

## **[Man of the Year]**

This year's man of the year is the true definition of why we host this event and honor people in our community. Many people give, work, and orchestrate many tasks, events, helping individuals in need, lifting a hand for our non-profits, or even giving from their own pocket while most of us aren't even aware that they are here in our town.

When you read the community resume of our nominee you will soon see that they don't hesitate to fill a need brought to them. He has been described as the following: He is not a leader from the front, but he is a leader by action and example. Well, we think that is one of the best methods of leading especially when it comes to our youth. He has taught many generations hunter safety courses which is really teaching them how to handle firearms, proper methods of shooting, and most of all the responsibilities of owning and using firearms properly.

When talking to one of his previous employees (he is supposed to be retired now) they say when they first met him, they admitted that perhaps he was a bit louder than most people and he had a story for everything, but they soon learned that this man was generous with support, respect, and trust to his employees. They are grateful and after 12 years of working for him, they were able to see just how much this man gives to our community without telling anyone and never asking for a thank you.

We can't thank him enough for his volunteer spirit in the many organizations he is a part. He continues to give time and support to many. You may see him working with our Lions club, The Dalles Sister cities, The Order of the Masons, the Shriners Club, his church, and many projects at our Senior Center. He never hesitates to lift a hammer, loan a horse, or teach someone to ride or how to care for a horse properly.

There are so many stories, and I can't list all the ones submitted (we would be here all week) but each one has a similar theme ... He makes our community better and a great place to live in because of what he does when no one is watching. Well, we want our nominee to know that many were watching and are grateful and we want to honor and recognize all your efforts, time, energy, financial support, your elbow grease, and your stories. So, everyone please help me recognize our 2021 Man of the Year and thank him for all he does for our community ... **Hew Hillis!**