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CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

So much talent and so much energy in one person! July Citizen of the Month has both. This is an appropriate month for **HUGH SIMPSON** to be honored for what he does in his community *and* in the outskirts. As you read about Hugh and read this month's article he submitted for the Fire Department, you'll wonder where he gets the time to do so many projects and to always be there for his friends. Knowing Hugh, he'd have it no other way!

Hugh is VERY talented. He is a Pipe Major with the Southern Oregon Scottish Pipe Band. If you haven't heard him play yet, you're missing some great sounds! When he was just a young lad, Hugh listened to his Dad play the pipes, knowing someday he too would play. A bagpipe player from Scotland, William D. Keddie, was the man that taught Hugh to play so well. Hugh has been playing in the Southern Oregon Scottish Pipe Band since 1975; this is his 10th year as a Major in the band!

Hugh is a Sergeant Major with the Rogers Rangers French and Indian War Reenactment. Whenever this 14 member group gets together, they use only tools, dress, and weapons from the year 1758!

Hugh has been teaching gun safety as a Certified National Rifle Association Instructor since 1987. He is also a NRA Certified Class C Rifle Coach and an Oregon Hunter Education Instructor for Fish and Wildlife. Hugh served as President of the Ashland Gun Club from 1981 to 1982.

In 1981, Hugh was nominated for, and received the Outstanding Young Men of America Award from the Jaycee's. An accomplishment he and his family are rightfully proud of.

Hugh is part of the seven member, Party of the Rogue, American Mountain Men. This is a

brotherhood of men that adheres to the authenticity of the years 1820 to 1840. They never stray past the year 1840 when they are out in the forest. There are three levels in this brotherhood. The first being Pilgrim, the second Boss Loper, then High Verano (one who has wintered in the mountains for 21 days). At this time Hugh is a Boss Loper. We're sure he will winter in the mountains soon and be at the top his brotherhood soon!

Hugh was with the National Guard Reserve, State Defense Force for 6 years starting out as Staff Sgt. making his way to 1st Lieutenant Headquarters Company Commander.

Hugh's Dad, Hugh G. Simpson, and friend, Juan Schwendener started the Civil Air Patrol in Ashland in 1967. Hugh himself was active in the Civil Air Patrol from the age of 13 until 1992. While in the Civil Air Patrol, Hugh received the highest award a cadet can earn; the Billy Mitchell Award while gaining rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. At the age of 21, as a Senior Member, Hugh held rank of Captain when he left the US Air Force Civilian Auxiliary.

An avid outdoorsman and caring person, Hugh first became involved in Search and Rescue in 1977. He was a member of Post 5 Explorer, SAR, Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Hugh's many survival talents have been very advantageous in this field.

Hugh worked with kids at the YMCA in Ashland during 1978 as a daycamp leader. In 1980 he helped with Fishing Camp and was Day Camp Director from 1980 to 1983.

In 1987 and 1988, Hugh was a Shooting Sports Counselor at Camp McLoughlin with the Boy Scouts. He taught firearm safety, and proper use of firearms and archery gear. In 1989 he was the program director at the Scout Camp.