



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending December 5, 2008

OREGON COAST

- **The Pier 11 Boutique** has opened in **Astoria**. It offers clothing, accessories, and gift items inspired by the artistry of the Himalayas. *Daily Astorian*, 11-26-08
- **Poolside Jan's**, a mobile spa and pool maintenance business, has opened in **Newport**. It employs five people. *News Times*, 11-26-08
- **PacWest Taxidermy** has opened in the **Tillamook** area. *Headlight Herald*, 11-26-08
- **Classical Five Element Acupuncture** has opened in **Newport**. *News Times*, 12-3-08

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Camas Mountain Chalet**, a restaurant in **Camas Valley**, has closed. *The News-Review*, 11-16-08
- **D&S Harley-Davidson** in **Phoenix** has laid off 10 people. *KTVL.com*, 11-25-08
- **Unique Art Gallery** has opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review*, 11-23-08
- **Timber Products**, a producer of specialty products such as hardwood for cabinetry and veneers, has laid off 39 workers at its **Grants Pass** plant. *Grants Pass Daily Courier*, 11-28-08

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Aqua Glass** in **Klamath Falls** has laid off an unspecified number of employees at its bathtub and shower manufacturing plant. *Herald and News*, 11-19-08
- **Copper's Ace Home Center** in **The Dalles** is closing. *The Dalles Chronicle*, 11-26-08
- **Active Auto Repair** has opened in **Prineville**. *Central Oregonian*, 11-26-08
- **Powell's Sweet Shoppe** has opened in **Bend**. *Bend Bulletin*, 11-26-08
- **Wireless Toyz** has opened in **Klamath Falls**. *Herald and News*, 11-25-08
- **St. Vincent de Paul** in **Prineville** has moved to a larger location and will add four to nine employees. *Central Oregonian*, 11-1-08

EASTERN OREGON

- **The Golden Harvest** restaurant in **La Grande** closed following a kitchen fire. *The Observer*, 11-12-08
- The **Blockbuster** franchise in **Ontario** has closed. *Argus Observer*, 11-23-08

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **DHL Express** is laying off 140 Oregon truck drivers and dockworkers as it prepares to shut down its domestic shipping business in the United States. At least 65 people lost their jobs this fall, according to a spokesperson at Teamsters Local 162, which represents DHL workers in the **Portland** area. *The Oregonian*, 11-26-08
- **Lewis & Clark Bank** will open at the **Oregon City Shopping Center**. *Portland Business Journal*, 11-24-08
- **Planet Earth Pets** will open at the **King City Plaza**. It offers earth-friendly pet care products. *Portland Business Journal*, 12-1-08
- **Weddings and Other Bloomin' Occasions** has opened in **Welches**. It offers flowers, cards, candles, home décor, and gift items. *Sandy Post*, 11-25-08
- **Wine & Chocolate** will open at the **Olympic Mills Commerce Center** in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal*, 12-1-08
- **Lapellah**, a casual dining restaurant, will open on December 15 at the **Grand Central** complex in **Vancouver**. *The Columbian*, 12-2-08
- **Oregon Health and Science University** announced a wide-ranging plan to cut costs after patient numbers fell short of projections. It has instituted a hiring and salary freeze and plans an unspecified number of layoffs and possible benefit reductions. *Portland Business Journal*, 12-1-08

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Keith Brown Building Materials** has closed its last five stores – including locations in **Salem, Corvallis, Molalla, Portland**, and Oakdale, CA – laying off 74 workers. *The Oregonian*, 12-3-08
- **Renew Consignment Furnishings** has opened in **Keizer**. It is the first store of its kind opened by the Albany-based **Renew Consulting**, a group that serves families and agencies working with people with developmental disabilities. *Statesman Journal*, 11-27-08
- **Motor Palm Driving School**, a real-time training course for beginner drivers, has opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal*, 12-3-08
- **Shorewood Packaging** in **Springfield** will close by February 1, laying off about 100 workers. The closure is a cost cutting move by parent company International Paper. *Register-Guard*, 12-4-08