

KLAMATH FALLS

Summary of records requests:

A glass half full

In Klamath and Lake counties, the two people who asked for public records in Project Open Oregon got about half of the documents they asked for. In the project, the volunteer records auditors made the same requests in similar offices in all 36 counties.

City budget: Ready access in both Klamath Falls and Lakeview.

City managers expense report: In Klamath Falls, there was confusion about the report requested; the auditor got a budget report and not the manager's request for reimbursement. In Lakeview, the city manager doesn't submit an expense report, the clerk said.

Reports of the five most recent drunken driving arrests: At the Klamath Falls police department, a clerk refused to release the reports and referred the auditor to the district attorney's office. In Lakeview, Chief Jeff Kampf granted access only after the auditor revealed that she worked for the Herald and News.

Most recent applications for concealed handgun permits: In Klamath County, a clerk said the applications are filed by name, not by date; it would take an extensive search to find the most recent ones; "and I don't have time right now."

In Lake County, the three most recent applications, the only ones on file, were produced.

School superintendents contact: In Klamath Falls, the personnel director said the contract couldn't be released without an OK from the superintendent.

In Lakeview, a clerk and the business manager invited the auditor back the next day. The business manager said the report was locked up and the clerk with the key was gone that day.