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WCSHC Collaborates with Local Library-by staff



Winston County Self Help Cooperative is collaborating with the Winston County Library to obtain needed computer training for members and friends. Beth Edwards (Librarian) and Staff are working with us to receive needed computer training according to co-op member Carol Williams. "It's an amazing opportunity for us learn in a pro-friendly environment with assistance from the library staff". Carnette Hudson class facilitator said, "We are planning to conduct seven two hours training sessions to increase familiarity and strengthen each individual capability of using a computer". Again, "we are

thankful to Beth Edwards and Staff for helping us to save rural America".

WCSHC Tour ASU's Incubator Farm Tour-by staff

Winston County Self Help Coop Members and Youth Group are gearing up for a grand tour of Alcorn State University's Incubator Farm in Preston, Ms on August 6, 5:55pm. According to coop member Gloria Moore, we are ready to sharpen our garden skills and learn current emerging information on fall crops. We are presently involved with ASU's Community Voices program to help stimulate leadership in rural America. We recent completed our twelfth session of CV with graduation ceremony planned for spring 2008. Members and friends will depart from the Winston County Extension Office on Vance Street in Louisville, Ms at 4:15pm. For further details contact Dorothy Harper 662-773-8264 or jeanh29@bellsouth.net.



**Federation of Southern Cooperatives
Land Assistance Fund**
40th Anniversary Celebration



August 16-18, 2007

Honoring Mr. Tavis Smiley & Senator Hank Sanders

For more information, please contact the Atlanta office
at 404-765-0991 or the Jackson office at 601-354-2750

Exhilarating, Entertaining, Enticing & Educating-by *Frank Taylor*

Winston County Self Help Co-op members gathered for exhilarating, entertaining, enticing, and educating business session on July 2, 3:55pm at the extension office in Louisville, Ms; with a temperature above 95 degrees and stifling humidity... members displayed a harmonious spirit of working together and echoing WCSHC's trademark of saving our natural resources. Leon Goss offered words of encouragement followed by a special presentation from WCSHC youth group. "According to Alice Moore, Assistance Youth

Director, we are working to create awareness and instill good work ethics in developing our future leaders". WCSHC youth performed a song in sign language; therefore, "we are developing extra-curriculum learning skills for our youth to compete in this new technology base economic". "We are conducting weekly youth enrichment classes to reinforce and enhance learning skills".

Topics of Discussion:

North South Institute Meeting
July 17, Federation of Southern

Cooperative Annual Meeting
Aug 16-18, HPI's diversification plan, separation of heifers, feed regiment, purchasing post & wire, youth members participating in (RIC) summit-Philadelphia, Pa July 18-22, adult computer training classes. Members agreed to tour Alcorn State University's Incubator Farm in Preston, Ms on Monday August 6, at 5:55pm...members/friends will depart from Winston County Extension Office in Louisville, Ms at 4:55pm.

WCSHC Co-Hosts Estate Planning Workshop

On May 18, 2007, the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund in collaboration with the Mississippi State University Extension office, held an estate planning seminar. Attorney Linda Hampton of The Law Office of Hampton & Associates, was the guest speaker.

This seminar is part of an annual regional project to provide a limited-resource, minority farmers with an estate plan. The purpose of this project is to assist farmers with protecting their farmland for generations by assisting them

with developing an estate plan. Estate planning is a key component to land retention. The Federation has partnered with a local attorney to assist eligible farmers with developing an estate plan.

The estate plan will include a will, power of attorney and healthcare directive – the three primary components to any comprehensive estate plan.

There are still slots available for eligible farmers to receive a free estate plan!!! If you qualify as a

limited-resource, minority farmers, you may be eligible to receive a FREE estate plan!!!

If you are interested, please call Miessha N. Thomas at (404) 765-0991. This opportunity is available until Friday, September 7th.



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"SAVING RURAL AMERICA"

WCSHC's 2007 Vegetable Production Report-*Frank Taylor*

Winston County Self Help Cooperative members are moving forward with a frenzy to meet demands for fresh locally grown vegetables. According to Dee & Omerio Dotson, "we are receiving calls daily from individuals wanting to purchase tomatoes, peas, green & lima beans, squash, and watermelons....extended drought conditions affected our crop and minimized production. We normally

received between 15 to 16 inches of rain in early spring to produce a successful crop; however, doing this growing season we only received a fourth of the needed rainfall". State's Meteorologist predicts this weather pattern will continue into early fall. "Dee said If, drought conditions continue, we will reconsider moving our fall garden closer to a water source". Overall, Winston County Self Help Co-op Mem-

bers are receiving premium prices for their fresh vegetables. Speckle peas are selling for \$26.00 per bushel with a constant demand for other variety of peas, corn and green beans. "Thomas Coleman said lima beans would sell for \$40.00 or more per bushel due to severe dryness in east central Mississippi".. "Although, we are facing adverse weather conditions; the lord will make a way for us to survive"....

