



# Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

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For the week ending July 17, 2009

## OREGON COAST

- **Elsie Boo Children's Shoppe**, an infants' and children's clothing store, opened in **Brookings**. *Curry Coastal Pilot*, 7-4-09
- **American Family Insurance** opened in **Lincoln City**. *News Guard*, 7-15-09
- **Wal-Mart** in **Coos Bay** is being remodeled. About 70 temporary employees have been hired to help with installing new shelving, signs, and flooring. *The World*, 7-3-09
- In **Newport**, the **Lincoln County School District** will close an elementary school and eliminate about 15 teaching positions next year. *News Times*, 7-10-09
- **The Greens** restaurant opened at the **Olalla Valley Golf Course** near **Toledo**. *News Times*, 7-15-09
- **Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital** will open a dialysis center at its campus in **Newport**. *News Times*, 7-1-09

## SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Smokin' Friday BBQ** opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review*, 7-5-09
- **A Children's House of Learning**, a preschool facility for children ages two to six, opened in **Grants Pass**. *The Daily Courier*, 7-14-09
- **Big Hair Studio** opened in **Oakland**. *The News-Review*, 7-5-09
- **Hospice Unique Boutique**, a secondhand store where the profits support hospice care at **Ashland Community Hospital**, has opened. *Ashland Daily Tidings*, 6-12-09

## CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **The Spa at Widgi Creek Golf Club** in **Bend** opened last month. It employs six people. *Bend Bulletin*, 7-7-09
- **Kirsti Wolfe Designs**, an interior architecture and design firm, opened in **Bend**. *Cascade Business News*, 6-17-09
- **Waggin' Tails Mobile Pet Grooming** opened in **Sisters**. *The Nugget*, 7-14-09
- **Six**, a teen nightclub, opened in **Redmond**. *Redmond Spokesman*, 6-17-09

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## EASTERN OREGON

- The **Malheur National Forest** announced the availability of a \$5 million wood-to-energy grant – funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – to design, permit, and construct a pellet plant in **Harney and/or Grant counties**. *Burns Times-Herald, 6-24-09*
- **Elkhorn Biomass**, a firewood processor in **Baker City**, is planning a \$2 million expansion that will allow it to turn logging slash into wood logs and briquettes. It employs six people but may add as many as 10 more. *Baker City Herald, 7-8-09*

## PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- Portland-based **ZoomCare** will open its fourth clinic in the metro area at **Tanasbourne Town Center** in **Hillsboro**. It offers what the company calls “health care on demand.” *Portland Business Journal, 7-10-09*
- **Kettleman Bagel Co.** will open in southwest **Portland**. *Portland Business Journal, 7-7-09*
- **Scotts Miracle-Gro Co.** will shut down its 56-store Smith & Hawken chain – including one in northwest **Portland** – by the end of the year. *Portland Business Journal, 7-10-09*
- **Curvaceous**, a plus-sizes women’s wear store, opened in **St. Helens**. It employs two people. *The Chronicle, 7-10-09*
- **Church’s Chicken** will open in **Vancouver** next week. It will employ 25 to 30 people. *The Columbian, 7-14-09*
- The **St. Helens School District** will cut seven instructors and 14 classified employees from next year’s budget. *The Chronicle, 6-24-09*

## WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Rife’s Home Furniture** opened in **Albany**. *Corvallis Gazette-Times, 7-13-09*
- The **Marion County Sheriff’s Department** reduced the number of beds for inmates in its work center and eliminated more than 15 full-time-equivalent positions. *Statesman Journal, 7-10-09*
- **Taters Café**, a breakfast and lunch spot, opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 7-15-09*
- **Silverton Green Store** has opened. It offers organic foods, teas, oils, vitamins, and sustainable products created primarily by local people. *Silverton Appeal Tribune, 7-15-09*
- **Save-a-Lot** will open a grocery store in **Cottage Grove** on November 15. It will employ 18 to 20 workers. *Register-Guard, 7-10-09*
- The president of **Oregon State University** approved recommendations to deal with budget cuts this biennium, including the elimination of as many as 225 to 300 full-time jobs. *Corvallis Gazette-Times, 7-16-09*
- **Sara’s Place**, a hair salon, opened in **Lebanon**. *Lebanon Express, 7-14-09*