



ART WALK 2005 got under way Friday, April 8 in Downtown Cave Junction and will be held on second Fridays through December. The first program this year included (top left) Joy Hiler, of Grants Pass, with beaded jewelry at Jefferson State Financial Group; (top right) Cat Mair, of Newport, with her dolls at BeBe's Art For Everyone; (center left) Linda Stevenson, with her artwork at Digital Dreams Help Center; (center right) Heidi Rousseau, with her ceramic works; and (bottom) 'Angel Art' by Lotus Wilkerson, viewed by Kay Ekwall. A new feature was a Poetry Slam, sponsored by The Shining Stars at Blue Moon Café. Reading poetry were (in red sweater) Sarah Spring; (in purple top) Myana Dhenin; (below Spring) Sarah Austin; (wearing cap) Mikhail Thomas; (wearing blue jacket) Jesh Hubbard; and Breylin Dhenin. The participants were from Illinois Valley High School, Lorna Byrne Middle School, and Evergreen Elementary School. Winners received gift certificates from The Shining Stars for The Book Exchange. The two winning poems are on page 11.

County and its two cities gain OLCC liquor money

Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) distributed \$473,130 in February liquor revenue to Douglas, Jackson, Josephine and Lane counties and their 37 incorporated cities.

Josephine County, with a population of 78,600, received \$18,556. The cities of Cave Junction and Grants Pass received \$1,000 and \$17,657 respectively.

Jackson County received \$45,140, with the largest amount, \$48,075, going to the city of Medford.

The agency distributed \$8.9 million statewide during February. The state general fund received \$4.7 million. Oregon's 239 incorporated cities received \$1.7 million. The 36 counties netted \$845,801; and the city revenue-sharing account, \$1.2 million. Last month's revenue share was \$7.9 million.

OLCC revenue is derived

from the sale of distilled spirits in 241 liquor stores; taxes on malt beverages and wine, license fees; and fines for liquor law violations. Money is distributed based on population, with counties receiving 10 percent; cities, 20 percent; state general fund, 56 percent; and city revenue sharing account, 14 percent.

The distribution rate for cities was 69-cents per person on a population of 2.4 million; counties got 24-cents per capita on a 3.58 million population. Half the taxes on wine and malt beverages, \$433,002, went to the state Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services for drug and alcohol programs. The remaining half was returned to general revenue.

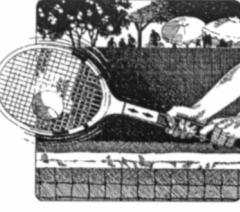
The Oregon Wine Board received \$13,133 from a special 2-cent per gallon tax on wine for research and promotion.

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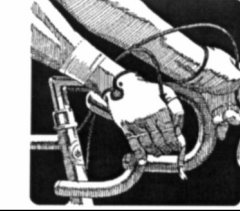


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State mental hospital due for revamping

A San Francisco architectural firm with experience designing psychiatric hospitals has been awarded a contract to prepare a phase-one master plan for Oregon State Hospital, said Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS) officials.

The contract with KMD Architects has been signed.

The \$120,000 contract was authorized in November by the legislative Emergency Board at the request of Sen. Peter Courtney, of Salem. Gov. Kulongoski has proposed another \$350,000 in his recommended 2005-07 budget to continue state hospital planning.

The state hospital in Salem has approximately

750 patients on a 144-acre campus where the newest building was constructed in 1955. Up to 25 percent of the hospital's 1.2 million square feet of space is unusable owing to age and deterioration.

The hospital typically treats more patients than its budgeted capacity.

A majority are forensic patients committed by the state Psychiatric Security Review Board.

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