# Friend gets conflicting info about his inclusion in will



**DEAR ABBY** ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** For 15 years I've maintained a close friendship with a wealthy older man who has become a kind of mentor. He's 90 years old now and in failing health. He told me on several occasions that I was named in his will, but when we met for lunch the other day, he informed me his entire estate will go to his live-in caregivers.

I was never in this friendship for the money (he only recently became wealthy after inheriting his late sister's estate), but it hurts knowing I've been eliminated from his will with no explanation. I earn a six-figure income and don't need his money, but it bothers me. If I ask about it, I will appear grasping. If I say nothing, it will gnaw away at me. What do I do? — PROMISE WITH-DRAWN IN TEXAS

**DEAR PROMISE:** Quit worrying about appearances and ask him the question you should have asked when he told you he had changed his will and eliminated you. Do it now. He's 90 and in failing health, and you may not have long to get the answer to the question.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a close friend, "Renee," whom I've

known for several years. She often comes to my home in the evenings for an hour or so to get away from her house. She's a single parent who lives at home with her mom and two children, so she considers it an escape.

While I don't mind her coming over most days, a somewhat sensitive issue has come up. Renee often wears tennis shoes without socks, or shoes for a very long time without washing them. When she takes them off, they stink. She then tries to hide her smelly feet underneath the blankets I keep on my couch. It doesn't help. I can still smell them, and my blankets stink when she leaves.

This issue is embarrassing, and

I don't want to hurt her feelings but, honestly, I'm sick of having to wash my blankets every time she comes over. Any suggestions on how I should handle this? SUFFERING IN SILENCE

**DEAR SUFFERING:** Handle this by asking your friend to please keep her shoes on and her feet on the floor when she's at your house. If she asks why, tell her the truth and suggest she start washing her shoes — and her feet regularly.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 9-year-old girl. Right now I don't do chores or get an allowance, but I want to. How should I ask my parents? And how much money should I ask for? — KID WHO **NEEDS CASH** 

**DEAR KID:** Tell your parents you want to talk to them about an allowance. Ask what things you could do to help around the house in order to earn one and how much they are willing to pay you for doing them. As to how much to expect, this will depend on what your parents may be able to afford. Ask them if you can negotiate to find an amount you all agree upon. And if you need more money, doing similar chores for a relative or neighbor might be a good place to start.

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### MEMORIAL

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The last documents the year Congress passed a bill that created or expanded more than 10 wilderness areas in Oregon, including the new North Fork John

I have found a few other memorials in similarly unexpected places, and in each case I felt a powerful emotion as I read the words.

The setting affected me, I think, as much as the sentiment.

Reading the epitaphs among the rows of a cemetery, such as Baker City's fine Mount Hope, can be a memorable experience, too.

But a decidedly different one, it seems to me.

When I stroll among the gravestones I feel the accumulated weight of so many lives, the great sorrow when they were concluded, and the comfort that we feel when we visit those we will always mourn.

But placing a memorial in a spot such as Silver Butte, where comparatively few people will ever see it, strikes me as a particularly meaningful expression of

It's as though the survivors, in addition to a traditional remembrance, felt compelled to also pay homage in a place far more personal than the comparably crowded confines of a cemetery.

This is a more permanent and tangible version, I suppose, of spreading someone's ashes in a favorite site.

As I stood on the summit with my wife, Lisa, and our kids, Olivia and Max, I pondered the setting.

I thought of the many hundreds of days that have



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lookout if it is cloaked by a

dense forest. We didn't stay

The North Fork John

ways opposites. The Eagle

derness, boasting a larger

share of Oregon's 9,000-

foot peaks than any other

deep cold lakes and can-

range, richly endowed with

yons excised by glacial ice

and high passes where the

views take in three states.

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granite and limestone but

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by forests and its namesake

doesn't quite include Silver

The dirt road that leads

almost all the way to the

a few hundred yards — fol-

lows a narrow corridor, less

than a quarter-mile wide,

miles into the wilderness.

derness section expands

to a roughly rectangular

chunk, rather like the lol-

lipop at the end of its stick.

At Silver Butte the nonwil-

that pierces for several

Although the wilderness

largest of its four units,

is much lower, mainly

The North Fork John

Day is nothing like its

Cap. They are in many

I was glad we had come.

The Elkhorn Mountains seen from the summit of Silver Butte.

long.

passed since the memorial was set in its bed of mortar, how many times the sun has risen over the Elkhorns, how many times it has dropped below the horizon, and almost always with no one to see the fiery spectacle, no sound save for the wind.

I imagined the flakes of snow from the first great autumn storm, whisking across the words and then beginning to stick, filling in the tiny valleys left by the engraver's tools and then, inevitably, covering the slab itself.

I wondered whether any elk hunters have ever come here, in the snowy chill of November, and not known the memorial was there.

It was a strange sensation, somber but also inspiring.

I felt a twinge of sadness, that such a beautiful tribute is so little known, so infrequently seen and appreciated.

Yet I recognized too that it is a wonderful thing, that the memory of two people, long-lived and well-loved, lingers on this lonely knoll. It seemed to me that their presence, these two who I never met, is palpable. A traveler who makes it to this remote spot is not truly alone.

It was hot there on Silver Butte, on a sunny August afternoon. But of course a place is no good for a fire

you have an overview of much of the 85,000-acre unit of the wilderness, which in all covers about 121,000 acres.

(The three other units are Tower Mountain to the north, Baldy Creek to the east, and Greenhorn to the south.)

We parked a couple miles short of Silver Butte, since we were there to hike.

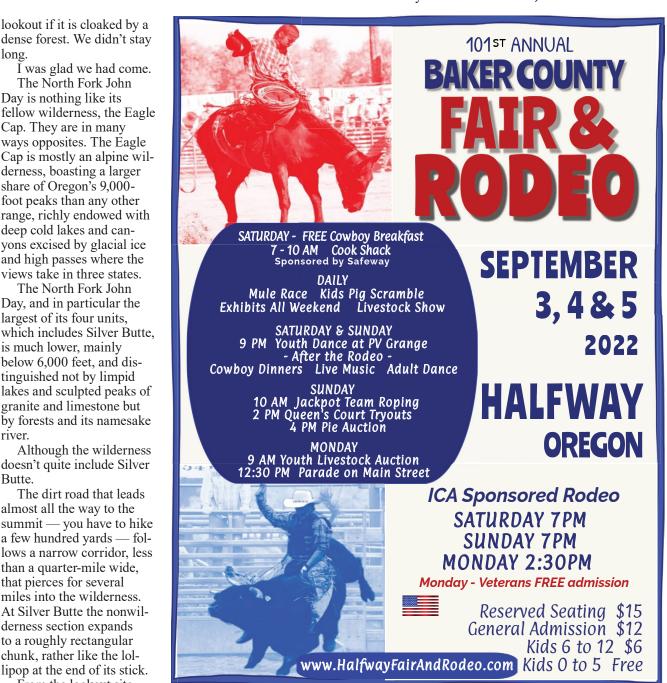
The access road – Umatilla National Forest Road 5225 — passes several trails between its start at Road 52, the paved Blue Mountain Scenic Byway, and its end near Silver Butte.

One of those paths, which starts near the lookout site, drops more than 2.000 feet to the North Fork John Day River at the

mouth of Granite Creek. Road 5225 also runs through a classic mountain grassland — Moon

Meadow. This is ideal backpacking country, the network of trails making possible all manner of loops and routes.

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## From the lookout site AccuWeather | Go to AccuWeather.com weather

			HOT	HOT
<b>TONIGHT</b>	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and nice	Sunny and warmer	Sunny and very hot	Partly sunny and very hot
Baker City 43	<b>79 40</b>	<b>86 47</b>	93 51	<b>95 52</b>
Comfort Index™ 10	9	8	5	5
La Grande 48 Comfort Index™ 10	80 44	91 50	<b>97</b> 56	99 56
Enterprise 44	77 44	88 54	92 57	98 56
Comfort Index <sup>™</sup> 10	10	0	4	3

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

106 cfs

45 cfs

108 cfs

45 cfs

### ALMANAC

<b>Baker City</b>	La Grande	Elgin			
88°	91°	92°			
52°	54°	52°			
PRECIPITATION (inches)					
0.00	0.00	0.07			
0.26	0.24	0.45			
te 0.34	0.55	0.52			
4.73	9.22	18.21			
6.33	11.21	15.75			
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<b>AGRICULTURAL</b>	. INFO.			
HAY INFORMATION SUNDAY				
Lowest relative humidity	25%			
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph			
Hours of sunshine	9.3			
Evapotranspiration	0.21			
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Friday)				
Phillips Reservoir	5% of capacity			
Unity Reservoir	42% of capacity			
Owyhee Reservoir	18% of capacity			
McKay Reservoir	71% of capacity			

#### 3% of capacity Wallowa Lake 19% of capacity Thief Valley Reservoir STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday) Grande Ronde at Troy 576 cfs Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder 68 cfs

**Burnt River near Unity** 

Minam River at Minam

Umatilla River near Gibbon

Powder River near Richland

### THURSDAY EXTREMES

<b>NATION</b> (for the 48 contiguous states)		
High: 114°	Death Valley, Calif.	
Low: 30°	Bodie State Park, Calif.	
Wettest: 4.50"	Lafayette, La.	
OREGON		
High: 102°	The Dalles	
Low: 43°	Sunriver	
Wettest: 0.13"	Baker City	

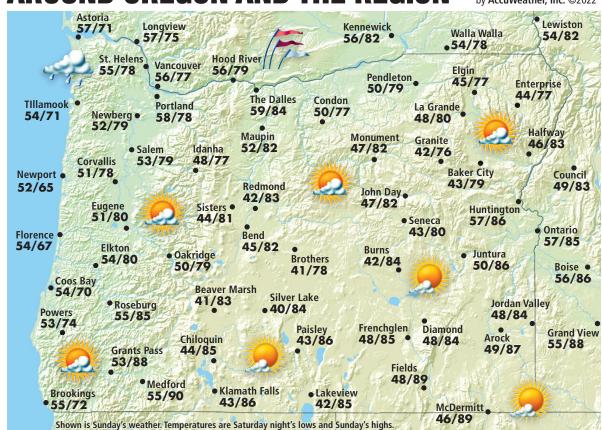
### **WEATHER HISTORY**

Over 1,000 people drowned when a storm surge accompanying a hurricane inundated Charleston, S.C., on Aug. 27, 1893. Such events led to the adoption of hurricane safety plans by emergency officials.

SUN & MOON				
		SAT.	SUN.	
Sunrise	_	:08 a.m.	6:09 a.m.	
Sunset	Sunset 7:39 p.m.		7:37 p.m.	
Moonrise	6:14 a.m.		7:22 a.m.	
Moonset	8:17 p.m.		8:36 p.m.	
MOON PHASES				
New	First	Full	Last	

## **OREGON AND THE REGION**

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sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

	SUN.	MON.		SUN.	MON.
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	71/55/pc	78/58/s	Lewiston	82/56/s	90/61/9
Bend	82/49/s	91/56/s	Longview	75/56/c	85/59/
Boise	86/58/pc	93/63/s	Meacham	75/42/s	87/49/9
Brookings	72/53/s	65/54/pc	Medford	90/58/s	97/62/9
Burns	84/46/s	92/52/s	Newport	65/53/pc	67/54/9
Coos Bay	70/54/s	73/56/s	Olympia	76/52/pc	83/55/pd
Corvallis	78/55/pc	88/57/s	Ontario	85/55/pc	93/60/9
Council	83/49/pc	90/54/s	Pasco	82/52/s	91/59/9
Elgin	77/44/pc	91/54/s	Pendleton	79/52/s	90/60/9
Eugene	80/52/pc	91/57/s	Portland	78/60/pc	90/62/9
Hermiston	82/51/s	93/57/s	Powers	74/54/pc	80/57/9
Hood River	79/60/s	92/63/s	Redmond	83/47/s	92/53/
Imnaha	80/55/pc	90/61/s	Roseburg	85/58/s	94/60/9
John Day	82/49/s	89/58/s	Salem	79/55/pc	90/58/9
Joseph	78/44/pc	86/56/s	Spokane	76/55/s	84/60/9
Kennewick	82/54/s	91/58/s	The Dalles	84/61/s	94/65/9
Klamath Falls	86/46/s	89/48/s	Ukiah	76/41/s	86/49/9
Lakeview	85/45/s	91/51/s	Walla Walla	78/57/s	88/62/

### ST SUNDAY

	RECREATION FOR	ECAST SUND
V	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
S	60 38	77 4
S	MT. EMILY REC. Mostly sunny	BROWNLEE RES Partly sunny
C	68 41	84 4
S	EAGLE CAP WILD. Turning out cloudy	EMIGRANT ST. F Sunny and pleasan
S	66 34	<b>70 3</b> 7
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S	<b>78 44 ***</b>	80 5
S	THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST.

Partly sunny; nice

**77** ROWNLEE RES. irtly sunny 84 **WIGRANT ST. PARK** nny and pleasant **70** 

37 **CKAY RESERVOIR** nny and pleasant 80 52

