Volunteering—what keeps the community going and growing

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Community Awards event, the HHS students. As stars a volunteer. This is what welcome baskets, Town she said about her experi- and Country Community ence after she moved to Awards event, firefighters, Heppner:

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At Heppner Chamber's some very young stars that help run our cities, and the don't get new stars, then Annual Town and Country help all year long. They are list goes on. Joanne Burleson shared you help on at the followher experience with being ing events: putting together St. Patrick's annual event "For sanity purposes, activities, parades, visit I volunteered and became shut-ins, Christmas events, involved in the commu- weed and plant areas in our nity. I like to refer to vol- cities, volunteer to work at unteers as 'stars' because the Morrow County Fair they brighten and light up and Rodeo, help with the our communities. There are senior meals, volunteer at many stars in this room and the assisted living, as well

"As a star, you meet new friends, learn more about your community and its surroundings, but most of all you feel good inside because you know you have made a difference. Some of our stars are fading due to health, age, and some have passed on. We need to recruit new stars to help with the events that are lacking stars. If you are not a star, become one. Talk to your neighbors and friends and some who are not. We have as being on committees that get them involved. If we which is March 18-20.

the events I have mentioned will die. South Willow Creek Vallev will no longer be a special place to live. It will be just a dot on the map. Think about that."

That said, the St. Patrick's Committee is in need of some volunteers to help get involved in organizing and putting on this big event; it can't be done by a few volunteers. Several volunteer opportunities are available during the upcoming St. Patrick's weekend,

mittee is looking for volunteers to sell buttons/kozies on Saturday during the KUMA Coffee Hour and CEILI activities at the Elks Lodge, as well as a couple the chamber of commerce Service in lining up the participants for the Great Green Parade *predicts* and volunteers to work in the information booth, just to name a few.

"Please consider get-ting involved and contact February the chamber to see where you can help at 541-676-

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The St. Patrick's Com- 5536," says chamber executive director Sheryll Bates. "Be one of our new 'shining stars'!"

Weather warm, dry

The National Weather Service in Pendleton reports that temperatures at Heppner averaged normal for January, but predicts above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation for the coming

ture was 35 degrees, which was 0.2 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 42.3 degrees, which was 1.3 degrees below normal. The highest was 59 degrees on the 22nd. Low temperatures averaged 27.6 degrees, which was 0.8 degrees above normal. The lowest was 14 degrees, on Jan. 3.

with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were eight days when the high temperature stayed

0.87 inches during January, which was 0.60 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was received on 15 days with the heaviest, 0.22 inches, reported on the 29th.

has reached 0.87 inches, which is 0.60 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 50 mph, which occurred on the 21st.

The outlook for February from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above-normal temperatures and near- to below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during February are 47.4 degrees and normal lows are 27.3 degrees. The 30-year normal



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and determined it was a civil matter -A person in Irrigon advised that he believed his dog had been stolen. A neighbor advised him his black lab/pit mix had gotten into a white pickup about an hour and a half ago.

port from a female in Heppner who stated she had been

robbed. MCSO responded