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BRADLEY COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

MORO BAY STATE PARK

PRESENTS PROGRAM

Paul Butler the Superintendent at Moro Bay State Park presented a program on the park. He explained that Moro Bay State Park is one of 52 Arkansas State Parks and one of 40 manned state parks. Mr. Butler said that Arkansas has one of the best state park systems in the nation. This is due in part to Amendment 75, Arkansas's 1/8 cent conservation tax, which helps pay for Arkansas State Parks, The Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas Heritage and Keep Arkansas Beautiful.

Mr. Butler advised the Board that people come to Moro Bay State Park to swim, fish, and hike. People come to utilize the river, the bay and the lake where all three bodies of water and three counties come together.

Mr. Butler discussed the history of the ferry at Moro Bay. He explained that the old ferry started in 1828 as the William Burks Ferry. Then in 1965 the Highway Dept. took it over. In 1992 the ferry closed because the bridge was built. At that time the Highway Dept. donated the ferry and the ramp to the park. It is now an exhibit.

Mr. Butler explained Moro Bay State Park's interpretive theme, which is educating the public and helping them to make a connection to the Park's resources. He stated that visitors come to Moro

Bay State Park for many reasons; for recreation, to explore the rich flora and fauna created by the waterways and some come because of the area's history.

Mr. Butler explained that the park has 20 campsites on Raymond Lake with water and electricity. The park has a bathhouse with hot showers, a marina which is the only place on the Ouachita River (in Arkansas) that sells gas, two small trails, an outdoor pavilion and a Visitors Center/pavilion/Assistance Residence, two playgrounds, two day camps and a maintenance shop. Mr. Butler showed slides of the inside and outside of the available cabins at Moro Bay State Park.

Mr. Butler discussed the programs and events offered by the park, such as "bring an alligator to school or bring a snake to school." The park does a variety of educational tours, hikes and boat tours for groups. Mr. Butler discussed some to the park's special events. Such as "First Day Hike" in January, "School Days" in April, "Perch Jerk Classic Fishing Tournament" in June, boating education in June, river cleanup in September and "Holiday/Christmas in the Park" in December. Two of their largest events are the Perch Jerk Classic and the Holiday/Christmas in the Park. Mr. Butler stated that

the park's programming is hands-on and designed to represent Moro Bay State Park. The programs discuss the park's rich history such as the history of the Ferry, the Hunter and Dunbar expedition of 1804 after the Louisiana Purchase among other topics. Mr. Butler discussed the importance of explaining to kids and others why we have state parks because if it is not understood why we have parks we may lose our parks.

He noted that the park is always looking for volunteers. And many people volunteer for the Day Camps, Park Cleanups, Good Sams, and the Holiday event.

Mr. Butler discussed their Resource Conservationist projects. These projects include; inventorying of the park's woody species, recycling project, little cutting & no burning this year and selection of native plants. He showed map slides of Moro Bay State Park and discussed the layout of the park and their Resource Conservation projects.

Mr. Butler stated that **"the Park is about making memories that will last a lifetime. Arkansas State Parks are in the forever business."**

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October Jobs Update			JOB OPENINGS AT:
Bradley Co. Employers	# Emp.	Vacancies	
AR Superior Federal CU	12	0	ARMSTRONG FLOORING: For additional information and to apply on line go to www.armstrong.com then follow links for careers. Bradley Co. Medical Center: For additional information on job openings and to apply go on line go to – http://www.bradleycountymedicalcenter.com/jobs Potlatch Corporation: Potlatch Corporation is looking to fill openings for a night shift sawmill supervisor and a machinist . For a full list of job duties and qualifications for each position, as well as to apply, please log on to www.potlatchcorp.com under the careers section. Potlatch is an EEO/AA employer. OK Foods: Has 1 opening for full or part-time driver. Excellent benefits after 90 days. For additional information call OK Foods at 870-463-2834. IF YOUR COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO LIST JOB OPENINGS ON www.bcedcar.com OR IN THE BCEDC NEWLETTER PLEASE CONTACT BCEDC. *Taking Applications **Applications on Thursday ***Applications on Mondays, 1-4 pm
Armstrong Flooring	350	10	
Ashcraft Wood Products	18	0	
Bradley Brand Furniture	10	3+	
Bradley County	71	0	
Bradley Co. Medical Ctr.	216	6	
Chapel Woods Health & Rehab	unavailable		
City of Hermitage	5	0	
City of Warren	46	1	
First State Bank of Warren	33	0	
Fulghum Fibers	10	0	
Hermitage Schools	92	0	
Oasis Trading	41	0	
OK Foods	10	1	
Ouachita Hardwood	35	0*	
Potlatch	159	2	
SE AR Human Dev. Ctr.	277	12	
Super Valu Foods	53	0**	
The Mad Butcher	58	2***	
Townsend Flooring	20	0*	
Union Bank	8	0	
Warren Bank & Trust	41	0	
Warren School Dist.	286	0	
TOTAL	1851	37	

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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- Do you have a home based business?
- Do you have a website?
- Are you considering any of the above?

If you answered yes to any of these questions you need to register for the free class listed below.

FACEBOOK & GET LISTED LOCALLY
Oct. 24th—9:00 am to 1:00 pm at BCEDC

Get Listed Locally, seminar will help you claim your website's online listings through the multiple search engine site. Get Listed allows businesses to claim their business and list their business for free on all the major search engines.

Facebook ABCs for business is a basic course designed to help small business owners evaluate how Facebook can help their marketing efforts. Register at 870-460-1910 or woodruffk@uamont.edu

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.