I got the lawnmower out and I started mowing them and killing them," she said. "I took a straight hoe and I'd stab them."

Aamodt has organized volunteers to tackle the infestation and earned the nickname "cricket queen."

Another infestation last year had local officials "scrambling," Maley said. "We had all those high-value crops and irrigation circles," he explained. "We just had to do what we could to keep them from getting into that."

In 2021 alone, Oregon agricultural officials estimate 10 million acres of rangeland in 18 counties were damaged by grasshop-

pers and Mormon crickets.

Under the new Oregon initiative, private landowners like farmers and ranchers can request the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) survey their land. If ODA finds more than three Mormon crickets or eight grasshoppers per square yard it will recommend chemical treatment. In some areas near Arlington surveyed in May soon after the hatch there were 201 Mormon crickets per square yard.

State officials recommend the aerial application of diflubenzuron. The insecticide works by inhibiting development, preventing nymphs from growing into adults. Landowners can be reimbursed for up to 75% of the cost.

Diana Fillmore is a rancher participating in the new cost-sharing initiative. She says "the ground is just crawling with grasshoppers" on her property.

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TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunny and beautiful	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and pleasant
Baker City 44	79 45	81 48	85 51	87 53
Comfort Index™ 8	9	9	7	7
La Grande 51	79 50	82 52	85 55	84 59
Comfort Index™ 10	9	9	7	5
Enterprise 46	76 49	78 49	81 54	83 57
Comfort Index™ 10	10	9	6	5

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	89°	91°	97°
Low Sunday	40°	45°	45°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.48	2.40	3.27
Normal month to date	0.99	1.24	1.65
Year to date	4.46	8.76	17.44
Normal year to date	5.33	9.93	14.33

SUNDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 117° Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 28° West Yellowstone, Mont.
Wettest: 3.21" Pascagoula, Miss.

OREGON
High: 103° Medford
Low: 40° Baker City
Wettest: Trace Brookings

WEATHER HISTORY

The battle of Monmouth, N.J., was fought on June 28, 1778. War reports indicated more casualties caused by heat than bullets. Heat was oppressive at 96 degrees in the shade.

SUN & MOON

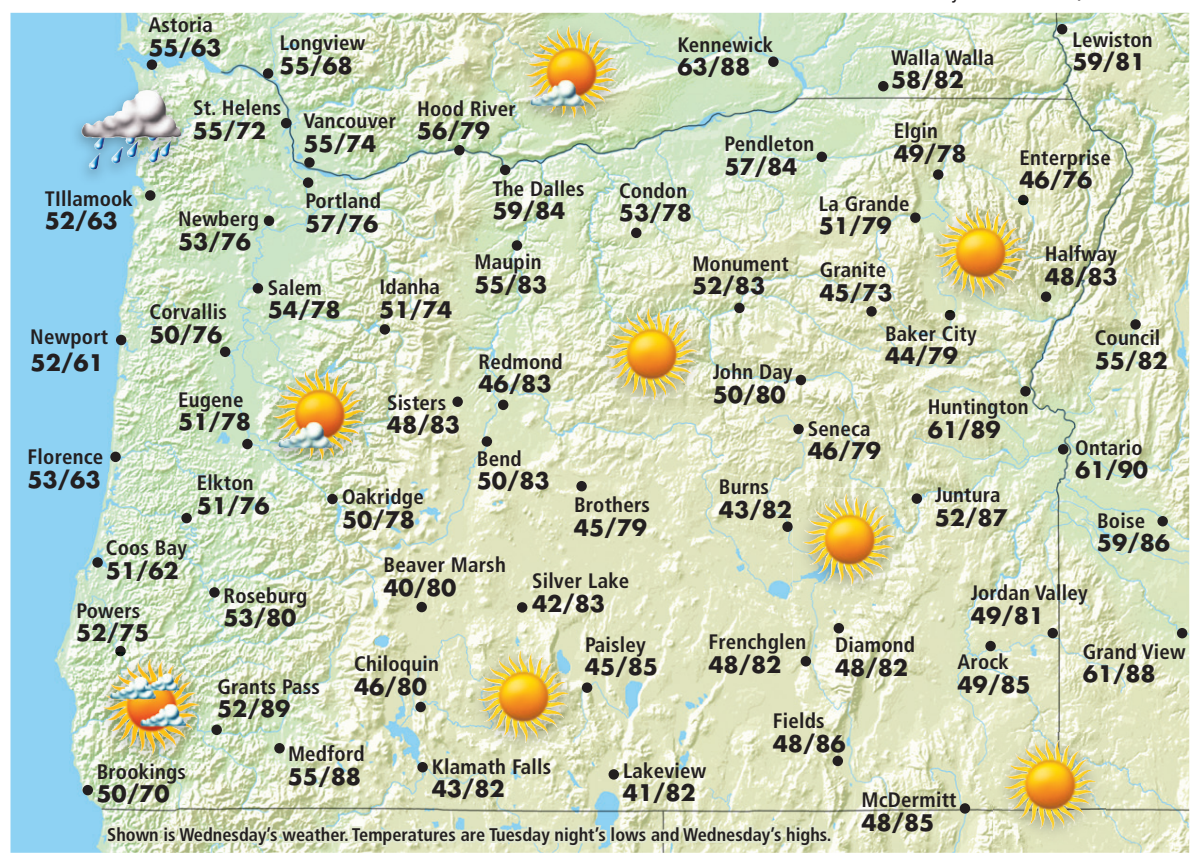
	TUE.	WED.
Sunrise	5:07 a.m.	5:07 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise	4:24 a.m.	5:13 a.m.
Moonset	9:02 p.m.	9:49 p.m.

MOON PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Jun 28	Jul 6	Jul 13	Jul 20

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	WED.		THU.		City	WED.		THU.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Astoria	63/54/c	68/55/pc	Lewiston	81/58/pc	85/61/pc				
Bend	83/49/s	84/53/s	Longview	68/52/pc	79/54/pc				
Boise	86/56/s	89/59/s	Meacham	77/49/s	80/51/s				
Brookings	70/51/s	68/51/s	Medford	88/56/s	89/57/s				
Burns	82/46/s	84/50/s	Newport	61/50/pc	62/53/pc				
Coos Bay	62/51/pc	65/54/s	Olympia	67/51/c	78/52/pc				
Corvallis	76/50/s	78/52/s	Ontario	90/59/s	91/60/s				
Council	82/52/s	86/54/s	Pasco	88/56/s	89/58/s				
Elgin	78/48/s	81/51/s	Pendleton	84/56/s	85/60/s				
Eugene	78/50/pc	79/53/s	Portland	76/55/pc	74/55/pc				
Hermiston	87/58/s	90/58/s	Powers	75/52/s	74/55/pc				
Hood River	79/58/s	80/58/s	Redmond	83/47/s	85/52/s				
Imnaha	80/52/s	83/57/s	Roseburg	80/52/s	82/54/s				
John Day	80/50/s	84/54/s	Salem	76/54/pc	80/55/pc				
Joseph	75/49/s	79/50/s	Spokane	78/54/pc	80/55/pc				
Kennewick	88/59/s	89/60/s	The Dalles	84/59/s	89/62/s				
Klamath Falls	82/44/s	86/46/s	Ukiah	77/47/s	79/49/s				
Lakeview	82/45/s	84/46/s	Walla Walla	82/57/s	84/60/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

ANTHONY LAKES Mostly sunny	53 41		PHILLIPS LAKE Mostly sunny	75 45	
MT. EMILY REC. Sunshine	65 47		BROWNLEE RES. Not as hot	82 54	
EAGLE CAP WILD. Mostly sunny	63 39		EMIGRANT ST. PARK Sunny	72 43	
WALLOWA LAKE Mostly sunny	75 49		MCKAY RESERVOIR Sunny and pleasant	82 55	
THIEF VALLEY RES. Mostly sunny; nice	79 45		RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly sunny; nice	79 50	

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