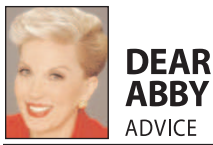


# Woman plants thick roots in married son's home



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

Maureen then goes to her son and tells him what Eve said, and it causes problems in their marriage. After dinner each night, Eve goes into her room, closes the door and stays there.

Maureen is capable of living on her own, but she said she might get lonely and that's why she won't leave. The grandkids are pretty much grown now, and there's no need for Maureen to stay. Her friends have been encouraging her to make a life of her own. Eve and her husband plan to move out of state in 10 years, and Maureen plans on moving with them. I think she is putting her son's marriage at risk for her own selfish reason. Mau-

reen isn't old and infirm. She could possibly meet a nice gentleman if she moved out. All her friends have suggested this. What are your thoughts? — **Bystander in Florida**

**Dear Bystander:** If Maureen were unwell or destitute, the situation would be different. She is neither. My thoughts are that until Eve is angry enough to assert herself and tell her husband the current living conditions are intolerable, nothing will change.

**Dear Abby:** I recently had to say goodbye to my precious dog, Wendy Darling. She was a sweet old girl with bad kidneys and severe joint pain. During the last few weeks of her life, she

could barely eat, and not at all in the last days. I know in my head that ending her suffering was the right thing to do. I have supported friends and family who helped their pets this way.

It's my heart that is having trouble. I keep thinking that I didn't have the right to make that decision; that life is too precious to deliberately steal even a single day. While her body was declining, her mind and spirit danced, and she looked at me with complete trust. I miss her so much and find myself crying throughout the day. Can you tell me how to reconcile my head and my heart? I have this huge weight on my chest and more than a little bit of guilt.

— **Missing Wendy in Oregon**  
**Dear Missing Wendy:** Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your precious canine companion. You gave Wendy Darling a wonderful life, filled with love. Dogs were meant to run and play, to love and be loved, not to suffer. I am sure you miss her, but please stop beating yourself up for making a rational decision about what was best for her. If your grief continues to overwhelm you, talk with your veterinarian about joining a grief support group. I am sure he or she will reassure you. Your loss is recent. That you are emotional is understandable. Try to remember that tears are healing.



Farm Supply/Contributed Photo

**A Farm Supply truck takes a load of grain from a farmer's grain cart as it prepares to haul the crop to market.**

## DROUGHT

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Wallowa County natives.

"Our families go back generations here," Craig said.

The company has three locations. In addition to Enterprise, there are outlets in La Grande and in Lewiston, Idaho, where a fleet of 12 trucks are kept busy.

In fact, Lewiston is one of the more popular destinations for Wallowa County commodities, since the city on the Snake River gives the otherwise landlocked Idaho a seaport.

While they also ship to Tri-Cities, Washington, "Lewiston is way closer," Craig said.

"For us, it made more sense to drive the bushels to a port closer to the ocean and that'd net the farmer more money for the same freight," he said.

But farmers here are going to be hurting once they get their drought-stricken crops to market.

"Yields are bad over (in Umatilla County), but the dryland here is just a catastrophe," Craig said. "The irrigated ground here I think will be down, but not like the dryland. Even irrigated hay, the yields are down."

That's both because of limited water and heat.

"You just can't get over your ground fast enough to keep from being pinched by the heat," he said.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

# Imagination, Skittles help boy, 5, on long hike

By **DAVID SHARP**  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — Harvey Sutton, or "Little Man," as he is known on the Appalachian Trail, won't have long to bask in the glory of hiking its full length. After all, he starts kindergarten Friday, Aug. 27.

At 5 years old, Harvey is one of the youngest — and the latest of several youngsters in recent years — to complete the trail, hiking with his parents over more than 2,100 miles in 209 days.

It was hard work, but it was fun checking out frogs, lizards and other wildlife. So was sprinkling Skittles onto peanut butter tortillas as fuel for the walk, he said.

"The rock scrambles were really fun and hard. We were not bored," he said in a phone interview from Virginia, where he lives with his parents, Josh and Cassie Sutton.

His parents were so busy keeping him engaged and entertained that it distracted them from the physical pain of trudging over so many miles.

"It gave us a bond and a strength that we hadn't realized before," Cassie Sutton said.

Other youngsters have hiked the 2,193-mile trail that starts at Springer Mountain, Georgia, and ends atop Maine's Mount Katahdin. Some babies have even been carried in backpacks by their determined parents.

Harvey was 4 years old when he



Joshua Sutton via The Associated Press

**In this July 23, 2021, family photograph provided by Joshua Sutton, 5-year-old Harvey Sutton raises his arms on a mountaintop in Bigelow Preserve, Maine, while hiking the Appalachian Trail with his parents.**

and his parents began their walk in January and he turned 5 before the family completed the journey last week in Maine.

He's several months younger than "Buddy Backpacker," a boy who held the record for youngest to complete the trail in 2013, Harvey's parents say. But the youngest of all may be Juniper Netteburg, who finished the hike at age 4 with her parents and three siblings on Oct. 13, 2020.

It may seem extreme for a kid, but a pediatrician sees no harm.

Kids are resilient enough to handle the experience as long as parents keep their social and emotional development in mind and scale the hike to kids' abilities, said Dr. Laura Blaisdell, a pediatrician and medical adviser to the American Camp

Association.

For Harvey's hike, his parents decided to take a "mini retirement" from their real estate jobs in Lynchburg, Virginia. They'd been hiking with Harvey since he was 2, so the Appalachian Trail made sense to them.

It was mostly smooth sailing after a snowstorm in the Smoky Mountains forced them to backtrack more than 30 miles to safety over 2-1/2 days.

The family became accustomed to sleeping in a tent, waking at 5:30 a.m. and hiking all day. There was a simplicity to the routine and a camaraderie with other "thru hikers" that kept it from getting boring, Josh Sutton said.

Karl Donus Sakas, a hiker known as "Sugar Man" who accompanied the Suttons from Pennsylvania to the end in Maine, said Harvey had boundless energy.

"He's pretty strong and tough. So often we'd get to camp and I'd be beaten and tired. And Little Man would say, 'Let's play freeze tag!'" he said.

The parents said the biggest challenge was keeping their son's imagination engaged. Harvey made plans to build homes, construct space ships and host a lava party in discussions over miles and hours of hiking.

They completed the hike Aug. 9 atop Mount Katahdin. Now it's off to kindergarten for Little Man and back to work for his parents.

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	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Clear to partly cloudy	Sunny and delightful	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and pleasant
<b>Baker City</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>74 38</b>	<b>79 40</b>	<b>86 44</b>	<b>83 41</b>
Comfort Index™	10	10	9	7	9
<b>La Grande</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>71 41</b>	<b>78 45</b>	<b>84 50</b>	<b>80 45</b>
Comfort Index™	10	10	9	8	9
<b>Enterprise</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>68 42</b>	<b>77 48</b>	<b>82 52</b>	<b>81 45</b>
Comfort Index™	10	8	10	7	9

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 Tuesday	76°	79°	77°
Low Tuesday	28°	35°	41°
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.65	0.42	0.42
Normal month to date	0.33	0.52	0.49
Year to date	3.11	6.54	15.79
Normal year to date	6.32	11.18	15.72

**TUESDAY EXTREMES**  
NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High: 112° Death Valley, Calif.  
Low: 26° Stanley, Idaho  
Wettest: 2.52" Sanford, Fla.

**OREGON**  
High: 88° Troutdale  
Low: 27° Meacham  
Wettest: none

**AGRICULTURAL INFO.**

**HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY**

Lowest relative humidity	35%
Afternoon wind	NW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	5.8
Evapotranspiration	0.19

**RESERVOIR STORAGE** (through midnight Wednesday)

Phillips Reservoir	0% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	26% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	18% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	46% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity

**STREAM FLOWS** (through midnight Tuesday)

Grande Ronde at Troy	482 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	1 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	88 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	41 cfs
Minam River at Minam	68 cfs
Powder River near Richland	5 cfs

**SUN & MOON**

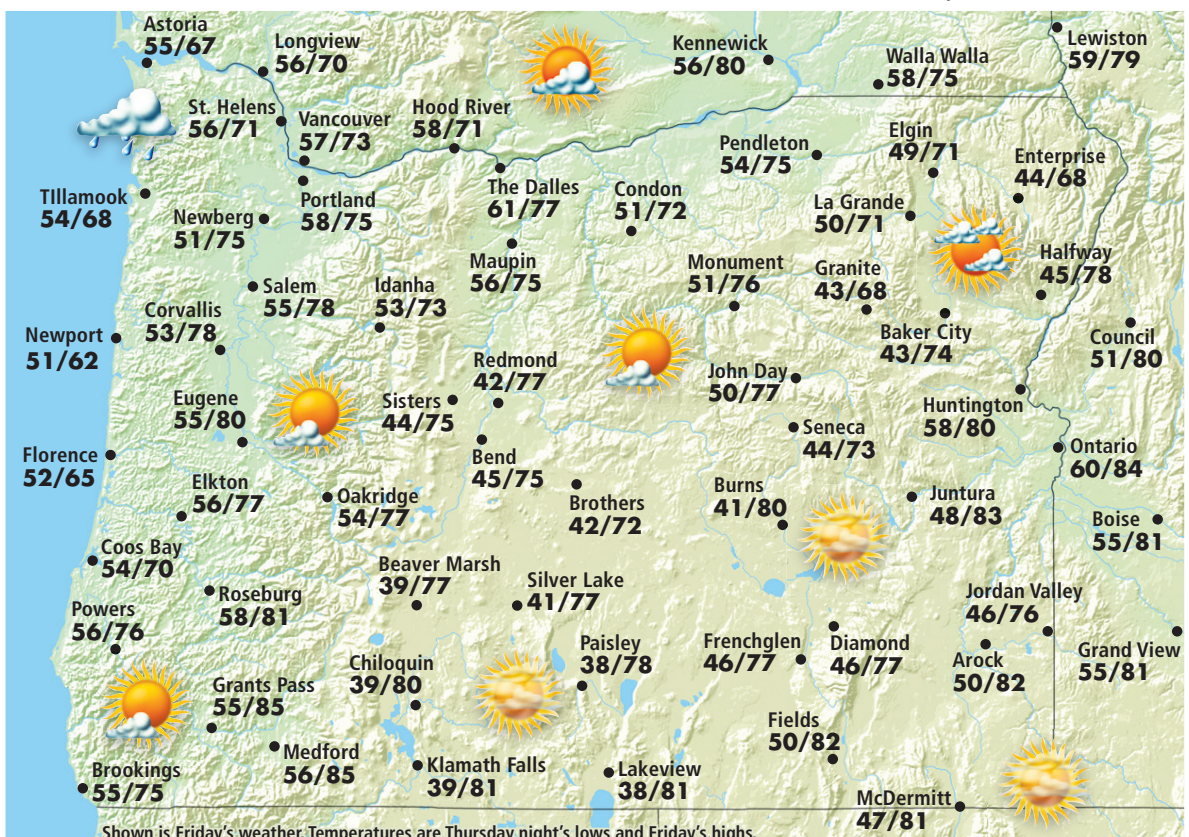
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:07 a.m.	6:08 a.m.
Sunset	7:41 p.m.	7:39 p.m.
Moonrise	9:51 p.m.	10:12 p.m.
Moonset	10:32 a.m.	11:37 a.m.

**MOON PHASES**

	Last	New	First	Full
	Aug 29	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 20

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION

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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	FRI.		SAT.	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	67/51/pc	70/53/pc	Lewiston	79/54/s
Bend	75/42/s	81/49/s	Longview	70/50/pc
Boise	81/50/s	81/56/s	Meacham	71/40/s
Brookings	75/56/s	77/57/s	Medford	85/54/s
Burns	80/38/s	81/42/s	Newport	62/48/pc
Coos Bay	70/53/s	71/52/s	Olympia	70/48/c
Corvallis	78/50/s	86/56/s	Ontario	84/53/s
Council	80/45/s	83/47/s	Pasco	83/50/s
Elgin	71/40/s	80/45/s	Pendleton	75/48/s
Eugene	80/50/s	87/55/s	Portland	75/55/pc
Hermiston	79/50/s	84/51/s	Powers	76/50/s
Hood River	71/54/s	86/59/s	Redmond	77/39/s
Imnaha	74/48/s	80/47/s	Roseburg	81/52/s
John Day	77/43/s	81/48/s	Salem	78/53/s
Joseph	68/42/s	76/52/s	Spokane	71/51/pc
Kennewick	80/50/s	84/53/s	The Dalles	77/55/s
Klamath Falls	81/42/s	88/46/s	Ukiah	70/33/s
Lakeview	81/39/s	84/46/s	Walla Walla	75/53/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 FRIDAY

Location	Forecast	High	Low
ANTHONY LAKES	Sunny and cold	47	33
PHILLIPS LAKE	Sunshine	70	35
MT. EMILY REC.	Sunshine, but cool	57	39
BROWNLEE RES.	Sunny and pleasant	78	48
EAGLE CAP WILD.	Sunshine	54	33
EMIGRANT ST. PARK	Cool with sunshine	65	33
WALLOWA LAKE	Sunshine	68	42
MCKAY RESERVOIR	Sunshine; pleasant	74	47
THIEF VALLEY RES.	Breezy in the p.m.	74	38
RED BRIDGE ST. PARK	Sunshine; pleasant	71	41