This past summer turned out to be very active for many of the youth living in Onslow County as they participated in the 4-H Program. This always makes for an exciting time with a few of these youth seeking more information on how to join 4-H Clubs throughout the county. Be on the lookout for calls asking you about when and where your club meets during the month. In addition, for your existing club members to get the most out of their 4-H experience encourage them to follow through on their obligations, not only at the club level, but with projects that may take them beyond the club level. This always leads to positive experiences. PARTICIPATION is the key to their success. Be sure to check out this month’s newsletter in order for you and your youth to be clearly informed on what is going on in the world of 4-H.

RECHARTING FOR A NEW 4-H YEAR ... As we prepare for the new 4-H year, you should be looking for an updated roster form, charter request form which includes a calendar of events for the next six months, and a copy of the enrollment forms. It is not necessary to return the enrollment cards to us as long as all the requested information is completed on the club rosters. The club roster and request for charter forms must be completed and returned to our office by OCTOBER 1st. Contact Wanda Mills for this information on your club.

ONSLOW COUNTY FAIR ... The Onslow County Fair will be held October 5th - 10th at the local fairgrounds. 4-H groups are encouraged to participate by putting in exhibits and erecting fair booths. If your 4-H group would like to enter an educational booth, please contact the extension office at 455-5873. Space is limited so sign up early. Also, individuals should enter personal items October 5th with the chance of earning premiums and ribbons. IF anyone needs a fair catalog, you can pick one up at our office. Tuesday, October 6th, youth will be performing in the 4-H Talent Show beginning at 7:00 pm. If interested in performing, please call the 4-H office at 455-5873.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING... Mark your calendars NOW for the date of September 8th. This will be our first meeting of the fall and it will allow everyone to catch up with what is going on in future 4-H activities. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, so we hope to see you there. The location will be the Onslow County Multipurpose Complex in Jacksonville.
4-H RECORD BOOKS DUE ... October 16\textsuperscript{th} is the deadline for ALL 4-H Record Books. You have the time to complete the necessary forms and write the story for each project. Leaders if your members are in need of forms to the different projects, do not hesitate to call us at 455-5873. Remember, the club that has the most number of project books wins a $20 cash award for their club treasury.

Get busy today to help your club win!! Also, remember 4-H medals are given to county winners and a 4-H year pin is awarded to all 4-H’ers that complete a project by filling out their record form. We want YOU to complete YOUR projects this year because this is a very special phase of YOUR LEARNING THROUGH OUR 4-H PROGRAM!!! NOTE: Livestock records should be turned in immediately after the State Fair. Do not delay.

MOST REPRESENTATIVE FORMS... These forms are also due October 16\textsuperscript{th}. Just think back a few minutes about all of the meetings, programs, project work and leadership you have given to 4-H this past year. It was fun and a lot of hard work, but also rewarding. Well, don’t just sit there, call the 4-H office or contact your club leader and begin filling out a MOST REPRESENTATIVE FORM. Awards are given to the boy and girl in the Junior and Senior age groups who for the 2008-09 year has shown to be the most outstanding. So instead of clapping for someone else again this year, get YOUR form in today.

BUY A WREATH FOR CHRISTMAS... You are reading this correctly and all the money will go to help support Onslow 4-H Leaders, Mater Gardeners and Extension and Community Association member projects. Attached to this newsletter is all the information a buyer needs to know. It is the hopes of all these groups that each of you will buy a wreath and lead others to do the same. Call our office if there are any questions. Orders will be accepted along with receipt of the money. Thanks in advance for your support. Remember the sales will only run from September 1\textsuperscript{st} - October 16\textsuperscript{th}, 2009

FELLOW 4-H COMMUNITY
By the time you receive this newsletter I will have retired. Therefore, decisions made from here on will be made by Mrs. Wanda Mills, 4-H Program Associate. Mrs. Mills, until my position of 4-H Agent, has been filled will be making 4-H plans and activities available to each of you. Contact her for all upcoming events and details.

CHARACTER EDUCATION CORNER...RESPECT...
Respect oneself, others, and their property. By doing so, life will be much easier and you will be wiser for it!!

CLUB NEWS NEEDED.. Any club is invited to send in club news to be printed in the monthly 4-H newsletter. Let others know what YOUR 4-H club is doing. If you have club news, please always turn it in by the 15\textsuperscript{th} of the month. We will do our best to get it in the upcoming issue.
The Onslow County Fair is Coming to Town

The Onslow County Fair will be here October 5th, 2009, through Saturday October 10th, 2009. Crafts, sewing items, baked goods, home canned goods are all needed to be judged. Young and old can enter. Entries to be judged can be entered on October 5th from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. Some flowers entries may be entered the next morning.

Fair books are available at all branches of the county’s public library or at the Onslow County Extension Office. All entries into the fair for judging have to have been completed within the last year and all participants with items to be entered have to be a resident of Onslow County. A complete listing of all the rules can be found in the fair book. There’s a category for everyone from agricultural exhibits to arts and crafts, to canning and baked goods.

Please join in the fun by entering an item or items into the fair. The money awards are not large but the ribbons are special.

Tuesday, October 6th, a talent show will be held with youth from all parts of the county. Talent goes on parade at 7:00 pm. We need everyone to get involved with the fair to show those that attend all the talent we have in our county.

The price to get in the fair this year will be $5.00. Children under the age of three get in free as well as seniors age 65 and older get in free. Ride tickets will be sold separately on the midway. The fair opens on October 5th, at 6:00 pm. Tuesday, October 6th, through Friday October 9th, at 4:00 pm and Saturday, October 10th, at 12 noon. If you have any questions regarding the entries to the fair or a fair booth, please call us at 455-5873.