

GREENBORO ECHO

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Monthly Meeting/Field Day Activities



Winston County Self Help Cooperative's May monthly meeting commence on Hardin's family farm located in peacefully Ebenezer Community. Meeting setting was underneath a canvas of trees that offered conditions for a lively discussion of old and news business. Cooperative members focused on obtaining insurance for coop's personal property and covering tractor drivers. Carol Williams's stated Leadership team meets monthly with assistance from Alcorn State University's Community Voice Program and staff members facilitating each session. Leadership team integrates problems and creates community-oriented solutions. Our leadership team vigor and enthusiasm will help save rural America and offer a venue to express community's issues. Dorothy Harper, youth director reported on up-coming activities, planting garden, relay for life, HPI partner meeting, and preparing for 4-H competition. Field day activities started approximately at 5:30pm with a

thunderous welcome by cooperative member Mattie Haynes. Bobby Hardin founding member of WCSHC gave an overview of farm plan and family history. We have operated our family farm for more than 70 years through good and bad times; therefore, we are

committed to maintaining our family legacy. Mrs. Lou Willie Hardin family matriarch stated Winston County Self Help Cooperative provides our family with assistance in planting vegetables and raising animals. There are five generations of J. W. Har-



din clan living within a two miles radius of this location, therefore, with prayers our family heritage will continue for eternity.

Bobby led an exciting tour of different sights and scenes from cattle, goats and other interesting animals. Winston County



Self Help Coop youth members enjoyed visiting with each type of animal and identified poisonous plants with assistance from senior members. Kenneth Randle from USDA Rural Development dialogued on funding opportunities and Randle reiterated cooperative members should work in unison to achieve sustainability. Activities continued until darkness with conversations of improving farming operations and members echoing save rural America by using their natural resources to create supplemental incomes.



My Leadership Experience by Carol Williams



The Winston County Self Help Cooperative is building and connecting leadership bridges through

Alcorn State University's Community Voices Program.

The community voices is a leadership program designed to develop groups of leaders who want to use their leadership skills to work together in solving problems and create a nurturing environment in their respectful communities. There are

fifteen training sessions organized into four units.

In this program, there is not just one teacher who presents all the ideas and skill to the group. Two or three community leaders identify as co-facilitators helped facilitate the group discussion.

Carol Williams and Hubert Nicholson were the first to lead and experience of being co-facilitators. The first session unit one was "building a community vision and utilizing, a shared group leadership approach". This experience was interesting and fun. The group

smiles gave us encouragement and confidence we needed to emerge as leaders and to aide in building a bridge to connect leaders of all aspects in our society.

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