



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending March 13, 2009

OREGON COAST

- **Southport Lumber Co.** has laid off of 22 people at its sawmill on **Coos Bay's North Spit**. *The World, 3-11-09*
- **Lil' Sammy's** restaurant has opened in **Seaside**. It offers wraps, paninis, and soup. *Coast River Business Journal, 3-1-09*
- **Cobblestone Pizza** has opened in **Toledo**. *News Times, 3-11-09*
- **Weyerhaeuser** will lay off 59 employees at a sawmill in **Warrenton**. Affected employees will continue to receive pay and benefits through May 14. *Portland Business Journal, 3-10-09*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **A Street Animal Clinic** has opened in **Ashland**. It offers a combination of holistic and traditional veterinary medicine. *The Daily Tidings, 3-7-09*
- **Umpqua Community College** in **Roseburg** will begin a \$750,000 renovation and expansion of its kitchen and culinary arts lab on April 1. Money used for the project is part of \$4 million it received from a statewide job stimulus package to begin shovel-ready construction projects. The work will be done by Douglas County contractors. *The News-Review, 2-27-09*
- Five **City of Grants Pass Community Development Department** employees are being laid off. *Grants Pass Daily Courier 3-3-09*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Mid Oregon Credit Union** will open in **Madras** in September. *Madras Pioneer, 3-4-09*
- A proposed project – the **Palomar pipeline** – would build 210 miles of 36-inch diameter natural gas pipeline in two sections at a cost of \$600 to \$700 million and would travel from an existing pipeline north of **Shaniko**, west through the Mt. Hood National Forest, and hook up with NW Natural's distribution hub in Molalla. It could employ up to 1,800 workers during construction. The 55 miles of pipeline in Wasco County could generate an estimated \$2.3 million in additional tax revenue. *The Dalles Chronicle, 3-1-09*
- **Santee Alley**, a women's boutique in **Bend**, will close on March 31. *Bend Bulletin, 3-11-09*
- **Parr Lumber Co.** will close its **Madras** and **Redmond** stores on March 16, laying off about 11 people. *Bend Bulletin, 3-5-09*

EASTERN OREGON

- **Fleetwood Enterprises** is getting out of the travel trailer business and closing its **La Grande** manufacturing plant, along with plants in **Pendleton** and Ohio. About 150 to 160 La Grande workers are affected by the final closure, and another 250 in Pendleton. *The Observer*, 3-10-09
- **Monaco Coach**'s announcement that the majority of its remaining workforce would receive termination notices affects more than just workers in Coburg. About 105 people were employed at a plant in the **Burns** area before the termination. *Burns Times-Herald*, 3-4-09

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **KeyBank** will open a branch at the **Columbia Tech Center** in **Vancouver** in 2010. It will employ six people. *The Columbian*, 3-9-09
- **People's Furniture Rental Corp.** will open in **Beaverton**. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-2-09
- **Creative Hair & Nails** will open at **Clackamas Square Shopping Center** in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal*, 2-16-09
- **Mek Mek Haws Café** has opened at the **Grand Ronde Food and Fuel Station** at **Spirit Mountain Casino**. *The Sun*, 3-4-09
- **"K" Line**, a Tokyo-based steamship company, will stop container service from the **Port of Portland** to Japan in April. As many as 90 Portland longshoremen who service a "K" Line vessel each week will lose that work, along with significant numbers of truck drivers, warehouse workers, and freight forwarders. *The Oregonian*, 3-6-09
- **The Cozy Cabin Café** will open in **Welches** on March 20. *Sandy Post*, 3-10-09
- **Chinese Shao-Lin Center**, a martial arts studio, will open at the **Powell Square Shopping Center** in **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal*, 3-2-09

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Bel Ami** restaurant in **Eugene's Midtown Marketplace** is closing. *Register-Guard*, 3-3-09
- The **City of Lebanon** will lay off four people and reduce the hours of another person in its building, engineering, and planning departments. *Lebanon Express*, 3-3-09
- **Pacific Cascade Federal Credit Union** will open a branch in **Eugene's Santa Clara** area. *Register-Guard*, 2-13-09
- **The French Press**, a coffee and crepe shop, has opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal*, 3-11-09
- Plans have been submitted to the **City of Eugene** for the **Diggity Dog Canine Community Center**. It would offer dog sitting, physical therapy, training, grooming, and end-of-life services. Dog owners would be invited to pet art shows and "yappy hour," a time of "wine and dog owner socialization." *Register-Guard*, 3-3-09