Medicine Bottles and Stamps
I received a letter of thanks from Samaritan’s Purse for the medicine bottles and stamps. Keep saving those bottles! I will mail them after each area meeting so the postage bill won’t be so high at one time.

KINSTON INDIANS
How would you like to go to a Kinston Indian baseball game? Several of us went last year and had a great time. They have several home games scheduled for June. Most of the games are at 7:00 p.m. with the exception of a couple of Sunday games which are at 2:00 p.m. and one at 5:00 p.m. The home dates are as follows: June 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 22, 29 and 30. Please let me know by June 5th if you are interested in going and which dates you are available. I’ll select the date based on the responses and will notify those interested. Admission is not expensive, and if you like baseball you will have lots of fun! It also gives us the opportunity to be together.

Leader Training
Leader training is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Learning Center. The topic will be “Understanding the New North Carolinians”. All clubs need to make sure someone will be in attendance. Please remember to save the materials from your training. You will need them if you are chosen as the Lesson Leader for your club in January ’09.

Tarheel Homemaker Deadline
I hope each of you sent information into the Tarheel Homemaker for publication. I received an email from Robin Roper saying that the amount of material being sent in has really gone down and they have not had enough for a newsletter. Please send your news in. The next deadline is August 24th.

Lake Waccamaw
It is time for our trip to Lake Waccamaw. We are currently scheduled to go on Thursday, June 26, 2008. I have included a copy of requested items for the girl’s cottages. Please call me by June 20th if you can go with us. We will visit the cottages, have lunch at Dail’s and then visit the Country Store before returning home. Please remember when you are looking at your calendar how much a visit from you would mean to these girls. They need to know we support them and there are times when a resident is there from Onslow County. I sincerely hope you make an effort to go no matter how many times you have been in the past.
Recipe Corner

Grape Salad
3 pounds red seedless grapes
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. sour cream
3 Tbsp brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup parched pecans, coarsely chopped
¾ cup brown sugar

Wash and dry grapes. Stir together cream cheese, sour cream, 3 Tbsp brown sugar and vanilla. Fold in grapes. Place half this mixture in bowl. In separate bowl mix together pecans and brown sugar for topping. Sprinkle half over grape mixture. Repeat layers. Store covered in refrigerator 24 hours before serving.

Chicken Broccoli Braid
2 cups cooked chicken, chopped (about 3 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves)
1 cup broccoli, chopped
½ cup red bell pepper, chopped
1 clove garlic, pressed
4 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (1 cup)
½ cup mayonnaise
2 tsp all-purpose dill mix
¼ tsp salt
2 pkgs. (8 oz. each) refrigerated crescent rolls
1 egg white, lightly beaten
2 Tbsp slivered almonds

On long side of pan, cut dough into 1 ½ inches apart, 3 inches deep leaving approximately 6 inches in the center of dough for filling. Spread filling evenly over middle of dough. To braid: lift strips of dough across mixture to meet in the center, twisting each strip one turn. Continue alternating strips to form braid. Tuck ends under to seal at ends. Brush egg white over dough. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake 25 – 30 minutes until golden brown.

CHILDREN NEED A DADDY
Children need a Daddy
For many, many things;
Like holding them high off the ground
Where the sunlight sings!

Like being the deep music
That tells them all is right
When they awaken frantic with
The terrors of the night.

Like being the great mountain
That rises in their hearts,
And shows them how they might get home
When all else falls apart.

Like giving them the love
That is their sea and air,
So diving deep or soaring high
They’ll always find him there.

By Nichols Gordon

Have a safe summer!

Peggie L. Garner
County Extension Director

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