

Grandparents have opinions on what's best for young man



DEAR ABBY
ADVICE

DEAR ABBY: Our 26-year-old, college-educated grandson, "Ethan," crashed his company car and was arrested for DWI and possession of more than a gram of cocaine. His mother hired a lawyer, posted bond and is taking full charge of the situation. Ethan lost his responsible job, and his girlfriend kicked him out. He has a sizable inheritance, enough to pay the lawyer and fine. Since he has never been in trouble before, we are hoping he won't go to jail.

Although we love Ethan dearly, his dad and I agree he should handle this on his own without his mother (who is recently divorced from our son) running to his rescue. Ethan also needs help with his addictions. He has enough 529 account funds to turn this serious mistake into an opportunity to return to college and get a master's degree.

I don't know how much to get involved, directly with Ethan or his mother. Though my wife and I are on good terms with his mother, it appears she doesn't want our advice. I welcome your suggestions on what to do. — **UPSET GRANDDAD IN TEXAS**

DEAR GRANDDAD: You

can voice your opinion, but beyond that you should stay out of it. As well-meaning as you are, you can't force your former daughter-in-law — who is in full mother mode — or Ethan to abandon the path they are on. All you can do is point out the dangers they may encounter along the way and hope they will listen, however frustrating it may be.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I recently moved to a new area because his job was relocated. He was really excited to start this new adventure, and I was happy to come along. We've been together for 10 years (high school sweethearts), and we got engaged just before we moved.

I noticed he had been Snap-

chatting with someone. When I asked him about it, he refused to tell me who, but said I shouldn't be concerned. Eventually, he did tell me. It's a female co-worker. I don't know much about her other than she is recently divorced. I'm happy she's out of a bad situation, but I don't understand why she's Snapchatting my fiance. I also don't understand why he hid it from me until I made a big deal out of it.

There are other details about her — which I'm not sure are 100% true — that could change my point of view about this, but since I don't know her, they are hard for me to believe. Should I be concerned, or is my anxiety taking over? I'll be addressing this with him again, but I'm not

going to blow up in his face about it. — **DOUBTING IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

DEAR DOUBTING: I'm glad you're not going to blow up because all it would do is make your fiance defensive. You do, however, need to have a discussion with him about this co-worker. If you feel he hasn't been completely honest about her or her circumstances, and he has become secretive, recognize it as a huge red flag and proceed from there. Do not get married before this is resolved.

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HISTORY

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Well, when shovel work was all you had known and big machines could now move dirt from a narrow road into a double-wide one and then pave it, you could now sell lots and build houses, but it doesn't mean that you can't move the stone and put it back in the near or same place again, again and again.

And if you found anything when the stone was moved, did you put it back? Or, not knowing what it was, could it have been tossed into the dump pile and forgotten about? When you go from a one-lane road to a paved city street, what changes happen to the sides of the properties on either side? They give way, don't they, and things

never look the same again, and it's hard for a newcomer to imagine what it was like so many years before.

I'm sure the folks who gathered at the stone opening event this morning (as I write this on June 23) were terribly disappointed and wished for more. But folks shouldn't go home thinking that nothing of value had happened here today. The stone has lost none of its history and should be honored for itself in what it represents about the importance of having a goodly part of the Old Oregon Trail go right through our town and should be protected and honored for the many years of its age.

I'm so very grateful to Ronnie Allen and Dale Counsell for all their dedicated work toward saving our portion of the Oregon Trail through our area when it

seemed to be losing its history locally.

But, if the Idaho Power transmission line goes through our area, some of our Oregon Trail in the Blues will disappear with it. Can we afford to let that happen? Stop B2H is trying to stop it and needs help.

When the house was built on the hill above the county road some distance higher and a driveway lane put into it, folks laughed to say that the Old Oregon Trail had gone right on up B Avenue and up the hill right through the house's bathroom. That always brought a good laugh.

But it wasn't funny to the folks on the Oregon Trail who still had to cross the Blue Mountains from their resting place where later the Browns' inn and stage stop would be across Cedar Street from my Lovan folks and where the orig-

inal courthouse had been stationed in Old Town. Even later this area was part of the original La Grande business district.

The travelers didn't follow the road (Walnut Street), but stayed on the trail directly up the hill from B Avenue and pulled their wagons behind them. Can you imagine?

If today's column seems long and dry to some, may I say that I'm still feeling emotional about today's presence at the time capsule opening even though the hole was empty. Had it not been for the thoughtfulness of David and Jeanne Williamson, new owners of the old Elks building in town who are history buffs as well, and who saw that I was there to witness another part of our history going by, I would have missed a very important event that is still part of my life

in remembrance.

At my age of 95, the stone has probably been moved a number of times, but it was still at what was once the head of B Avenue. Whether or not it ever had history information inside the hollow stone, I can not even guess. I just know that the stone is the important symbol and the temporary disappointment should not take away from what we all witnessed this day. It was an opportunity to learn more about our own local history. The presence of so many children being taught our past is the beginning of a new era that I thought perhaps was passing us by.

My sincere gratitude. ■ *Dorothy Swart Fleshman is the author of Dory's Diary, published monthly in The Observer and Baker City Herald. She is a resident of La Grande.*

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	TONIGHT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Baker City	50	83 53	83 51	82 49	81 47
La Grande	55	83 56	82 56	81 52	82 52
Enterprise	52	81 54	80 53	80 50	79 53

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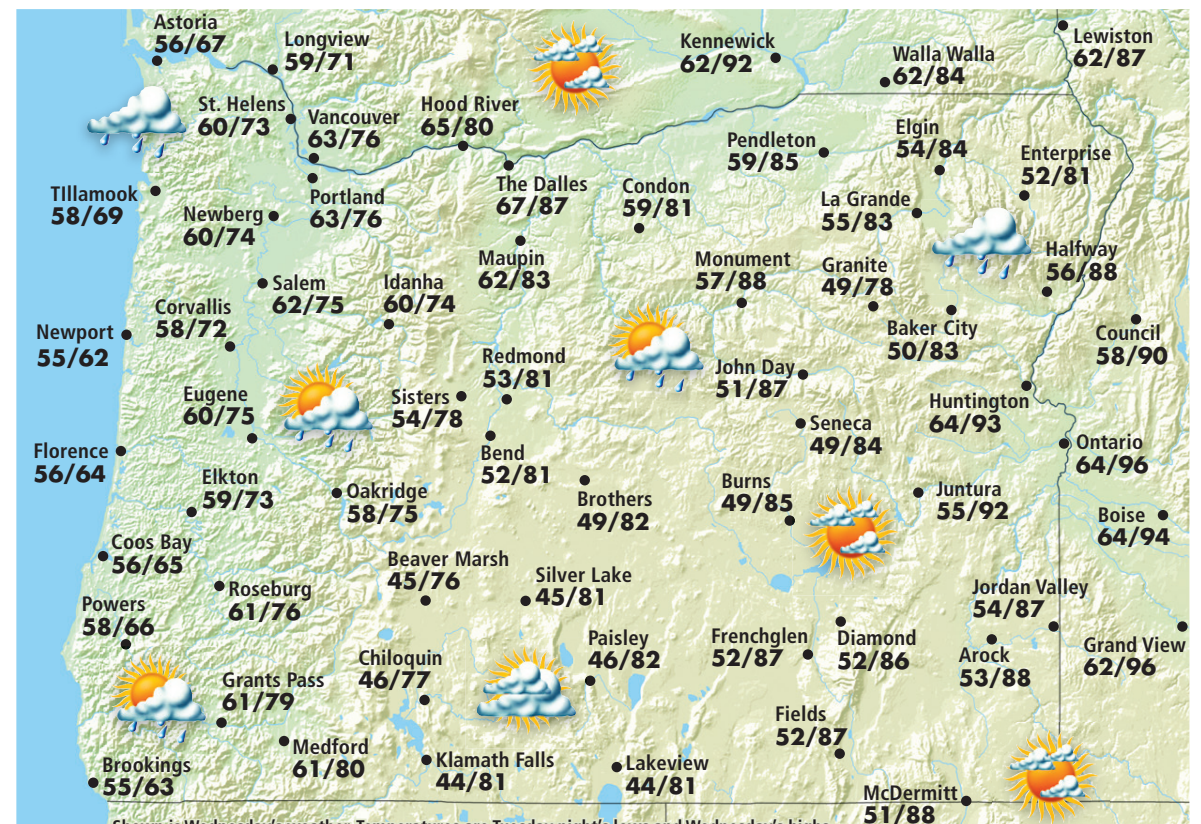
ALMANAC	Baker City	La Grande	Elgin
TEMPERATURES			
High Sunday	77°	74°	80°
Low Sunday	49°	54°	56°
PRECIPITATION (inches)			
Sunday	Trace	0.14	0.20
Month to date	0.01	0.16	0.20
Normal month to date	0.07	0.08	0.09
Year to date	4.47	8.92	17.64
Normal year to date	5.51	10.14	14.61

AGRICULTURAL INFO.	HAY INFORMATION WEDNESDAY
Lowest relative humidity	40%
Afternoon wind	NNW at 6 to 12 mph
Hours of sunshine	3.2
Evapotranspiration	0.21

RESERVOIR STORAGE (through midnight Monday)	STREAM FLOWS (through midnight Sunday)
Phillips Reservoir	Grande Ronde at Troy
Unity Reservoir	Thief Valley Reservoir near North Powder
Owyhee Reservoir	Burnt River near Unity
McKay Reservoir	Umatilla River near Gibbon
Wallowa Lake	Minam River at Minam
Thief Valley Reservoir	Powder River near Richland

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REGIONAL CITIES		RECREATION FORECAST WEDNESDAY	
City	WED. HI/Lo/W	THU. HI/Lo/W	Forecast
Astoria	67/55/c	69/54/pc	Anthony Lakes: A shower
Bend	81/54/pc	77/51/sh	Phillips Lake: A stray t-shower
Boise	94/64/s	94/64/pc	MT. EMILY REC.: A t-storm around
Brookings	63/53/c	64/52/c	Eagle Cap Wild.: A few showers
Burns	85/50/s	87/50/s	Wallowa Lake: Couple of t-storms
Coos Bay	65/53/c	66/52/c	Thief Valley Res.: Partial sunshine
Corvallis	72/56/c	73/54/pc	Red Bridge St. Park: A t-storm around
Council	90/60/s	88/59/t	
Elgin	84/56/pc	80/55/t	
Eugene	75/57/c	75/54/c	
Hermiston	92/65/s	90/62/s	
Hood River	80/63/pc	80/62/c	
Imnaha	87/64/pc	85/63/t	
John Day	87/53/pc	85/50/t	
Joseph	81/54/t	81/52/t	
Kennewick	92/63/s	90/63/s	
Klamath Falls	81/45/pc	81/46/pc	
Lakeview	81/42/pc	81/43/s	
Lewiston	87/65/s	88/63/pc	
Longview	71/57/c	71/53/c	
Meacham	80/51/pc	79/50/s	
Medford	80/61/pc	81/56/s	
Newport	62/54/c	63/53/pc	
Olympia	72/54/c	72/50/pc	
Ontario	96/66/s	96/65/pc	
Pasco	94/64/s	92/62/s	
Pendleton	85/60/s	84/60/s	
Portland	76/62/pc	75/60/pc	
Powers	66/57/c	69/55/c	
Redmond	81/54/pc	80/50/pc	
Roseburg	76/60/sh	76/55/c	
Salem	75/60/c	78/56/pc	
Spokane	85/61/s	83/60/s	
The Dalles	87/65/pc	84/62/pc	
Ukiah	80/50/s	78/48/pc	
Walla Walla	84/64/s	85/61/s	

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