To the Onslow 4-H Community,

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to announce my retirement as 4-H Agent with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Program in Onslow County. They say time moves on but memories will last forever, so after 32 years of providing 4-H programs to the youth of Onslow County it is time to make a change in my life. The memories I have from being involved in this program are very meaningful and surely ones I can take with me forever. Over the years, having the opportunity to serve the youth of this county has been a very enjoyable experience and I hope those I have been involved with appreciate the efforts I have put forth, as much as I have appreciated the support given to me by youth, volunteers, parents and funding sources in making the lives of others more productive. I leave this organization knowing friendships have been made, lives have been changed and most of all making sure my efforts have been true in trying to help people put knowledge to work! Again thanks for the opportunity to be your 4-H Agent the past 32 years and best of luck to each of you and the organization I leave behind. May you continue to MAKE THE BEST BETTER and God Bless!

J. Gregory Clemmons

ONSLOW 4-H MEMBER WINS SCHOLARSHIP... During the 4-H District Horse Show held in Martin County, Mallery Patterson of the Tack Box 4-H Club won a $500 4-H college scholarship. Mallery has been an active member of Mrs. Annie Moore’s club for several years and richly deserves this scholarship which she will use to pursue her college degree at Appalachian State University. We in the extension office of Onslow County offer our congratulations and best of luck. Way to go Mallery!

4-H CITIZENSHIP FOCUS... Three Onslow 4-H members and one volunteer, recently joined over 150 youth and adults from across the state of NC in Raleigh for the 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus. Delegates, Stephanie Humphrey, Kristen Conant, and Caleb Gill, learned about citizenship, the legislative process and community engagement. Volunteer Denise Humphrey was also involved in many of the activities and provided support for the youth. During the conference, the delegates had the opportunity to hear from a number of key state leaders and experience workshops on a variety of topics from “Whatz Up On Capitol Hill?” to “Nuts and Bolts of the North Carolina General Assembly”. On Wednesday morning, delegates visited their legislative representatives in their offices. A special thanks goes out to the Onslow Farm Bureau for sponsoring this trip for the four delegates from Onslow County.
DISTRICT ACTIVITY DAY... Gold and silver medals were presented to several Onslow 4-H members during the district activity day festivities this year in Wilmington, at Ashley High School. The following 4-H members received gold: Taylor Dominessy – Horse; Jonathan Cuellar – Public Speaking; Jordan Prejean – Peanut Foods; and Sydney Grice – Community Service and Volunteerism. Earning silver that day was Todd Horne in the area of Beef Cookery. Congratulations to all of these youth on a job well done.

ONSLOW YOUTH HEAD TO STATE HORSE SHOW... Onslow County 4-H had a large contingent representing the county 4-H program the week of July 8th at the State 4-H Horse Show held on the fairgrounds of NC State. Having won at the district level these youth earned the opportunity to advance to the state show. We congratulate the following who moved to the next level: Cheyenne Butler, Nicole Fose, Lindi Hoke, Izzy O’Leary, Mallery Patterson, Sarah Romine and Caraline Wright. Here are the highlights from their efforts. Nicole Fose and Hall Effect placed first in Sr. Hunter over fences and second in Sr. Hunt Seat Equitation over fences as well as a good placing in hunter under saddle. Cheyenne Butler, Landri Hoke and Caraline Wright were 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Restricted Hunter over fences; Cheyenne as well placed 4th in Equitation the flat. Mallery Patterson was 7th in the HUGE Senior Equitation on the flat. Sarah Romine was 2nd in Sr. Hunter over fences and placed high in Sr. Equitation to the flat. Landri Hoke was 9th in Junior Bridle Path Hack and Caraline Wright was called back to top 15 in several Senior classes and this was her first time at State. The young women did their own braiding this year. An accomplishment in horse care that is as pleasing as pleasing as their riding skills!

NC 4-H HALL OF FAME... As part of the Centennial Celebration the North Carolina 4-H Alumni and Friends Association created the Hall of Fame as a way to specifically recognize those individuals who have played critical roles in the development of the contemporary 4-H program in our state. The inaugural class includes 100 members. These members were inducted on Tuesday the week of the 2009 NC 4-H Congress. Representing Onslow County as an inductee is Mrs. Gwindy Stewart an Onslow County 4-Her of the 1960’s, former 4-H Club volunteer in the Swansboro area and past NC State 4-H Volunteer Association President. Mrs. Stewart named as one of these initial inductees for she represents everything that 4-H stands for in the past, present and future. Congratulations Mrs. Gwindy Stewart on this outstanding honor for you are very deserving.

ONSLOW PARTICIPATES IN 4-H CONGRESS... Seven Onslow 4-H members participated in various activities during 4-H Congress week on the campus of NC State University. On Monday evening, Stephanie Humphrey represented Onslow in the State 4-H Fashion Revue. Tuesday saw several 4-H’ers honing their skills in presentations, public speaking and outdoor grilling.

Stephanie Humphrey placed 10th overall in the State 4-H Fashion Revue. She also took top honors in the record book portion of the fashion show winning a $100 savings bond. During the presentation day of 4-H Congress, Sydney Grice won a gold medal in the Community Service Volunteer Category, Jonathan Cuellar won a gold medal along with a $75 award in the Public Speaking category and Jordan Prejean won a gold medal along with a $50 award in the Peanut Foods category.

The highlight of Tuesday was the 100th Anniversary Celebration for NC 4-H and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The rest of the week included community service activities, leadership workshops and the election of the NC State 4-H Officers.

SUMMER PROGRAMS ARE A BLAST... A three week day camp, a week of camp at Betsy Jeff Penn and many more fun life skill learning activities have made the summer of 2009 a blast for youth in Onslow County. Over 250 youth found their way to the 4-H office in May and June to sign up for various activities and as this newsletter is being typed are having a great time. If you missed out in 2009, hopefully you will be on board next May for the registration of a great time through the 4-H summer program.
ONSLOW COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

The Onslow County Beekeepers Association was organized January 14, 2003 to promote beekeeping and increase the skill level of area beekeepers through cooperation and education. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday at 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Onslow County Multipurpose Complex. Meetings are open to area beekeepers and persons interested in learning about beekeeping. A short course which teaches basic entry level beekeeping skills is conducted at the Multipurpose Complex in November each year for a nominal fee. Contact the Cooperative Extension office at 455-5873 to enroll for the course. The Onslow County Beekeepers Association maintains an active membership of 40-45 members who are actively involved in promoting beekeeping through area schools, the county fair, festivals and public events. Individuals needing assistance with honeybee swarms or advice on how to deal with honeybees in structures can contact Jeff Morton with the Cooperative Extension office at (910) 455-5873.