



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending September 25, 2009

OREGON COAST

- A **Walmart Supercenter** will open in **Warrenton** next year. It will employ 300 people. *Daily Astorian, 9-22-09*
- **Pacific Play Land Daycare** opened in **Brookings**. *Curry Coastal Pilot, 9-5-09*
- **Vintage** – a shop specializing in collectibles, vintage clothing, and furniture – opened in **Wheeler**. *North Coast Citizen, 9-9-09*
- **Maxweld Boats** in **Hebo** closed. It manufactured welded aluminum catamarans and employed 16 people. *Headlight Herald, 9-16-09*
- **Kentuck Golf Course** in **North Bend** has closed. *KCBY.com, 9-9-09*
- **Roby's Furniture** will open at the site of the former Hunt's Home Furnishing in **Astoria**. *Daily Astorian, 9-18-09*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Dewey's Maintenance Service** opened in **Sutherlin**. It provides repair service for heating and air conditioning equipment and other appliances. *The News-Review, 9-13-09*
- **Suthann's Ornamental Concrete** opened in **Grants Pass**. It offers statuary, garden art, stepping stones, and wall plaques. *Grants Pass Daily Courier, 9-12-09*
- **North Fork Trading Co.**, a resale and secondhand store, opened in **Glide**. *The News-Review, 9-6-09*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Mollie's Restaurant**, a 24-hour diner next to a fuel center and convenience store on Highway 97 near **Klamath Falls**, reopened. *Herald and News, 9-14-09*
- **Green Plow Coffee Roasters** opened in **Redmond**. *Redmond Spokesman, 9-9-09*
- **The Body Shop and Weight Loss Clinic**, a gym and fitness center in **Bend**, will close. Thirty full- and part-time employees will move to the downtown **Athletic Club** and about 10 will be laid off. *Bend Bulletin, 9-11-09*
- **Bel Tramonto**, an Italian restaurant in **Klamath Falls**, closed. *Herald and News, 9-18-09*

EASTERN OREGON

- **Malheur Bell**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Denver-based Qwest Communications, will close its **Ontario** office in December when Malheur Bell is folded into its parent company in order to streamline operations. It employs 17 people, some of whom will be able to move to other Qwest jobs in Idaho. *East Oregonian, 9-20-09*
- **ARAMARK**, the food service contractor at **Eastern Oregon University**, will increase its **La Grande** staff to accommodate added demand brought on by a jump in freshmen enrollment at the university. *The Observer, 9-14-09*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- **Benchmark Electronics Inc.** will close its **Beaverton** plant by the end of the year, laying off 183 people. It manufactures electronic circuit boards and provides system assembly, repair, and testing services for manufacturers of medical, telecommunications, industrial, and computer products. *Portland Business Journal, 9-17-09*
- **T.G.I. Fridays** has closed its **Vancouver** and **Portland** restaurants. *The Columbian, 9-21-09*
- **Scheller Financial Services** will open in **Tigard**. *Portland Business Journal, 9-17-09*
- **Kentucky Fried Chicken** in **Newberg** closed. It will reopen as **Muchas Gracias**. *Newberg Graphic, 9-22-09*
- **Portland**-based animation studio **Laika Inc.** will lay off 60 workers in November. *Portland Business Journal, 9-18-09*
- **Grooming at Tiffani's**, a pet grooming shop, opened in **Molalla**. *Molalla Pioneer, 9-4-09*
- **Waste Management Inc.** broke ground on a \$10 million plant in **McMinnville** that will create enough electricity from garbage to power 2,500 homes. It is expected to be operational in mid-2010. As waste decomposes naturally, the new energy plant will collect the resultant methane gas and use it to power engines to generate electricity. The power will then be sold to **McMinnville Power & Light**. *Portland Business Journal, 9-23-09*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Whole Pet Veterinary Care**, a small animal clinic that integrates modern technology with acupuncture and herbal therapies, opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 9-9-09*
- **Vault 244 Bistro and Lounge** opened in **Albany**. *Albany Democrat-Herald, 9-16-09*
- **Eugene Urgent Care** will open a second **Eugene** location. *Register-Guard, 9-15-09*
- **Market of Choice** and **Trader Joe's** will open stores in **Corvallis**. *Corvallis Gazette-Times, 9-21-09*
- **A-Team Awards**, a full-service trophy and engraving shop, opened in **Salem**. *Statesman Journal, 9-19-09*