

Vintage vehicle draws attention at jobsite



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

Dear Abby: I drive a classic car to work every day at a construction site. Since I began working there this summer, people often ask me about selling it. Most of the time I take it as a compliment and tell them it is not for sale currently, but the same people often continue to ask. It is starting to get on my nerves. I have even seen people trying to open up the hood to see the engine while I'm off in the distance. I understand people asking about it is part of owning an old

vehicle, but I do not have another car or mode of transportation, and I'm starting to get worried. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — **On Edge in Georgia**
Dear On Edge: Tell the offenders (again) that your car is not for sale and you do not want anyone touching it. If it continues to happen, tell your supervisor or your boss that someone trying to get into it "while you're off in the distance" makes you concerned for the safety of your vehicle. There could be legal liability if your car is damaged. However, if you're still not comfortable after that, change jobs.
Dear Abby: I am cleaning out my closet and have decided to sell my wedding dress from 21 years

ago. I love the dress; it's beautiful. But it's a very large box to store. My 16-year-old daughter has made it clear to me she will never marry. It was difficult for me to accept, as she's my only daughter. The thing is, she wants to try my dress on. I don't want her to because she doesn't agree with the sanctity of marriage or the commitment of it, and I don't want my wedding dress tried on by anyone who feels this way about marriage. It means more than playing dress-up, and I believe it should be worn only by someone who respects it. Am I wrong? Does my daughter have a right to have hurt feelings over this? — **Not a Game of Dress up**
Dear Not: You are not wrong.

But if you are trying to impose your values on your teenage daughter, I seriously doubt it will work. I wish you had mentioned why your daughter feels the way she does. Have you asked her that question? Rather than argue about whether she has a right to put on your wedding dress, a discussion about what she thinks it symbolizes to you — as well as what trying it on means to her — might be more productive.
P.S. Because you are feeling cramped for storage space, consider donating the dress to a bride-to-be whose traditional values mirror your own.
Dear Abby: I'm having trouble with feelings I probably shouldn't be having about someone. She's

always walking around in her underwear when I come over. I like it, of course, but I'm not sure if it is meant to tease me or if I should act on it. I'd really appreciate your help. — **Confused in the East**
Dear Confused: A positive message of the #MeToo movement has been that when there is a shadow of a doubt, a person should communicate to avoid any unfortunate misunderstandings. In this case, it would be appropriate to ask this woman why she walks around in a state of undress when you are there, because you are not sure how to interpret the message it sends. Do not act on anything unless her response is that it would be welcomed.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Japanese sisters are world's oldest twins

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Guinness World Records has certified two Japanese sisters as the world's oldest living identical twins at 107, in an announcement Monday, Sept. 20, coinciding with Respect for the Aged Day, a national holiday in Japan.

Umeno Sumiyama and Koume Kodama were born the third and fourth of 11 siblings in western Japan on Nov. 5, 1913.

They were separated after elementary school, when Kodama was sent to work as a maid on Japan's southern main island of Kyushu. She later married there, while Sumiyama remained on the island where they grew up and had her own family.

The sisters later recalled their difficult younger days. Growing up, they said they were bullied because of prejudice against children of multiple births in Japan.

Busy with their own



Guinness World Records via The Associated Press

This combination of two undated photos released by Guinness World Records on Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2021, show sisters Umeno Sumiyama, left, and Koume Kodama at separate nursing homes in Japan. The twin sisters have been certified by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living identical twins, aged 107 years and 300 days as of Sept. 1, 2021, the organization said Monday, Sept. 20, 2021.

lives for decades, the sisters rarely met until they turned 70, when they started making pilgrimages together to some of the 88 Shikoku temples and enjoyed being reconnected.

Sumiyama and Kodama were 107 years and 300 days old as of Sept. 1, breaking the previous record set by famous Japanese sisters Kin Narita and

Gin Kanie at 107 years and 175 days, Guinness World Records Ltd. said in a statement.

About 29% of the population of 125 million in Japan, the world's fastest aging nation, are 65 years or older, according to the health and welfare ministry. About 86,510 of them are centenarians — half of whom turned 100 this year.

ANTLERS

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items, including cups and cup holders because of the disruption of supply chains.

Russell said some supply companies have gone out of business during the pandemic. The problem has been compounded by the fact many restaurants have started offering drive-thru service during the pandemic, placing a bigger demand for products.

This is forcing Russell to take matters into her own hands.

"I drive all around the state to get items from restaurant suppliers," she said.

Hiring on character

When hiring employees, Russell looks for individuals who are good at warmly greeting people and like a fast-paced work environment. She said people skills are more important than an



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

Antlers Espresso owner Jenna Russell smiles near the business' original coffee stand in downtown La Grande on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021. Antlers is celebrating its 10th year in 2021.

individual's experience at making coffee drinks.

"We hire on character and provide coffee skills training," she said.

Russell said expansion of Antlers Espresso is a possibility someday but

not in the near future.

For now, she is very happy with how her business venture is turning out.

"I would not change anything. I am very thankful," she said.

CHAMBER

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come the incoming EOU students.

The goodie bags are impressive — makes me wish I were moving in next week. I wonder if I still look young enough to pass for a freshman? Don't answer that.

One of the best things about this community is how people pitch in and help — so many work together to make others feel welcome. No matter the

stress, the pain and everything else going on, our community comes together and makes the best of the situation. I want to take a moment to thank these businesses — and others — who contributed to the goodie bags and the welcome windows. Your kindness will have a lasting impact on these students; it has an impact on me. I'm inspired at how caring our businesses are and am so grateful I have the opportunity to witness it firsthand every day.

So, before the crazy-

ness and rush of the holidays is truly upon us, take a moment — don your blue and gold and enjoy all of the beauty, splendor and kindness around you. And thank you, Union County, for being the kind, caring community you are.

Now grab the frosting and let's get to cookie baking.

Suzannah Moore-Hemann is the executive director of the Union County Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Information Center.

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weather

	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Weather	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny and pleasant
Baker City	33	79 39	82 40	79 40	76 39
Comfort Index™	10	10	9	10	10
La Grande	41	81 45	83 45	81 47	77 43
Comfort Index™	10	9	8	9	10
Enterprise	42	80 50	81 46	80 48	74 43
Comfort Index™	10	8	8	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	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
High Tuesday	71°	76°	78°
Low Tuesday	26°	34°	33°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00
Month to date	0.43	0.43	0.49
Normal month to date	0.31	0.44	0.67
Year to date	3.54	6.97	16.28
Normal year to date	6.73	11.77	16.58

AGRICULTURAL INFO.

HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY

Lowest relative humidity	25%
Afternoon wind	SSE at 4 to 8 mph
Hours of sunshine	10.6
Evapotranspiration	0.15
RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	N.A.
Unity Reservoir	11% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	11% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	31% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	0% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	0% of capacity
STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grand Ronde at Troy	496 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	0 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	46 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	44 cfs
Minam River at Minam	66 cfs
Powder River near Richland	3 cfs

TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	High: 106°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low: 18°	Walden, Colo.	
Wettest: 6.73"	Mount Airy, N.C.	

OREGON

High: 91°	Medford
Low: 26°	Baker City
Wettest: none	

WEATHER HISTORY

On Sept. 23, 1984, the mercury read 38 degrees at Chadron in northwestern Nebraska. At the same hour, it reached 90 in Kearney in the eastern part of the state.

SUN & MOON

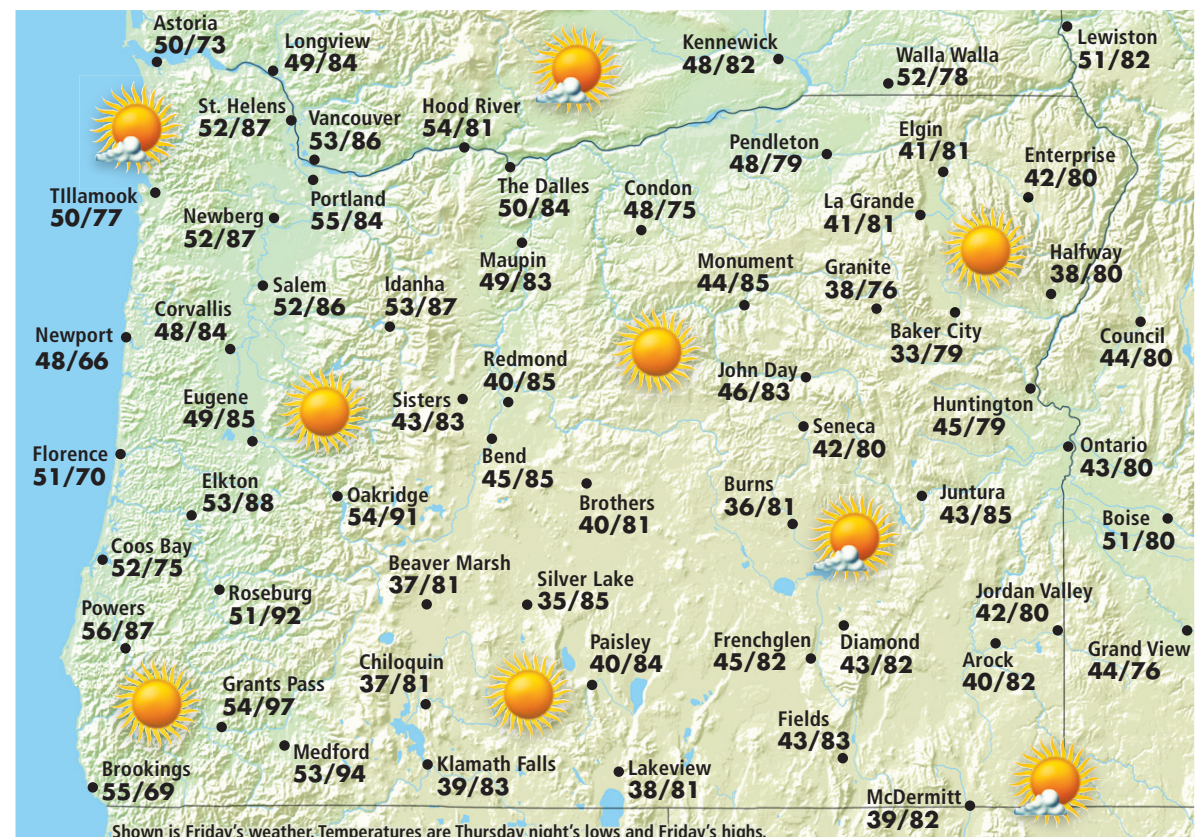
	THU.	FRI.
Sunrise	6:41 a.m.	6:42 a.m.
Sunset	6:48 p.m.	6:46 p.m.
Moonrise	8:14 p.m.	8:36 p.m.
Moonset	9:22 a.m.	10:28 a.m.

MOON PHASES

	Last	New	First	Full
	Sep 28	Oct 6	Oct 12	Oct 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	73/50/5	64/51/pc	Lewiston	82/54/5
Bend	85/48/5	83/45/5	Longview	84/50/5
Boise	80/53/pc	84/56/5	Meacham	79/42/5
Brookings	69/52/pc	64/49/pc	Medford	94/55/5
Burns	81/38/pc	83/39/5	Newport	66/48/5
Coos Bay	75/51/5	69/50/pc	Olympia	77/46/5
Corvallis	84/49/5	77/49/5	Ontario	80/45/pc
Council	80/43/pc	81/47/5	Pasco	84/48/5
Elgin	81/44/5	83/45/5	Pendleton	79/50/5
Eugene	85/50/5	79/48/5	Portland	84/57/5
Hermiston	83/44/5	86/56/5	Powers	87/54/5
Hood River	81/52/5	81/53/5	Redmond	85/44/5
Imnaha	82/53/5	85/48/pc	Roseburg	92/53/5
John Day	83/48/pc	83/49/5	Salem	86/52/5
Joseph	80/52/5	81/50/5	Spokane	76/50/5
Kennewick	82/50/5	88/54/5	The Dalles	84/54/5
Klamath Falls	83/40/5	83/41/5	Ukiah	79/44/5
Lakeview	81/39/5	83/40/5	Walla Walla	78/57/5

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

ANTHONY LAKES Mostly sunny	59 42	PHILLIPS LAKE Partly sunny; nice	77 39
MT. EMILY REC. Mostly sunny	66 46	BROWNLEE RES. Partly sunny; nice	80 47
EAGLE CAP WILD. Partly sunny	66 40	EMIGRANT ST. PARK Mostly sunny	76 37
WALLOWA LAKE Mostly sunny; warm	80 52	MCKAY RESERVOIR Mostly sunny	78 54
THIEF VALLEY RES. Partly sunny	79 39	RED BRIDGE ST. PARK Mostly sunny; nice	81 45