



Around the State

A weekly employment summary prepared by the Workforce Analysis Section.

For the week ending December 11, 2009

OREGON COAST

- **Weyerhaeuser Co.** is selling its **Warrenton** sawmill to **Hampton Affiliates**, which intends to close the mill in January for at least nine months to make upgrades, laying off about 94 people. *Daily Astorian, 12-8-09*
- **Sweet Perfection** bakery opened in **Tillamook**. It employs two people. *Headlight Herald, 12-2-09*
- The **Pacific Reef Resort** and the former **Spada's** restaurant in **Gold Beach** are for sale. A Utah-based developer's dream to build a \$30-million eco-tourist-based destination resort at the site is over after the Gold Beach City Council voted to place the development line 100 feet east of the preservation line, effectively scuttling the project. *Curry County Reporter, 12-3-09*
- The **Astoria Red Lion Inn** has closed for repairs until at least March. Twenty-four employees were put on an indefinite furlough and received severance packages. *Coast River Business Journal, 12-7-09*

SOUTHERN OREGON

- **Advanced Organics & Garden Supply** opened in the former **Merlin** post office building. *The Daily Courier, 12-5-09*
- **Yummy Garden Express**, a Chinese restaurant, opened in **Roseburg**. *The News-Review, 12-6-09*
- The **Mediterranean Bar and Grill** opened in **Grants Pass**. *The Daily Courier, 12-5-09*

CENTRAL OREGON / COLUMBIA GORGE

- **Breedlove Guitar Co.** in **Bend** is increasing production and plans to hire 11 people. *Bend Bulletin, 12-4-09*
- The **Sunshine Tykes Drop By Day Care Center** will open in **Klamath Falls**. *Herald and News, 12-8-09*
- **Rough House Boxing, MMA, Fitness** opened in **Redmond**. *Redmond Spokesman, 12-9-09*
- **CE Lovejoy's**, an independently owned grocery store, will open at the **Brookwood Meadow Shopping Center** in **Bend** in April. *Bend Bulletin, 12-9-09*

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EASTERN OREGON

- **The Hungry Redneck Cafe** in **Durkee** has seen its sales drop more than 30 percent since officials at the nearby Ash Grove Cement plant announced plans to lay off 68 of the factory's 116 workers. The restaurant employed six cooks and waitresses, but has had to lay off two people. *Baker City Herald, 11-27-09*
- Malheur County's planning commission issued a conditional use permit for **U.S. Geothermal** to construct a \$106 million power plant near **Vale** that will develop, produce, and sell electricity from geothermal energy. Construction is scheduled to begin next year, and the plant – which will provide 10 to 12 jobs – is slated to be on line by late 2011. *Argus Observer, 12-12-09*

PORTLAND AND SURROUNDING AREAS

- Book distributor **Baker & Taylor Inc.** will close the recently-acquired **Lake Oswego** offices of **Blackwell Book Services North America Inc.**, resulting in the layoff of 139 workers. *Portland Business Journal, 12-8-09*
- **Biscuits Cafe** will open in **West Linn**. *Portland Business Journal, 12-4-09*
- Due to years of budget shortfalls, **DoveLewis** will close its **southeast Portland** after-hours veterinary care clinic. *Portland Business Journal, 12-8-09*
- **Sage Harbor IRA Investments** will open in **southeast Vancouver**. *The Columbian, 11-29-09*
- **The Village Grill** opened in **Wood Village**. It employs about 12 people. *Gresham Outlook, 12-9-09*
- **The Ruby Ranch Cookhouse** in **Warren** closed. *South County Spotlight, 12-9-09*
- **Has Been & Will Be Again** opened in **Sandy**. It offers vintage, recycled, refurbished, or handcrafted gifts. *Sandy Post, 12-8-09*
- **Central City Concern**, a community health clinic in **Portland**, will build a \$12.5-million mental health clinic near Sixth Avenue and Burnside Street. It will create 111 construction jobs and should be complete within two years. *Portland Business Journal, 12-9-09*

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

- **Assurant Solutions**, which provides extended service contracts and protection programs for wireless phone customers, will add 56 jobs at its customer service center in **Albany**. *Statesman Journal, 12-4-09*
- **Ginia's Beads** in **Keizer** will close. *Keizertimes, 12-7-09*
- **Heavenly Home Care**, an adult assisted-living foster care facility, opened in **Lebanon**. *Albany Democrat-Herald, 12-7-09*