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SETTING GOALS IS IMPORTANT

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This is my last column for North Carolina Cooperative Extension since I will be officially retiring at the end of this month. It doesn't seem that long ago when I was in junior high school trying to decide what I wanted to do after graduation. I began looking at different options: teacher, nurse, secretary, or something working with young people. I set all of these as possible goals for myself and that’s why I encourage all youth to set goals for themselves and try to reach them.

After much consideration and years behind me, I knew I couldn’t be a nurse. I began to focus on my other options of becoming a secretary or a job working with young people, so I began to prepare myself for my goals. I worked as a secretary for 19 years, enjoying it but still keeping my goals in mind. In 1995, my big break came. I began my employment as the 4-H program assistant for Robeson County Cooperative Extension in 1995, working with young people ages 5 - 19.

Now, 17 years later I am retiring having fulfilled a wonderful goal. There are so many people would like to thank Dave Welch, Everett Davis, and the county commissioners for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to work for Extension in Robeson County. I have learned a lot during my years of employment and will carry it with me the rest of my life. I want to thank the 4-H agent I have worked with, 4-H volunteers, and 4-H members for working together to build a strong 4-H program. With your help we can continue to shape our youth to move this county, state, and world forward in ways that no other youth organization can.

Just because I am leaving Extension, I am by no means leaving 4-H. My blood is “Green” and I’m looking forward to continuing my work with young people as a 4-H Volunteer. After a brief break I will be back in force.

As for my Extension family, I will miss seeing you everyday, and will visit and remind you where we were and how far we have come. Keep up the incredible work you do, helping the folks of Robeson County.
My last day will be Monday, April 30. Yes, I am looking forward to some good REST.

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