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## Twenty-five of 30 Junction City and Veneta area businesses refused to sell alcohol to minors

**JUNCTION CITY, Oregon** – Twenty-five of 30 businesses in Junction City and Veneta passed an Oregon Liquor Control Commission minor sales compliance check on March 14 by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor.

The 83 percent passing rate is above the 2007 statewide average of 78 percent. The OLCC tests about 1,300 licensed liquor businesses each year. The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state.

“Eighty three percent is a good result,” said Pete O’Rourke, OLCC Eugene Regional Manager. “We’re working with business owners and their staff to teach them how important it is to check ID’s correctly. Someone who sells alcohol to minors could be held responsible for injuries and damages caused by alcohol-related incidents.”

The following licensees passed the compliance check: A Taste of Gourmet Market in Junction City, Abby’s Pizza of Junction City in Junction City, Bi-Mart #670 in Junction City, Raven in Junction City, Buggy’s in Junction City, Dari Mart #5 in Junction City, Earl’s Juke Joint in Junction City, El Campecino Restaurant in Junction City, Rodeo Steak House & Grill in Junction City, Safeway Store #386 in Junction City, Shell #329 in Junction City, Viking Inn in Junction City, Cornerstone Café & Pub in Monroe, Dari Mart #14 in Monroe, Long Branch Bar & Grill in Monroe, Ray’s Food Place #39 in Veneta, Lee’s Hilltop Market in Elmira, Dari Mart #18 in Cheshire, Alvadore Gas & Store in Alvadore, Fern Ridge Market in Eugene, Noti Market in Noti, Noti Pub in Noti, Dari Mart #27 in Veneta, Cash Connection in Veneta and Veneta Chevron & Car Wash in Veneta.

The following licensees failed the compliance check: Center Market in Junction City, The Tankard in Junction City, Bonne Chance in Veneta, Low Pass Market in Cheshire and Huang’s Village in Veneta.

During the checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID’s correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID and do not disguise their age or encourage the sale of alcohol. The businesses involved in the checks are selected at random by computer or have been targeted due to prior alcohol sales to minors.

Servers, bartenders and licensees whose employees sell alcohol to the minor or do not verify the minor’s age, are subject to OLCC administrative penalties including fines or suspensions. Store clerks who sell can be cited with criminal charges and at least a \$350 fine.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID’s. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session.