

# Boyfriend's plans for future are subject to mom's approval



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** My adult granddaughter, "Lola," is in a two-year relationship with a wonderful young man and has been anticipating a proposal. During a conversation, he mentioned he would not propose to her until he has introduced her to his parents, who live in another state.

He says his mother wants him to marry a woman who has never been married or divorced and who has not had a child. Lola is divorced (due to her ex-husband's infidelity) and has a young son. This seems to her to be a no-win

situation if he won't propose until she's met his parents, but he lacks the courage to introduce her to them. What is my granddaughter to do? She's so unhappy and disappointed. — **IMPOSSIBLE IN TEXAS**

**DEAR IMPOSSIBLE:** Your granddaughter's boyfriend is a mama's boy. The decision of whom to marry should be his, not his mother's. If, after two years, he cannot summon up the courage to introduce her proudly to his parents, she should quit wasting her time with him because this romance will go no further than it already has.

**DEAR ABBY:** I cannot seem to get over the loss of my first husband decades ago. I still think of him often. I am still grieving our

divorce and his subsequent marriage to someone I'd known for many years. They have happily gone on with their lives.

I am a widow now. My second husband was like me, dumped by his first wife, and we cobbled a life together as best we could. My problem is that I can't stop longing for my first husband. Logically, I know we'll never be together, even if he were free from his marriage to the "other woman."

How does one ever get beyond the grief from a marriage that made me feel happy, safe and loved? Do others suffer for decades? I can't seem to move past the sadness, but would like to be free of these feelings before I pass away. — **MISSING THAT LIFE**

**DEAR MISSING:** You are stuck in a rut of your own making, grieving the loss of your first marriage because there's nothing else going on in your life to distract you. If you want to get beyond this, start finding other things to occupy your time and your thoughts. Explore special interest groups you can join and activities that will take you out into the community so you have less time alone to brood. And if that isn't enough, consider asking your doctor to refer you to a licensed mental health professional.

**DEAR ABBY:** The past couple of years I've given \$300 to \$400 in cash to my personal trainer and his therapist wife for their birthdays and Christmas. When I

hand them the card, they'll thank me for the card, but I never hear another word. How do I know they just didn't throw away an unopened card? Maybe I've insulted them with the cash? Or someone pilfered it? Or is this a sign of the times? — **BITTER IN THE WEST**

**DEAR BITTER:** The next time you hand them their cards, say, "I hope you can use what's inside to get yourself something nice or have some fun." (If you still want to continue giving them money, that is.)

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## PRICES

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the final product," he said. "There's only so much we can do. Customers everywhere are feeling the same pain. If they're buying products, they're tending toward the cheaper products."

As farms Kind Leaf has done business with go under, it means Kind Leaf is unable to purchase a large variety of edibles or vape pen products.

Jacki Zeckman is the store manager of Thur's Smoke Shop, also in Pendleton. He said the cannabis business is like a wave, "always up and down," and it takes finding the right partners to stay afloat. For the cannabis customer now, he said, prices are better.

Thur's top-shelf cannabis is going for \$10 a gram, lower than some other competing stores, he said, but

the business always makes its margins.

Thur's customers have shifted in what they buy, he said, engaging in more budget conscientious shopping. While the monetary volume in the store has dropped, foot traffic remains high.

"I still see quite a few people every day," Zeckman said. "I may not move as much, but I move more customer-friendly items."

Likewise, Kind Leaf has not experienced a slowdown in the number of sales, Krenzler said, but also is seeing customers spend their money differently. They stock up on cheaper products, for example, rather than premium goods.

Like any business, Zeckman said, surviving takes building partnerships. And in cannabis, that means working out mutually beneficial deals with suppliers all year long.

## REVAMP

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Other downtown businesses that recently received funding from the program include the Country Financial building just one door down from Klebaum's renovated space.

"It has been a fairly successful and popular program," Scroggins said.

Klebaum expects to fully utilize the new space in the coming years and has begun working on classes for new homeowners and community members looking to increase their financial literacy.

With an almost 30-year background in banking and finance, Klebaum has seen firsthand what happens when

customers don't meet their financial obligations. She said this allows her to better serve a wide array of customers with options that accommodate for credit and savings barriers.

"My philosophy has always been to leave no stone unturned," Klebaum said. "If it can be done, I'm the girl to do it."

The branch held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house last month to celebrate the completed renovations and their new location. Now, it's back to business.

"Now that my agenda is pretty much clear of big events and projects," Klebaum said. "It's kind of time for us to really get back to work and do what we do best."

## LOSTINE

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serve, we make ourselves," he said, which includes beans, sauces, pickles and numerous other items. They do serve bread that they purchase.

Zieman does his cooking in a smoker out back of the tavern. There, he and friend Jon Larson keep the cooker going with a mix of oak and cherry wood.

## South from Alaska

The Ziemans only moved to Wallowa County this spring, although they've visited regularly. Dan spent 10 years working as a food and beverage manager for a hotel that oversaw three restaurants in Skagway, Alaska, the gateway to the historic Yukon gold rush country.

They decided on the move last fall and then Dan spent the winter training his replacement.

Dan said the climate in Skagway, in the southeast coastal part of Alaska, can be milder than Wallowa



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain  
**Dan Zieman, co-owner of Z's BBQ, at the Lostine Tavern on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, checks a brisket that has been cooking since 4 a.m. It'll be ready about 4 p.m.**

County and not as harsh as the inland reaches of the 49th state.

"Being right on the water, it stays around 30 degrees," he said.

Larson and his girlfriend, Rebekah Israel, came with them. Larson regularly helps out at Z's, and Israel helps with major events when she's not working at the Wild Carrot in Enterprise.

## The future

One of the first additions Z's hopes to make

is liquor, beer and wine service as soon as they obtain a liquor license. Zieman said he expects that to come through in September.

That will likely lead to other features.

"Once the liquor license comes through, we're going to add some fun night events to make it a fun place to be" such as live entertainment, he said. "We'll bring back some of that good energy in the building."

Come winter, Z's may also offer breakfast. Although one doesn't often think of barbecue as a breakfast food, Zieman intends to change that.

"Pork belly, it's just bacon in a different form," he said. "Or a brisket eggs Benedict or a pork belly burrito or something."

The addition of other menu items will help attain one of his goals.

"Our goal is to run out because we want to make it fresh every day," he said.

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# weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
<b>Clear</b>	Very hot with sunshine	Very hot with sunshine	Partly sunny and very hot	Mostly sunny and hot	
<b>Baker City</b>	55	99	53	99	55
<b>Comfort Index™</b>	5	5	2	2	8
<b>La Grande</b>	64	102	61	103	61
<b>Comfort Index™</b>	2	2	1	2	5
<b>Enterprise</b>	63	98	63	100	63
<b>Comfort Index™</b>	2	3	3	2	4

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.

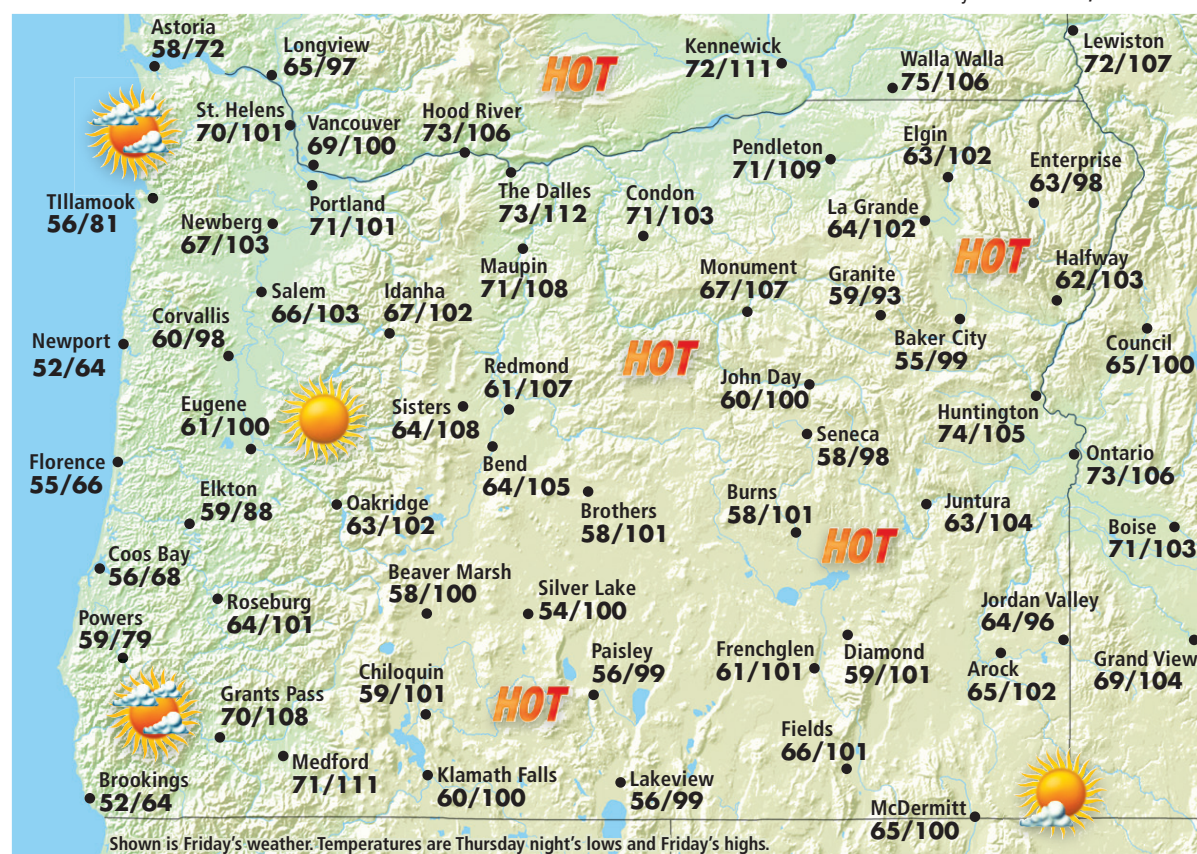
ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>			
High Tuesday	95°	99°	103°
Low Tuesday	48°	52°	54°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.01	0.22	0.32
Normal month to date	0.48	0.52	0.63
Year to date	4.47	8.98	17.76
Normal year to date	5.92	10.58	15.15

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
<b>HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY</b>	
Lowest relative humidity	15%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	12.7
Evapotranspiration	0.34
<b>RESERVOIR STORAGE</b> (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	16% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	71% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	29% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	89% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	5% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	66% of capacity
<b>STREAM FLOWS</b> (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	936 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	129 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	149 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	57 cfs
Minam River at Minam	266 cfs
Powder River near Richland	18 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES	
<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High: 116°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 35°	Afton, Wyo.
Wettest: 8.64"	St. Louis, Mo.
<b>OREGON</b>	
High: 111°	The Dalles
Low: 45°	Sunriver
Wettest: Trace	Brookings
<b>WEATHER HISTORY</b>	
A severe storm with hail of up to 1.5 inches in diameter occurred in Arizona on July 28, 1952. The hail shattered windows, damaged roofs and stripped leaves off trees near the town of Benson.	
<b>SUN &amp; MOON</b>	
Sunrise	5:32 a.m.
Sunset	8:25 p.m.
Moonrise	5:05 a.m.
Moonset	9:01 p.m.
<b>MOON PHASES</b>	
New	Jul 28
First	Aug 5
Full	Aug 11
Last	Aug 18

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY	
CITY	FRI. HI/LO/W	CITY	FRI. HI/LO/W
Astoria	72/58/pc	Anthony Lakes	77 52
Bend	105/63/s	Phillips Lake	96 57
Boise	103/72/s	Brownlee Res.	Very hot
Brookings	64/53/pc	Emigrant St. Park	96 51
Burns	101/59/s	McKay Reservoir	106 72
Coos Bay	68/57/pc	Red Bridge St. Park	102 61
Corvallis	98/63/s	Thief Valley Res.	99 53
Council	100/60/s	Wallowa Lake	97 66
Elgin	102/67/s		
Eugene	100/63/s		
Hermiston	110/73/s		
Hood River	106/76/s		
Imnaha	105/66/s		
John Day	100/62/s		
Joseph	97/66/s		
Kennewick	111/70/s		
Klamath Falls	100/58/s		
Lakeview	99/57/s		
Lewiston	107/69/s		
Longview	97/63/s		
Meacham	100/58/s		
Medford	111/72/s		
Newport	64/53/c		
Olympia	97/56/s		
Ontario	106/72/s		
Pasco	109/69/s		
Pendleton	109/73/s		
Portland	101/69/s		
Powers	79/60/pc		
Redmond	107/64/s		
Roseburg	101/65/s		
Salem	103/67/s		
Spokane	102/69/s		
The Dalles	112/74/s		
Ukiah	100/54/s		
Walla Walla	106/74/s		

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