

BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ADDRESSES BCEDC

Dr. Barbara Jones, President, South Arkansas Community College began her presentation by introducing the attending members of her staff: Sherry Howard, Dean of Workforce and Continuing Education; Donald Lee, Advanced Manufacturing Instructor; and Dr. Mickey Best, Vice President of Learning. Dr. Jones explained that SouthArk is currently occupying 3-classrooms at Brunson in Warren. SouthArk offers LPN classes, which typically have 20 students annually. Dr. Jones advised that in talking to business and industry in the Warren area SouthArk has learned that there is a need to expand training opportunities for soft skills training, supervisory, and leadership programs. Dr. Jones advised that SouthArk wants to hear what the Warren community's needs are.

Sherry Howard the Dean of Workforce and Continuing Education explained that SouthArk offers a variety of classes for either non-credit or college credit to provide job skills and safety skills in the workplace. Training is offered by open enrollment class at SouthArk or by customized contract training at a SouthArk campus, including Brunson, or the job site. Corporate Education is part of the business community, cooperating with and actively participating in South Arkansas Workforce Training and Education Consortium; South Arkansas Electrical Apprenticeship Program; South Arkansas C-Stop Program; government entities; economic development efforts; and workforce development.

Ms. Howard explained that each company has different needs and SouthArk can do one-on-one meetings to determine each companies' needs. They have the capability to offer customized training to companies. Ms. Howard discussed that they also provide Professional Development training such as leadership programs, supervisory programs, communication classes, project management classes, Microsoft applications, and more. These classes were developed at the request of employers. South Ark would like to bring this type training to the Brunson location as open enrollment classes. To see what classes

are offered at Brunson go to www.southark.edu/continuingeducation and click on Bradley County Training Calendar.

Donald Lee, Advanced Manufacturing Instructor explained SouthArk's new program the Certified Production Technician (CPT). CPT is part of the MSSC National Credentials. Mr. Lee explained that he knows it is very difficult to find qualified employees, which is why this program is important. The CPT program is an 8-week course with 48-hours of classroom time and 72-hours of individual learning time. At completion of the program, the student will receive a nationally recognized Certified Production Technician credential. It covers 4 primary areas: safety; quality practices and measurement; manufacturing processes and production; and maintenance awareness. CPT is the only certification in manufacturing which has been accredited by the American National Standards Institute under ISO standard 17024. Mr. Lee explained that this program could be utilized by new or existing employees. This is a new program that will be rolled out between now and the fall. Mr. Lee stated that this is a non-credit class but could be converted into a for-credit class toward SouthArk's Industrial Technology Program. The CPT program can be customized to accommodate a company's needs. The classes can be on the job site or in a Brunson location classroom. Current plans are for the class time to be 3-hours a day, 2-times a week which would provide the required 48-hours class time. The E-learning would be up to the student. Mr. Lee stressed that the training can be structured to the company's time frame.

Dr. Mickey Best, Vice President of Learning discussed the medical programs available at the Brunson location. Dr. Best discussed their very successful LPN program. He advised that they are starting an EMT-Basic program at Brunson. This is a class directed at firefighters and ambulance drivers. Dr. Best explained that when class size permits they offer CNA and Phlebotomy classes. He stated that one plan is to offer these (cont.)

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Bradley County Chamber of Commerce

July 2016— Jobs Update		
Bradley Co. Employers	# Emp.	Openings
AR Superior Federal CU	14	0
Area Agency on Aging of SE AR	19	12
Armstrong Flooring	257	3
Ashcraft Wood Products	18	4
Bradley Brand Furniture	4	0
Bradley County	69	0
Bradley Co. Medical Ctr.	250	15
Chapel Woods Health & Rehab	110	4
City of Hermitage	7	0
City of Warren	44	0
First Presbyterian Childcare Ctr	19	0*
First State Bank of Warren	31	0
Fulghum Fibers	10	0
Hermitage Schools	82	4
New Beginnings, CASA	25	1
Oasis Trading, LLC	39	1
OK Foods	25	0
Ouachita Hardwood	45	0*
Potlatch	175	0
SE AR Community Action Corp.	75	0
SE AR Human Dev. Ctr.	234	23
Super Valu Foods	63	1**
The Mad Butcher	53	0***
Townsend Flooring	28	0*
UAMS/KIDS FIRST—Warren	16	3
Union Bank	8	0
Warren Bank & Trust	37	0
Warren School Dist.	289	12
TOTAL	2046	83

*Taking Applications **Applications on Thur. ***Applications on Mon., 1-4 pm

SouthArk (Continued)

Short-term earned certificates back to back, one semester Phlebotomy could be offered and then the next semester CNA training. This would help students enter the world of work in a short time. Dr. Best stressed that he wants to know what the community's training needs are. SouthArk wants to supply the training that the community wants.

Dr. Barbara Jones stressed the need for job training to promote economic development. SouthArk wants to make sure that education is accessible. She reminded the group of SEACBEC's Adult Ed programs. SouthArk wants to assist Bradley County with their job training needs. Emily Vanderzwaln works for SouthArk as the Warren High School Career Coach. Her job is to help students become college and career ready. John Lipton and Denisa Pennington discussed SouthArk's "Hands on Training Unit". This is a multiple function industrial simulator that trains students on equipment in the class-

JOB OPENINGS AT:

Area Agency on Aging of SE AR: Has openings for 12 Transit Drivers. Applicants must have a clean driver's record, must pass a criminal background check, must not be on an adult or child maltreatment registry, and must pass a drug screening test. Applicants may fill out application at Area Agency on Aging, 110 E. Gaines, Monticello, AR. Contact person Chandra Allen at 870-460-9527.

Armstrong Flooring: Has several job openings. Interested candidates should apply on line at www.armstrongflooring.com or www.esa-staffing.com

Ashcraft Wood Products Corp.: Has 4-job openings. To apply contact Ashcraft Wood Products, 870-226-6739.

Bradley Co. Medical Center: Has 15 job openings for a variety of positions. Employment opportunities for RN, LPN, Nursing Assistant, CNA, and Housekeeping are posted online at www.bradleycountymedicalcenter.com for full-time, part-time and PRN positions.

Chapel Woods Health & Rehab: Has job openings for 1-LPN and 3-CNA. For additional information and to apply call 870-226-6766.

Hermitage Schools: Has 4-job openings; 1-RN and 3-Elementary Teachers. For requirements and additional information go to: www.hermitageschools.org click on Administration and then on Job Listing. To apply contact the Superintendent's Office at 870-463-2246.

New Beginnings: Has 1-job opening. For additional information, call 870-226-9970.

Oasis Trading, LLC: Has a job opening for 1-Electrician/Millwright. For additional information and to apply contact Oasis Trading.

Potlatch Corporation: For more information or to apply, please go to www.potlatchcorp.com under the career section. EEO/AA/Veteran employer.

SE AR Human Development Ctr.: Has 23-job openings. Apply through www.arstatejobs.com.

The Mad Butcher: Job applications are taken on Mondays, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Mad Butcher or online at www.foodgiant.com.

UAMS/KIDS FIRST—Warren: Has job opening for a ECDS II, Clinic Coordinator—RN, and a RN (PRN). Apply online at www.uams.edu/jobs

Warren School Dist.: Has 12-job openings. For details on job openings and to apply contact the Warren School Dist. at 870-226-6738 or online at www.warrendist.org

If interested in any of the listed jobs, please contact the company directly.

GOOD LUCK!!

room that will be used at the job site. Dr. Jones advised that their local industry ask that this piece of equipment be available for training and wrote the class curriculum. The very expensive equipment was purchased jointly by the industries, SouthArk and the City of El Dorado.

HOW CAN BCEDC HELP?

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DON'T FORGET MONDAYS AT MOLLY'S

7:00 am

All are welcome at this public forum meeting.

BCEDC encourages all to attend and enter into discussions concerning Bradley County.

Dr. Jones stated that she feels it is important that higher education facilities be available within Bradley County. Dr. Jones discussed the many obstacles in obtaining an education. With SouthArk having a presence in Bradley County this would eliminate the obstacle of transportation.