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Resolving to Change *by Nona D. Armstrong*

With the presidential elections rearing its head in our near future, all we hear is how either how the candidates are going to bring about change or they're letting us know that they realize what changes need to be made and they *resolve* to make them. What we all seem to realize is that before we can begin to change our families, communities country or the world, we must first begin to work on *ourselves*. Charity is not the only thing that begins at home, so does self-repair. It is a lot like cleaning someone else's house and our own is in shambles.

At the end of the year, as we raise our glasses and sing "Auld Land Syne", it is very easy to roll resolutions off our tongues like thunder in the sky before an oncoming storm. We know and have the *solutions* to all problems, not only our own, but those of our families, neighbors and those of the world. The fascinating factor is that in our scheme of plans, we intend to rectify all

the wrongs *immediately*. Never mind the fact that that we did not gain weight, our neighborhoods did not fall apart or the world did not begin to go to hell in a hand basket overnight. We not only *want*, but we *expect* immediate change. When we do not get it, our resolve begins to tarnish, the shine wears off and eventually, we toss it aside and promise to start again soon, maybe next year.

We all fall prey to immediacy. When is the last time you actually *saved* to purchase something? Since childhood I am sure you have heard the old adage, "Rome wasn't built in a day." All things take time. As we listen to the candidates, keep in mind that the mess that the next leader of our country inherits has been in the making for several terms. Whoever steps into the Oval office will need plenty of prayer, wisdom and antacids. We are going to have stand behind him or her

even though we may not always agree. There is more than one road to get to any destination, just so long as we get there. In addition, we are going to have to give the new person time because the clean up that has to be done is going to take more than a Bounty towel! We can help by making changes where we can, ourselves and our homes and communities. Remember how the Israelites turned on Moses during their forty-year desert stay?

However, do not fret, we are not alone and as long as we live and breathe, there is still time for change. As long as we resolve to change there is hope. Maybe we should pay heed to the "heads up" Michael Jackson so succinctly gave us in his song, Man in the Mirror: I am starting with the man in the mirror. I am asking him to change his ways. No message could have been any clearer. If we want to make the world a better place, look at ourselves and then make a change!

"Save the Date"

Federation
of Southern
Cooperative
Land Assistance Fund

40th Anniversary
Celebration

Epes, Alabama

August 16-18, 2007

Honoring

Mr. Tavis Smiley
& Senator
Hank Sanders



If anyone from Mississippi is interested in attending the 40th Anniversary Celebration and the Sixth Estelle Witherspoon Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund, please feel free to contact the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives' office at 601-354-2750. Transportation and Lodging Provided.

"SAVING RURAL AMERICA"

Winston County Self Help Cooperatives' Bumper Stickers

Winston County Self Help Cooperative continues to promote its motto of helping save Rural America with bumper stickers. The coop is on a mission to help preserve our natural resources with vigor according to honorary coop member Katrina McLin. We developed our bumper stickers concept to stimulating and motivating other individuals, groups and the public to maximize uses of the natural resources. You can receive

two bumper stickers by forwarding \$5.00 for postage and handling to the address below. Make check payable to the Winston County Self Help Coop. Mail to WCSHC p o box 23813 Jackson, Ms 39225.

Winston County
Self Help Cooperative
Organized in 1985 ▲
Louisville, Mississippi ▲
601-291-2704 ▲

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Winston County Self Help Cooperative will meet on Monday, June 18, 2007 (time 3:55 p.m.) at the Louisville Coliseum located on Ivy Street—across from Louisville High School

WCSHC Assist Jones Family to Reconnect-by Deborah Hendrix

My parents, Ardean & Susie Jones raised their five children in a Christian Environment and taught us to be good Stewards of the land that God provided.

My siblings and I have jobs in corporate America; however, we never forgot our roots.

We recently purchased 122 plus acres in Rankin County with an established Pine Plantation.

Our intention is to have a diverse operation (beef cows, meat goats, equine, forestry & hay production).

"Our goal is to be successful as a team and always remember to have fun and love each other. No tangible item compares to the gift of love for family."

We would like to say, thank you to the Winston County Self Help Cooperative for connecting us to resources, individuals, organizations and the bumper sticker.

·My father & brothers have made an onsite visit with Mr. Lee Foote's farm in the McLaurin Community-Rankin County, Ms.

·We have established a relationship with Rankin County FSA Office and our farm is registered with FSA.

·One important accomplishment for us thus far is the help/assistance we have received from you, Mr. Frank Taylor and the WCSHC.

Congratulations to WCSHC on receiving the Hamer Award!

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Deborah Hendrix, 7JSH Farms

For more information, please contact Frank Taylor at 601-291-2704 or email at fltaylor@bellsouth.net

FARM MANAGEMENT AND AGRIBUSINESS WORKSHOP

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 17, 2007



Winston County

Extension Office

460 Vance Street, Louisville, Mississippi

For more information about this workshop, contact **Elizabeth Myles**, 601-870-2916, emyles@nsied.org or **Jacqui Vanterpool**, 954-434-8220, jvanterpool@nsied.org

Animal Identification, NRCS Outreach & Monthly Meeting SCENES

