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## Obituaries

### Bradley Michael Lovell

Bradley Michael Lovell, 23, died Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the home of his grandparents, David and Dianna Lovell, Albany, OR. A celebration of Bradley's life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 30, at Oak Creek Christian Center, Albany. Those in attendance are invited to wear the jersey or shirt of a favorite sports team.

Bradley was born September 3, 1992 in Hermiston, OR to parents Sheryl Conklin and Chris Lovell. He attended schools in Walla Walla and Touchet, WA. He graduated from South Albany High School in Albany, OR. Bradley loved hunting, fishing, camping, riding ATVs and watch-

ing sports—especially the Mariners.

He is survived by father Chris Lovell and stepmother Kim of Phoenix, AZ; mother Sheryl Riley of Richland, WA; sisters, MaKayla and Madison Lovell of Phoenix, AZ; brother Colby Riley of Walla Walla, WA; grandparents David and Dianna Lovell of Albany, OR, and Dale and Linda Conklin of Heppner; great-grandmother Iris Adkins of Union, OR; uncles, Matt (Cheryl) Lovell, Tucson, AZ, Ashley (Teri) Conklin, Eugene, OR, and Mark (Shannon) Conklin, Vancouver, WA; aunt Jill (Raymond) Lew, Beaverton, OR; and seven cousins.

### Elmer Morford

Elmer Morford, 82, of St. Helens, OR passed away on March 30, 2016. At his request there will be no service, although a family celebration of his life will take place at Detroit Lake on June 4.

Born on October 24, 1933 in Junction City, OR, Elmer graduated from Philomath High School. He married in 1965 and had two children, Elita and Monty Morford. Elmer worked mostly in the woods building logging roads and driving a logging truck for several small family operations, both in Vernonia and Corvallis.

Elmer met LaVonne McMillan Bloodsworth through mutual friends in Corvallis and they were married June 2, 1984. He loved the outdoors, deer and elk hunting, and fishing at Detroit Lake. In 1996, when he retired, they moved from Corvallis to

Mist, OR where they lived in the country surrounded by wildlife and their beautiful flowers. For a number of years they spent winter months in Arizona with friends. After 15 years in Mist and three in Clatskanie, they moved to Spring Meadows Assisted Living Community in St. Helens in December of 2015. Elmer was a kind hearted gentleman and was well liked by all. He and LaVonne were voted Valentine's King and Queen in February.

His parents and a stepdaughter, Denise Rands, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife LaVonne of St. Helens, his daughter Elita (Rick) Davis, his son Monty Morford, his stepdaughter Barbara (David) Anderson, his stepson Jim (Carlita) Bloodsworth, 11 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

### Vote Lindsay for local values

Morrow County deserves a judge that has energy, vision and passion. The candidate needs experience in working with our local businesses, communities, families and schools. Most importantly, the person needs to share our values. Melissa Lindsay embodies all of these traits, and that is why my wife Sherri and I could not be prouder to support her for Morrow County Judge.

Melissa was born and raised in Morrow County. She is a woman of hard work and strong values. With over 25 years of finance, banking and private sector experience, she understands what it means to operate a business. She and her family can often be seen volunteering and promoting our county throughout the region at various events. However, Melissa's passion is only outperformed by her energy. She has a "can-do" attitude and works to bring partners together to find solutions. Whether you live in Boardman, Heppner, Ione, Irrigon, Lexington or outside of town, I can guarantee you that Melissa will put all of her energy into serving you and your family.

Please join my family, along with citizens, business leaders and elected officials across the county, in voting Melissa Lindsay for Morrow County Judge.

(s) Rep. Greg Smith, Heppner  
District 57 Representative

### Lindsay will bring passion, energy to county court

To the Editor:

We are writing this letter in support of Melissa Lindsay for Morrow County Judge. Melissa is the right choice for this position; she has a lot of passion and energy for making good things happen in Morrow County and will do a great job in working with the other commissioners to represent the county well.

We have known Melissa personally for years. She comes from a family of long-time Morrow County residents and wants to do her part in helping Morrow County continue to grow. Melissa is someone that you can count on to help get things done. We have worked with her in a professional capacity as well, whether it was when she helped us to get a loan for our home or working on committees, clubs or coordinating events. Please join us in voting for Melissa Lindsay for Morrow County Judge.

(s) Jim & Becky Kindler, Heppner

### Ballard for circuit court judge

To the editor:

I have been a law enforcement officer in this area for over 40 years. In 1999 I met John Ballard as he started his practice in Hermiston and over the years have seen him grow into one of the foremost attorneys in Eastern Oregon.

John's integrity, honesty and knowledge are the reasons we chose him when a member of my family needed legal help. And he prevailed as expected.

I believe John Ballard will be an excellent Circuit Court Judge and he has the vote of the Drago family in the coming election.

(s) Roy Drago, Boardman  
Retired Morrow County Sheriff

### Vote Sweek for the future of the county

I am writing this letter in support of Greg Sweek for Morrow County Judge.

During this election season, we need to consider who best can handle the transition of the county court away from having a county judge and two commissioners and toward three county commissioners. Not to negate the abilities of Lindsay and Doherty, it's important to think about having almost all brand-new commissioners running the county.

Voters of Morrow County need to think about how their votes will impact the future of the county. With the current candidates, Morrow County faces the possibility of having two freshmen commissioners, leaving Don Russell to oversee a new county administrator, along with two commissioners who aren't familiar with the inner workings of the county.

Greg has the experience and temperament we need to represent us in our county government. With over 30 years of dedicated service in the assessor's office, and his knowledge of the workings of county government, Greg brings a wealth of information and background we need in our county's leadership.

Greg is soft-spoken but knows how to work with all the people in our county, to bring solutions and good decision making to problems facing us now, and in the future.

Greg also has experience on the Columbia River Enterprise Zone Board, and has worked well with the Port of Morrow.

For these reasons I urge you to cast your vote for the best candidate in the race for county judge, Greg Sweek.

(s) Louis Carlson, Heppner  
Retired Morrow County Judge

### Rea has proven track record on court

To The Editor,

We are writing in support of Leann Rea's candidacy for Morrow County Commissioner. Leann has served as county commissioner for the past two terms and she has proven to be highly effective in her leadership role with county government. Leann is highly visible in all of the county and devotes many hours of time and energy to attend meetings throughout the county and state.

We have found Leann to be very transparent in her role as commissioner and she always takes the time to answer the public's questions and share any information requested about county government.

We feel it is important to retain Leann's experience and institutional memory as the county moves from the county court system to three part-time commissioners and a full-time administrator.

Please join us in voting for Leann Rea for County Commissioner

(s) Larry & Betty Mills, Heppner

### Local grief support group forming

To the Editor:

For those who have not yet heard, a group of individuals in Heppner, dedicated to assisting and supporting people suffering the grief of losing a loved one, are currently forming an informal, local grief support group. Still in its formative state, this group is endeavoring to reach out to those suffering the very real devastation one suffers in such a loss. Often, those suffering grief feel alone or lost. Such grief is a very personal thing, and unfortunately, even family or friends who want to help, often have no clue how to do so.

A very sad but true statement is that almost half of all married today will one day have to face that state of grief. For those of us who have survived at least some of our journey through this waking nightmare of grief, most have learned one thing. Grief shared, is grief diminished. And as a double blessing, it diminishes the grief of both parties, those who share, and those who are recipients of sharing.

Bottling up of grief can be a mistake, because even while it is pent-up, we are still processing it, but not necessarily in a healthy way. Certainly, as individuals, we all suffer the symptoms of grief in our own individual timing and patterns, yet most find processing grief in a moderated group somewhat dulls its razor edge.

So, because our area is somewhat remote from such help, this group plans to build a community support group with the objective of helping assist and somewhat relieve local people's grief journey. They intend also to have guest speakers knowledgeable in matters of grief.

Currently, they have planned meetings once a month on the first Thursday at noon at Sweet Productions in Heppner. Contact persons are: Jean Adams, 541-676-5841, or Mary Ann Elguezabal, 541-676-5774. If you are suffering grief, please come and share. If someone you know is suffering grief, please tell them.

Thank you.  
(s) Ray Grace, Heppner

### Death Notices

**Donald "Butch" Eubanks**—Donald "Butch" Eubanks, 82, of Gresham and a former Morrow County resident, died Saturday, April 23, 2016. A graveside memorial service will be held May 7 at 11 a.m. at High View Cemetery in Ione. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione Booster Club, PO Box 4, Ione, OR, 97843. A complete obituary will follow in next week's Gazette-Times.

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