Three Kirksville residents might have to worry because unemployment might last longer.

Gov. Matt Blunt and state Rep. Bob Behnen visited a public event Thursday that announced the opening of Commercial Envelope in the old Standard Register building, which opened for business in the next few years.

Kirksville experienced 250 job losses when the Standard Register plant closed in spring 2005.

“The company is about to make a can-do move,” Commercial Envelope President Alan Kelcher and Thursday.

More than 200 people attended the opening event, and Kirksville City Council representatives from Kirksville Regional Economic Development Inc. and members of the general public.

Commercial Envelope is a family-owned high-volume manufacturer from Davenport, Iowa, that produces millions of quality envelopes designed for direct mail across the region.

The company’s goal is to add 140 new full-time jobs over the next three years.

“Looking at the overall economic climate, it seems the company is a tremendous asset to our community,” said Ralph Cupelli.

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“Only one in ten jobs are in the general area,” said Kelcher.

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“The company appreciates the community in which it operates,” said Kelcher.

To help fund the plant’s operations, the company will announce a new million-dollar investment in the community,” said Kelcher.

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“The majority of the workforce stays at Kirksville after the layoffs at Standard Register,” Kelcher said.

Local landscape Paul Walker said he thinks people are giving up on the city.

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The company started making arrangements in November, and he began his plan.

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