

Thirst fills state coffers with bucks

Because of "strong holiday distilled spirit sales," Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) distributed a record \$950,651 in December liquor revenue to Josephine, Jackson, Douglas and Lane counties and their 37 incorporated cities.

Josephine County, with a population of 78,600, received \$37,285. The city of Cave Junction received \$2,010, said OLCC.

Jackson County (population 191,200) received \$90,628. Leading the pack was Medford with \$96,596, and Ashland with \$287,332.

Douglas County (population 102,350) received \$48,551. Roseburg led cities with \$28,649.

Lane County (population 333,350) got \$158,129 from OLCC. High cities were Eugene, \$201,855; and Springfield, \$77,242.

Overall, the agency distributed \$17.7 million from December, a rise of \$1.2 million from December 2003. The state general fund received \$9.52 million.

Oregon's incorporated cities got \$3.4 million; and the revenue-sharing account for cities \$2.4 million. Last month's revenue share was \$9.2 million, said OLCC.

Revenue is from the sale of distilled spirits in 241 liquor stores, including one in Cave Junction. Revenue also comes from taxes on malt beverages and wine, license fees and liquor law violation fines.

The Oregon Wine Board received \$23,722 from a special 2-cent per gallon tax on wine for research and promotion. OLCC collects privilege taxes of \$2.60 for a 31-gallon barrel for malt beverage, 67-cents a gallon for table wine, and 77-cents per gallon for dessert wine.

Money is distributed based on population, with counties receiving 10 percent, cities 20 percent, state general fund 56 percent, and cities revenue-sharing account 14 percent.

ODOT notes road work

Some 129 new construction projects worth \$366,435,107 were awarded to private contractors during 2003 by Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT).

Contractors completed 138 projects worth \$236,903,710; and ODOT paid contractors \$342,049,250 on 325 projects, the agency said.

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