

Woman can't accept ex's new girlfriend



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I've been divorced from my husband of 18 years for two years, separated for three. I have encouraged my ex to get out and meet new people. (He stayed home and alone for about two years.) It must have been a New Year's resolution of his because I no longer receive random texts to ask how I'm doing or to make casual conversation.

When I asked him who she was, he replied, "Nobody." Of course, I know him well, and I know he wasn't being truthful. He's 50; she's 25. I'm grossed out, mostly because our older daughter is 27. The younger one is 22. I know I should be happy for him, but I'm not.

We still celebrate holidays as a big, old, happy family, which I don't mind. We have grandchildren, and I want the holidays to be special. But I have no desire to celebrate them with someone who is barely older than my younger

daughter. I know it likely won't go anywhere, but what the heck? I'm in a happy relationship. Granted, I'm enjoying life and not planning my future or anything like that. My mind says one thing; my heart says another. Do I need therapy? Are these normal feelings? — **Thrown in Montana**

Dear Thrown: It would be abnormal not to have "some" reaction to the new woman in your ex's life. That he's obscuring the truth from you tells me he may feel guilty about the age difference or worried

you will be judgmental. Therapy may help you accept that he's now the captain of his fate, so it's no longer necessary for you to help him navigate the seas of life. It would be cheaper to simply let go, allow him to make some mistakes along the way and focus instead on your own present and future.

Dear Abby: My heart is heavy for my sister-in-law, "Becca," and her family. Her brother recently passed away. He'd been ill, but no one expected his death. To make matters worse, his wife didn't contact his

family about his death for several days and had him cremated without notifying them. They learned about his death when his obit was posted on Facebook.

From what I've been told, his wife has had little to no contact with his family. Becca can't understand what could have been her problem. He was an only son and brother. They didn't have an opportunity to say goodbye; therefore, they don't have closure. His sister and mother are grief-stricken and angry.

I can only offer words of comfort and prayers. With

so many unanswered questions behind all of this, what is the best way to offer comfort and support? Or should I just give them time? — **So Much Pain**

Dear So Much Pain: Please accept my condolences for your family's loss. Call Becca and her family often. Even better, deliver your words of comfort by visiting in person if she would appreciate the company. Offer to help with shopping for groceries, laundry — whatever she might be too depressed to do herself right now. And then give her time to heal.

LAKE

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These "silvers" travel in schools that move up and down throughout the water column in response to water temperature, light, and presence of their favorite prey: zooplankton.

Olive Lake campground is 12 miles west of the old mining town of Granite, and 27 miles east of Dale on Highway 395. The fee-based, first-come, first-served, campground features 28 campsites, toilet facilities, a boat ramp and two docks. A two-mile hiking trail circles the lake. No potable water or garbage service is available. Gas and electric trolling boat motors are allowed but no personal watercraft.

The U.S. Forest Service closed the campground temporarily in mid-June for hazard tree removal with a planned opening by early July. Additional maintenance work may be conducted around the dam this summer (see fs.usda.gov/Umatilla for more information). Also starting in July is the ability to



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Olive Lake holds a good population of brook trout, along with stocked rainbows and naturally-produced kokanee.

reserve most campsites on Recreation.gov while a limited number of sites remain available first come, first served.

If you are like me, fishing is the main draw when I visit a Blue Mountain lake. But that's only part of the experience.

There is also ample opportunity for hiking, swimming, bird watching, photography, mountain biking, wildlife viewing, and berry picking. Alternatively, you might choose to relax in the shade of a tall fir tree and consider the origin of ancient rock formations.

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National forests restrict campfires

Chain saw use also banned due to high fire danger

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Due to the increasing fire danger, chain saw use is banned, and campfires, woodstoves and charcoal briquette fires are allowed only in campgrounds and other designated recreation sites on the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla and Malheur national forests, as well as in wilderness areas.

(The year-round ban on fires in parts of the Eagle Cap Wilderness remains in effect.)

Stoves and heaters that burn liquid or gas fuel are allowed.

All three forests have enacted Phase B of their public use restrictions.

Other restrictions include:

- Generators are allowed

only when in the bed of a pickup truck or in an area that has been cleared of combustible material for a diameter of at least 10 feet.

• Driving motor vehicles is not allowed off developed forest roads or trails, except when traveling to a campsite within 300 feet of an open road. Motor vehicles are not allowed on roads that are closed by gates, barricades, berms, rocks, or logs.

• Smoking is allowed only in a building or enclosed vehicle, a developed recreation site or an area cleared of combustible material for a diameter of at least three feet.

The Bureau of Land Management also has issued the same restrictions on the Vale District.

ODFW sets meetings on hunt changes

SALEM — Staff from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) will present proposed changes to 2022 hunting seasons, and answer hunters' questions, during a series of local meetings scheduled in July at agency offices across the state.

The only major potential change for 2022 big game seasons being considered is to archery elk seasons. Controlled hunting is

being considered for certain Blue Mountains units where there are ongoing concerns with low post-season bull ratios, high archery harvest and hunter density, according to a press release from ODFW.

A more detailed proposal should be available at the local meetings and the Fish and Wildlife Commission is expected to make a decision about 2022 archery elk hunting at its Aug. 6

meeting. For more information on what is being discussed, see the big game hunting review page, <https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-hunting-season-review>.

Meetings scheduled in Northeastern Oregon:

- Baker City district office (outdoors meeting), 2995 Hughes Lane, July 6 from 5-7 p.m.
- John Day, Zoom meeting — www.zoomgov.com/j/1619942747 — 4-6 p.m.

- Pendleton, Zoom meeting — www.zoomgov.com/j/1606343383 — 6-7 p.m.
- Ontario district office (outdoors meeting), 3814 Clark Blvd., 5-7 p.m. PDT.
- La Grande, Riverside Park, July 12 from 6-8 p.m.
- Enterprise district office (outdoors meeting), 65495 Alder Slope Road, July 12 from 6-8 p.m.



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A herd of elk roam through a field at sunset in Elgin on Tuesday, April 14, 2021. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are proposing changes to the 2022 big game season, with more details coming soon.

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	TONIGHT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	Clear	Sunlit and hot	Hot with blazing sunshine	Sunny and very hot	Mostly sunny; not as hot
Baker City	54	94 52	97 53	100 54	94 50
Comfort Index™	3	3	3	2	5
La Grande	60	94 57	95 62	100 62	90 55
Comfort Index™	3	3	3	2	6
Enterprise	55	92 58	93 63	98 58	90 54
Comfort Index™	3	3	3	2	6

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	98°	97°	104°
Low Thursday	57°	63°	62°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Thursday	Trace	0.00	0.29
Month to date	Trace	0.00	0.29
Normal month to date	0.03	0.03	0.03
Year to date	2.44	5.93	15.27
Normal year to date	5.74	9.37	13.70

THURSDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	Death Valley, Calif.
High: 117°	Low: 32°
Wettest: 4.08"	Blytheville, Ark.
OREGON	Ontario
High: 105°	Lakeview
Low: 51°	John Day
Wettest: 0.09"	

WEATHER HISTORY

On July 3, 1966, northwest winds pushed temperatures to a record-breaking 102 degrees in Hartford, Conn., and 107 in New York City and Harrisburg, Pa.

SUN & MOON

	SAT.	SUN.
Sunrise	5:10 a.m.	5:10 a.m.
Sunset	8:44 p.m.	8:43 p.m.
Moonrise	1:25 a.m.	1:45 a.m.
Moonset	2:59 p.m.	4:03 p.m.

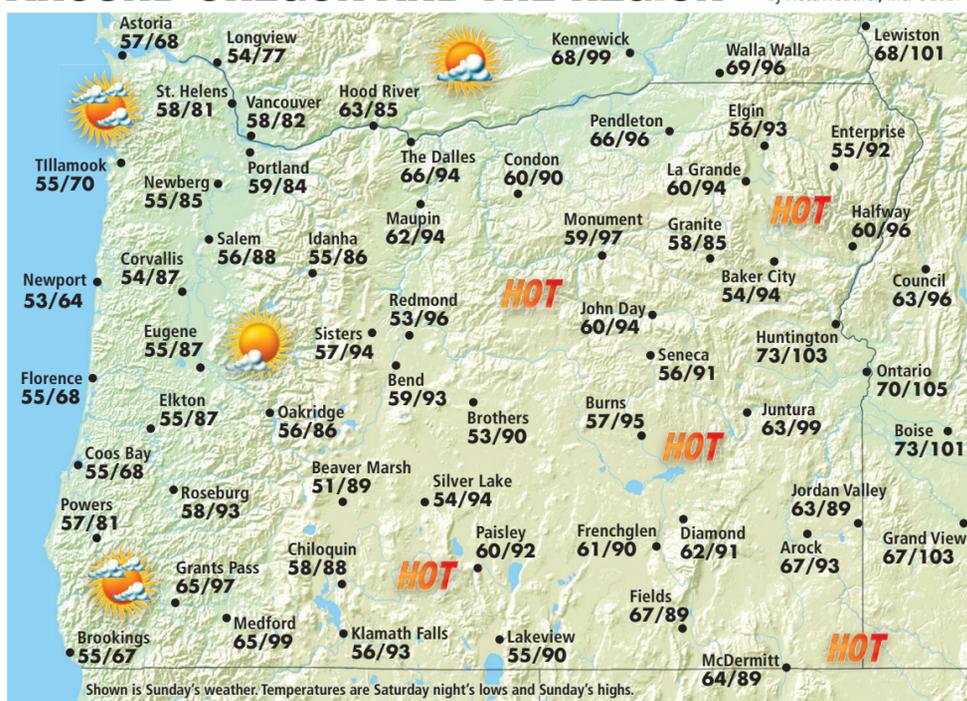
MOON PHASES



Jul 9 Jul 17 Jul 23 Jul 31

AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W	City	SUN. HI/Lo/W	MON. HI/Lo/W
Astoria	68/57/pc	68/56/c	Lewiston	101/66/s	101/70/s
Bend	93/60/s	95/60/s	Longview	77/53/s	79/52/s
Boise	101/70/s	101/70/s	Meacham	93/52/s	95/57/s
Brookings	67/53/pc	68/53/s	Medford	99/63/s	99/65/s
Burns	96/56/s	96/56/s	Newport	64/52/pc	62/51/pc
Coos Bay	68/55/s	67/54/s	Olympia	100/62/s	100/62/s
Corvallis	87/53/s	88/53/s	Ontario	105/69/s	104/69/s
Council	96/61/s	98/61/s	Pasco	100/62/s	100/62/s
Elgin	93/62/s	94/61/s	Pendleton	96/64/s	97/66/s
Eugene	97/56/s	90/54/s	Portland	84/57/s	84/58/s
Hermiston	99/68/s	100/64/s	Powers	81/56/s	80/56/s
Hood River	85/62/s	91/60/s	Redmond	96/52/s	97/55/s
Imnaha	96/58/s	99/65/s	Roseburg	93/58/s	93/60/s
John Day	94/57/s	97/59/s	Salem	88/55/s	89/58/s
Joseph	92/61/s	92/64/s	Spokane	93/64/s	93/65/s
Kennewick	99/66/s	100/64/s	The Dalles	94/62/s	95/62/s
Klamath Falls	93/54/s	95/55/s	Ukiah	88/51/s	89/50/s
Lakeview	90/52/pc	94/55/s	Walla Walla	96/68/s	97/68/s

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

RECREATION FORECAST SUNDAY

ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Nice with sunshine	Sunny and warm
65 51	88 55
MT. EMILY REC.	BROWNLEE RES.
Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and hot
79 57	100 63
EAGLE CAP WILD.	EMIGRANT ST. PARK
Mostly sunny; warm	Warm with sunshine
74 48	86 45
WALLOWA LAKE	MCKAY RESERVOIR
Sunshine and hot	Warm with sunshine
92 61	96 63
THIEF VALLEY RES.	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK
Sunny and very hot	Sunshine and hot
94 52	94 57