

GREENSBORO ECHO

AUGUST 2006

Winston County Self Help Cooperative July Activities

July 1, Harvested vegetables.

July 3, Garden activities.

July 6, Published newsletter.

July 7, Harvested lima beans, peas, tomatoes and squash.

July 10, Youth public speaking class.

July 11, harvest vegetables

July 10, Three members participated in beef management class.

July 10, Published newsletter.

July 12, Harvest vegetables

July 13, Canning workshop.

July 13, published newsletter.

July 14, member participated in NRCS-GLC Jackson, MS.

July 15, Hosted Mississippi Association of Cooperative's Executive Board Meeting.

July 15, harvest vegetables.

July 16, August's monthly meeting.

July 17, Harvest vegetables.

July 17-20, youth participated in enrichment workshop-Little Rock, Arkansas.

July 19, Member participated in Mississippi Housing Initiative's Summit.

July 20, Member participated Southern University's Beef Management Workshop-Rayville, LA.

July 20, Harvest vegetables.

July 21, Member participated in Morehouse Black Farmers & Landowners Association's Field Day Activities-Meg Rouge, LA.

July, 24, published newsletter.

July 24, Harvest vegetables.

July 25-26, Five members participated in Southern University's Legal Issues Conference-Baton Rouge, LA.

July 28, Estate planning workshop-Louisville, MS.

July 28, Palpated heifers for "pass on" ceremony.

July 29, member participated in Arkansas Land and Farm Development Corporation closeout session-Brinkley, ARK.

July 31, WCSHC's Youth Summit at MT. Moriah Baptist Church-Louisville, MS.

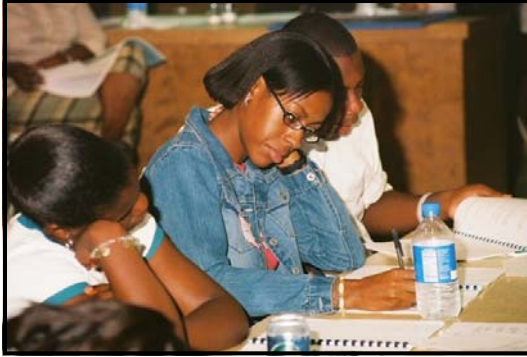
August 2006 Monthly Meeting

Winston County Self Help Cooperative August's meeting moved briskly from start to finish resolving several key issues. According to Gloria Moore, we are creating an attitude of oneness to help achieve our commitment of helping save rural America. We have achieved 85% percent of our strategic plan set forth for 2006, therefore, we will work feverishly to complete our task by October's meeting.

The primarily issue of discussion was forage. We are encountering drought conditions which have caused farmers to used reserve hay to maintain cattle herds. Therefore, we need to develop a strategy of purchasing hay and other feed in bulk according to Clifton Haynes. This will help reduce expenses and hopefully our members will not be forced to sale due to escalating cost.

Additionally, several members are renovating and up-grading our pasture for planting of fall forage. We will palpate heifers on July 28, in preparation for pass on ceremony and Mississippi State University's School of Veterinary Science will assist with this procedure.

Enrichment Class



Winston County Self Help Cooperative sponsored its first summer youth enrichment class on July 10, at extension office in Louisville, MS for ages 10-18 years old. WCSHC is committed to help stimulate good moral character in our next generation of landowners.

The first enrichment class focused on public speaking facilitated by Donna Burnside, instructor from Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, MS.

The 8:00am start proved to be successful with 16 attentive students ready to engage in the art of public speaking. Ms. Burnside's theme was enlightening, engaging, educating and entertaining; it stimulated warm smiles which created an environment for learning. Malcolm Kincaid, sophomore at Louisville High School said he had prior reservations of participating; nevertheless, he thoroughly enjoyed learning the principles of public speaking. This should enhance my academic scores and increase class participation. The co-op will continue to promote youth enrichment events and partner with other groups to elevate culture awareness and help fulfill our youth dreams. Again, thanks to Donna Burnside, Sadie Turnipseed, Gloria Turnipseed, Clifford Eichelberger, Dorothy Harper, parents, extension office personnel and supporters for creating a successful workshop.

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PASS ON CEREMONY

Winston County Self Help Cooperative will celebrate its second pass on of Heifer International Project animals to fellow cooperative members on Monday August 7, 6:30pm at the cooperative's farm located 9 miles east of Louisville, MS on Crystal Ridge Road in the Bethel Community. The coop will pass on 9-bred heifers to Derek Hopkins and Robin Matthews. According to Hopkins, "I am excited for this opportunity to receive bred heifers through our cooperative with assistance from Heifer International Project. The Winston County Self Help Cooperative is committed to help save rural America and with this generous donation of animals; my family's dream is coming to fruition. I have prepared fence, planted forages, participated in workshops/seminars and received technical support from co-op members. I am thankful for this opportunity to help save rural America and I encourage other young families to connect with the natural resources". For further details contact Frank Taylor ftaylor@bellsouth.net or 601-291-2704.

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