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correct the ills at the hospital," said Mills, "and we feel that we've accomplished some things already."

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Inflated costs of supplies and materials also boosted the county budget to its current level, according to Nelson.
"We urge the voter to come to the polls and let us know what they want for county government," said Nelson.

received the endorsement of the individual County Court members and the Morrow County Doctor Search Committee.

Keni Goodyear, chairman of the Search Committee told the Gazette-Times this week, "Passage of the hospital budget is absolutely necessary if we expect to attract doctors to Heppner and Boardman for more reasons than one."

Goodyear said hiring a recruiter to find doctors for the communities was the most feasible way. "By working through a recruiter—which

takes \$5-6,000 per doctor—we will be able to avoid some of the problems with medical staffing recently experienced by the county and secondly,

we will be able to obtain doctors much quicker than if we tried to do it on our own," said Goodyear.

Also included in the hospital budget are monies that will be used to match a federal grant which will provide two new ambulances and other equipment for both Heppner and Boardman.

Morgan street bridge bids to be considered

The question of when the decrepit Morgan Street Bridge over Willow Creek will be replaced remains unresolved.

Making the future of the span even more hazy is the fact that city engineer Steve Anderson has disclaimed responsibility for keeping the span open to traffic in light of the bridge's present condition.

Anderson disclaimed responsibility for the bridge

during last Wednesday's special council meeting. He stated that if support beams were installed under the span, the structure should be safe enough for light traffic and that he might then withdraw his disclaimer.

The bridge remained open through the week without any of the suggested repair work having been performed. City workers and County Roadmaster Doc Sherer inspected the site last week to determine how the temporary bracing work would be made, and what materials and tools would be needed.

"I'm not panicked that it (the bridge) is still open," said Anderson. "...It's just that it's in a lot worse shape now than it was several months ago."

Anderson said that if city workers placed posts under the middle of the span, "it would double its strength."

Late in June, bids were opened for building a new Morgan Street Bridge. The low bid was more than 28 per cent higher than the \$105,000 estimate.

Since the bidding exceeded cost estimates by such a large margin, the city decided to re-bid the structure.

Last Friday, the latest bids were opened, with F. Hodgson Construction of North Powder submitting the low bid of \$118,800—13.9 per cent over the estimate, but significantly lower than the \$134,500 low bid submitted in June.

"The city saved more than \$15,000 by rebidding," com-

mented Anderson.

Should the city council vote to accept the contract, the city's share of the project would be about \$30,000. Under the original \$105,000 estimate for the new bridge, the city expected to pay about \$18,000. The difference in costs would be picked up by state and federal matching funds.

Bidding has been unusually high on the project mainly "because of a surplus of work that contractors are now having," said Anderson. When crews and equipment are busy, he explained, contractors are less likely to lower profit margins and become more competitive.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney said he would instruct Anderson to attempt to cut costs on the

city's end of the project, to try to bring expenses down to near the originally planned for \$18,000 level.

A vote on whether or not to accept the bid is expected to come during the regular Aug. 7 council meeting.

If the contract is accepted, the contractor would have a completion deadline of 180 days. Council has 30 days in which to decide whether to award the bid.

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OBITUARIES

Jerry Clay Phillips

Jerry Clay Phillips, 77, Heppner, died at his home, Sunday, July 30.

Mr. Phillips was born in Heppner on Nov. 16, 1900, the son of Jerry and Sarah Lane Phillips.

He was married to Velma Hall at Lexington on Oct. 25, 1925.

He was a member and Past Master of AF & AM Fossil Lodge No. 89 and Past Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star. He was also a member of the Heppner B.P.O.E. No. 358 and a 56-year member of the IOOF at Fossil. For 32 years he operated the butcher shop at Kinzua.

Funeral services are today, (Thursday), Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. at the Heppner Christian Church with acting Worshipful Master of AF & AM No. 69, Paul Jones, and the Rev. Edwin Sikes officiating. Sacred selections will be sung by Dub and Wilda Freeman accompanied by organist Virginia Kelso. Pallbearers are Mark Jellick, Jimmy Hullet, Herb Wright, Harlan Schroeder, Wayland Hyatt and Ernie Wall.

Concluding services and interment will be at Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Phillips is survived by his wife, Velma, Heppner; a daughter, Jessolyn Sanders,

Sun Valley, Nevada; three grandchildren, two nephews and a niece.

Fred Amos Butterfield

Fred Amos Butterfield, 62, died at his home in Heppner July 26.

Mr. Butterfield was born March 22, 1916 in Ogden Utah. He worked in Heppner for many years as a body and fender man.

Private cremation services were held Friday, July 28. Memorial services were held Saturday, July 29, at 2 p.m. at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel with Paul Warren of the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saints officiating. Claudine Warren played sacred selections.

Mr. Butterfield is survived by his wife, June, San Jose, Cal.; two daughters, Carolee Marks, Prairie City and Nikki Rae Hatfield, Apple Valley, Cal.; three sons, Fred, William and Davie, all of San Jose, Cal.; his father, Fred Butterfield, Salem; a sister, June Stanley, Salem; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Grant Earl Weatherford

Grant Earl Weatherford, 25, son of James Earl Weatherford and Dolores Fox Weatherford, died at Heppner on Wednesday, July 26. He had attended school at Olex, was student body president at Condon High School, was president of the honor society and was an outstanding athlete. He attended the University of Washington on a football scholarship for one year before joining the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op as an apprentice lineman in Condon. He came to Heppner in 1973 and continued his training, becoming a journeyman lineman several years ago.

Weatherford was an active member of the Oregon National Guard and a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Beside his parents Weatherford is survived by his sister, Cherie W. Woodworth, brothers Frank, Robert, Marion and Morris and his grandmother Daisy Irby Weatherford, all of Olex, and maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, The Dalles, along with numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Weatherford was married to Karma Lynn Humphrey in Heppner in June, 1977. They had been divorced and she is now living in Aurora, Oregon.

Weatherford's family home is on Rock Creek below Olex where his great-grandfather, William Washington Weatherford first farmed the land after he left his original Eastern Oregon location near Morgan on Willow Creek.

Weatherford's great-grandfather, M. Earl, and his grandfather, Frank M. farmed there before his father, J. Earl, took it over.

Memorial services were held at Arlington, Saturday afternoon, July 29, in the Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Donald Dyke officiating. Music was provided by soloist Ken Elliott with Mrs.

Les Grant at the organ. Casket bearers were Bud Marshall, Bill Gentry, Jim Prock, Bob Fitzsimmons, Bill McDowell and Dan James. Honorary bearers were John Wilgers, Paul Sumner, Bud Englert, Doyle Key, Norm Rickert, Ed Struthers, Marvin Lane and Joe Nix.

Concluding services and vault interment were at Arlington Cemetery under the direction of Sweeney Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grant Weatherford Athletic Fund at either Condon or Arlington High Schools.

Mark Harrison Weatherford

Mark Harrison Weatherford, 25, of Albany was killed Saturday afternoon, July 26, after attending the funeral of

his cousin Grant Weatherford. He was driving alone in his van toward Ordinance to visit another cousin, John Runckle.

State Police said a front tire blew, and the car left I-80 at Heppner Junction, throwing Weatherford to his death.

Weatherford attended grade school at Olex as a youngster before moving to Albany, where his father, Harrison, and grandfather Mark V. Weatherford associated with other family members in an historic law firm. The family continues to operate the Circle W. Ranch near Olex.

Mark is survived by his parents, Harrison M. Weatherford and Irene Odberg Weatherford, two sisters Alice and Joyce. He was preceded in death by a younger brother, Scott William.

Services for Mark were held in Albany yesterday, Wednesday, August 2.

William Brinda

William Joseph Brinda was born in Nebraska, Jan. 9, 1908. He died at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, Aug. 1, at the age of 70.

Mr. Brinda had been a resident of Heppner for the past 23 years and was formerly of Nampa, Idaho. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge at Pendleton.

Survivors are his widow, Verna of Heppner; sons, Eldred William Brinda of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Larry Lee Brinda of Pendleton; daughters, Judy Ann Stevens Marsden and Joanne Pyne

both of Auburn, Wash.; one brother, Charles Brinda of Valentine, Neb.; three sisters, Mrs. Kathryn Linabery, Mrs. Fannie Estes and Mamie Tylor, all of Valentine, Neb., and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. in the Christian Church at Heppner. Rev. Edwin W. Sikes will officiate and burial will be in the Heppner Cemetery.

For those who wish, contributions may be made to the Heart Fund in memory of Mr. Brinda. Burns Mortuary in care of arrangements.

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