



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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## OREGON COAST

- The **City of Astoria** will lay off a parks maintenance worker and two public works employees. *Daily Astorian, 5-1-09*
- **Backstage Café** has opened in **Brookings**. It offers homemade soup, sandwiches, salads, and quiche. *Curry Coastal Pilot, 5-2-09*
- **Sherwood's Antiques** in **Toledo** is closing. *News Times, 5-6-09*
- The **Upper Chetco Charter School** near **Brookings** has closed due to lack of enrollment and funding. It employed six people. *Curry Coastal Pilot, 5-2-09*
- **The Great Northern Garlic Company**, a specialty grocery store, will open in **Manzanita**. *Headlight Herald, 4-22-09*

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Inverness Group**, a turnaround and restructuring firm, will reopen several former **North River Marine Inc.** retail stores, including one in **Wilbur**, to sell the company's remaining inventory. Some of North River's former sales staff have been retained. *The News-Review, 4-22-09*
- **Ashland's** first wine bar, **Enoteca by EdenVale**, opened last month. *Ashland Daily Tidings, 5-2-09*
- A new **Subway** restaurant has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review, 4-19-09*
- **Kalypsso Eclectic Latin Cuisine** has opened in **Grants Pass**. It offers Mexican fare along with authentic dishes from Cuba, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Peru, and the Caribbean. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 5-4-09*
- **The Cannabis Resource Center** has opened in **Medford**. It provides education, advocacy, and support for medical marijuana patients and providers; information on marijuana legislation; and a place for support groups to meet. *Ashland Daily Tidings, 4-22-09*

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Jack in the Box** will open in **Bend** in August. *Bend Bulletin, 5-5-09*
- **The Old Back Nine at Mountain High** will re-open in **Bend** on May 8. The golf course was closed in 2002. *Bend Bulletin, 5-1-09*

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## EASTERN OREGON

- **Schaefer Fencing** in **Drewsey** started as a one-man business but has grown to include a three-man crew doing fencing work all over Eastern Oregon, as well as Utah and Nevada. *Burns Times-Herald, 4-22-09*
- **Boise Cascade** will close its **La Grande** sawmill indefinitely by the end of June due to a depressed pine lumber market and an inadequate timber supply. The extended curtailment will affect approximately 120 employees. *The Observer, 4-30-09*

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Lunarr**, a software company that planned to become **Portland's** next \$1 billion business, will close its doors on May 15. *Portland Business Journal, 5-1-09*
- The **Rose City Cafe & Wine Bar** at the **Portland International Airport** will close by mid-July, laying off 53 workers. *Portland Business Journal, 4-28-09*
- **El Pollo Loco**, a Mexican restaurant in **Vancouver**, closed last week. It employed about 40 people. *The Columbian, 5-5-09*
- **Dollar Tree** plans to open a store on West Burnside Street in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 4-20-09*
- **Yum Yum Pizza Shop** has opened in **Tigard**. *Tigard Times, 4-30-09*
- **PinPoint Clinics**, an acupuncture practice, has opened in **St. Helens**. *The Chronicle, 4-15-09*
- **E.A.T. at Johnny's** restaurant has opened in **Lake Oswego**. *Lake Oswego Review, 4-23-09*

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Aspen Dental Management** will open at **Keizer Station**. *Portland Business Journal, 5-4-09*
- **Oregon State University's College of Engineering and College of Science** will receive a five-year, \$3-million grant from the **U.S. Department of Energy** to help develop a **Center for Inverse Design**. The money is part of a \$777 million initiative by the DOE and the White House to develop alternative energy technology. The project will set up 46 research centers at universities, national laboratories, and other research agencies across the U.S., where research will be performed in solar energy, electricity storage, biofuels, advanced nuclear systems, and other areas. *Daily Journal of Commerce, 4-29-09*
- **Art From the Hart Jewelry Gallery – Artisan Collective** will open in **Albany**. *Albany Democrat-Herald, 5-4-09*
- **Datalogic**, a bar code scanner manufacturer in **Eugene**, is cutting 89 jobs by shifting manufacturing of its mobile barcode scanning devices to its facilities in Italy. It will continue to employ about 300 people in Eugene developing and producing fixed scanners primarily for supermarkets. *Register-Guard, 5-6-09*