



# 4-H FORECAST



## STATE PRESENTATIONS



On July 22nd, Gaston County 4-H participated in the annual State Presentations that were held in Raleigh on the NC State University Campus. Our State Presentation 4-H participants included Rebekka Cooper-Dana, Jessika Florey, Zoey Lovelace, Hannah Vagnozzi, and Faith Waelz. Congratulations Hannah and Zoey for placing 1st, Rebekka for placing 2nd, and Faith for placing 4th. We are so proud of all our 4-H'ers!

Gaston County 4-H would like to congratulate Faith Waelz for being inducted into the 4-H Honor Club! Faith was inducted while attending 4-H Congress which was July 22-25. Faith has an outstanding record of achievement and service involvement. We all congratulate Faith for all her hard work and this tremendous accomplishment!



## HONOR CLUB

## DAVID'S RETIREMENT



David Fogarty, the Gaston County Extension Director, retired after 30 years with the Cooperative Extension at the end of June. Lara Worden stepped up to be the Interim CED starting July 1. Lara can be reached at Lara.Worden@gastongov.com or 704-922-2118.



# MILLSTONE 4-H CAMP

➤➤➤ Gaston County had 6 youth attend Millstone 4-H Camp from July 9-14. During this week of camp, youth participated in rope courses, riflery, dancing, field games, swimming, crafts, educational nature programs, boating, and much more! Everyone made new friends, learned new songs, and made memories that will last a lifetime.

If you are interested in participating in a 4-H Camp in 2024, contact Christie German at [clgerman@ncsu.edu](mailto:clgerman@ncsu.edu) or 704-922-2126. Scholarships are available for qualifying youth to attend.



## MEETING IN A ROOM AT THE CRC? ARE YOU ON THE CALENDAR?

➤➤➤ The Citizen's Resource Center is shared by many organizations such as the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Department, Gaston County Natural Resources, NC Cooperative Extension, and the Senior Center. All conference / activity rooms are shared spaces that are used, not only by the CRC organizations, but are also available for rent for public use. **Any and all** planned meetings or activities (including 4-H) that take place at the CRC must be scheduled through Cyndy Gustashaw and put on the CRC calendar. Please contact Cyndy at [Cynthia.Gustashaw@gastongov.com](mailto:Cynthia.Gustashaw@gastongov.com) or 704-922-2111 to reserve your space.

The Gastonia Parks and Rec Dept. oversees the horse arena/stables, Heritage Village, and park. To reserve those spaces contact Emily May at 704-922-2160 or [Emily.May@gastongov.com](mailto:Emily.May@gastongov.com).



## CLUB MEETINGS

### ➤➤➤ GASTON COUNTY BLAZING SADDLES 4-H CLUB

Leader: BJ Waelz

Meets on the First & Third Thursday of the Month at 7 pm

### ➤➤➤ GASTON COUNTY HERD HANDLERS 4-H CLUB

Leaders: Elizabeth Stephens & Chris Cookingham

Meets on the Second Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm



# REAL MONEY, REAL WORLD

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➤➤➤ Real Money, Real World is a financial literacy program for youth ages 12-16 that was developed at Ohio State University. It has been adopted by the North Carolina 4-H program. This program consists of 4 classroom lessons and a unique interactive spending simulation that provides an opportunity to make lifestyle and budget choices similar to those made by 27 year old adults.

Gaston County has acquired all required materials for this program and it is now available as a school enrichment program to any interested school. Contact Christie German at [clgerman@ncsu.edu](mailto:clgerman@ncsu.edu) or 704-922-2126 for more information.

## IMPORTANT DATES

August 3-4: Christie on Vacation

August 4- Oct 6: Mini Society with Catawba Co.

August 16: First Day of School for GCS

August 25-26: Youth Voice

September 9: Fall Volunteer Training

October 1-7: National 4-H Week

October 12-22: NC State Fair

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

➤➤➤ Gaston County 4-H is always looking for volunteers that can help grow true leaders in our community. We have opportunities for both short-term and long-term volunteers. Contact Christie German to express interest and learn more about the Gaston County 4-H.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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