

# Young adult's life turned upside down by revelation



**DEAR ABBY**  
ADVICE

**DEAR ABBY:** I took a DNA test seven months ago. It came back that the man who raised me is not my biological father. My heart dropped, but I decided to meet my real dad. We have formed a relationship, mostly a good one, and I introduce him as my dad now. My problem is, we hardly know each other or how we react to things.

I had a hard week. My older sister was very rude to me, I had many college exams to take, and my best friend unexpectedly announced she had to go away for

six months. I just wanted to run "home," but then I realized I no longer have a home to run to. My dad doesn't know I'm very clingy when I'm upset, so he was oblivious to my constant communications, and I'm sure it came off as annoying.

My mother and I don't get along these days because she hid this secret from me for 25 years. Also, I mostly just wanted to go over to his house because my three little siblings are there, and I actually feel like we're a family. What do you think, Abby? Am I too clingy? Is it understandable? How do I explain to him that I need to see them more? If he tells me no, how do I handle that? — **ADJUSTING IN OHIO**

**DEAR ADJUSTING:** If you

want a better relationship with your biological father, slow down and let him get to know you gradually. A way to accomplish this would be to mend fences with your mother, believe it or not. Yes, she should have told you about your biological father years ago, but she may have had reasons for not doing so. One of them may have been embarrassment.

You ask, "Am I being too clingy?" The answer is yes. You stand a better chance of building a solid relationship with your bio-dad, his wife and your half-siblings if you don't overwhelm them when you are feeling so needy. Your chances of finding the emotional support you need would be better if you talk with a counselor at the student health

center at your college when you are as stressed as you are.

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister and I inherited our mother's condo some years ago. She wants to sell it; I do not. She has harangued me nonstop with inane scenarios of what "could" happen with our heirs if we don't sell, even going so far as to threaten, "If we don't sell it now, I don't think I will want to sell." I don't even know what that means.

Because I was fed up, I agreed to sell. The problem is, at this point, I don't even like her. I'm not mad — I just abhor the way she harangued me. I don't think I'll ever want to talk to her again, and I feel sad about that. Any thoughts? — **SIBLING DISASTER IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR SIBLING:** It is unfortunate (but not uncommon) for money to drive a wedge between family members. When your sister started her harangue, you should have inserted your lawyer into the negotiation. Because you wished to keep the unit, you could have bought her half from her, leaving you both with what you wanted. If it's not too late, give it some consideration. As to never wanting to talk to your sister, I hope with time your feelings will mellow and fences can be mended.

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## KNI-CO

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hour soon. The top-end jobs go up into the \$20s and into the \$30s for management positions.

But it's the employee stock-ownership program that Jones is really touting. He said he learned about how well an ESOP program can work while working in California's Silicon Valley in the 1980s. One co-worker there told him he was to retire as a millionaire soon from the ESOP benefits.

"I would expect that everyone in this company — if everything goes as expected — everybody here, I'm going to do my best to help everybody here become a millionaire," he said. "It's a big goal, but we have a big opportunity. What I want to talk to you guys about culturally is that you're the owners now."

As such, he urged his employees to "change the way you're thinking," he said, focusing on efficiency and how to do their jobs faster and better.

### Plans to expand

Jones expects to be able to continue to grow his company without the threat of overseas competition.

"Sheet metal doesn't ship well," he said, adding that its weight and size makes shipping it difficult and expensive. So sheet metal products are a natural for home production.

As a result, he also expects to be able to add more employees. Since the Joneses purchased the company, the staff increased from six to 18. He envisions

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— **Theodore Jones**, co-owner, Kni-Co Manufacturing and Magnum Metals, on the employee stock-ownership program

a staff of 40-50 eventually. And he's eager to hire locally. At present, all but one of Kni-Co's workers live in Wallowa and the other in Joseph. Jones hopes to add more locals to the growing staff.

New workers don't necessarily have to be trained in sheet metal work, Jones said.

"They'll become skilled once we train them," he said. "We're looking for people with a high energy level and a work ethic who want to learn and want to develop some skills and we can train them. We definitely want to hire local."

During his talk, Jones definitely was the company cheerleader.

"We're going to do fine and we're going to keep expanding," he said. "We want you guys to win. Our goal is to have you guys win."



Bill Bradshaw/Wallowa County Chieftain  
**Kni-Co Manufacturing owners Theodore Jones, left, and Molly Jones talk to employees during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, May 25, 2022, to mark a grand reopening of the Wallowa sheet metal manufacturing plant.**

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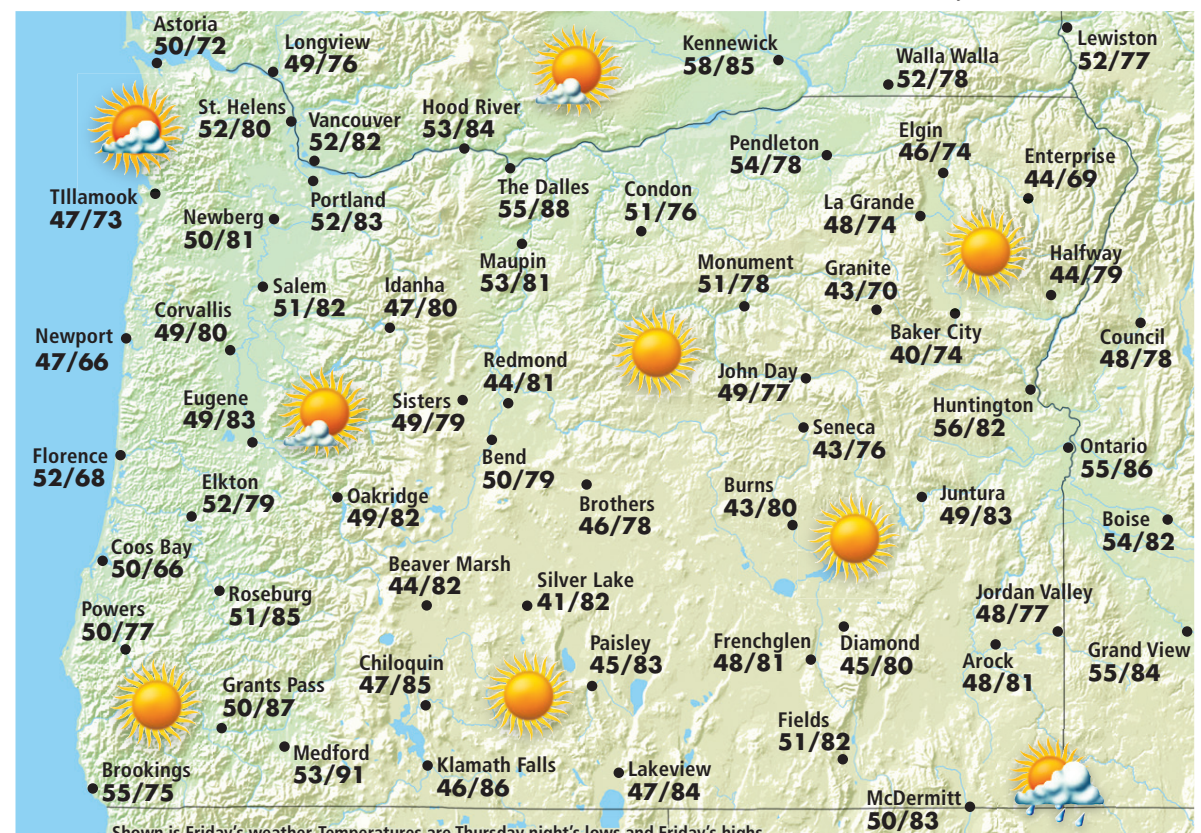
	TONIGHT	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
Weather	Clear and cool	Sunny and pleasant	Sunny and beautiful	Sunshine	Mostly sunny and hot
Baker City	40	74 41	80 49	88 55	92 54
Comfort Index™	10	10	9	5	5
La Grande	48	74 46	81 51	86 57	92 59
Comfort Index™	10	10	9	5	5
Enterprise	44	69 46	77 52	84 58	91 59
Comfort Index™	10	10	9	6	3

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				TUESDAY EXTREMES	
<b>TEMPERATURES</b>				NATION (for the 48 contiguous states)	
High Tuesday	Baker City 79°	La Grande 79°	Elgin 86°	High: 112°	Death Valley, Calif.
Low Tuesday	38°	41°	40°	Low: 25°	Fraser, Colo.
<b>PRECIPITATION</b> (inches)				Wettest: 1.42" Kansas City, Mo.	
Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	OREGON	
Month to date	0.48	2.40	3.27	High: 92°	Brookings
Normal month to date	0.84	1.06	1.39	Low: 29°	Crater Lake
Year to date	4.46	8.76	17.44	Wettest: none	
Normal year to date	5.18	9.75	14.07		

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	
<b>HAY INFORMATION FRIDAY</b>	
Lowest relative humidity	30%
Afternoon wind	N at 7 to 14 mph
Hours of sunshine	13.7
Evapotranspiration	0.26
<b>RESERVOIR STORAGE</b> (through midnight Wednesday)	
Phillips Reservoir	25% of capacity
Unity Reservoir	95% of capacity
Owyhee Reservoir	42% of capacity
McKay Reservoir	100% of capacity
Wallowa Lake	38% of capacity
Thief Valley Reservoir	102% of capacity
<b>STREAM FLOWS</b> (through midnight Tuesday)	
Grande Ronde at Troy	8240 cfs
Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder	267 cfs
Burnt River near Unity	66 cfs
Umatilla River near Gibbon	119 cfs
Minam River at Minam	1850 cfs
Powder River near Richland	240 cfs

## AROUND OREGON AND THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES				RECREATION FORECAST FRIDAY			
City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	City	FRI. HI/Lo/W	SAT. HI/Lo/W	ANTHONY LAKES	PHILLIPS LAKE
Astoria	72/55/5	80/60/5	Lewiston	77/53/5	85/57/5	Sunshine	Sunny and nice
Bend	79/54/5	88/57/5	Longview	76/55/5	87/60/5	<b>51 42</b>	<b>74 47</b>
Boise	82/52/5	89/59/5	Meacham	73/47/5	80/51/5	<b>MT. EMILY REC.</b>	<b>BROWNLEE RES.</b>
Brookings	75/56/5	72/56/5	Medford	91/59/5	99/64/5	Plenty of sunshine	Nice with sunshine
Burns	80/47/5	85/52/5	Newport	66/54/5	75/56/5	<b>60 46</b>	<b>79 52</b>
Coos Bay	66/52/5	78/54/5	Olympia	78/51/5	87/57/5	<b>EAGLE CAP WILD.</b>	<b>EMIGRANT ST. PARK</b>
Corvallis	80/56/5	90/58/5	Pasco	85/56/5	92/62/5	Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sun
Council	78/46/5	87/54/5	Pendleton	78/55/5	85/60/5	<b>58 38</b>	<b>67 40</b>
Elgin	74/47/5	81/51/5	Portland	83/58/5	90/62/5	<b>WALLOWA LAKE</b>	<b>MCKAY RESERVOIR</b>
Eugene	83/54/5	90/58/5	Powers	77/53/5	89/56/5	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and pleasant
Hermiston	85/57/5	93/59/5	Redmond	81/48/5	87/53/5	<b>70 45</b>	<b>77 55</b>
Hood River	84/58/5	91/65/5	Roseburg	85/56/5	92/61/5	<b>THIEF VALLEY RES.</b>	<b>RED BRIDGE ST. PARK</b>
Imnaha	75/52/5	83/56/5	Salem	82/59/5	92/61/5	Sunshine and nice	Sunny and pleasant
John Day	77/50/5	85/55/5	Spokane	73/53/5	80/55/5	<b>74 41</b>	<b>74 46</b>
Joseph	70/45/5	78/55/5	The Dalles	88/58/5	94/64/5		
Kennewick	85/57/5	90/61/5	Ukiah	70/45/5	78/51/5		
Klamath Falls	86/50/5	90/52/5	Walla Walla	78/54/5	84/58/5		
Lakeview	84/49/5	88/50/5					

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