

Greensboro Echo

The Voice of Rural America

Saving Rural America -NRCS's Chief Will Speak



Arlen Lancaster, Chief of Natural Resources Conservation Service will serve as luncheon speaker for Winston County Self Help Co-op's Saving Rural America Conference on January 5, 2008 at the Louisville Coliseum. According to WCSHC Member George Miller, "we are pleased with Chief Lancaster's decision to participate in our Saving Rural America Conference. We are extending an invitation for farmers and landowners to join in this groundbreaking meeting." The conference will focus on connecting farmers with service providers to maximize profit from their natural resources. The conference will start at 7:00am with a light breakfast.

For more information contact Frank Taylor ftaylor@bellsouth.net or 601-291-2704.

Lodging in Louisville, Mississippi

Best Western Red Hills Inn
Hwy 15-25 bypass
662-773-9090

Days Inn
851 Metts Street
662-773-4005

Lake Tiak-O 'Khata
213 Smyth Road
662-773-7853

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Homebuyers Workshop-by Frank Taylor



WCSHC and Winston County's NAACP hosted a homebuyer's workshop on November 19, at the extension office in Louisville, Ms. Evangelist Essie Jackson offered

words of encouragement and purpose with facts focused on home foreclosures. Hampton said, "Mississippi's foreclosure rate climbed 14 percent in recent months, therefore, we initiated this workshop to assistance families with obtaining information to prevent foreclosures". WCSHC membership declared support for the Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act and they urge other organizations to solicit their U.S Representatives to support of this crucial piece of legis-

lation. Charles Harris Director of Housing Education Economic Development...a non-profit organization based in Jackson, Ms presented to more than fifty participants. Harris stated, "Individuals should participate in homebuyers education classes prior to purchasing a home." This will help equip individuals with internal knowledge to comprehend contract terms. "We are committed to help families purchase homes with a long-term goal of ownership."

Members Participates LCP & LIP

Ninety-five percent of WCSHC's Livestock Producers applied for benefits through Farm Service Agency's LCP and LIP. WCSHC members signed up for Livestock Compensation and Livestock Indemnity Programs to assist with loss of forages due to natural disaster...drought. Producers in primary counties declared secretarial disaster areas or certain counties declared presidential disaster areas between Jan. 1, 2005 and Feb. 28, 2007, are eligible to apply. Please contact your local Farm Service Agency for more information.

November 2007 Activities

- November 3, adult computer class.
- November 3, youth harvested and sold greens.
- November 5, co-op held business meeting.
- November 5, youth harvested and sold greens.
- November 5, co-op held forestry field day with 51 participants.
- November 7, youth leaders participated in CRP Class.
- November 7, published newsletter.
- November 9, youth held reception for conference.
- November 10, youth in agriculture conference.
- November 10, youth harvested and sold greens.
- November 10, adult computer class.
- November 13, youth harvested and sold greens.
- November 15, youth harvested and donated greens.
- November 17, youth harvested and sold greens.
- November 17, adult computer class.
- November 17, youth harvested sold greens.
- November 19, co-op held business meeting.

WCSHC's Forestry Field Day— by Frank Taylor



On November 5, Winston County Self Help Cooperative members and supporters gathered at Leon Goss' Tree Farm west of Louisville, on a gorgeous afternoon with more than fifty individuals present. The sun setting westward...members congregated promptly on cue at 3:55 for WCSHC 17th business session. Words of encouragement from Elder George Miller, WCSHC welcomed the Priester Family from Columbus, Ms. Priesters' farming interest includes dairy animals, 4-H and a health passion to help save rural America. Business issues discussed, diversification funds, FSA's Live-

stock Compensation Program, youth in agriculture & saving rural America conferences, homebuyer workshop and Christmas Gala. The business session ended with members mutually agreeing to meet on November 19, 3:55pm at the Winston County Extension Office in Louisville, Ms.

Forestry Field Day Activities started with Leon Goss giving a brief history of farm operations. Josh Skidmore, County Forester highlighted several topics including, thinning, tips on harvesting, cost share programs and other services offered through the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Members quizzed Josh for more than 30 minutes on a variety of issues related to timber prices and forest management plans. WCSHC Youth Group Supporter Victoria Collins closed the meeting with warm words of thank for participating in WCSHC's Forestry Field Day Activities. Before departing participants received a box lunch sponsored by the Winston County's Board of Supervisors. WCSHC extend thanks to Mississippi Forestry Commission Employees, Winston County Extension Office and Leon Goss for a magnificent field day experience.

WCSHC's Fire Safety Workshops- by press

WCSHC and NAACP sponsored fire safety workshops on October 29 and 30, in Louisville, Ms. According to co-op member Hubert Nicholson; we are working to help save lives through sponsoring fire safety workshops to help reduce fire fatalities. We have donated more than one hundred smoke detectors to needy homes in Winston County. We are encouraging other organizations to sponsor workshops and donate smoke detectors.

Fire Prevention Tips:

BE KITCHEN WISE” Wear tight fitting or rolled-up sleeves when cooking. If a pan of food catches fire, slide a lid over it and turn off burner. Do not cook if you are drowsy from alcohol or medication.

If your clothing catches fire, **STOP, DROP, COVER YOUR FACE, and ROLL.**

Fire Prevention Tips:

“GIVE SPACE HEATERS SPACE.” Keep them at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.

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