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City gives garbage franchise to Miller & Sons

The city council Monday awarded Heppner's garbage collection franchise to Miller & Sons Excavating after it was announced the company had made a deal to purchase Heppner Garbage Disposal from David Green.

Ryan Miller gave a presentation to the council in his bid to pick up the franchise saying his company had the expertise, resources and manpower to do the job. Miller said the purchase of Heppner Garbage's assets hinged on whether the city would give him the franchise. Without the franchise Miller would not have been able to operate in the city limits of Heppner.

Miller said his company deserved the franchise because they had truck repair facilities, an office staff and experience in business. The family has been in business in Heppner 30 years, and they own a truck and equipment repair facility among other things, on Dee Cox Road just outside the city.

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L-R: Public Works Director Brian Harmon, Johnny Pimentel of Eagle Freightliner, Heppner Mayor Les Paustian, City Crewmember Chad Doherty and City Manager David DeMayo show off the new street sweeper the city recently took delivery on. The sweeper was purchased from Eagle and replaces an older one that was worn out.

Neighborhood Center, HES canned food drive held

Pictured are the Mrs. Rills' third grade class along with the student body officers. Mrs. Rills' class won the canned food drive competition.

The Neighborhood Center and Heppner Elementary School recently teamed up for the fourth annual canned food drive.

A total weight of 1,531.5 pounds was contributed. First place was Mrs. Rills' third grade class with 266.5 pounds of canned goods. Second place was Mrs. Morris' kindergarten class with 264.5 pounds and third place was Mrs. Smith-Griffith's 4-5 graders with 233.5 pounds.

The drive was spearheaded and led by Jamie McCormack. "The real winner would be the Neighborhood Center," said teacher Jannie Allen at the assembly after announcing the class winners.

Attorney general candidate makes campaign swing through Heppner

John Kroger, Democrat candidate for Oregon attorney general, stopped in Heppner October 4 on a campaign swing through the state. "It's important for me to travel the whole state and meet with people all over Oregon," said Kroger. This trip would make the second time he has visited Heppner. He said he first came to Oregon on a cross-country bike trip, fell in love with the state and moved here.

John Kroger

Kroger has taught criminal law and legal philosophy at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland since 2002. "There is no better job than teaching young lawyers," he said. Kroger has twice won the Levenson award for teaching excellence, awarded by the Lewis & Clark graduating class.

Kroger grew up in Houston, Texas, the fourth of six children to parents who ran a music store. He says he played piano and saxophone prior to a hand injury. When he turned 17 he left Texas to join the Marines, serving in Central America and the Pacific. "The Marines taught me that some things are so important, they are worth fighting for. We all have a duty to make our nation and our community stronger and safer. I will put those values to work as your attorney general," says Kroger.

After his discharge from the Marines, Kroger worked his way through college with the help of the GI bill. He graduated from Yale University and Harvard Law School. Prior to becoming a prosecutor, he worked as an economic and domestic policy advisor to President Bill Clinton, whom he met with often. He says that Clinton has a magnetic personality. As Clinton's policy advisor, he helped develop Clinton's "successful initiatives to hire 100,000 new police officers and cut bureaucratic

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Huwes sell Irrigon station, mini-mart to Devin Oil

Barb Huwe of Huwe's Has It All gas station and mini-mart in Irrigon has announced the sale of the operation to Devin Oil.

Huwe, who, along with her husband, Wayne, has been living and working in Morrow County for the past "26 years and six weeks," says that the change is "bittersweet" for the pair. Huwe said that they planned to sign the papers with Devin Oil on Tuesday, Wednesday would be their last day as owners and Devin Oil would take over operation on Thursday.

Huwe says that the couple plans to stay in Irrigon. "This is our home," she said. "And we still have a senior, Kevin, at Irrigon High School. We are appreciative of our community for the living they have given us and all the support they have given us over the years," says Barb.

They came to Irrigon 26 years ago when they bought Brown's Auto and Truck Stop. Twenty-two years ago they tore down the old store and built a new one and in 2003 named it "Huwe's Has It All, Inc." at

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Rifle hunters find success

Autumn Morgan shot her 4x4 whitetail on Saturday, August 29, in the Minam Unit.

Steve Wilson killed this 34 ¾" buck in the Columbia Basin Unit. The deer scored 162 1/8".

The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your hunting successes. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, or e-mail them to david@heppner.net.

Morrow County Schools earn good report cards; Heppner schools exceptional

The Morrow County School Board heard the results of the Oregon State school report cards at the MCSD regular meeting held at Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman Monday evening.

Heppner High School and Heppner Elementary School each received an "exceptional" statewide rating. A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, Irrigon Elementary, Irrigon High School and Riverside High School in Boardman earned "strong" ratings and Sam Boardman Elementary and Windy River Elementary in Boardman earned "satisfactory" ratings. MCSD Superintendent Mark Burrows told the board that "100 percent of MCSD schools were satisfactory, 75 percent were better than good and 25 percent were exceptional." Burrows said he was proud of the results and remarked, "The rednecks from Morrow County are doing just fine." He credited teachers and administrators for their commitment to education. Burrows said only 14% of schools statewide were exceptional.

Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Danielson presented a report to the board on statewide testing. Danielson said the district has focused on high quality instruction, increased instructional time, professional development, has targeted

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Deadline to register to vote approaching

October 16, 2007 is the last day to register to vote for the November 6, 2007 Special Election. The Special Election includes state measures 49 and 50.

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