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Battle of the Bosses

City Managers Chris Workman of Philomath, Rick Hohnbaum of Monroe, Pat Hare of Adair Village, Peter Troedsson of Albany and Mark Shepard of Corvallis recently competed in a “Battle of the Bosses” pie eating contest to raise funds for veterans’ services. After some fierce—and gluttonous—competition, Shepard was declared as the winner.

The Corvallis *Gazette-Times* reported that contest organizers weighed the pies in advance and the five city managers had a limited amount of time to eat as much as they could. Organizers then weighed the pies again to determine who had eaten the most.

Held Nov. 10, the event took place at 4 Spirits Distillery during the company’s first Corvallis Spirit Festival and featured live music and tastings from more than a dozen local craft alcohol makers.

Proceeds from the event are going to the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch, the Oregon State University Student Veterans Association, Samaritan Veterans Outreach and Vets Helping Vets. Organizers sold raffle tickets and buyers dropped their ticket in a jar with the name of the city manager they thought would win on it. One ticket then was drawn from the winning city manager’s jar. Half of the raffle ticket sales went to the winner and the other half went to the veterans’ causes, the *Gazette-Times* reported.

The pie-eating contest also was a way for attendees to interact with city managers in a different way than they might normally. Hare, Adair Village’s city manager and an acquaintance of 4 Spirits’ owner, helped to recruit the other city managers to participate.

Shepard, the winner, said he participated because it was for a good cause. “I’m really happy to help in raising these funds,” he told the *Gazette-Times*. “It was a lot of fun to be part of this and the real winners are the veterans.”



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