



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending March 5, 2010

OREGON COAST

- **Home Interior Consignments Inc.** opened in **Astoria**. It offers used furniture and antiques. *Coast River Business Journal, 2-1-10*
- **Confusion Hill Trading Company** convenience store opened on Highway 42 between **Coos Bay** and **Coquille**. *The World, 2-6-10*
- **Wesrose Antiques** and **Tokugawa Antiques** in **Astoria** are closing. *Daily Astorian, 2-19-10*
- **Fat Tuesdays Mardi Gras Grill** in **Coquille** will add a covered dining area, bakery, and bar. *The World, 2-20-10*
- **The High Wheeler** restaurant opened in **Astoria**. It offers pancakes, burgers, and pasta. *Coast River Business Journal, 3-1-10*

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SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Skidro Leathers** in **Tri City** closed. *The News-Review, 2-14-10*
- **Shapes of Ashland**, a women's gym, opened in **Ashland**. *Ashland Daily Tidings, 3-1-10*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **TRG Customer Solutions** will hire more than 200 people at its **Bend** call center by June. *The Bulletin, 2-26-10*
- **S4 Energy Solutions LLC** will begin work this summer on a renewable energy project at **Waste Management's Columbia Ridge Landfill** in **Arlington** that will use landfill waste to produce multiple fuel types. Houston-based S4 is a joint venture between **Bend-based InEnTec LLC** and Waste Management Inc., the world's largest solid waste company. It is expected to create 28 jobs during construction and 16 full-time jobs when operational. *Portland Business Journal, 3-3-10*
- **Rollins Automotive Inc.** in **Sisters** closed. *The Nugget, 3-2-10*
- **10 Barrel Brewing Co.** opened in **Bend**. It employs about 25 people. *Bend Bulletin, 2-24-10*
- **Bangkok Kitchen**, a Thai restaurant, will open in **Prineville**. *Central Oregonian, 3-3-10*

EASTERN OREGON

- **Thatcher's Ace Hardware** will open a store in **La Grande**. It will employ 15 people. *Baker City Herald, 2-19-10*
- After overcoming some delays, the **Stein Distillery** in **Joseph** is now in operation. Commercial vodka production has commenced, with whiskey and bourbon to follow. In addition to the owners, it employs one person with plans to add another by this summer. *Wallowa County Chieftain, 2-18-10*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Ferrotec**, a Japanese manufacturer of single crystal silicon growing systems and quartz crucibles, will open a solar crucible manufacturing plant in **Fairview** in mid-2010. It will employ 30 people. *Portland Business Journal, 3-3-10*
- **Gardner Family Thrift Store** opened in **Newberg**. *Newberg Graphic, 2-24-10*
- **Carl Greve** jewelry store at **Bridgeport Village** in **Tigard** closed. *The Oregonian, 2-25-10*
- **The Blackberry Café** opened in **Welches**. *The Sandy Post, 2-23-10*
- **The Vancouver Clinic** began construction of a \$12-million medical office building in **Battle Ground**. Expected to open this fall, it will house family practice, physical therapy, urgent care, pediatrics, internal medicine, and ob-gyn departments. *The Columbian, 2-18-10*
- **The Block House Café** opened in **Dayton**. *News-Register, 2-21-10*
- **First Independent Bank** will close its **Vancouver Sifton** branch by May 21 and merge the operations into its **Orchards** location. *The Columbian, 2-19-10*
- **Oregon Maiden Outpost**, a store offering Oregon-made products, opened in **St. Helens**. *South County Spotlight, 3-3-10*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- The **Eugene Register-Guard** laid off 14 employees and froze five open positions. *Portland Business Journal, 2-26-10*
- **Bank of America Home Loans** opened in **Albany**. *Albany Democrat-Herald, 3-1-10*
- **Anytime Fitness** opened in **Independence**. *Polk County Itemizer-Observer, 2-24-10*
- **Country Alpaca Store** opened near **Lebanon**. It offers yarn and merchandise from South America and local farms. *Albany Democrat-Herald, 2-22-10*
- **Bulk Handling Systems**, a manufacturer that builds and installs equipment that sorts recyclable materials, is spending \$800,000 to remodel its new headquarters in **west Eugene**. It recently landed two new contracts and its employment is back to its pre-recession level of about 140 workers. *Register-Guard, 3-3-10*