

Grown child keeps meetings with ex-stepfather a secret from mom

DEAR ABBY: When I was in my first year of college, my mother divorced my stepdad. “Charlie” was part of my life for 12 years, but since their divorce, she insists I have no contact with him. Charlie visits the state where I now live several times a year to see a friend and invites me to have dinner with him. I do, but because of Mom’s demand, I ask him to keep our time together a secret. If she knew we were in contact, I think she would cut me out of her life.

Growing up, Charlie was a father figure to me — a very important person in my life. Spending time with him is awkward, but it would feel wrong to never see him again. We were family for many years. I feel that as an adult, I should be able to decide for myself who I stay in contact with. I don’t know the whole story about their breakup, and honestly, I don’t care to know. Should I honor my mother’s wishes and have no more contact with him, or go with my gut and keep him in my life?

— FORGIVE OR FORGET OUT WEST
DEAR FORGIVE: Go with your gut. As an adult, you do have the right to choose with whom you associate, and your mother should not be insisting upon it with no explanation.

DEAR ABBY: I have an etiquette question I can’t find an answer to on the internet. My family travels a great deal, and there are always unattended wheelchairs parked around the airport. My teenage brother thinks it’s perfectly fine to get in them and start playing with them, because “no one’s using them.” The rest of my family thinks it’s rude to use a wheelchair as a toy. How do you view this and how should my parents explain it to him? Thanks

— CLAIRE IN FLORIDA
DEAR CLAIRE: Assistive devices are not toys, and they should not be “played with” by those who don’t need to use them. That’s how I view it. Have your parents actually TOLD your brother “No”? If they have and he does it anyway, it’s time for them to act like parents, make clear that there are consequences for disobedience and follow through.

DEAR ABBY: My son recently graduated with a master’s degree. He’s a fine young man,

did extremely well all through his schooling and has never given his father or me a second of worry. He has not been able to find a job. It’s frustrating for him and discouraging, but we know he will, and we encourage him any way we can.

My question is how do I deal with the barrage of inquiries from neighbors, hairstylist, co-workers and friends who constantly ask if he has found a job yet? I am sick of it! It’s none of their business, and I never ask them anything about their families’ employment. Please help.

— MISSOURI MOM
DEAR MOM: Handle it this way. Say, “When he does, I’ll let you know.” Then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: My fiancé’s ex-girlfriend “Amanda” has been living with his parents for more than three years. I feel cheated out of the opportunity to have a daughter-like relationship with my fiancé’s parents. I want her to move out.

I have discussed this with my fiancé, and he talked to his mother and told her that we’re getting married and it’s time for Amanda to leave. Amanda also agrees it’s time for her to move, but my future mother-in-law doesn’t. I don’t think she wants to let go of Amanda and her grandson. It’s like Amanda is her daughter.

I don’t like the situation. It’s not normal, and I don’t know what to do. Should I confront his mother or just stay quiet? I want to feel like I’m the daughter-in-law, not Amanda! Please help.

— CHEATED IN HOLLAND, MICH.
DEAR CHEATED: I see nothing positive to be gained from a confrontation. Once you and your fiancé are married, you will be the only daughter-in-law.

However, you will have to accept that Amanda’s child will always be your in-laws’ grandchild. Regardless of how far or how fast Amanda moves out, her child will have a place in their hearts and their lives. Having had their grandchild living in their home for this period of time has intensified the bond. Please consider carefully how this will affect you before you marry this man, because feeling as you do, it may be a difficult adjustment.

After storm shuts down radio stations, 2 hosts carry on

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press
ORLANDO — First Hurricane Michael damaged the radio station where they worked and then the owner shut the station down permanently — but that hasn’t stopped two Florida radio hosts from continuing their mission of informing their listeners during the disaster.

Instead, Tiffany Dunning and Sean Streeter, turned to their Facebook page to provide a constant stream of updates on recovery efforts.

“People are relying on our communication right now, where people can find food, where people can find water. There’s a lot of confusion with that,” Streeter told The Associated Press.

He and Dunning worked for Panama City Beach radio station Kick’n 103.5, owned by Powell Broadcasting.

In the days after Michael ruptured everyday life, the station was a lifeline of information for Florida Panhandle residents, debunking rumors and telling residents where to find hot food and ice, phone charging stations and dialysis treatment.

But Powell Broadcasting last Saturday shut down its operations and those of three other Florida Panhandle radio stations because of damage from the hurricane.

In a phone interview from Panama City Beach, Streeter choked up when asked about the timing of the station’s shutdown.

“To make this announcement at this time, three days after everybody’s world is flipped upside down is disappointing to me and our com-

munity,” Streeter said. But even without a radio signal, he and Dunning have continued to tell the community about developments like these:

“#RumorControl: The curfew has not been extended. The curfew is 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.,” said one post from Monday on the Facebook page of “The Gulf Coast Morning Show w/ Flip & Streeter.”

Former listeners are grateful. “After your company has decided to close everything down, your only concern is keeping us informed. This is a testament to the kind of people you are and the kind of people they are,” said one listener, James Rodgers, on the program’s Facebook page.

“We are looking at communities that are completely gone in some cases,” Rodgers said Monday in a phone call from Panama City Beach. “Any possible means of communications at this point is crucial to get information about resources.”

Officials with Powell Broadcasting didn’t return multiple calls and emails, nor did officials with its parent company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana-based The Powell Group.

Jeff Storey, who ran Powell Broadcasting’s operations in the Florida Panhandle, told another Powell Broadcasting station in Sioux City, Iowa, that their 150-foot tower snapped in half.

“We’re in a tough situation with trying to get any employees back,” Storey told KSCJ.

Other media outlets continued delivering the news even when their operations were damaged by the storm.

The News Herald building in Panama City was damaged

but journalists worked from the parking lot after the storm passed.

Ahead of the storm’s landing, Streeter evacuated to Birmingham, Alabama, and Dunning went to Nashville so they would have power and Internet to communicate with listeners via the station’s Facebook page. Streeter has since returned to Panama City Beach. Dunning has a newborn and hasn’t made it back yet.

Once they found out they no longer had jobs, the two radio hosts decided to keep the information flowing on their own Facebook page. They viewed it as one-stop market of every strand of information related to hurricane relief, so residents don’t have to look up multiple sites to find out what’s going on.

They say they aren’t going anywhere until the crisis is over.

“This is what we signed up for as broadcasters, to get information anyway we can,” Streeter said. “This is our focus, and this is what we have decided to do now.”

PICK’N PATCH

We will be OPENING on October 5th!

Where: Corner of Booth Lane and Lower Cove Road

When: Friday and Saturday: 9am-6pm
Sunday: 10am-4pm
Monday-Thursday: By appointment

What you will find:
Small corn maze, several varieties of pumpkins and gourds, straw bales, corn stalks.

If you would like to schedule a school field trip or other event, please call the number listed below.

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weather

TONIGHT

Clear

SAT

Hazy sun

SUN

Mild with hazy sun

MON

Mostly sunny

TUE

Mainly cloudy and mild

Baker City	31	71 32	71 31	71 32	70 34
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10
La Grande	38	71 41	70 38	69 39	69 40
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10
Enterprise	38	71 39	69 38	67 37	67 37
Comfort Index™	10	10	10	10	10

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			
High Thursday	Baker City 73°	La Grande 65°	Elgin 68°
Low Thursday	25°	26°	28°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.49	1.17	1.59
Normal month to date	0.33	0.63	0.79
Year to date	5.24	11.69	22.63
Normal year to date	7.95	12.17	16.64

AGRICULTURAL INFO.			
HAY INFORMATION SATURDAY			
Lowest relative humidity		25%	
Afternoon wind	SSE at 6 to 12 mph		
Hours of sunshine	7.3		
Evapotranspiration	0.12		

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Thursday)			
Phillips Reservoir	8% of capacity		
Unity Reservoir	11% of capacity		
Owyhee Reservoir	30% of capacity		
McKay Reservoir	23% of capacity		
Wallowa Lake	6% of capacity		
Thief Valley Reservoir	4% of capacity		

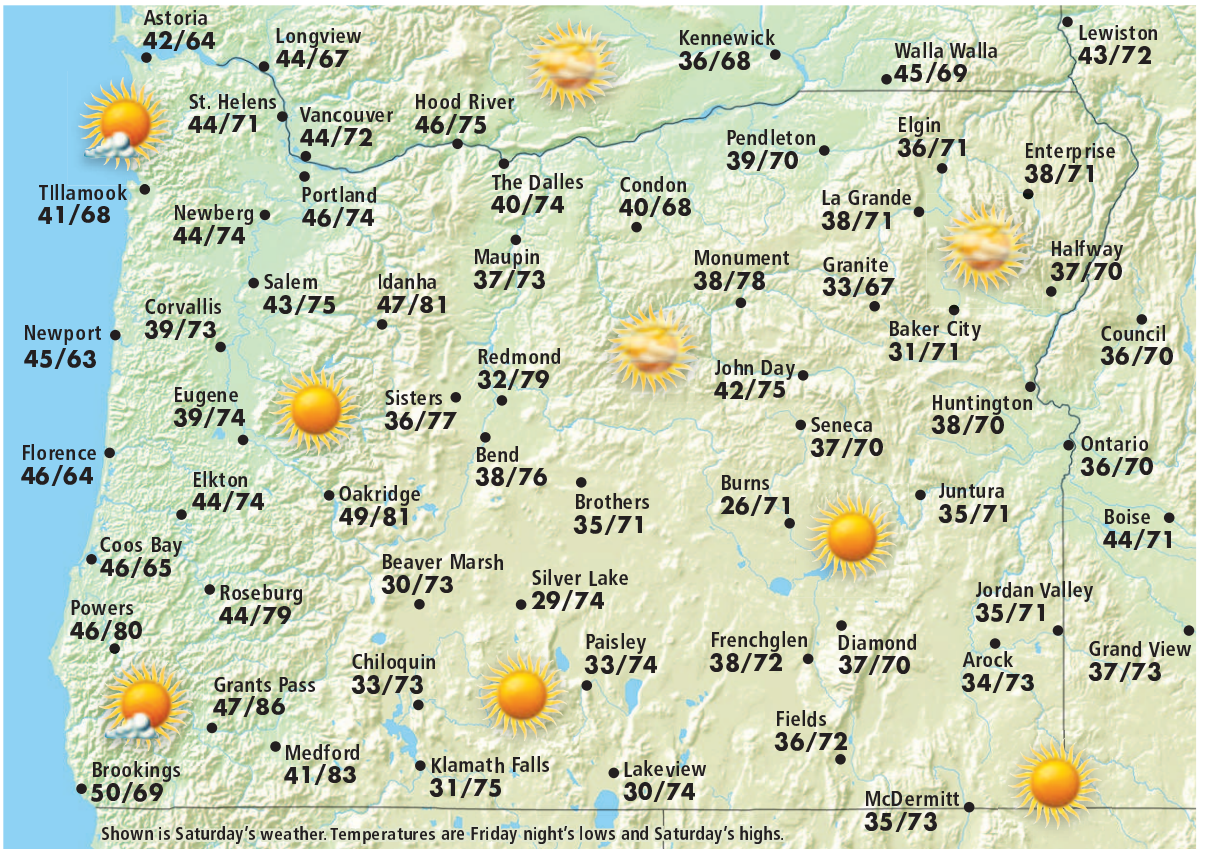
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Thursday)			
Grande Ronde at Troy	694 cfs		
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	2 cfs		
Burnt River near Unity	9 cfs		
Umatilla River near Gibbon	45 cfs		
Minam River at Minam	59 cfs		
Powder River near Richland	13 cfs		

THURSDAY EXTREMES			
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)			
High: 94°	Winter Haven, Fla.		
Low: 4°	Bodie State Park, Calif.		
Wettest: 1.70"	Chillicothe, Mo.		

WEATHER HISTORY			
On October 20, 1987, Seattle, Wash., set a record high for the date with a temperature of 69 degrees. This was the 29th record high Seattle set in the year.			

SUN & MOON			
FRI.			
Sunrise	7:13 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	
Sunset	6:00 p.m.	5:59 p.m.	
Moonrise	4:12 p.m.	4:39 p.m.	
Moonset	1:45 a.m.	2:46 a.m.	
MOON PHASES			
Full	Last	New	First
Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 7	Nov 15

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	SAT. HI/LO/W	SUN. HI/LO/W
Astoria	64/41/s	61/43/s
Bend	76/38/pc	74/37/pc
Boise	71/43/s	71/46/s
Brookings	69/51/s	65/48/pc
Burns	71/26/pc	70/26/pc
Coos Bay	65/46/s	62/45/pc
Corvallis	73/39/s	74/38/s
Council	70/39/s	70/39/s
Elgin	71/39/s	70/38/s
Eugene	74/40/s	74/39/s
Hermiston	70/38/pc	69/38/pc
Hood River	75/44/pc	74/42/pc
Imnaha	76/44/s	74/40/s
John Day	75/43/pc	73/42/pc
Joseph	71/39/s	69/37/s
Kennewick	68/37/pc	68/37/pc
Klamath Falls	75/31/s	72/32/s
Lakeview	74/29/s	70/32/s

City	SAT. HI/LO/W	SUN. HI/LO/W
Lewiston	72/43/s	71/44/s
Longview	67/42/s	68/44/s
Meacham	69/38/s	69/36/s
Medford	83/44/s	79/44/s
Newport	63/47/s	60/44/s
Olympia	62/37/s	61/38/s
Ontario	70/36/s	70/39/s
Pasco	68/36/pc	68/37/pc
Pendleton	70/40/pc	67/41/pc
Portland	74/45/s	70/45/s
Powers	80/48/s	74/47/s
Redmond	79/33/pc	76/33/pc
Roseburg	79/45/s	77/44/s
Salem	75/42/s	74/42/s
Spokane	68/39/s	67/40/s
The Dalles	74/41/pc	73/40/pc
Ukiah	73/37/pc	70/36/pc
Walla Walla	69/45/pc	67/46/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 SATURDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	
Sunny and nice	
51	29
MT. EMILY REC.	
Hazy sunshine	
60	41
EAGLE CAP WILD.	
Sunny and pleasant	
57	29
WALLOWA LAKE	
Sunny and mild	
68	39
THIEF VALLEY RES.	
Sunny and mild	
72	31

PHILLIPS LAKE	
Mild with hazy sun	
69	34
BROWNLEE RES.	
Sunny and pleasant	
73	39
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	
Mild with hazy sun	
66	33
MCKAY RESERVOIR	
Hazy sun	
69	41
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	
Hazy sun	
69	38



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