October 2008

Medicine Bottles and Stamps
I took five boxes of medicine bottles and stamps to the post office on September 9th and mailed them to Samaritan Purse. The cost of the postage was $56.28. Thanks for collecting and just think of how wonderful someone may be feeling because you donated the bottles that their medicine came in. Keep up the great work. To me this is your money well spent – helping others.

Christmas Wreaths
Orders for our Christmas wreaths are starting to come in. Please remember to help YOUR organization sell as many as possible. The more we sell the more money each of our volunteer groups will receive. The last day to pre-order wreaths is October 17th. We will not have any extras so order your wreath today.

Harvest Day
Our Harvest Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th. We will begin with refreshments at 8:30 a.m. and start the activities at 9:00. We have several things scheduled including a nice lunch! Please call Cathy or me by October 17th so we can have everything that we need to have for YOU! The Fall Festival at the Farmers’ Market is also scheduled for that day so it is going to be a really full and great day!

Camellia Show and Sale
There will be a camellia “Show and Sale” in the multipurpose room during the time you are at Harvest Day. This event is sponsored by the Onslow County Master Gardeners. We will allow time during lunch for you to look at the camellias and make desired purchases. You will see camellia varieties that you will never see at the local home and garden stores. They are absolutely beautiful.

ECA State Meeting
The ECA State meeting is October 29 through October 31. If you have any ideas, comment and/or complaints to be shared on behalf of the county please call your County Council President, Ida McNamara so she can share them at the district or state business meeting.

Dues
We have just received notice that your dues are going to be the same as last year; club dues are $6.00, and member dues are $10.00. Please make sure your club treasurer receives your dues in time to forward to your County Council treasurer by November 1st.

Leader Training
There will be no leader training in October since November is an area meeting.
Southeast District Fall AgriCultural Tourism Tour

The fall AgriTourism tour has been scheduled for Monday, October 27th in Carteret County. Those of you that have participated in the past should be getting your registration information very soon. If you do not get a registration form and would like to attend please let me know. The cost of the tour should be about $20.00. This does include your snacks and lunch! ALSO, if you plan to attend and want to ride with me - please call and let me know. I will reserve the office vehicles would love for you to join us. It should be a nice day out. Please call if you have any questions.

Elder Cheer

Please remember the items needed for the Elder Cheer baskets. You can drop the items off at the office any time.

Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen needs your help. They are in desperate need for food items, especially items like peanut butter and jelly. If you would like to know exactly what is needed please give them a call.

Recipe Corner

Pumpkin Bars

1 2/3 cp sugar ½ tsp salt
1 cp oil 2 cp flour
4 eggs 2 tsp baking powder
2 tsp cinnamon 1 tsp baking soda
2 cp canned pumpkin

Frosting:

3 oz cream cheese ½ stick margarine
1 T milk ½ tsp vanilla extract
2 cp confectioner’s sugar

Combine first 9 ingredients and pour into 11x17” ungreased pan. Bake at 350 degrees for approx. 30 minutes. For frosting, mix cream cheese, margarine, milk, vanilla and confectioners’ sugar. Spread evenly on bars. Yield 4-6 dozen. Note: may adjust baking time by approx 10-15 minutes. if a 9x12” pan is used.

Onslow Community Ministries will host Oktoberfest on October 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. NOTE: we will finish Harvest Day in time for you to attend if you wish.
FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS
SITTING ON A GATE

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate,
   The first one said,
"Oh my, it's getting late."
   The second one said,
"But we don't care."
   The third one said,
"I see witches in the air."
   The fourth one said,
"Let's run, and run, and run."
   The fifth one said,
"Get ready for some fun."
Then whoosh went the wind,
and out went the lights,
And five little pumpkins rolled out of
   sight!

SPOOKS
by Sandra Liatsos

There's a goblin at my window,
   A monster by my door.
The pumpkin at my table
   Keeps on smiling more and more.
There's a ghost who haunts my bedroom,
   A witch whose face is green.
   They used to be my family,
   Till they dressed for Halloween!

Boo!

Peggie L. Garner
County Extension Director

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