

OBITUARIES

Lyla Marie Johnston

Lacey, Wash.
July 20, 1920 - January 29, 2018

Lyla Marie Johnston passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side on January 29, 2018. She was 97.

She was born July 20, 1920, in the small farming community of Selden, Kansas, to Roy and Eva (Cole) Rogers. Lyla was one of seven children. She graduated as valedictorian of her high school class of 1938.

Shortly after graduating, she married Clarence Johnston and they moved to central Oregon and then later to Pendleton, Oregon, where they lived for the next 50 years. She and Clarence moved to Parkview Assisted Living in Colville, Washington, in 2004. Lyla and Clarence were married for 72 years prior to his death in 2010. Lyla later moved to Buena Vista nursing home in Colville, and then to Panorama Convalescent & Rehab center in Lacey, Washington, to be near her children.

Lyla was a stay-at-home mother and housekeeper until her children graduated from high school. She was a wonderful cook and seamstress, making most of the children's clothing. She baked wonderful bread and cookies. She loved to fish, hunt and camp out. Her flower gardens were outstanding.

Lyla would later work for J. C. Penney, holding every position in the store.

She set up and supervised the store's computer catalog department. She retired with 30 years of service.

Lyla was a wonderful person, wife, mother and friend. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Lyla was preceded by her husband, Clarence, and six siblings. She is survived by her children Leila Roberts, Lacey, Wash., Roger (Sandy) Johnston, Vancouver, Wash., and Sharon (Terry) Covey, Lacey, Wash.; sister Wilburma of Prineville, Ore.; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service for Lyla M. Johnston was held on February 3, 2018, at Mt. View Park in Colville, Wash., where she was laid to rest next to her beloved husband Clarence.

Please visit the online memorial and sign the guestbook at www.danekas-funeralchapel.com. Danekas Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, FEB. 10
BROWN, PATRICIA — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at Family Worship Center, 330 N.E. Eighth St., Irrigon. Burial will follow a Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery, Irrigon.
DEBOER, RALPH — Remembrance of life service and luncheon at 3 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall, 325 W. Second St.
FLANAGAN-HINKLE, LIAM — Celebration of life at noon at the Pilot Rock High School gymnasium, 101 N.E. Cherry St.
RUTTEN, WILMA — Graveside inurnment at 10 a.m. at the Helix Cemetery.
SHARP, ANNE — Funeral service at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. A reception will follow the service.
WINCHESTER, MARLENE — Memorial service at 1 p.m. at Columbia View Community Church, 1230 Highway 730, Irrigon.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11
No services scheduled
MONDAY, FEB. 12
LINCOLN, REGINA — Funeral service at 2 p.m. at Valley Fellowship Church, 507 Palmer Ave., La Grande.
TUESDAY, FEB. 13
BOYD (ENA), PRISCILLA — Family home evening service (everyone welcome) at 6 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston.

DEATH NOTICES

Priscilla (Ena) Boyd
Nashville, Tenn.
Dec. 18, 1987 - Jan. 17, 2018

Former Hermiston resident Priscilla (Ena) Boyd, 30, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn. She was born Dec. 18, 1987, in Hermiston. A family home evening service (everyone welcome) will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 850 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. at the church. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Joseph E. Cole
Pendleton
Nov. 25, 1929 - Feb. 8, 2018

Joseph E. Cole, 88, of Pendleton died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, in Pendleton. He was born Nov. 25, 1929. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

For a complete listing of regional events, visit easternoregonevents.com

SATURDAY, FEB. 10
UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD RETREAT, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Buckin' Bean Coffee Roasters, 405 N.W. Despain Ave., Pendleton. Information sharing only; no decisions will be made. (Dea Nowell 541-966-0917)

MONDAY, FEB. 12
IRRIGON FIRE DISTRICT, 7 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3133)
PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Pendleton School District office, 107 N.W. 10th St., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)
HERMISTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., district office, 502 W. Standard Ave., Hermiston. (541-667-6000)
MILTON-FREEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6:30 p.m., Central Middle School, 306 S.W. Second St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-3551)
ADAMS CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Adams City Hall, 190 N. Main St., Adams. (541-566-9380)
HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Heppner City Hall, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (541-676-9618)
MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)
PILOT ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock Fire Department, 415 N.E. Elm St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-4522)
HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)
ATHENA-WESTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Weston Middle School library, 205 E. Wallace, Weston. (Kim Thul 541-566-3551)

TUESDAY, FEB. 13
PENDLETON PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION, 12 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)
PORT OF UMATILLA COMMISSION, 1 p.m., Port of Umatilla offices, 505 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. (541-922-3224)
PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP, 3 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Donna Biggerstaff 541-966-0209)
PENDLETON FARMERS MARKET BOARD, 5:30 p.m., Pendleton Early Learning Center, 455 S.W. 13th St., Pendleton. (541-969-9466)
WESTON CEMETERY BOARD, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)
LEXINGTON TOWN COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Lexington Town Hall, 425 F St., Lexington. (541-989-8515)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14
UKIAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, 8 a.m., Ukiah Community School, 201 Hill St., Ukiah. (541-427-3731)
MORROW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Ir-rigon Public Library, 200 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-676-9061)
MILTON-FREEWATER CEMETERY MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 3, 12 p.m., Milton-Freewater Golf Course restaurant, 301 Catherine St., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)
PORT OF MORROW COMMISSION, 1:30 p.m., Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Dori Drago 541-481-7678)
PENDLETON FAÇADE COMMITTEE, 3:30 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community development conference room, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Julie Chase 541-966-0204)
RIVERSIDE SITE COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman. (541-676-9128)
WESTON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)
ATHENA PLANNING COMMISSION, 6:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)
CONDON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Condon City Hall, 128 S. Main St., Condon. (541-384-2711)
CONDON SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Condon Grade School, 220 S. East St., Condon. (541-384-2441)
HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

Oregon uplists marbled murrelet to ‘endangered’ species

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Bureau

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PORTLAND
Oregon's wildlife regulators have "uplisted" the marbled murrelet from a threatened to an endangered species, which will likely result in stricter logging limits on state forestland.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted 4-2 to upgrade protections for the coastal bird at its Feb. 9 meeting in Portland.

The change to endangered status means that scientists at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, which is overseen by the commission, must complete "survival guidelines" for the marbled murrelet by June.

Those guidelines are expected to further restrict logging in the bird's suitable habitat, if existing protocols for state forestland are found to be insufficient.

Though Oregon's version of the Endangered Species Act only applies to property owned by the state government, some private forestland owners worry the uplisting will effectively move Oregon toward more stringent regulations for all forests.

Bruce Buckmaster, a commission member who voted against the change, said he shared their concerns.

"They're old enough to know it's an ironclad law they will undoubtedly be affected," said Buckmaster, a



Courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Friday voted to put the marbled murrelet on the state's endangered species list.

retired business owner.

Commission members originally considered ordering the agency to develop those survival guidelines without uplisting the species.

This proposal, set forth by commissioner Bob Webber, would have had the effect of creating a roadmap for the murrelet's recovery that wouldn't be legally enforceable.

However, the motion resulted in 3-3 deadlock vote, after which Webber changed his mind and supported the uplisting.

"I stated my preference but my least favorite option would be to do nothing," said Webber, an attorney.

The federal government listed marbled murrelets as threatened in 1992 and

Oregon extended the same status to the birds three years later.

Washington and California consider the species endangered.

Marbled murrelets are known as the "enigma of the Pacific" because so little is still known about their life cycle, said Christina Donehower, strategy species coordinator for ODFW.

"Actual nests for marbled murrelets are extremely hard to find," she said.

The birds forage for fish and invertebrates in the Pacific Ocean but lay their

eggs in depressions formed on the branches of large conifer trees, typically found in "old growth" forests, she said.

Nests are found as far as 50 miles inland along the coast, meaning the species must travel up to 100 miles round trip to feed its young.

Large conifer habitat for the species in Oregon's coastal forests declined by 58 percent between 1936 and 1996, she said.

Populations of the bird sharply fell in 1996 but the trend was stable to slightly positive between 2000 and 2015, when 11,000 marbled murrelets were estimated to inhabit Oregon, Donehower said.

However, demographic models for the species project it has an 80 percent chance of extinction in Oregon within the current century, she said.

The species is doubly challenged because, apart from specialized forest nesting habitat, it's vulnerable to fluctuating ocean conditions.

The bird's reproductive potential is low to begin with, as it reaches sexual maturity relatively late and typically only lays one egg per year.

If food sources in the ocean are inadequate for fledging murrelets, the adults won't attempt to breed, as occurred in 2017.

"They might not be as resilient as other species to changing conditions," Donehower said.

Oregon State University is conducting a 10-year study of marbled murrelets that involves capturing the birds at sea, outfitting them with tracking tags and monitoring their forest nests.

Multiple woodland owners and timber industry representatives urged the commission against uplisting the species until the OSU research sheds more light on its life cycle.

Jim James, executive director of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association, said the uplisting would be

premature before the science is better understood.

"It's not urgent that you make a decision today," he said. "Murrelet populations are stable."

An uplisting will likely require private landowners to submit plans for protecting the bird to state regulators, despite assurances the change will only impact state forests, said Rick Barnes, OSWA's president.

"We all know that's not the way things work," he said.

Supporters of the uplisting countered that delayed action has doomed other species due to claims of inconclusive science.

"That is just an argument when you don't have another argument," said Jennifer Wolfson, who testified in favor of uplisting.



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