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## September Job Fair A Success

20 local businesses and 96 job seekers attend Missouri Career Center event

“Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing”. This was a quote taken from Theodore Roosevelt and this holds as true today as it did in the early 1900.

The Missouri Career Center in Mexico sponsored a job fair that was held September 26 in the Community Room at the Audrain County Court House. There were 20 local businesses that attended and 96 total job seekers. This is the first time in over 5 years that job seekers have had an opportunity to meet with employers at a single location.

Local employers jumped at the chance to come together and talk to job seekers about potential employment

opportunities. Job seekers came prepared, dressed for success and with resumes in hand. Many job seekers were

face to face and find out what they are really looking for.”

Audrain County saw its highest unemployment rate in 2009 at 9.3%. 2010 showed only a slight decrease of .3%. In August of 2012 however the unemployment rate is at 6.6% in Audrain County and 7.2% statewide. These are all encouraging statistics for local residents and job seekers.

If local employers continue to have employment opportunities there may be a need for a second job fair. The Missouri Career Center

would welcome the opportunity to plan for another similar event.



able to fill out applications or leave resumes with several employers during their visit. One job seeker stated, “It is a great opportunity to talk to employers