

# Woman and her son endure boyfriend's odd behavior



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend of seven years is very competitive. There is constantly this underlying contest about whose kid is better, whose dog is better, etc. It's silly. They are both great kids (and dogs) in their individual ways, and I suspect he likes to brag about his 11-year-old daughter just to publicize that she's "great."

He often criticizes my son. He also has "house rules" for us that he doesn't hold himself or his daughter to, and becomes upset

if I bring it up. I like doing things with him and with his daughter, but not when they're together because it's always them against us. She also hangs on him constantly and whines when I'm around.

I realize I can't change how he acts, but I feel like I constantly need to prove myself to him and stick up for my son. Sometimes I'm a little jealous because he treats his daughter so differently than he treats us. I don't want to feel this way. Can you help me come up with a different way of reacting to it? — **WEARY IN WISCONSIN**

**DEAR WEARY:** Frankly, your question, "Can you come up with a different way of reacting to the way your boyfriend treats

you and your son?" surprised me. The traits you have described are obnoxious. I find it hard to believe that for seven years you've tolerated the double standard he exhibits and his constant criticism of your son — who by now probably thinks there is something wrong with himself — because of it. Put your foot down (better late than never)! Insist that he stop criticizing your boy and displaying the double standard. If he doesn't comply, for both your sakes, end the relationship.

**DEAR ABBY:** Last year a friend of mine had a baby shower, which I attended, and I bought her an expensive gift. Shortly after, her baby was, unfortunately, stillborn. Rather than return the gifts

or save them for a future child, my friend sold them on an online virtual yard sale. I was upset because I had spent a lot of money and, had she returned the item, I could've used it because I was pregnant. Needless to say, I didn't tell her how I felt.

Now, one year later, she's pregnant again. Honestly, I'm happy for her, but she's having another baby shower. What would be the rule of etiquette here? I want to go, but I don't feel I should have to buy her another gift. — **UPSET IN THE EAST**

**DEAR UPSET:** It's regrettable that the gifts from the first pregnancy weren't returned to the givers or kept for a future pregnancy, but chances are that your

friend was an emotional wreck after having lost her baby, and she wasn't thinking straight. If you plan to attend this shower, you should absolutely bring a gift.

A side note: While reading your letter, I recalled that although the practice is well-entrenched here, not all cultures have baby showers before a child is born. In China, Egypt and France, the celebration is held after the birth. And in Ireland, Russia and Japan, it's considered bad luck to have a baby shower before the baby arrives.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Scientists use tiny trackers, plane to follow moths on move

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Trillions of insects migrate across the globe each year, yet little is known about their journeys. So to look for clues, scientists in Germany took to the skies, placing tiny trackers on the backs of giant moths and following them by plane.

To the researchers' surprise, the moths seemed to have a strong sense of where they were going. Even when the winds changed, the insects stayed on a straight course, the scientists reported in a study published Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Their flight paths suggest these death's-head hawk moths have some complex navigation skills, the authors said, challenging earlier ideas that insects are just wanderers.

"For many, many years, it was thought that insect migration was mostly just dictated by winds, and they were blowing around," said lead author Myles Menz, now a zoologist at James Cook University in Australia.

It's been tough for scientists to get a close look at how insects travel, in part because of their small

size, Menz said. The kinds of radio tags used to follow birds can be too heavy for smaller fliers.

But transmitters have gotten tinier. And it helps that the death's-head hawk moth is huge compared to other insects, with a wingspan up to 5 inches.

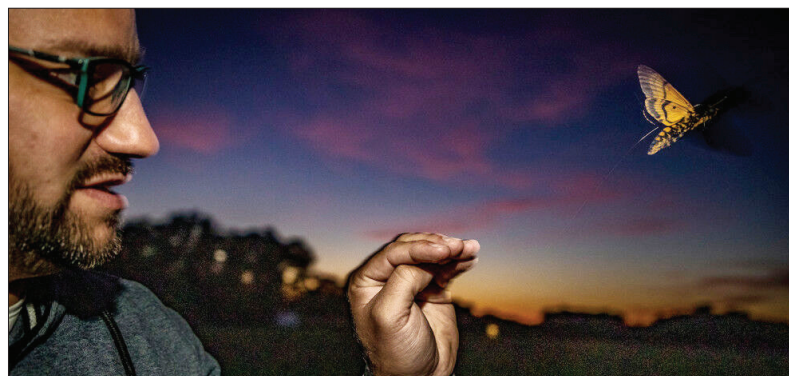
The iconic species — dark colored with yellow underwings and skull-like markings — was able to fly well with the tiny tracker glued to its back, said Martin Wikelski, a study co-author and migration researcher at Germany's Max Planck Institute for Animal Behavior.

The moths are thought to migrate thousands of miles between Europe and Africa in the autumn, flying by night.

For the study, researchers released tagged moths in Germany in the hopes they'd start flying on their migration path toward the Alps.

Wikelski, the study's pilot, took off in his plane, circling the area and waiting for any moths on the move. If he did pick up a signal from a tiny traveler, he would follow its radio blips for hours at a time.

"The little moth is guiding you," he said.



Christian Ziegler/Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior

**In this undated image provided by the Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior, after tagging, moths are released in Konstanz, Germany, and followed in a light aircraft for up to 80 kilometers into the Alps. Scientists in Germany attached tiny trackers to giant moths looking for clues about insect migration.**

The researchers followed the flight paths of 14 moths, with their longest track around 56 miles.

Not only did the moths fly in straight lines, but they also seemed to work around wind conditions, Menz said, flying low to the ground when the winds were against them, or rising up to catch a helpful tail wind.

Though the number of moths tracked was fairly small, getting any close-up look at insect migration is significant, said Ryan Norris, an insect and bird migra-

tion researcher at the University of Guelph in Canada, who was not involved in the study.

"I was surprised at how far they could track them," Norris said. "And it certainly is surprising that individual moths stay on this straight trajectory."

### Officials: Loud 'boom' in north Utah likely a meteor

**SALT LAKE CITY** — A loud "boom" heard across areas of northern Utah was likely a meteor, officials said Saturday, Aug. 13.

Reports of the loud noise circulated at about 8:30 a.m., with people from Orem to southern Idaho posting that they heard the "boom," The Salt Lake Tribune reported.

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox tweeted that his office confirmed it was not related to any seismic activity or military installations.

The National Weather Service's Salt Lake City office wrote in a tweet that its lightning detection mapper likely picked up the meteor's trail flash, which officials said seemed to be confirmed by witness video in Roy.

South Salt Lake resident Wendi Melling was just heading out the door when she heard the noise, which she described as a "loud deep booming sound" followed by a few seconds of rumbling.

"I thought I heard something fall in the house. I have since searched the house top to bottom and the only thing I've found was one slat from our wooden fence that had fallen, so that's a relief," Melling wrote in a Facebook message.

"It did sound similar to sonic booms I've heard before, followed by a short incident of a sound similar to low rolling thunder," Melling said.

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# weather

	<b>HOT</b>			<b>HOT</b>
<b>TONIGHT</b> Clear	<b>WED</b> Partly sunny and very hot	<b>THU</b> Mostly cloudy and hot	<b>FRI</b> Mostly sunny and hot	<b>SAT</b> Partly sunny and very hot
Baker City <b>49</b> Comfort Index™ <b>5</b>	<b>99 53</b> <b>4</b>	<b>95 58</b> <b>6</b>	<b>92 54</b> <b>6</b>	<b>95 53</b> <b>5</b>
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### ALMANAC

<b>TEMPERATURES</b>	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Sunday	88°	90°	95°
Low Sunday	41°	41°	42°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.12	0.16	0.07
Normal month to date	0.19	0.30	0.29
Year to date	4.59	9.14	17.83
Normal year to date	6.18	10.96	15.52

### SUNDAY EXTREMES

**NATION** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 116° Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: 33° Bodie State Park, Calif.  
Wettest: 4.95" Port Aransas, Texas

**OREGON**  
High: 100° Ontario  
Low: 35° Meacham  
Wettest: none

### WEATHER HISTORY

On Aug. 16, 1979, temperatures dropped below freezing in northern Minnesota and to 37 degrees as far south as Pittsburgh, Pa. It was because strong high pressure in Canada brought chilly air southward.

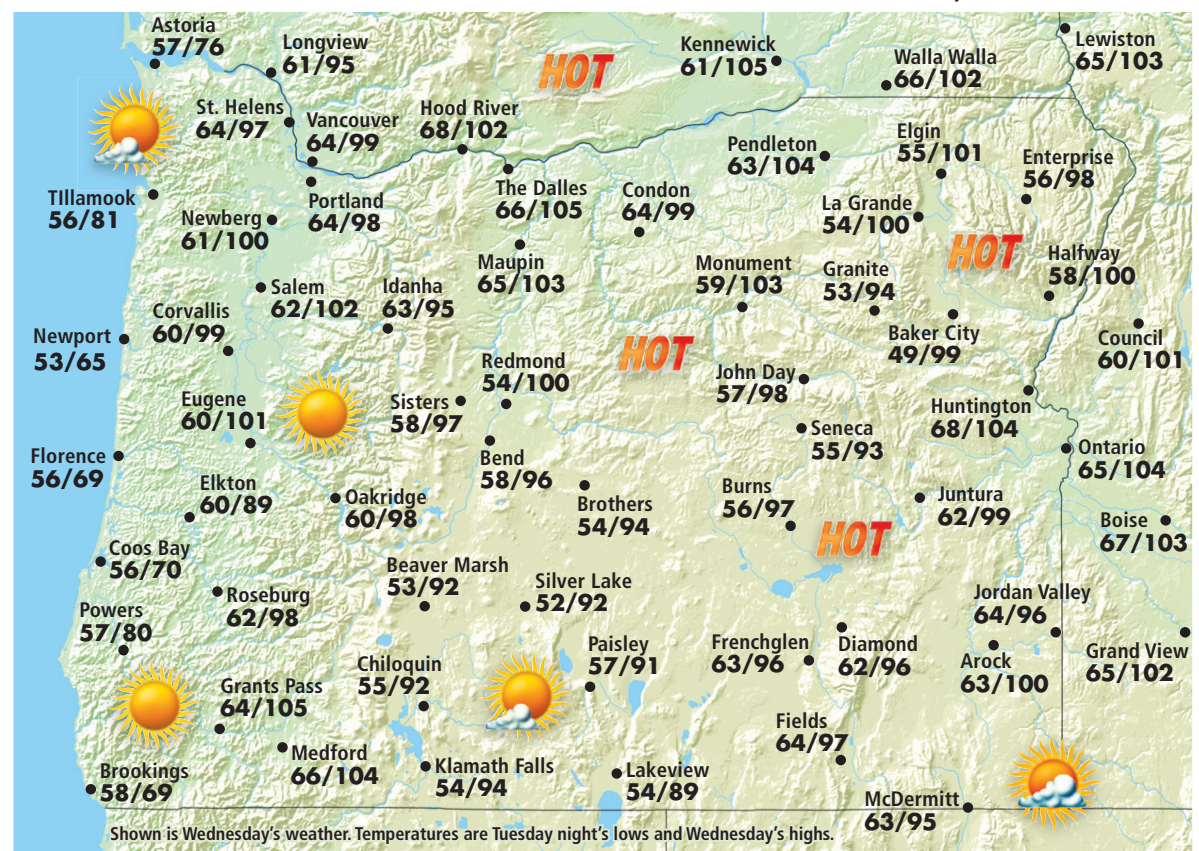
### SUN & MOON

	<b>TUE.</b>	<b>WED.</b>
Sunrise	5:54 a.m.	5:56 a.m.
Sunset	7:58 p.m.	7:56 p.m.
Moonrise	10:26 p.m.	10:48 p.m.
Moonset	11:22 a.m.	12:33 p.m.

<b>MOON PHASES</b>	Last	New	First	Full
	Aug 18	Aug 27	Sep 3	Sep 10

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

<b>WED.</b>	<b>THU.</b>	<b>WED.</b>	<b>THU.</b>
Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria 76/59/pc	72/59/c	Lewiston 103/69/s	102/73/pc
Bend 96/60/c	93/60/pc	Longview 95/64/pc	89/62/s
Boise 103/71/s	97/70/pc	Meacham 99/53/pc	96/61/c
Brookings 69/55/c	68/56/c	Medford 104/67/pc	103/66/s
Burns 97/60/c	92/58/c	Newport 98/70/pc	94/66/s
Coos Bay 70/59/c	68/58/c	Olympia 90/58/s	91/60/s
Corvallis 99/62/pc	90/59/s	Ontario 104/68/pc	98/72/c
Council 101/62/s	97/65/pc	Pasco 105/64/pc	102/69/pc
Elgin 101/59/pc	98/62/pc	Pendleton 104/67/pc	99/74/pc
Eugene 101/62/c	93/60/s	Portland 98/70/pc	94/66/s
Hermiston 105/63/pc	103/73/pc	Powers 80/59/c	74/59/c
Hood River 102/75/pc	102/72/s	Redmond 100/58/c	97/58/pc
Imnaha 100/68/s	100/70/pc	Roseburg 98/66/pc	92/63/s
John Day 98/63/pc	91/63/pc	Salem 102/66/pc	94/62/s
Joseph 96/59/pc	97/62/pc	Spokane 97/66/s	98/70/s
Kennewick 105/64/pc	102/70/pc	The Dalles 105/73/pc	104/75/s
Klamath Falls 94/57/pc	92/56/pc	Ukiah 97/55/pc	93/57/pc
Lakeview 89/54/c	86/50/pc	Walla Walla 102/70/pc	99/75/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> Partly sunny; warm	<b>79 54</b>		<b>PHILLIPS LAKE</b> Partly sunny; hot	<b>95 60</b>	
<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b> Partly sunny	<b>89 53</b>		<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b> Very hot	<b>104 66</b>	<b>HOT</b>
<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b> Partly sunny; warm	<b>84 55</b>		<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b> Partly sunny; warm	<b>94 49</b>	
<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b> Partly sunny; hot	<b>96 59</b>		<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b> Very hot	<b>103 68</b>	<b>HOT</b>
<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b> Record-tying heat	<b>99 53</b>		<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b> Very hot	<b>100 57</b>	<b>HOT</b>

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