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The Project That Works For a Lifetime... by Shintri Hathorn

Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center (CDC) uses this motto for its Student Career Portfolio.

During the Week of April 17, 2006, the students at CDC presented their Oral/Visual Presentations part of their Career Portfolio. The Idea of the Career Portfolio is to provide students with a collection of records that will document their educational accomplishments, work history and affirm their career goals and successes.

There are 19 various programs at the Career Development Center. Each 2nd year student is required to complete the Career Portfolio. The students had the option of completing a career journal based on their experiences while job shadowing; or completing an internship in a program related business setting; or an Occupational Research Paper based on a career related to their Program of Study at CDC.

The students from various programs such as Agricultural & Environmental Science, Early Childhood Development, Hotel Management & Tourism and many others made

presentations that were creative and informative based on their research on their job shadowing experience.

Students were judged on their presentations based on a standard rubric utilized throughout the JPS District for the Senior Project/Career Portfolio. Panels of judges from within the respective areas of study donated their time and expertise to these future leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you, to Mr. Frank Taylor member of the Winston County Self Help Cooperative for his time and assistance while serving as a panelist for the students representing the field of Agriculture.

The Career Development Center is open to all High School Students who are enrolled in one of the eight high schools in JPS. To find out more information about The Career Development Center or to tour it please call (601) 960-5322.

Again, thank to Mr. Frank Taylor and other judges for your assistance.

Beef Cattle Workshop by Emily king



Members from seven Louisiana Heifer International groups, joined by Frank Taylor of Winston County Self-Help Cooperative and several other small farmers, participated in a Beef

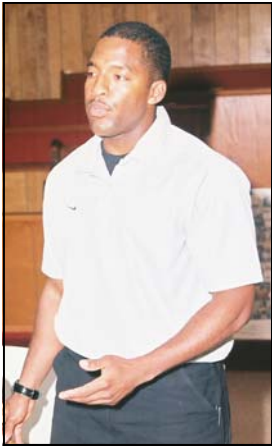
Cattle Marketing Workshop at the Southern University Ag Center in Baton Rouge. The workshop, the first in a series, was held May 12 and 13.

Dr. Dawn Mellion-Patin, Associate Agricultural Specialist, and Orlando Phelps, Ag Liaison Officer for SU/USDA, are heading up a Risk Management grant, which aims to help small cattle producers work cooperatively to improve marketing of their animals.

Because this effort will involve farmers

working together, this initial workshop focused on team building. The activities were led by a team from Prairie view A&M and focused on working together, recognizing the need for leadership, communicating, and thinking outside the box.

Regional workshops will follow in June and July, concentrating on technical information about marketing and raising cattle that meet market criteria.



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Inspiration, Involvement & Investment by Bora Benford

Three of the most important keys in becoming successful and reaching our goals in life are inspiration, involvement and investment.

We would like to thank Mr. Frank Taylor who served as the keynote speaker at our first

group meeting. Mr. Taylor expressed all three of the above mentioned keys in his presentation. He inspired us tremendously by sharing personal experiences, photos and accomplishments of the Winston County Self-Help Cooperative of which he is a member. We felt immensely involved when he told us that "I have known you all of my life but, this is the first time that I have met you." This statement was so profound until we all had to take a moment and THINK. But, most of all Mr.

Taylor invested his time, money and expertise without any recompense. Therefore, because of Mr. Taylor's commitment to "saving rural America", we believe that we are off to a great start. We say thanks again, Mr. Taylor and hope to see you soon.

We, The Returning To The Land Community Group are in the beginning stage of our performance. We are local seasoned farmers, beginning farmers and aspiring farmers, as well as businessmen and businesswomen. It is our

desire to become sought after leaders in our community. Our focus is to lead by example. Therefore, we know that this kind of leadership only comes by establishing the "we syndrome". Thus, the "we syndrome" is processional. First, WE think and believe together. Secondly, WE organize and work together. And thirdly, WE began a cohesive corporation second to none to continue build and improve our communities with the ultimate desire to return to the land.

Returning To The Land Community Group, Bolton, MS



Beef Cattle Workshop Continued...



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Winston County Self-Help Cooperative Monthly Meeting to be held May 28, 2006 at 5:55 p.m. at the extension office of Louisville, Mississippi