



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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## OREGON COAST

- **Five Dollars and Under**, a discount variety store, has opened in **Seaside**. *Daily Astorian*, 12-18-08
- **Coos County** has laid off 22 road department workers. *The World*, 1-02-09
- A new **McDonald's** restaurant has opened in **North Bend** at the same location as a former one. It employs 50 people, plus management – 15 more than the old restaurant. *The World*, 1-03-09
- The **Kernville Steak and Seafood House** near **Lincoln City** will close at the end of January. *News Times*, 1-7-09
- **Sahara Pizza** has opened in **Astoria**. It offers pizza, pasta, and salads. *Daily Astorian*, 12-18-08

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- The **City of Ashland** is laying off three people and eliminating four-and-a-half positions. *KDRV.com*, 12-18-08
- **South Valley Bank and Trust** has opened in **Talent**. *Medford/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Business Review*, 1-09
- **Riverside Center** in **Winston**, an alternative school providing mental health services to Douglas County children, will eliminate its day treatment program on January 30 and lay off 10 people. *The News-Review*, 12-23-08
- **DJ's Café** has opened in **Grants Pass**. It employs 11 people. *Grants Pass Daily Courier*, 1-05-09

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Merenda** and **Deep** restaurants in **Bend** have closed. *Bend Bulletin*, 1-1-09
- **Les Schwab Tire Company** will lay off 27 people at its distribution center in **Prineville**. *KBND Radio*, 1-6-09
- **PacificCorp** will build a service center and substation at **Juniper Ridge** in **Bend**. Once the substation is completed, it will employ 90 people. *Bend Bulletin*, 12-23-08

## EASTERN OREGON

- **Shell Mercantile**, the oldest continuously operating business in **Wallowa**, may soon close its doors. *Wallowa County Chieftain*, 12-11-08

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Crowd Factory Inc.**, a technology and social networking firm, will open in southwest **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal*, 12-29-08
- **Geekoids** – a computer sales, service, and repair business – has opened in **Scappoose**. *South County Spotlight*, 12-10-08
- Three restaurants – **Shaw's** and **Izzy's Pizza** in **Newberg** and **Calamity Jane's** in **Dundee** – have closed. *Newberg Graphic*, 1-7-09
- **National Vision Inc.** will open at the **Hazel Dell Towne Center** in **Vancouver**. *Portland Business Journal*, 12-22-08
- **Betty Lou's**, a cookie and snack cracker manufacturer in **McMinnville**, is moving to a larger building and will double its current workforce of 80 over time. *News-Register*, 12-20-08
- **Gromshop**, a skateboard and snowboarding store in **Gresham**, is closing. *Gresham Outlook*, 1-6-09
- **The Ultimate Tan & Spa** will open at the **Vintage Place** in **McMinnville**. *Portland Business Journal*, 12-22-08

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Cascade Grill & Bar** has opened in **Albany**. It employs about 40 people. *Albany Democrat-Herald*, 12-31-08
- **Cottage Bowl** will open in **Cottage Grove**. *Cottage Grove Sentinel*, 12-16-08
- **The Chocolate Box** has opened in **Silverton**. It offers handmade truffles, dark and milk chocolates, English buttered toffee, cocoa powders, pecan turtles, and fudge. *Statesman Journal*, 1-7-09
- **Air Thai Cuisine** has opened in **Lebanon**. *Lebanon Express*, 12-23-08
- Bend-based **Bank of the Cascades** has opened a regional office in **Salem**. It also offers banking services, a mortgage center, commercial lending, and a trust department. *Statesman Journal*, 12-24-08
- **JADON Design & Remodel** has opened in **Monmouth**. *Statesman Journal*, 12-27-08
- **Country Coach**, an RV maker in **Junction City**, notified employees that the factory will shut down in two months if it can't obtain new financing. Even if it is able to obtain a loan, the company expects layoffs. It employs about 500. *Register-Guard*, 1-1-09