

New BMEDC director visits Center

The Heppner Neighborhood Center Advisory Council welcomed Bud Schmidt into his new position as Executive Director of Blue Mountain Economic Development Council Inc. (BMEDC) at a September 15 meeting in Heppner.

Selected from a field of 25 applicants, Schmidt began work September 4.

Besides Neighborhood Centers in Heppner, Hermiston and Pendleton, BMEDC is also the administrative umbrella for many other programs aimed at assisting low-income people. Some of these programs are: home weatherization for a five-county area, distribution of USDA commodities throughout four counties, and several programs for Umatilla and Morrow counties including: Head Start, Gleaning, emergency food, WIC certification, USDA assistance to daycare homes,



and FMHA loan recertification. BMEDC is a non-profit corporation

operated by a local board of directors, of which Heppner's Neola Mackey is the chair. Because of its recognition by state and federal government as a Community Action Agency, this board is required to have representatives from local government, groups of low-income people, and community organizations.

"Schmidt was hired because of his extensive prior experience with Community Action Agencies and his understanding of the problems of people in rural areas such as ours," Mackey said. Although he had worked as a carpenter in Portland for the last year and a half, this was a break after working with community service organizations. He began in Washington County as an organizer of a food coop in 1973. Following that, Schmidt has work-

Continued page 4



New Look

Workmen install glass window in Murray's Drug Store in Heppner. Murray's is remodeling the front of the store, taking out the pre-

sent doorway and moving the entryway down the street several feet.

Elected Boy Scout Sr. Patrol Leader

J.J. Shaw, son of Johnny and Linda Shaw of Heppner, was recently elected Senior Patrol Leader by the Boy Scouts of Troop 654 of Hermiston. The troop is sponsored by the First Christian Church and led by Carlisle Harrison.

Shaw has completed all requirements for the Life rank, the final step before Eagle. He participated in a 5-day, 50 mile hike with Troop 654 in the Eagle Cap Wilderness area in August. He also joined Troop 21 of the Modoc Area Council for summer camp at Crescent Lake.

As senior patrol leader, Shaw is assisting in planning for the Oregon Trail District Camporee to be held September 26-28 on the Columbia River. He will participate in Junior Leader Training October 11 in Hermiston.



Photo by Marie Struthers

Riding the straight and narrow

Oregon State Police officer Carl Martin keeps score while bicycle rodeo contestants demonstrate their ability to ride in a straight line. Children in grades 1-6 competed last Saturday morning riding a straight path, stopping, turning and in a slalom event. Officer Gary Bingham of the Heppner Police Dept. checked bicycle safety equipment and awarded prizes to first, second, and third place winners in each grade level.



County Agent's Corner

By County Ag Agent Fred Lundin

J.J. Shaw

From page 1

heard an objection to the county's granting an easement across a county roadway for a pipeline. The Court notified the petitioner that since objection had been voiced, they would need proof that the proposed pipeline is safe before granting an easement.

approved claims.

heard about plans for a fish hatchery at Irrigon from Deane Seeger, county planner.

approved the County Clerk's request for \$340, to have four index books (\$85 each) bound. The index books contain recorded deeds and mortgages.

In Morrow County's dryland wheat country, under present farm program rules, wheat land may lie fallow for as long as three years without a crop. The problem with this is that erosion control becomes very difficult after one year, and impossible after two.

Farmers need something to plant on that acreage that will hold it against erosion. It would be nice if the crop were harvestable and saleable as well.

Two crops which presently escape the program, and can be planted on these acres are: rapeseed and triticale. Neither are presently classified as a program crop. Both

crops also provide excellent erosion control.

Rapeseed is an oilseed crop which has a market in Japan. It is a small seeded member of the mustard family and requires early seeding - not always easy in this country. Yield potential on ground which raises 40 bushels of wheat is about 1200 lbs. The present market ranges from \$.07 to \$.10/lb. Costs of production are about the same as wheat.

The benefits of rapeseed are erosion control, weed control, (it's a broadleaf and provides an opportunity to knock out some grassy weeds like cheatgrass), and a proven market.

The disadvantages are stand establishment (small seeded plants are hard to grow early in the year) and price (the price fluctuates a great deal, and \$.07/lb. is pretty low).

Triticale is a cross between wheat and rye. It represents an attempt to combine the high yield and high protein of wheat with the broad adaptability and higher lysine levels of rye.

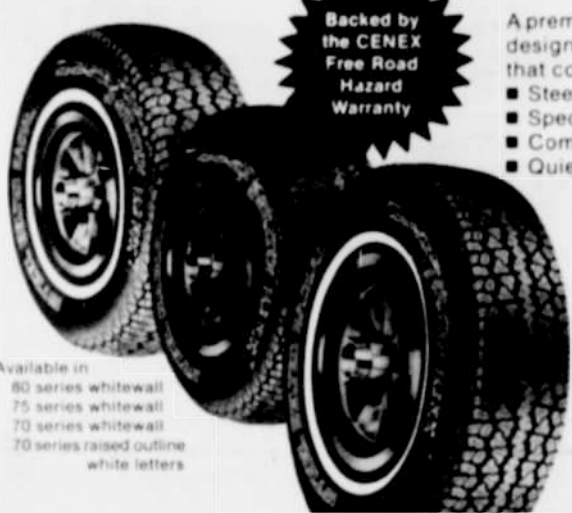
As a crop, it presents no problems for farmers. The benefits of this crop are that it can be seeded and harvested just like wheat. It yields a little lower than wheat (about 10%) and bushel weights are lighter (about 48 lbs).

There is no established market for triticale, however, and that is its chief disadvantage. It is a good feed, with good protein content. It has been tested very widely on poultry with good results. But as a feed grain, it must compete with corn, barley, soyameal, and any other feed a feeder can buy. And corn is selling for \$80/ton these days. With a yield potential for triticale of a ton per acre, that's a poor return for farmers.

The alternatives to these two crops are planting a green manure crop or planting nothing and watching the soil wash away. Perhaps the best solution is to form a grower's group, one large enough to guarantee enough triticale at a competitive price that a large feed lot would be interested.

BLIZZARD OF VALUES TIRE SALE

INTRODUCING... A NEW CONCEPT IN RADIAL TIRE TECHNOLOGY
CO-OP



Backed by the CENEX Free Road Hazard Warranty

A premium CO-OP tire with "Optimized Mold Cavity" design... the revolutionary tire-building concept that could make other tires obsolete!

- Steel belts/polyester cord radial plies
- Special long mileage tread compound
- Computer designed all weather tread
- Quiet and fuel efficient.

As low as \$54⁸⁷ plus balancing size P195/70R-14

Available in:
80 series whitewall
75 series whitewall
70 series whitewall
70 series raised outline white letters

Size	Sale
P195/70R-14 W/W	54.87
P205/70R-14 W/W	56.87
P215/70R-15 W/W	59.87
P225/70R-15 W/W	63.87
P235/70R-15 W/W	67.87
P245/70R-15 W/W	70.87
P205/70R-14 ROWL	56.87
P225/70R-15 ROWL	64.87
P235/70R-15 ROWL	68.87
P245/70R-15 ROWL	73.87



New New Country Squire Radial

A radial snow tire designed to give excellent traction in mud and snow. Yet, one that can take the punishing abuse of winter driving.

As low as \$41⁸⁷ plus balancing

Size	Reg.	Sale
A78-13	42.31	32.87
E78-14	50.02	38.87
F78-14	54.87	42.87
G78-14	57.84	44.87
G78-15	59.39	45.87
H78-15	61.66	47.87
L78-15	66.80	51.87

Size	Reg.	Sale
P165/80R-13	53.65	41.87
P195/75R-14	65.10	50.87
P205/75R-14	68.61	53.87
P205/75R-15	69.55	54.87
P215/75R-15	71.71	56.87
P225/75R-15	77.70	60.87
P235/75R-15	82.08	64.87



Redi Grip
Four polyester cord body plies deliver long, trouble-free mileage. Extra-wide deep tread, self-cleaning lugs.

As low as \$32⁸⁷ plus balancing



Country Squire A/P Radial

Mud... Snow... or on dry roads... The Country Squire A/P radial is an all-around traction tire.

As low as \$92⁹⁴ plus balancing

Size	Reg.	Sale	F.E.T.
HR78x15 R.W.L. 6 ply	108.23	92.94	
LR78x15 R.W.L. 6 ply	122.06	104.90	38
235/65R16 R.O.B.L. 10 ply	148.81	127.78	1.46

Size	Reg.	Sale	F.E.T.
1000-20-12	246.03	191.87	17.14

Road Hazard Warranty

Redi Grip Heavy Service
A mud and snow truck tire that delivers rugged traction and durability.

As low as \$191⁸⁷ plus F.E.T. trade-in & balancing



Where the customer is the company

P.O. Box 347
Leitchfield, Oregon 97131



76-988-8221 • 1(800) 463-7794

GOLD!

Come and See the Complete line of Landstrom's Black Hill's Gold Jewelry

Coffee, Punch & Cookies served
Both Days - All Day
September 26 & 27

Member Jewelers of America, Inc.
Peterson's Jewelers
676-9200