

Number of jobs increased in state

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Good news for those who want to work: Oregon added nearly 15,000 jobs last month.

The positive news follows a loss of 300 jobs statewide the prior month.

The state's unemployment figures, released Wednesday, showed monthly gains were concentrated in two industries that bounced back from weaker hiring patterns in the summer, leisure/hospitality and professional/business services.

Three other industries also grew substantially: manufacturing, construction, and health care/social assistance. No major industry cut jobs substantially in December

The employment figures do not include temporary hires made to serve retail stores during the Christmas season.

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Morisse Logging named Operator of the Year by state Board of Forestry

Morisse Logging of Astoria was named one of three 2017 Operators of the Year this week by the Oregon Board of Forestry.

The board gives the awards to recognize those who conduct forestry work that goes above and beyond the laws to protect natural resources.

"These operators set the example," Private Forests Division Chief Lena Tucker said. "They show how operators can both manage forests and protect natural resources. We're pleased to honor their exemplary work."

Other operators recognized were Parry Lane Forestry Consulting of Baker City and Denali Logging of Coos Bay.

Morisse Logging earned the Northwest Oregon Operator of the Year title for protecting streams and improving fish habitat.

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More housing OK'd, stores near completion



Above: Workers in yellow finish up curbs and work on landscaping while workers on scaffolding and a crane install part of the facade at Walmart, set to open in the fall.

Left: A quiet field today, this parcel behind the sheriff's office is slated for 74 single-family homes.

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Warrenton continues to lead the region in bulking up the area's available housing supply with the approval of an apartment complex, two housing developments and a property rezoning late last week.

Meanwhile, new businesses requiring workers -- who need to live somewhere -- are getting closer to completion.

"I think it is a matter of urgency ... to make homes that are affordable to people working in the service industry and other businesses in the city of Warrenton," said Mike Morgan, an engineer working with Palmberg Properties to put a 66-unit apartment complex on Southeast Jetty Avenue, just off Highway 101 across from Ocean Crest Chevrolet.

The project was one of four

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News homes and business upgrades on the permit list

Building permits in December included the following within Warrenton's city limits and sphere of influence.

HOMES

- Single-family dwelling, 33337 Dorymen Lane, \$264,494, Nov. 1, CT Johnson
- Single-family dwelling, 81016 Polo Ridge, \$316,411, Nov. 1, CT Johnson
- Single-family dwelling, 80362 Polo Ridge Road, Warrenton, \$385,184, Dec. 11, Evergreen Construction

BUILDING

- Accessory guest cottage, 89324 Ocean

Drive, \$66,944, Nov. 9, Lynn Sjolander

- Existing foundation repair, 91688 Highway 104, \$12,000, Dec. 5, Terraforma Foundation System

- Existing foundation repair, 33097 Malarkey Lane, \$21,000, Dec. 5, Terraforma Foundation System

- Deck replacement, 91665 Smith Lake Road, \$15,445, Dec. 7, Timberland Lawn Care & Home Maintenance

- Addition 12x24, 92228 Moore Road, \$20,000, Dec. 21, Jack Coffey

ELECTRICAL

- Vanilla shell two panels, Sprint Store, 1479 S.E. Discovery Lane, Nov. 1, Inland

Electric

- Add circuit for propane tank reconnect, Kamper's West, 1140 N.W. Warrenton Drive, Nov. 7, Inland Electric

- Hook up generator, Fred Meyer, 695 Highway 101, Nov. 15, Wadsworth Electric

- Replace panel and install interlock kit, Adjacent to Hood to Coast Pool & Spa, 33806 Lake Front Drive, Nov. 15, JJ Electric Service

- Add temporary service, Pacific Coast Seafood, 450 N.E. Skipanon

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