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HELP LOCAL
BUSINESSES?**

BCEDC can help your business in such areas as:

- Land and building acquisitions
- Financial packaging
- Demographic and economic data
- Incentive packaging
- Workforce training
- Plant expansions
- Entrepreneurial and small business development

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

RUSTY BOLIN FROM W. L. S. SAWMILL UPDATES BCEDC BOARD MEMBERS

Rusty Bolin with W. L. S. Sawmill spoke at the BCEDC Board Meeting on July 24, 2013 and updated the members on the development of their wood yard at 759 AR Highway 189 By-Pass in Warren.

W. L. S. Sawmill leases the 45 acre property from BCEDC for use as a wood yard. Rusty Bolin, a Forrester with W. L. S. Sawmill is the developer of the Warren wood yard. Mr. Bolin explained to the Board members that W. L. S. Sawmill owned by W. L. Sorrells is located between Sheridan and Benton. The sawmill began operation in 1974. Mr. Bolin stated that W. L. S. Sawmill is one of the top 3 sawmills in Arkansas. The Benton sawmill produces

approximately 12 to 15 million board feet a year, primarily oak. The company also has a pallet mill at the Benton site that does about 25,000 to 30,000 tons per year. W. L. S. Sawmill in Benton employees approximately 50 people.

Mr. Bolin explained that the wood yard in Warren hopes to be operational by mid-July. They have 2 current employees and hope to hire an additional 3 employees by the end of the year. The Warren operation will be buying 25,000 to 30,000 tons of mostly oak logs the first year. He stated that they will be purchasing logs from Potlatch, Carter Jones, Timber Logistics, Scott Richardson, Steve Richardson and others. W. L. S. Sawmill in negotia-

tions with a local hauler to haul the logs to the Benton mill. They will have a back haul program where they partner with Clearwater. W. L. S. Sawmill will purchase hardwood pulpwood in the Saline Co. area and move it to the Benton facility for storage. Then, when the hardwood is hauled from the Warren yard to Benton they will back haul the pulpwood to Warren for Clearwater. This process will greatly reduce the transportation cost.

Mr. Bolin stated how pleased W. L. S. Sawmill is to be operating in Warren. He hopes that in the future their business will develop to a point where W. L. S. Sawmill can increase their operation in Warren.

ARKANSAS HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TRAINING ACADEMY (AHEOTA)

BCEDC supports and promotes the Arkansas Heavy Equipment Operator Training Academy (AHEOTA). It is located at SEACBEC in Warren, AR but it is administered and provided through UAM-COT-McGehee. AHEOTA is the only heavy equipment training program in Arkansas and has been in operation for approximately

6 years. This one year program attracts a range of students; male and female, age 18 to 57.

AHEOTA offers two courses of study; Construction and Timber. The students are taught from the latest NCCER textbooks and are required to score 70% on tests to pass. After success-

fully completing the program the students will receive national certification through the NCCER. They are required to spend approximately one month training "in the field", as a practical application to what they have learned. The students have acquired field experience by working on city and county projects. (Cont. on page 2)

**BCEDC
Is affiliated with:**

- Southeast Arkansas Cornerstone Coalition
- Southeast Arkansas Regional Intermodal Authority
- Arkansas Heavy Equipment Training Program
- TEAMUP/WAGE-Southeast Arkansas Community Based
- Arkansas Small Business and Technology Dev. Ctr. @UAM
- Bradley County Chamber of Commerce

July Jobs Update			JOB OPENINGS AT:
Bradley Co. Employers	# Emp.	Vacancies	ARMSTRONG FLOORING:
AR Superior Federal CU	12	0	Production Supervisor-3rd shift -This position is responsible for providing effective leadership, driving continuous improvement and coordination of all production activities within a production department. Supervising 30-40 employees in a production dept. Quality Control Manager — This employee will partner with the manufacturing dept. in controlling product quality at the source of production. The position reports to the Plant Manager and oversees the Plant Quality Control Department which consists of 5 direct reports. For additional information and to apply on line go to http://careers.armstrong.com/content/location/ Bradley Co. Medical Center: For additional information on job openings and to apply go on line go to – http://www.bradleycountymedicalcenter.com/jobs
Armstrong Flooring	330	9	
Ashcraft Wood Products	15	0	
Bradley Brand Furniture	10	3	
Bradley County	71	0	
Bradley Co. Medical Ctr.	230	14	
City of Hermitage	6	0	
City of Warren	34	2	
First State Bank of Warren	32	0	
Fulghum Fibers	10	0	
Hermitage Schools	85	0	
The Mad Butcher	51	0	
Morris Hatchery	10	1	
Oasis Trading	34	0	
Ouachita Hardwood	35	0*	
Potlatch	166	5	
SE AR Human Dev. Ctr.	291	1	
Super Valu Foods	46	0**	
Townsend Flooring	20	0*	
Union Bank	8	0	
Warren Bank & Trust	42	0	
Warren School Dist.	Unavailable	Unavailable	
TOTAL	1,538	35	

* Taking Applications ** Taking Applications on Thursdays

CONTINUED: AHEOTA

AHOETA has also worked on projects such as the Southeast AR Regional Intermodal Facility and the BCEDC industrial property.

AHEOTA's construction program covers a wide variety of topics, including: Bulldozer, Backhoe Loader, Hydraulic excavator, Motor grader, Off-road dump truck operation, Grades, Soils and OSHA regulations.

The AHEOTA Timber program is a first-of-its-kind training facility for logging equipment in the state. The program trains students to operate on: Rubber-tired feller-buncher, Log skidder and Hydraulic log loader with pull-through delimeter.

Both the Construction and Timber programs qualify for financial aid. For admission requirements and more information call SEACBEC at 870-226-2750 or visit www.aheota.com.

www.bcedcar.com

Visit The New BCEDC Website.

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation is striving to stay current and connected by creating a fresh new website. www.bcedcar.com

The new website provides information of interest to the residents of Bradley County as well as those considering a move to the county. BCEDC is also using the [bcedcar.com](http://www.bcedcar.com) site to advertise and promote the available industrial properties in Bradley County and to attract new industry and job creation in Bradley County.

Please visit our site and utilize the feedback tab to comment on our new website.

Bradley County Economic Development Corporation is on facebook. Visit our page— today!

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP

BCEDC Mission Statement

To enhance and sustain the economic climate of Bradley County by increasing the employment opportunities for the residents of the county

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MOLLY'S

Every Monday at 7:00 am

This public forum meeting encourages the discussion of topics important to Bradley County residents. BCEDC wants to hear what's happening with Bradley County businesses and how we can assist.

Please make the time to meet Mondays at 7:00 am.