

Looking for a job in this economy?

Local expert weighs in on possible career choices

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Which jobs are robust enough to weather the current financial downturn? On the minds of many is day to day job security and how and where are career opportunities promising a degree of stability and success?

Those career paths deemed traditionally more "secure" in such times are quite diverse. Though a drastic upheaval in the economy signals a slowdown in most areas of our infrastructure, there are careers that continue to provide many employment opportunities.

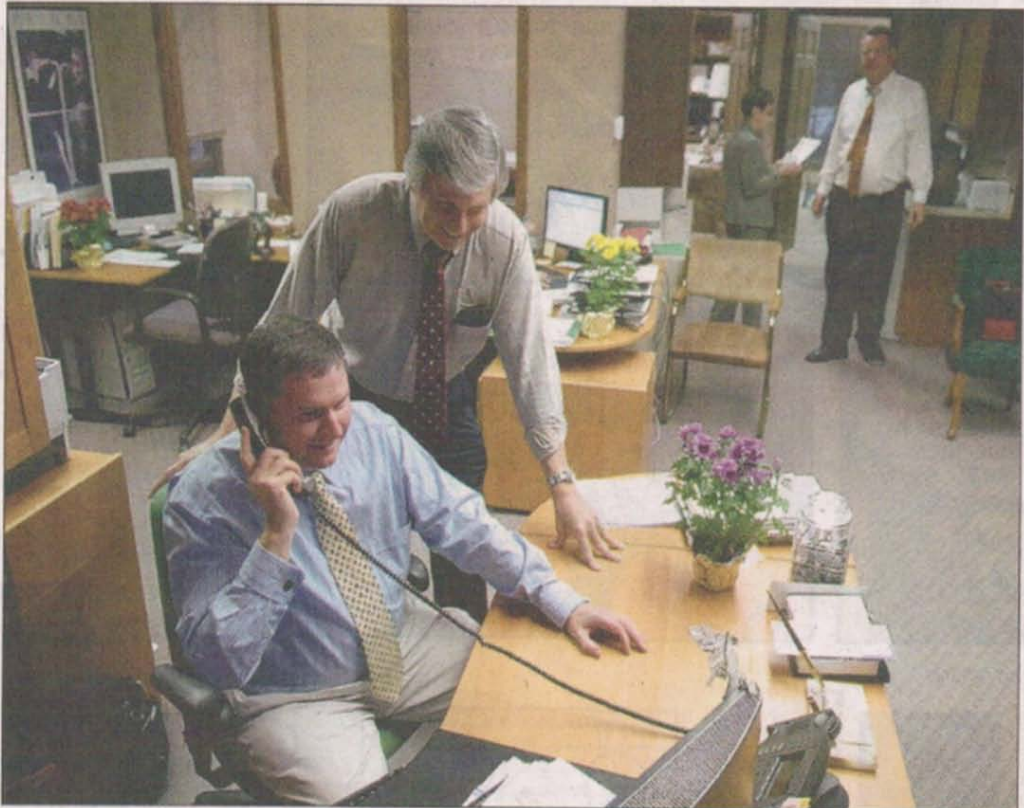
Paul Feeny is the owner of Sanford Rose Associates in Butler, an executive placement agency and former employee in the financial services sector. He has ideas on how to remain strong in today's economic terrain.

"The accounting and pharmaceutical fields continue to provide ample opportunities," said Feeny. "The engineering field has numerous opportunities for those technically, mathematically and creatively inclined. Our society is continually developing its infrastructure, roads, technology, etc. and needs good engineers."

There are other options as well.

Education

Because there will always be a need for teachers, job opportunities in education remain stable. Urban elementary and secondary teaching positions, math and science as well as special and bilingual education positions continue to be numerous. Additionally, due



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Paul Feeny, owner of Sanford Rose Associates in Butler, has ideas on how to remain strong in today's economic terrain, like careers in accounting and pharmaceutical fields.

to the robust increase in college enrollment, jobs for college educators also enjoy a degree of stability.

Environmental sciences

The global tilt toward everything green, jobs in this sector are seeing impressive growth. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there will be a growth of 25 percent for environmental chemists, ecologists and hydrologists (those who study the quantity, distribution, circulation and physical properties of water).

There is a rapidly increasing

need for such environmental scientists as our human population expands and settles in more delicate environs. The increasing effect of humans on these areas must be supervised with caution and care.

Government

Even when our economy takes a downward spiral, the government must continue to exist. One can take advantage of a variety of available jobs within the government sector arranging from accounting to zoology.

Health care

Maintaining good health requires many health services. Additionally, the population is living longer than ever and needs more pharmaceuticals and health services for a more protracted period of time.

Security

Because crime never takes a holiday, there will always be a need for law enforcement employees such as private security guards and specialists, police officers and detectives.