

ks in search near Heppner

from other parts of the United States: California, Arkansas, Michigan, Alaska and Canada. And the job descriptions vary from geophone placement engineers who plant the

receivers and plug them into the cables, to vibrator operators, equipment repair and surveying.

Both Waterman and Kelley describe the work schedule as seven

days a week "as many hours a day as you can work." Usually after 30 working days, the company recommends a two-week break, when crew members can go home or vacation.

The travel is interesting and Waterman says she averages six places each year. From Heppner, she is scheduled to spend three months in Dallas, Texas, replacing someone who will be on a leave from the company's office there. She says that the other five survey crew members are just as qualified as she to do the office work required here for coordinating the survey work in the field.

The crew began working from the Heppner base office November 8 and Kelley says that they expect to take a seven-day break for Christmas then come back and finish their work within a couple of days. Packing and preparing to move will take about one-day he says.

About Heppner, Kelley says that people have been nice to the crew members, that they have felt accepted and helped by the people here and "we all appreciate that."



Recording truck holds important information gathering equipment.



Gail Waterman puts survey data into computer.

Money can't buy these gifts

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Christmas is fast approaching. Still wondering what to give as gifts to family and friends? Does everything seem more expensive than you can afford?

One relatively inexpensive, and very special gift is always available.

Often the best gift is a gift of yourself: sitting with a child; giving a caregiver a break in caring for an ill family member; chauffeuring, and errand-running are things most people can do. Once would be nice, but helping out a few more times during the year would be even more of a bonus.

How about giving an infirm or elderly person, who can't get around too easily, several trips to the market for groceries? Free "house-sitting" is another popular gift. Practically everyone needs help when on vacation.

Are there gifts you could make for friends and relatives? Persons who bake, sew, or work with wood or crafts have an ideal alternative to buying a gift. Do you paint or do photography? Most people enjoy a photo or painting of local history, family, or other interesting subject.

Often grandparents or a relative away from home will enjoy photographs of familiar scenes and persons. Or, younger family members may appreciate photographs of earlier generations, accompanied by some interesting or unusual written family history.

Clip or share shoots from your favorite plants. These can be a nice gift. A lasting, growing plant from a friend can be special.

Give a loaf of bread, a holiday dessert, or an entire dinner. Make up a fruit basket or "goodie" tray. Or, put some favorite recipes in a recipe box and tie with ribbon or yarn.

Remember someone who may be forgotten. The holidays can be a particularly difficult time for people who are lonely and have no family nearby.

The goal should be to enjoy the holidays, and your family and friends. Try not to do too much or put a strain on your budget. Pause and think about what you really want the holidays to mean.

Keep holiday foods safe

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The holiday season is a time to enjoy togetherness, to celebrate the good things in life, and to eat. So, says Extension Foods and Nutrition Specialist, Carolyn Raab, it's more important than ever that the food we prepare - especially the turkey - remains safe.

The rule of thumb is "keep hot foods hot and keep cold foods cold." If a perishable food is left at room temperature longer than two to three hours, it could become a

bacterial breeding ground. We should not leave that turkey sitting out at room temperature longer than two to three hours. Refrigerate it as soon as possible. Take the stuffing out, put it in a separate bowl. If the carcass is just too big to fit in the refrigerator, cut the meat off the bones and store it in shallow containers. The idea is to get everything cool as quickly as possible.

The holidays tend to be hectic, but taking extra precautions during food handling and preparation will help the seasonal celebration stay joyful.

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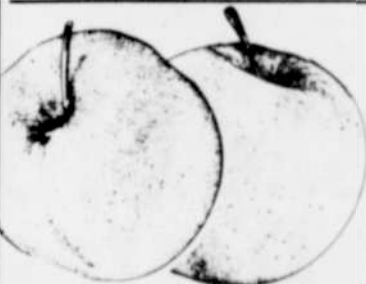
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City of Ione seeking volunteer for 2-yr. council position

New shingles are needed on the restroom-storage building roof in the City Park, members of the Ione City Council were told at the Monday, Dec. 3 meeting. The council will check prices of the necessary materials before the repair work is begun reported a spokesperson.

The council is still in the process of making arrangements to supply city water users from a private well while the city reservoir is cleaned.

When Wayne Hams is sworn in as mayor in January, a vacancy will be created on the council. A spokesperson asks that anyone interested in filling a two-year appointment, the remainder of Hams' term as councilman, contact either Hams or Linda LaRue.

In other business, the council: -donated \$100 to the student corporation at Ione High School to buy a square on the "Morrowpoly" game board for the city.

-heard a report of concern about hazardous refuse in a Third St. yard.

-discussed problems which have arisen with a fence installed on Second St. for which the council had previously granted a zoning variance. The council decided to uphold their earlier decision.

Speaking for the council, Bill Rietmann expressed their appreciation to Linda LaRue and Dorothy Stefani for their time of service. Both will complete their terms of office in January.

Farmers Tax Guides available

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The "1984 Farmers' Tax Guide" is now available at the Morrow County office of the Oregon State University Extension Service in Heppner.

The guide explains federal tax laws that apply specifically to farming. Federal tax law has been altered to some extent in almost every year since 1980, so checking the tax guide to keep up with the latest changes is important.

The 80 page guide contains 19 chapters on the whole range of tax topics affecting farmers and ranchers. Also included is a list of important tax dates, an index for easy use of the guide, and telephone numbers taxpayers can use to call for help.

Gene Nelson, OSU Extension farm management specialist, lists the following items of special interest to farm and ranch operator this year.

Capital Gain holding period: Capital assets acquired after June 22, 1984, qualify for long-term capital gain or loss treatment if held for more than six months. The holding period has not changed for cattle and horses held for draft, breeding, dairy, or sporting purposes; or for other livestock held for these purposes.