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HAPPY RETIREMENT HOWARD



Howard Schesser is headed closer to Washington after retiring late last week.

Howard Schesser, Community Development Director for Cottage Grove celebrated his retirement with friends and family on Friday, Jan. 27, at the armory in Cottage Grove. He plans to move closer to Washington to be with his grandchildren. Below city colleagues weigh-in on Schesser's retirement.

City Manager Richard Meyers: "Howard will be missed. He proved and I knew I could depend on him to perform whatever was assigned or needed to be done. He has been responsible for our Emergency Management, Planning, Zoning and Building inspection. All things that tie directly to protecting or improving the safety of the Citizens of Cottage Grove. He was involved in a lot of different projects and he could always be counted on to do them well. Howard has been responsible for so many things that have made the community a better place to live. Many of those things we just take for granted. I am really excited for him to be able to dedicate his time to his family and life away from all the pressures of the job."

CG Police Chief Scott Shepherd: "Here are some memories regarding working with Howard. Howard was a volunteer fireman with South Lane Rural Fire Department and would often be the first one on scene at emergency calls, because he monitored the scanner while at work (probably all the time). Howard coordinated the Emergency Response Training for the City and we worked closely together on many projects and he would always be helpful and responsive to training issues or police department projects. Howard assisted with oral board interviews for the police department on many occasions. He would provide thoughtful insight to that process. Although we didn't work every day together, he was always willing to help and available to answer any questions I had."

Howard's wife Mary Ellen: "I'm just very proud of him. He put the city first and was very dependable and he put in a lot of work and a lot of hours."

Schesser fought back tears in describing the crowd that turned out for his send-off on Friday night. "It's overwhelming."



Bruce Woods won Fox Sports TV's Pro-Sports Pick 'Ems and out of approx. 500 entrants, won the grand prize of a 50" Magnavox 4K television. Pictured in photo with Bruce is his son, Kyle Woods.



State representatives Cedric Hayden and Floyd Prozanski held a town hall meeting sponsored by the Blackberry Pie Society on Jan. 26. They covered several topics and answered questions. A full story on their visit available online at cgsentinel.com



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