

Mom's meddling adds stress to the arrival of first baby

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 20s, married and seven months pregnant. My problem is my overbearing and manipulative mother. She guilt-trips me, uses social media to shame me and has tried to harm herself and blame me for it, saying I caused it because I'm a horrible daughter.

Now that I am expecting my first child, she's trying to control everything. All the boundaries I set are being pushed and crossed. This is causing a lot of stress for me. What can I do to get free of my crazy, overbearing mother?!

— **NEEDS FREEDOM IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR NEEDS FREEDOM: Recognize that as an adult, YOU are now in control. Stress isn't good for you or your baby at a time like this. As a mother, your first responsibility will be to your little one.

If your mother has tried to harm herself in the past — regardless of her reasons for it — surely others are aware of it. Because she is toxic and unstable, you have every right to distance yourself from her drama. Draw the line. Accept that you can't please everyone, and that includes your overbearing mother.

DEAR ABBY: My brother-in-law has been living with my husband and me for three years. We have been helping him out for about 11 of our 15 years of marriage. I don't want him here anymore. My husband tells me that I need to be patient. I think I have been patient long enough.

My cousin said to give his brother an ultimatum, but he has a temper, and he doesn't have normal arguments. He doesn't hit, but he automatically yells. Because of that, I have been avoiding issues with him that have been bugging me. How should I go about telling my husband it's his brother or me?

— **WANTS HIM GONE**

DEAR WANTS HIM GONE: Unless you are prepared to follow through on your ultimatum, I don't think you should put it in those terms. A gentler way to phrase it might be to tell your husband that he has been a wonderful, supportive brother, but he has been doing his adult brother no favors by fostering his dependence upon both of you.

Point out that what's been going on for the last three years has been extremely unfair to you, that you no longer wish to live this way, and that it's time to set a certain date when either his brother is out of your home — or you will be.

DEAR ABBY: How do you think people feel about receiving greeting cards that have a charity organization's name and address on the back of the card? I receive beautiful cards from charity organizations to be sent out by me and have often wondered if people

think you are too cheap to buy your own cards. These cards include birthday, get well, Christmas, etc. I hate to throw them away, but I would like to know how people feel when receiving these cards.

— **SENDER OF GREETINGS IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR SENDER: Speaking for myself, when I receive a card from someone, I am far more pleased that the person thought of me than how much was spent on the card. It's the thought that counts, remember?

DEAR ABBY: My father and his wife use each other's cellphones interchangeably when they text me. While the number that pops up on my phone might be Dad's, it could just as easily be "Caroline" on the other end.

I have asked them to clarify who I'm talking to before I start texting back, the way we used to do when answering a landline, but they are offended and say I should be able to answer either of them the same way so it doesn't matter who I'm texting. Sometimes I suspect one of them is pretending to be the other. That's weird, right? What should I do in this situation?

— **WHO'S TEXTING?**

DEAR WHO'S TEXTING: People have a right to know with whom they are communicating. I am trying to decide whether what your father and his wife are doing is overly casual, playful, immature or bizarre. It's definitely unusual behavior. I suppose the way to handle it would be to ask, "Is this Dad, Caroline or 'Dadoline'?" and not respond further until you get an answer.

2019 EOLS Schedule of Events

MONDAY, JUNE 3	FRIDAY, JUNE 7
4-H Horse Show 9am	Cowboy Breakfast 6am
Dog Show 10am	4-H & FFA Showmanship 9am
TUESDAY, JUNE 4	Queens Luncheon 11am
4-H Horse Show 9am	FFA Awards Presentation (Sale Barn) 1pm
Small Animal Show 10am	Carnival 2-9pm
Queen's Coronation (Clubhouse) 7pm	Main Street Parade 2pm
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5	PRCA Rodeo & Pari-Mutual Horse Racing 4pm
Livestock Weigh-In 1-7pm	4-H Awards Presentation (Sale Barn) 6pm
Breeding Goat Showmanship & Conformation 3pm	Adult Dance (Clubhouse) After rodeo
THURSDAY, JUNE 6	SATURDAY, JUNE 8 ★ Patriot Day ★
Cowboy Breakfast 6am	Cowboy Breakfast 6am
4-H & FFA Conformation 9am	Livestock Auction 8am
4-H & FFA Judging Contest 3pm	Carnival 1-9pm
Carnival 3-9pm	PRCA Rodeo & Pari-Mutual Horse Racing 2pm
Happy Hour 5pm	Adult Dance (Clubhouse) After rodeo
Ed Miller Xtreme Bulls 7pm	SUNDAY, JUNE 9
PRCA Freestyle Bullfights	PRCA Rodeo & Pari-Mutual Horse Racing 1:30pm
Calf Scramble (during intermission)	

FUTURE SHOW DATES June 8-14, 2020 • June 7-13, 2021

weather

TONIGHT	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Clear	Mostly sunny and nice	Partly sunny and nice	Showers possible	Cool with clouds and sun
Baker City 40 Comfort Index™ 9	81 47 6	83 46 6	65 40 5	61 36 4
La Grande 44 Comfort Index™ 8	77 47 8	76 46 8	62 41 5	61 41 4
Enterprise 41 Comfort Index™ 10	76 45 8	75 44 8	58 39 8	57 37 5

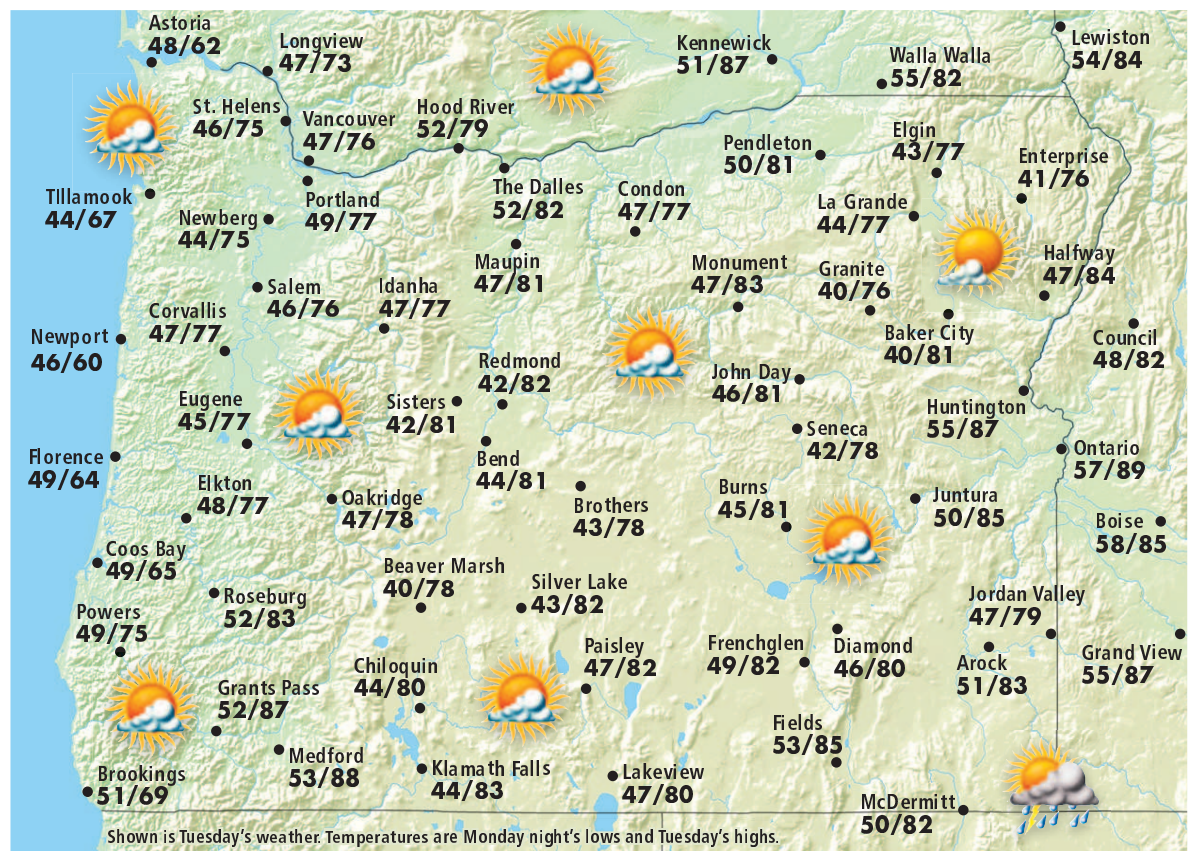
Comfort Index takes into account how the weather will feel based on a combination of factors. A rating of 10 feels very comfortable while a rating of 0 feels very uncomfortable.

ALMANAC	SATURDAY EXTREMES		
TEMPERATURES	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Saturday	83°	82°	87°
Low Saturday	45°	47°	48°
PRECIPITATION (inches)	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday
	0.00	0.00	0.01
	0.00	0.00	0.01
	0.05	0.06	0.07
	5.37	9.89	19.54
	4.58	7.86	11.99

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	WEATHER HISTORY
HAY INFORMATION TUESDAY	Charlotte, N.C., was swamped by 3.78 inches of rain on June 3, 1909 -- the greatest amount recorded there in one day for decades. The storm represented almost a month's worth of rain for Charlotte.
Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	12.9
Evapotranspiration	0.24

RESERVOIR STORAGE	SUN & MOON
Phillips Reservoir	67% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	98% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	99% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	99% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	107% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Saturday)	MOON PHASES
Grande Ronde at Troy	10400 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	535 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	114 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	317 cfs
Minam River at Minam	2880 cfs
Powder River near Richland	639 cfs

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST TUESDAY	
City	TUE. HI/Lo/W	City	TUE. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	62/52/pc	Lewiston	84/56/s
Bend	81/47/s	Longview	73/51/pc
Boise	85/57/s	Meacham	74/44/s
Brookings	69/49/pc	Medford	88/54/pc
Burns	81/48/s	Newport	60/50/pc
Coos Bay	65/49/pc	Olympia	73/49/pc
Corvallis	77/50/pc	Ontario	89/57/s
Council	82/50/s	Pasco	88/57/s
Elgin	77/46/s	Pendleton	81/54/s
Eugene	77/49/pc	Portland	77/56/pc
Hermiston	87/59/s	Powers	75/48/pc
Hood River	79/56/s	Redmond	82/48/s
Idanha	82/49/s	Roseburg	83/53/pc
John Day	81/51/s	Salem	76/51/pc
Joseph	77/44/s	Spokane	77/54/s
Kennewick	87/59/s	The Dalles	82/57/s
Klamath Falls	83/46/s	Ukiah	75/42/s
Lakeview	80/46/s	Walla Walla	82/59/s
			80/54/pc



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