

Job fair

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identical techs and psych techs. We are looking for therapists and we are looking for receptionists. We have jobs that start at \$10 an hour, and we have jobs that go up to \$50,000 dollars per year.”

“There are always openings. We have around 200 employees, so when you have a company that size, you always have people coming and going. We always have positions, and we are always looking for people.”

While attendance was sporadic throughout the course of the event, Johnson

said that he passed out about 20 applications and brochures and hopes to hear back from a majority of those people in the near future.

“This job fair lets people know that we are out here, we’re available, and we’ve got jobs available,” Johnson said. “It’s important.”

Sana Szewczyk, a representative of Petoskey Plastics, a company that makes trash can liners for businesses like Dollar General and Walmart, is looking for line operators and finished product packers. The Hartford City plants has over

200 associates on site and is one of the largest of four locations in the United States. Employees work on a swing shift schedule, which adds up to 15 days a month.

Petoskey Plastics has done fairly well despite the COVID-19 pandemic but are simply looking to replace the few employees they did lose throughout the ongoing health crisis. Szewczyk stated that she talked to over 20 people throughout the course of the day and hopes that some will join the Petoskey Plastics team.

Tom Hunt, an employee



A Marion man talks to representatives of Cafe Bakery, gathering information about the company. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

of WillSub, a contractor company for educational positions such as substitute teachers, said that they are conducting a nationwide search for subs in any field and at any level.

“There are a lot of subs that are retired teachers, and they’re just not comfortable going back in the classroom at this point in time if they’re older,” Hunt said. “So it is a desperate

search.”

Hunt thinks that these job fairs are significant because they give people a chance to ask questions, gather information, and find business that are the best fits for their skill sets.

“We are always looking for employees,” Hunt said. “I know that there are always people looking for jobs, and sometimes, making that connection of

where to look...can help.”

Several different firms were represented at the event, including Carey Services, Petoskey Plastics, EES, Double H Plastics, Dunham Distribution, American Mobile Power, Lending Hands Personal Home Care Agency, Grant-Blackford Mental Health, Café Valley, Res Care, and the Grant County Sheriff’s Department.



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