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New Cumberland Extension Director Named

FAYETTEVILLE – Lisa Childers, director of North Carolina Cooperative Extension programs in Harnett County, has been named to direct the Cooperative Extension program in Cumberland County.

Childers' appointment as Cumberland's Extension director was announced by Dr. Joe Zublena, acting director of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service at North Carolina State University, and James Martin, Cumberland County manager. Her appointment was approved this morning by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. Her first day will be May 10. She succeeds George Autry, who retired Oct. 1 after serving as Cumberland Extension director for 24 years.

Childers became Harnett County Extension director in September 2008. Before that, she was a family and consumer sciences agent, joining Extension in Harnett County in 1999. She holds a master's degree in extension education from North Carolina State University.

"Lisa will be a great asset to the Cumberland County extension team," said Clinton McRae, director for extension's south central district, which includes Cumberland County. "Lisa is a native of Cumberland County, and she is familiar with the needs of the county. I am excited about the energy and enthusiasm Lisa will bring to the Cumberland County extension team."

McRae added, "I have worked closely with Lisa for several years, and I have found her to be a visionary leader with a strong work ethic. Lisa's greatest asset is her love for helping other people to succeed. The Cooperative Extension staff and Cumberland County citizens will be pleased with Lisa's leadership."

North Carolina Cooperative Extension is an educational agency supported by county governments, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, N.C. State University and North Carolina A&T State University. A staff of agents serves each county and the Eastern Band of the

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Cherokee Indians. Backed by specialists at the two land-grant universities, agents conduct educational programs related to agriculture and forestry, family and consumer sciences, 4-H, community and rural development, and other issues of concern to North Carolina citizens. The Extension service is headquartered in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at N.C. State University.

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