



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending December 19, 2008

OREGON COAST

- The **Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District Board** approved the elimination of one full-time fire marshal and a part-time training officer. It plans to hire a person to recruit and train volunteer firefighters for its six stations throughout south **Tillamook County**. *Headlight Herald, 12-16-08*

Due to the Christmas holiday, *Around the State* will not be published next week.

- **The Astoria Cooperative Grocery Store** is moving to a larger space. It will be about twice the size and offer a small deli area. *Daily Astorian, 12-12-08*
- **Hal's Emporium & Annex** in **Nehalem** is expanding to allow space for an antique section, an eatery, and kayak rentals. *Headlight Herald, 12-3-08*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Swanson Group**, a **Glendale**-based wood products firm, will permanently lay off 30 workers at its **Roseburg** plant, 46 in **Glendale**, 26 in **Noti**, nine in its aviation division in **Grants Pass**, and five in sales and administration. A temporary layoff will affect 85 workers in **Springfield** until May. *The News-Review, 12-12-08*
- **Certain Teed**, a building materials company that makes roofing, siding and other building materials, will lay off 37 people at its **White City** manufacturing facility. *KOBI.com, 12-8-08*
- The **Bayliner Marine** facility in **Wilbur** has closed. About 170 workers lost their jobs. *The News-Review, 12-14-08*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Grange Co-op** has opened in **Klamath Falls**. *Herald and News, 11-30-08*
- **Mid-Columbia Medical Center** in **The Dalles** has entered a three-way partnership to build a new 59,000-square-foot riverfront medical building at **Lone Pine Village**. Completion is targeted for fall 2009. *The Dalles Chronicle, 11-26-08*
- **The Cooler Bar** has opened in **Prineville**. *Central Oregonian, 12-3-08*
- **Will Race Performance Training Studio** will open in January at the **Northwest Crossing Development** in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin, 12-6-08*

EASTERN OREGON

- The **OK Theatre in Enterprise** – in business since 1918 – will close at the end of the month. *Wallowa County Chieftain, 12-4-08*
- **Ash Grove Cement**, one of Baker County's largest private employers, shifted some production from an older plant in Idaho to its factory in **Durkee**. The shift will maintain the jobs of the Durkee plant's 116 employees, despite plunging demand for cement. *Baker City Herald 12-3-08*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Portland-based Laika Inc.** has laid off 65 people after executives decided to end production of the company's second large-scale project. *Portland Business Journal, 12-17-08*
- **Bellissimo Wedding and Event Planning** has opened in **McMinnville**. *News-Register, 12-5-08*
- **Clearwire** will open four stores in the **Portland** area early next year at **Clackamas Promenade, Uptown Shopping Center**, on Northeast Broadway, and on Northwest Lovejoy. They will operate under the brand name **Clear**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-8-08*
- **The Portland Tribune** has laid off a columnist and a designer and copy editor. *Portland Business Journal, 12-15-08*
- **Lucier**, a top-tier European restaurant in **Portland**, is closing. *Portland Business Journal, 12-11-08*
- **Eugene-based GarageGames.com**, a developer of game technology and tools, has leased space in northwest **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-1-08*
- **Barefoot Blooms**, a floral arts studio, has opened in **Scappoose**. *The South County Spotlight, 12-3-08*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Cherry City Floors** has opened a second **Salem** location. *Statesman Journal, 12-15-08*
- **Evanite Fiber Corp.** in **Corvallis** will lay off 20 production workers until demand for its products bounces back. *Corvallis Gazette-Times, 12-11-08*
- **Soapy Paws Pet Salon** has opened in **Independence**. It offers professional dog grooming and bathing services. *Statesman Journal, 12-15-08*
- **Auntie Anne's Pretzels** has opened at **Lancaster Mall** in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 12-10-08*
- Construction is underway on a three-story medical office building in **Eugene** that will house the offices of a plastic surgeon, a dentist, **Pacific Women's Center**, and **Clinical Trial of America**. *Register-Guard, 12-2-08*