

Girlfriend is unimpressed by man's longtime friends



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend has been hanging out with a group of "friends" since college. He is now 41. The women in this group are unfriendly toward me. They don't say hello or goodbye or even acknowledge my existence when I am around them. I have talked to my boyfriend about this time and again, and he defends their behavior. He says I "lack empathy."

We have been dating for a year and a half, and I realize the other "friends" he surrounds himself with are as bad or worse. (They are heavy drinkers, drug dealers and drug users, and have low

morals, poor values, etc.) When I give him examples of how these people treat him poorly and treat me rudely, he brushes it off, saying their behavior and comments don't bother him. What gives? — **LOOKING FOR INSIGHT**

DEAR LOOKING: What "gives" is this: Your boyfriend is comfortable with these people because he is like them. If he had higher self-esteem and was more highly motivated, he wouldn't be hanging out with those losers. He'd form friendships with people who live healthy lifestyles, have gainful employment, high morals and better values. That you would spend a year and a half surrounded by a group like this tells me you must be desperate for company.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a new-

lywed, and my husband and I have just hit a big roadblock. I hate the town we live in. I always have. The only reason I'm here is because of him, but I have always been very clear about wanting to move.

I lost my job, and the market around here is terrible, which has pushed the idea of us moving to the forefront. I don't expect us to go anywhere now, but it is becoming crystal clear that this place isn't going to get me far. My husband is a teacher, but between terms he has the option to leave. When we married, it was with the understanding that we would eventually leave, or so I thought. Now he's talking about how if I want to move, I'll be going without him because he's happy here, and he's happy to stay forever.

I feel like the rug has been pulled out from under me, and I don't know what to do. I love my husband, but I love myself, too. I will never be happy here. I've tolerated it for five years, and I'm miserable. How am I supposed to compromise on an absolute? We can't both move and not move. — **YEARNING TO FLEE**

DEAR YEARNING: Your husband should have been honest with you from the beginning about his feelings and ties to the community. Because you know you can't be happy there — and he has indicated that he plans to stay — I think you should do whatever makes you happy and thank your lucky stars there are no children involved to complicate matters.

DEAR ABBY: I am 24 and being married soon. My fiance

thinks I'm a virgin, but in reality, I am far from it. We have been saving sex for marriage — at least that's what he thinks. I don't know if I should keep this to myself or tell him. Please give me your expert advice.

— **BRIDE-TO-BE**

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: Solid marriages are built on trust. What do you think the fallout will be if this man finds out he has been lied to all this time? He will never again believe what you tell him, and who could blame him? The time to level is now, before the wedding — and if it's a deal-breaker, que sera, sera.

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Youth pheasant hunts planned in September

EO Media Group

SALEM — Youth hunters, age 17 and under, can sign up now for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's free pheasant hunts happening around the state starting in September, with an additional few hunt dates in October.

ODFW and partners stock pheasants at these special hunts that give youth a head start on regular pheasant seasons, which don't begin until October.

There are multiple dates and hunt locations to choose from and some events have multiple hunt times to choose from. Register by logging in to the youth's account at MyODFW's Licensing page. Then go to Purchase from the Catalog and look under the Category/ Class/Workshop / Outdoor Skills. Hunts are listed alphabetically by city name. Registration is only online, and it is not available at license sale agents.

These events are open only to youth who have passed hunter education. Volunteers bring their trained hunting dogs to some events. Some events also host a shooting skills session before the hunt.

The hunts are free, though participants need a valid hunting license (\$10 for youth 12 and older, free for age 11 and under) to hunt. Youth hunters age 12-17 also need an upland game bird validation (\$4). Purchase before the event, online or at a license sales agent. Licenses and validations will not be sold at the events.

Some areas will host the event both Saturday and Sunday. Youth who register for one day are welcome to hunt stand by on the other day.



The Observer, File

Youth hunters will have the chance to hunt pheasants Sept. 17 and 18 at Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area.

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See page 26-27 of the Oregon

Game Bird Regulations for more information, or see myodfw.com/workshops-and-events for the local contact for each hunt. For help signing up, contact Myrna Britton at 503-947-6028 or by email at Myrna.B.Britton@odfw.org

Event dates

- La Grande, Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18. No advance registration required.
- John Day Valley, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18.
- Irrigon Wildlife Area (between Irrigon and Umatilla), Sept. 24 and Sept. 25. Sign up for morning or evening hunt.
- Central Point, Denman Wildlife Area, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18.
- Coquille, Coquille Valley Wildlife Area, Sept. 24 and 25.
- Corvallis (near Camp Adair), EE Wilson Wildlife Area, Sept. 24 and Sept. 25.

- Eugene, Fern Ridge Wildlife Area, Sept. 10 and Sept. 11. Advance registration not required.
- Klamath Falls, Klamath Wildlife Area, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18. Additional hunt on Oct. 22 in Miller Island Unit (hunting is on a first come basis for the Oct. 22 hunt). No registration required.
- Madras, private lands, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18. Sign up for one of several three-hour hunting shifts.
- Portland, Sauvie Island Wildlife Area, Sept. 17 and Sept. 18.
- Tygh Valley/The Dalles, White River Wildlife Area, Sept. 24 and Sept. 25.

weather

	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and hot	Partly sunny; not as hot	Nice with plenty of sun	Sunny and hot
Baker City	51	96	88	89	91
Comfort Index™	6	4	9	8	8
La Grande	58	96	87	89	93
Comfort Index™	6	4	9	7	6
Enterprise	57	93	84	87	89
Comfort Index™	7	4	10	7	5

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.

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TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Thursday	97°	101°	103°
Low Thursday	49°	57°	57°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.12	0.16	0.08
Normal month to date	0.25	0.39	0.37
Year to date	4.59	9.14	17.84
Normal year to date	6.24	11.05	15.60

AGRICULTURAL INFO.			
HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY			
Lowest relative humidity	20%		
Afternoon wind	N at 4 to 8 mph		
Hours of sunshine	7.9		
Evapotranspiration	0.27		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)			
Phillips Reservoir	6% of capacity		
Unity Reservoir	47% of capacity		
McKay Reservoir	21% of capacity		
Wallowa Lake	75% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	3% of capacity		

STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)			
Grande Ronde at Troy	591 cfs		
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	83 cfs		
Burnt River near Unity	123 cfs		
Umatilla River near Gibbon	46 cfs		
Minam River at Minam	117 cfs		
Powder River near Richland	28 cfs		

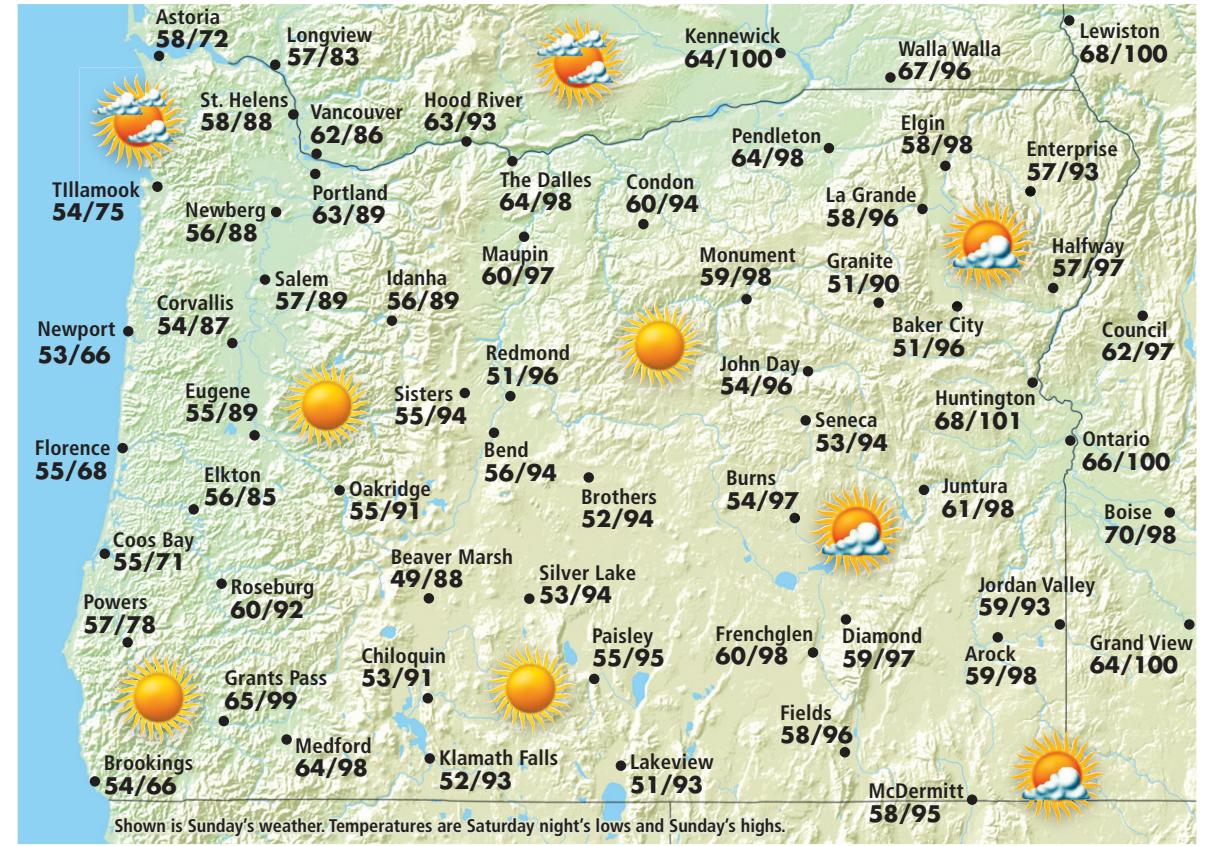
THURSDAY EXTREMES			
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 116°	Death Valley, Calif.	
	Low: 31°	Afton, Wyo.	
	Wettest: 4.10"	Mobile, Ala.	
OREGON	High: 103°	Hermiston	
	Low: 48°	Meacham	
	Wettest: 0.02"	Lakeview	

WEATHER HISTORY			
Heavy rain from the remains of Hurricane Camille on and around Aug. 20, 1969, killed 151 people and caused \$100 million in damage in the upper James River Basin of Virginia.			

SUN & MOON			
Sunrise	5:59 a.m.	6:01 a.m.	
Sunset	7:51 p.m.	7:50 p.m.	
Moonrise	none	12:18 a.m.	
Moonset	3:53 p.m.	4:52 p.m.	

MOON PHASES			
New	First	Full	Last
Aug 27	Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 17

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES			
City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City
Astoria	72/56/c	73/59/c	Lewiston
Bend	94/56/s	87/53/s	Longview
Boise	98/70/pc	98/66/s	Meacham
Brookings	66/55/c	67/56/pc	Newport
Burns	97/55/s	91/52/s	Olympia
Coos Bay	71/57/c	70/59/c	Ontario
Corvallis	87/54/s	84/57/pc	Pasco
Council	97/60/pc	93/57/pc	Pendleton
Elgin	98/57/s	87/54/pc	Portland
Eugene	89/56/s	85/55/pc	Powers
Hermiston	98/65/s	96/64/s	Redmond
Hood River	93/69/pc	89/66/s	Roseburg
Imnaha	99/67/s	90/61/pc	Salem
John Day	96/56/pc	89/54/s	Spokane
Joseph	93/55/pc	85/53/t	The Dalles
Kennewick	100/62/pc	96/64/pc	Ukiah
Klamath Falls	93/51/pc	86/50/s	Walla Walla
Lakeview	93/48/s	89/49/s	

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY			
ANTHONY LAKES	Partly sunny	75	46
MT. EMILY REC.	Mostly sunny	85	52
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Partly sunny; warm	78	47
WALLOWA LAKE	A stray t-shower	93	55
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Hot	96	54
PHILLIPS LAKE	Very warm	91	50
BROWNLEE RES.	Partly sunny	99	63
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Very warm	89	47
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Hot	97	65
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Hot with sunshine	96	58