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Self-Help Cooperative aids school



The Winston County Self Help Cooperative donated school supplies to Eiland Middle School on Monday, August 4 as part of its mission to "Help save Rural America."

Fifteen Cases of paper, three cases of loose-leaf paper and 12 cases of single subject notebooks were donated to School Principal Leevel Yarbrough

According to Frank Taylor of Winston County Self-Help, the cooperative volunteers have come to realize that families with limited incomes need assistance with needed supplies. As a result, WCSHC plans to donate to different school each year. The cooperative is dedicated to helping not

only the school district, but other projects in the county.

If you need or would like more information about the WCSHC, please feel free to contact Hubert Nicholson at 662-773-3336 or Dorothy Harper at 662-773-8264

Congratulations to New Galilean Male Chorus: 14 years of dedicated service by Frank Taylor

New Galilean Male Chorus celebrated its 14th year anniversary with roaring sounds of joy and jubilation on this grand occasion. The male chorus was organized in 1991 under the stewardship of Pastor Nathaniel V. Booker with several founding members participating in this year's celebration. The male chorus consists of more than 40 members with the mission of promoting brotherhood and providing leadership within the confinement of New Galilean Baptist Church. The male chorus and brotherhood serves breakfast on the first Sunday of each month according to "Head Chef Harry Stokes." The menu usually consists of meats, rice, grits, fruits, biscuits, and juices. Stokes said, we arrive no latter than 4:45am with the mission of serving at 7:00am. We normally serve 70 individuals, who thoroughly enjoys being served by the brotherhood and male chorus. The theme was "Serve the lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing". The celebration climaxed on Sunday afternoon as the congregation waited for the male chorus processional led by Pastor Booker. According to President Willie George, we are ecstatic for our church's family for supporting our cause over the pass 14 years. We are making contingence plans for next year's celebration. For further information contact Willie George 601-982-0527.



Pastor Nathaniel Booker

"Helping To Save Rural America"

WCSHC's AUGUST MEETING

The Winston County Self-Help Coop held its monthly board meeting August 1, 2005 at 3:55p.m. WCSHC is dedicated to help save rural America. Their approach is to provide coop members and the community with the necessary tools to increase small farmers' profits, skills, and abilities. WCSHC receives technical assistance from many organizations. Representatives from Alcorn State University Extension Program, USDA, and the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund were present and emphasized the importance of marketing the cooperatives products as a coop to maximize the profits of each individual coop member. The representative from Alcorn State University, Mr. Anthony Reed, mentioned a new program that teaches farmers alternative ways to grow vegetables and fruits. This program also provides farmers with a garden to use for growing and learning. Amadou Diop from the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund is providing WCSHC with goats and was present to assess the coop members' ability to receive the goats.

After completing the agenda, WCSHC held a Money Management Workshop at 4:55p.m. This workshop focused on personal finances. The group prepared individual budgets, in order, to see how their money is used monthly. The facilitator, Jacqueline Steele, discussed ways to get out of debt, ways to pay off credit card debt, and how to handle debtors/creditors. Mr. Frank Taylor quizzed the participants on mortgage interest rates before and after the workshop to show how the current market interest rate affects us. WCSHC stresses to participants to manage their money or their money will manage them.

The next board meeting and Money Management Workshop will be held September 6, 2005, at 3:55p.m., and 4:55p.m. respectively. All meetings and workshops are held at the Mississippi State Extension Service in Louisville, Mississippi.



Anya Hampton
Federation of Southern
Cooperatives/LAF's
Coop Business Specialist



Jacqueline Steele
Winston County Self-Help
Financial Counselor

CATTLEMEN'S OUTREACH



Winston County Self Help Cooperative members participated in the cattleman's outreach meeting held in Louisville, ms to discuss current issues affecting the cattle industry. The meeting was organized and sponsored by Winston county extension service to provide information for local cattle farmers. Winston County Self Help Cooperative Member's stated the meeting was a tremendous success and the panel presented current information to enhance their financial decisions. The panelists presented on of the following topics:

Dr. John Anderson-current market update.

Dr. Richard Watson-forage production.

Sr. Jane Parish-general beef cattle management.

Mike Howell-bull and heifer management.

Representative from MSU School of Veterinarian

Science discussed herd health.

The supper was sponsored by cattleman and forestry association. Mike Skipper, county extension agent stated this was a great learning situation for each participant and the extension service will continues to sponsor outreach meetings. The Winston County Self Help Cooperative is committed to" help save rural America".

TIME FOR A CHANGE by Frank Taylor

Time to change. We have constantly blamed everyone for our lack luster success in this capitalist world and we are in turmoil with our fellowman by committing violent crimes against each others. What is the problem? We must find resolves immediately in our communities by take control of daily activities and giving our children an opportunity to live a successful life. The time is now for us to react with furious attack on society and make the ultimate scarify by leading our future generations with solid leadership. There is a song written by Hal Melvin and The Blue Notes in 1973 title “Wake Up Everybody” there is no more sleeping in bed, no more cheating, no more lies, its time for us to get fired up and make a different in ours neighborhoods. “Wake up” because living is a part of dying and dying is a part of living.

FOOTBALL by Frank Taylor

Mississippi celebrates one sport as its’ favorite pass time and that’s football. When, I drop in at my favorite eating hole for lunch or at the barber shop, football is the main menu of discussion. People are hype about football in Mississippi. Why not? Mississippi does not have a pro football team to galvanize people into supporting one team; however, we have several college teams to divide our support among. Just the other day, as I drove pass a local high school football practice and it caused me to reminisce about my past glory days as a football player.

I knew early in my childhood that football would be my game of choice. Football is a punishing sport to play. Usually a player will break some bones, which could cause permanent injuries. This game allows an individual to exert full passion at the snap of the ball.

And, football is a lifelong learning venture. This game prepares a person to deal with rejection, denial, and disappointment by teaching discipline in stressful moments and tent situations, when you are required to make a split second decisions. This is a game of attrition because you have to be physically and mentally prepared for the long haul. Matter of fact, life is long-term, if you live long enough to experience, this thing, we call life.

One of my coach’s favorite slogans was “love what you do” and “do what you love” and this will create eternal passion for life.

Twenty-nine years later, I find myself quoting some of those same phrases to family members and friends, after all coaches have a significant role in a young person’s life. Some coaches are respected as father figures, teachers, counselors, doctors, and moral leaders of the team. At this point I would like to acknowledge my high school coach, who made a tremendous impact on my life and he is Coach M.C. Taylor. Thanks for your guidance and caring to make sure I made the right decisions in my life. You are definitely my “HERO”. Through your leadership, you have made it possible for other athletes to succeed in their respective careers. Again, thank you for your time, exerted energies and efforts. It is appreciated and it did not go unnoticed.

COOPERATIVE WELCOMES HOPKINS



Derrick Hopkins returned briefly from being deployed in Iraq to enjoy family, friends, and Winston county self help cooperative. Hopkins’ deployment should end within the next six months and we are claiming a safe return for all deployed soldiers. Again, thanks to Derrick for his continuing support of the Winston County Self Help Cooperative and we request an enjoyable visit for you and your family.



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The Alcorn State University/Extension Program is a premier “*Extension Center of Excellence*” for limited-resource audiences and is a proactive, responsive, and collaborative learning organization committed to the growth and development of people through life-long learning. The Extension Program at Alcorn State University epitomizes what the 21st century land grant university outreach should be. The ASUEP program delivers a structured approach to community engagement that advances learning outcomes and develops leaders who practice their disciplines with the highest sense of ethics and civic responsibility.

Alcorn’s Extension program administration supports a core group of 17 counties; a model farm located on the main campus, 4 off-campus centers, and is currently restructuring to impact the entire state of Mississippi. With more than 80 full-time staff members, a group of more than 100 volunteers, and a two and half million dollar budget, the Extension program has been able to make measurable impact in rural Mississippi households and communities by responding to the needs of individuals, families, groups, and organizations with educational programs in the four broad areas:

Agriculture and Natural Resources – Programs help sustain effectiveness, productivity, and profitability of agriculture and forestry production, while safeguarding and augmenting the quality of Mississippi land and water resources

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- **Community Resource Development** – Programs that improve the quality of life and opportunities for positive change in communities through community-based organizations that mobilizes financial capital, human capital, and natural resource.

The Alcorn State University Extension Program helps strengthen and increase the effectiveness of people and organizations working to find solutions to problems of poverty. We develop and support the building of human, social, financial, and environmental assets that enable people and communities to expand opportunities, exert control over their lives and livelihoods, and to participate in their communities in significant and successful ways.

At the heart of our efforts lies what we call our core values and they define who we are and why we exist. The Alcorn Extension Program believes in learning, collaboration, accountability, responsiveness, innovativeness, and inclusiveness and that these things are necessary to the empowerment of people to lead lives of quality and productivity.

“Helping To Save Rural America”