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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 2014

July 1 thru August 10 – “Gemstone Mining” – Schiele Museum, Tuesday – Saturday, 11:30AM-1:30PM
Come and visit gemstone mine to find mineral treasures like garnets, topaz, rubies, emeralds, and rose quartz. Participants keep everything that is found! The cost is \$4 with Museum admission. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

July 1 thru August 10 – “The Woodland Indians” – Schiele Museum, Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00AM & 2:30PM / Visit the Catawba Village to discover how local American Indians used plants, animals, and even the earth itself to provide for tools, clothing, food and shelter. Free for Schiele members and free with paid admission. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

July 1 thru August 28 – “National Geographic’s 50 Greatest Photographs” – Schiele Museum, 9:00AM-5:00PM ~ Monday – Saturday and 1:00PM-5:00PM on Sunday / This exhibit will transport visitors behind the lens of some of National Geographic’s most engaging images. From Steve McCurry’s unforgettable Afghan Girl, to Nick Nichols iconic photograph of Jane Goodall and chimpanzee, to Thomas Abercrombie’s never-before-seen view of Mecca. This exhibition features 50 of the magazine’s most-remembered and celebrated photographs from its more than 120-year history. Discover the stories behind these iconic images, and the photographers that captured them. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

July 1 thru September 28 – “ZimSculpt” – Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, 9:00AM-5:00PM
From the savannahs of Zimbabwe to its tropical mountains comes ZimSculpt, a collection of spectacular sculptures by some of the world most-renowned artists practicing Shona sculpture. Passed down from generation to generation, ZimSculpt features contemporary art produced by hand and typically without sketches or plans. They are produced from the iron-rich stone in the geologic family Serpentine, a hard stone that produces hundreds of colors. The subjects come from the creativity of the artist and often reflect daily life and culture of southern Africa. For more details call 704-825-4490 or visit www.DSBG.org.

July 2 – “PBR Beer Run” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Partake in this fun promotion of running a short race and drinking beer, before the game! For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 2 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
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July 3 – “Fireworks Night!” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Come and bring the family and friends for the 4th of July Celebration with the Grizzlies! Wear your Red, White & Blue, and your Grizzlies gear of course! For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 3 – “4th of July Celebration with Music & Fireworks” – Mini Park on Main Street in Cherryville 6:00PM-10:00PM / the Park is located at 220 East main Street in Cherryville. Come and bring your family and friends to enjoy the 4th of July in downtown Cherryville. There will be food vendors and live music from the Craig Woolard Band. For more details call the Cherryville Chamber of Commerce at 704-435-3451.

July 3 – “Summer Drop-In Day Camp” – Gaston County Museum, 10:30AM-12:00PM ~ Ages 5-12 Drop-In Day Camp is back at the Gaston County Museum and it's free! This seven-week program includes hands-on activities, games, and crafts focused on a new topic every week. This year the Museum is excited to present different occupations citizens of Gaston County worked in the 1800's. Though this program is designed for children between the ages of 5 and 12, Moms, dads, toddlers, and grandparents are invited to come join the fun! This week you will be looking at games and leisure activities popular during the 1800's. Everyone likes to have a good time. Well, that was true in the past too. There will be plenty of fun games for all ages and the program will also include a craft that the children can take home with them. For more details call 704-922-7681.

July 3 – “Fireworks Celebration” – Downtown Mount Holly, Dusk Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and spend your night enjoying a beautiful display of fireworks! Once you find a place to sit you will be able to view the fireworks from almost anywhere.

July 3, 4 – “4th of July Festival ~ Live Music & Fireworks” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, Hours are: Thursday VIP opens at 3:30PM-10:30PM and Friday events start at 2:00PM-10:30PM / Celebrate America's birthday with the USNWC during their annual 4th of July Festival, a two-day celebration. Both days will feature live music, as well as fireworks over the man-made whitewater river. Every seat is a good seat to view the stunning fireworks display, but they recommend guests arrive early to pick a spot. For more details call 704-391-3900 or visit www.usnwc.org.

July 3 thru September 11 – “River Jam Run Race Edition ~ Thursday Nights” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, *2nd Thursday of each month now thru September* / 6:15PM ~ Break out of your typical work and exercise routine by competing in a weekday trail race that will take place once a month, May through September. Each race in the series will offer both a 3-mile and 6-mile distance. Awards will be given to winners of each race as well as to the series wide winners. Participants must race in a minimum of three races to be considered for the series title and prizes. Each race will be limited to 200 participants. For more details call 704-391-3900 or visit www.usnwc.org.

July 4 – “Born in the USA” – Schiele Museum, 11:00AM-2:00PM Come learn about animals native to the United States of America during this family friendly program. Find out how you can help defend our home front from some pesky invaders and create a patriotic red, white, and blue flower masterpiece. For more details call 704-866-6908.

July 4 – “Red White and Southern” – Downtown Gastonia Rotary Pavilion, 11:00AM-9:15PM The Red White and Southern Festival is a celebration of the July 4th holiday and also the many wonderful aspects that make Southern Life so unique and rewarding. We are proud of our history and our future and we aim to celebrate all that makes us Southern. The festival will also literally have something for everyone as the Downtown merchants move to the streets so you can sidewalk shop and join with other street vendors for the many events that are planned. Downtown Gastonia will be *THE* place to be on July 4th! For more details please visit <http://www.gastoniajuly4th.com/Festival-Info.html>.

July 4 – “Party at the Pavilion Downtown Summer Concert Series” – Centennial Rotary Pavilion, located at 111 N. South Street in downtown Gastonia, from 8:00PM-11:00PM. The concert series will consist of three concerts during the months of May, June, and August. A makeup date is tentatively scheduled for September

and of course there will be great music for the *July 4th festival all day long on July 4th with fireworks at dusk!* These are family events with activities for all ages in addition to the great live music. For more details call Karen Turner at 980-522-8895 or visit www.gastoniasummerconcerts.com.

July 4 – “Friday Night Live with Spontanes / Image & Fireworks” – Downtown Belmont, 7:00PM-10:00PM
The band will set up on South Main Street in front of Stowe Park. Bring a chair or a blanket for an evening under the stars. For more details call Vince Hill at 704-829-7711.

July 4, 5, 6 – “Red, White & Belmont” – Stowe Park ~ Downtown Belmont
The hours are Friday, 6PM-10PM with fireworks ~ Saturday, 2PM-10PM ~ and Sunday, 2PM-10PM with fireworks. Note: the fireworks on Friday and Sunday night will begin at 9:30PM. There will be hand-made craft booths, children’s games, carnival rides, food/drink vendors and so much more! For more details call the Belmont Parks & Recreation Dept. at 704-901-2068.

July 5 – “U.S. National Whitewater River Jam” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 7:00PM-10:00PM
Now through September every Thursday and Saturday night. Come out with friends and family to experience an incredible sunset over the Catawba River while enjoying great music, food and drink. The patio at the restaurant, the *River’s Edge Bar & Grill*, is the place to be. Join in for a paddle, bike, run or ride before the show and stay to enjoy the craft beers, good food and music. For more details call 704-391-3900 or visit www.usnwc.org.

July 5 – “Car Show at Sims Legion Park” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 7 – “70’s Night & Aaron’s Lucky Dog Dollar Monday” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Tickets, hot dogs, chips, candy, soda - \$1 each! Whhhatt? For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 8 – “Terrific toddler Tuesday ~ Victorian Games” – Gaston County Museum, 10:00AM-11:00AM
The cost is \$2 per participating child and free for Museum members. In this program children will learn about games played during the 1800’s and see if they still play them today. The day will include fun parlor games inside the Hoffman Hotel and fast moving games outside. Parental supervision is required. Programs vary each month but relate back to art or history and may include a story, art project, craft, song, or tour of a part of the museum. For more details call 704-922-7681.

July 8 – “Team Chinese Taipei” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. The Grizzlies welcome Team Chinese Taipei to Sims Legion Park for the first ever International Game! This is the Grizzlies version of the Summer Olympics! For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 8 – “Free Tuesday sponsored by Duke Energy” – Schiele Museum, 4:00PM-8:00PM
Enjoy a late afternoon at the Museum free of charge! All the museum’s exhibits and Nature Trail will be available for your exploration. At 5PM, meet some of the Schiele’s animal collections and learn what they do to stay cool in the hot summer sun. Don’t miss a special showing of Hubble Vision II at 7PM in the James H. Lynn Planetarium. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

July 9 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
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July 10 – “Summer Drop-In Day Camp” – Gaston County Museum, 10:30AM-12:00PM ~ Ages 5-12
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July 10 – “Team Poster Night” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Be one of the first fans to the gate and receive a complimentary 2014 Team Poster! For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 10 thru September 11 – “River Jam Run Race Edition ~ Thursday Nights” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, *2nd Thursday of each month now through September* / 6:15PM ~ Break out of your typical work and exercise routine by competing in a weekday trail race that will take place once a month, May through September. Each race in the series will offer both a 3-mile and 6-mile distance. Awards will be given to winners of each race as well as to the series wide winners. Participants must race in a minimum of three races to be considered for the series title and prizes. Each race will be limited to 200 participants. For more details call 704-391-3900 or visit www.usnwc.org.

July 11 – “Senior Watermelon Jubilee” – Dallas Park ~ Gaston County Senior Center, 11:00AM
The center is located at 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas. Come and enjoy free hot dogs and watermelon games. For more details please call the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Dept. at 704-922-2160 or visit www.gastongov.com.

July 11 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
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July 11 – “Blues Out Back Concert Series with John Dee Holeman & Tad Walters” – Gaston County Museum, 6:30PM-8:00PM / Blues out Back is held the second Friday of the month now until September and it's free! The museum encourages folks to bring along blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic for an evening of great music with friends and family. For more details call 704-922-7681.

July 11 thru August 8 – “Arts in the Alley” – South Main Street Mount Holly, 5:30PM-9:00PM
Come and join in the fun in downtown Mount Holly for *Arts in the Alley*, an event featuring art, music, wine and food. This event features a handcrafted artisan market with approximately 30 vendors. *Arts in the Alley* takes place on the second Friday of the month in July and August. It will be held between the Summey Building and the old City Hall. (127 S. Main Street) For more details call 704-827-3931.

July 11 thru September 26 – “16th Annual Blues Out Back Free Concert Series with Jon Shain” –
This event will be held on the lawn behind the Gaston County Museum from 6:30PM-8:00PM. The concerts will be held the *second Friday of each month now until September*. Jon Shain has developed and refined his own contemporary version of the Piedmont Blues, a bouncy, energetic style that developed in his adopted hometown of Durham, North Carolina and elsewhere around the southeastern USA. He has shared stages with Jackson Browne, John Hiatt, and Keb Mo. Jon is a former International Blues Challenge finalist, a fine guitar picker, and an award-winning Americana songwriter. The museum encourages folks to bring along blankets, lawn chairs, and a picnic for an evening of great music with friends and family. For more details call 704-922-7681 or email the museum at museum@gastongov.com.

July 12 – “Wild Catfish ~ Kids Fishing Tournament” – Dallas Park, 8:00AM-11:00AM ~ Ages 2-15
The park is located at 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas. This event is free. For more details please call the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Dept. at 704-922-2160 or visit www.gastongov.com.

July 12 – “Strike Out Cancer Night” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Join the Grizzlies as they unite to fight this disease and celebrate the survivors! Cancer Survivors get in free and will be honored on the field. For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 13 – “The Catawba Indians: People of the River” – Schiele Museum, 2:00PM
Native American culture comes alive in this special presentation by Keith Little Bear Brown. Keith is a Catawba potter and storyteller dedicated to the preservation and practice of the traditional arts passed down to him from his grandmother and other elders of the tribe. Don't miss this opportunity to learn of the history, the legends and the lore of the *Catawba Indian Nation - the People of the River*. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

July 16 – “Great Gastonia Eating Contest” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 16 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
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July 17 – “Summer Drop-In Day Camp” – Gaston County Museum, 10:30AM-12:00PM ~ Ages 5-12
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July 18 – “Civil War Soldier Camp”- Gaston County Museum, 10:00AM-3:00PM ~ Ages 8-12
A call to arms! Join the staff of the Gaston County Museum for a fun one-day camp exploring the American Civil War. The cost is \$40 per camper. Campers learn about the history of the war, the role women played during the conflict, and what it means to be a soldier through military marching formations and firing demonstrations. The day ends with the campers applying what they learned and participating in a mock battle! Space is limited, so sign up soon! Contact Jason Luker at 704-922-7681 ext.105 to make your reservation.

July 18 – “Friday Night Live with Coming Up Brass” – Downtown Belmont, 7:00PM-10:00PM
The band will set up on South Main Street in front of Stowe Park. Bring a chair or a blanket for an evening under the stars. For more details call Vince Hill at 704-829-7711.

July 18 – “Concert at Town Center Amphitheatre with the Lemonds Family Bluegrass Band” – 7:00PM-9:00PM / The Town Center Amphitheatre is located across from Cramerton's Town Hall, 155 N. Main Street. Bring the family and friends for a fun night and it's free! For more details call the Cramerton Parks and Recreation Dept. at 704-824-4231.

July 18 – “5th Annual Midnight Madness & Fireworks ~ Plus Celebration of Life Night” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Join the Grizzlies for a *5K Run* at 7PM and then stay to relax and enjoy a night of baseball and **FIREWORKS!** Pre-game festivities begin at 6:30PM and first game at 8PM, then *Fireworks*, and second game around 11PM. For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

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July 19 – “Clash of the Bots V” – Schiele Museum, 10:00AM-7:00PM
The robots invade the Schiele Museum! Join the excitement as robots play hockey and clash together in all-out battles of finesse and brute strength. Discover how robots are built and how robotics increasingly plays a beneficial role in society. The cost is \$3 in addition to museum admission. For more details call 704-866-6908 or visit www.schielemuseum.org.

July 19 – “Community Concert & Cruise-In Series” – Bessemer City, 4:00PM-8:00PM
This is a series of (*one night a month*) *Saturday Night Concerts and Classic Cars!* Come spend an evening with food, classic cars and live music with ~ *Too Much Sylvia*. Change of venue in July, one time only...this event will be held at The Family Pizzagalli located at 1219 Gastonia Highway in Bessemer City. The event is free and open to the public. No entry fee for *Cruise-In!* For more details call 704-629-5542 or visit www.bessemercity.com.

July 19 – “U.S. National Whitewater River Jam” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 7:00PM-10:00PM
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July 21 – “Fans Batting Practice Night & Aaron’s Lucky Dog Monday” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Tickets, hot dogs, chips, candy, soda - \$1 each! Whhhatt? For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 23 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
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July 23 – “PBR Beer Run” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. Partake in this fun promotion of running a short race and drinking beer, before the game! For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 24 – “Summer Drop-In Day Camp” – Gaston County Museum, 10:30AM-12:00PM ~ Ages 5-12
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the fun! This week you will be learning about how people got around in the 1800's. It is going to be all about trains, horses, and your own two feet. The program will also include a take-home craft. For more details call 704-922-7681.

July 24 – “U.S. National Whitewater River Jam” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 7:00PM-10:00PM
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July 25 – “Cartooning Camp” – Gaston County Museum, 10:00AM-12:00PM ~ Ages 10-14
Sign up and try your hand at the art of cartooning! The cost is \$25 per camper. Campers spend 2 hours with professional cartoonist Dave McDonald, who guides them through making their own cartoon. Space is very limited so call early to reserve your spot! For more details call 704-922-7681.

July 25 – “Movie Night ~ The Lego Movie” – Dallas Park Horse Arena, 8:00PM
The park is located at 1303 Dallas-Cherryville Hwy., Dallas. Bring your family and friends for a free movie and popcorn under the stars. Don't forget your blankets and chairs. For more details please call the Gaston County Parks and Recreation Dept. at 704-922-2160 or visit www.gastongov.com.

July 25 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
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July 26 – “League of Their Own / Women's Night” – Gastonia Grizzlies ~ Sims Legion Park, 7:30PM / the Park is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. For more details call 704-866-8622 or visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com.

July 26 – “U.S. National Whitewater River Jam” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 7:00PM-10:00PM
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July 30 – “Zipline & Dine” – U.S. National Whitewater Center, 6:00PM
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FOR ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT!

“Gastonia Grizzlies ~ 2011 CPL Champions, the 2012 Organization of the Year and the Gazette’s 2013 Person of the Year” / Home of the Grizzlies, Sims Legion Park, is located at 1001 N. Marietta Street in Gastonia. The Gastonia Grizzlies are a proud member of the *Coastal Plain League*, the nation’s hottest summer collegiate baseball league with 14 teams playing in N.C., S.C. and Virginia. Come and enjoy *The Best Show In Town!* For the 2014 Grizzlies schedule visit www.gastoniagrizzlies.com or call 704-866-8622.

“Belmont Drive-In Theatre” – Closed until further notice...

Box office opens 7:00PM ~ during busy times, will open early depending on the line at the box office. Show time is at dusk every *Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights*. For more details visit www.belmontdrivein.com.

“Bessemer City Kings Mountain Drive-In Theatre” – Opens at 7:00PM the show starts at 8:15PM, Friday, Saturday nights. The cost is \$15.00 per carload. Bring the family and the neighbors for a fun time! For more details call 704-739-2150.

“Lineberger Park Train” – Gastonia Parks and Recreation, Lineberger Park is located at 632 E. Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Spring hours are as follows: March – April – May, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. Summer hours are as follows: June – July – August, Thursday & Friday 10AM–1PM and 2PM–6PM, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. Fall hours for the train are as follows: September – October – November, Saturday 12PM-6PM and Sunday 1:30PM-6PM. The cost is \$1 per person per ride. For private parties, day cares and schools call 704-869-1018. The park reserves the right to cancel operations due to inclement weather. The winter, December – January – February the train is closed and will reopen in March.

“Green Way Cycle Rentals” – Avon/Catawba Creek Green Way near Lineberger Park, Gastonia
Weds/Thurs/Fri 2:00PM till dusk ~ \$5 per hour ~ Sat/Sunday 10:00AM till dusk / All rentals are for set riding location only; no off path rentals available at this time. Helmets are required for all riders under 16 years old per NC State Law; helmets will be available at location. Renters must provide valid driver’s license or ID. For more details call 704-836-7742 or visit www.greenwaycyclerentals.com. (*Call before you go due to the season and weather conditions*)

“U.S. National Whitewater Center” – *PLAY, RELAX, LEARN!* This official U.S. Olympic training facility is the training ground for future Olympians offering kayaking, rafting, canoeing, rock climbing, mountain-biking and running trails – just minutes from hotels, restaurants, and shopping! Parking is \$5.00 for a day pass and just \$40.00 for an *annual* parking pass. You can pay as you go or purchase one of the many ‘All Sport Passes’. *For more details/reservations and to see what activities are available this time of year, call 704-391-3900 or visit www.usnwc.org.*

“Carolina Speedway: Dirt Track Racing Friday Nights!” (*Every other Friday night during winter season*) Carolina Speedway is attracting crowds every Friday night to its improved dirt race track in southern Gaston County. The 4/10 mile track has excited fans and drivers in Gaston County for 44 years. The gates open at 5:00 PM with hot laps at 7:00 PM. Racing starts at 8:00 PM. For details call 704-869-0313 or visit www.driveondirt.com. Be sure to check out *Dirt Track Racing School* located at the Carolina Speedway.

“The Floating Goat” – *SPORTS & RECREATION!* The hours are 10:00AM-7:00PM. Kayak rentals...located at 137 8th Ave. in Cramerton. Call 704-734-8599 or 704-914-5552 for rentals and reservations or email Greg at gregthefloatinggoat@gmail.com. (*Call before you go due to the season and weather conditions*)

“Historic Cherryville Railroad Depot” – This 1922 Depot is located at 105 Depot Street in Cherryville. You can watch the model trains run or bring yours to run on the “Big Layout”. Join us on Thursday evenings (7PM-9PM) or Saturday mornings (10AM-12PM) and at other times by appointment. For details call Bob Fanter at 704-482-8723.

“Lake Wylie Kayak Rentals / Tailrace Marina” – The marina is located at 1000 Marina Village Drive in Mount Holly. Rentals are pontoon boats, kayaks & canoes. All groups are welcome and reservations are needed. Picnic areas are available for you and your family to enjoy. For details or reservations call 704-827-0000 or visit www.LakeWylieKayakRentals.com. Note: call before you go due to the season and weather conditions.

“The Cherryville Historical Museum” – The museum is located in downtown Cherryville in the Old City Hall built in 1911 to house the fire station, jail, police department, court room and the office of the city clerk. The building contains three levels of exhibit space where exhibits include a replica of the Old Academy, a 1950’s Beauty Shop, Little Church on Main Street, Optometrist Office, and other medical exhibits. Special attractions are the 1921 LaFrance fire engine, the New Year Shooters display, original Bull Durham painting, and the Genealogy & History Library. The hours of operation are Saturday from 10:00AM-2:00PM, other times by appointment and the admission is free! For more details call 704-435-8011 or email chvhistorical@att.net.

“Millican Pictorial History Museum” – Located in ‘*The Abram Stowe House*’ built in 1868, it’s the oldest house in Belmont. The home is located at 35 Catawba Street in Belmont. Come and enjoy thousands of rare photos of cotton mills, workers and their way of life. On display are photographs of towns, churches, schools, trolleys, trucks, service stations, drive-in theaters, just to mention a few. You may also purchase these photo’s which will help the museum. The hours are Monday-Friday from 1:00PM-5:00PM and Saturday from 10:00AM-5:00PM, admission is free and donations are appreciated. For more details please call Allen Millican at 704-825-5391 or you may email Allen at milkcan@bellsouth.net.

“Restored ~ 1930’s Textile Mill House and R.L. Stowe’s Home” – ‘The Belmont Historical Society’, located in the *R.L. Stowe historical home* at 40 Catawba Street in Belmont. In the Stowe home you will find rooms displaying furnishings and artifacts from by-gone-eras of our history. There are various permanent exhibits, and “theme” exhibits which are changed regularly. The 1930’s textile mill house is where you can explore life displayed in a mill worker’s home. There are souvenirs for sale to help continue restoring the *1950’s Stowe Park Train* as well as an *1890’s Self-standing Kitchen*. The hours are Friday - Sunday from 1:00PM-5:00PM. Admission is free, donations are appreciated. For more details call 704-825-4848 or www.belmontnc-hs.org.

“Mount Holly Historical Society” – Open every Saturday 10:00AM-1:00PM
The Mount Holly Historic Exhibits are on display during these hours. Consider becoming a member and help preserve Mount Holly’s historic character! For more details email www.mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com or visit on facebook at www.facebook.com/mhhsnc.

“Permanent Exhibit Update – Period Hotel Rooms” – Gaston County Museum, the Gaston County Museum’s newly renovated period hotel rooms is open to the public. These rooms will explore the history of the Hoffman Hotel starting from its beginnings through the 1920s. Patrons will learn about several types of guests including: a Confederate Officer, a lawyer, a doctor and his family. Visitors will see what it would have been like to stay at the hotel as well as traveling through Gaston County. The exhibit will feature interactive displays and a new hands-on children’s area. The museum is housed in an 1852 brick Greek Revival style hotel that has been adapted for visitors and travelers of today. The museum contains North Carolina’s largest public collection of horse-drawn vehicles consisting of sleighs, drays, wagons, and buggies and is the home of the *Ties that Bind: Carolinas Textile Exhibit*. Museum hours: Tuesday – Friday 10:00AM – 5:00PM, and Saturday 10:00AM – 3:00PM For more details contact Jeff Pruett at 704-922-7681 x105 or jeff.pruett@co.gaston.nc.us Museum’s website – www.gastoncountymuseum.org.

“The Schiele Museum Nature Trail & the Play’Scape Children’s Area” – Monday –Saturday 9:00AM-5:00PM; and Sunday 1:00PM-5:00PM / Visitors to the trail will see an 18th century backcountry farm, a grist mill, a stone age heritage site, a pond, and, if lucky, some wildlife. Pack some food and enjoy their picnic shelter. For more details call 704-866-6908.

“Belmont Abbey College – Performing Arts” – For the 2013-2014 schedule or tickets call 704-461-6787 or you may visit www.belmontabbeycollege.edu/academic/performingarts/abbey-players-theater-schedule.aspx. Information is also available for the **“2013-2014 ~ Arts at the Abbey Concerts”** at www.bac.edu or call 704-461-6813.

“The Little Theater of Gastonia” – For the 2013-2014 schedule or tickets call 704-865-0160 or you may visit www.littletheaterofgastonia@gmail.com. To order your tickets online, visit www.Carolinatix.org or call Carolinatix at 704-372-1000.

James H. Lynn PLANETARIUM At The Schiele Museum

Tickets to the Planetarium are \$3 for all visitors, plus Museum admission (except *FREE* days).
Program schedule is subject to change. On the day of your visit, confirm your schedule by calling 704-866-6908.

“Voice of the Night: American Indian Star Legends” – Tuesday – Friday 11:00AM & 3:30PM; Saturday 11:00AM & 2:30PM, and Sundays 2:30PM / the night sky comes alive with the traditional stories and legends told by American Indians for centuries. Travel back through time and space to discover how common story threads represented by the heavens weave their way across time and cultures in this original production of the James H. Lynn Planetarium.

“Hubble Vision II” – Tuesday – Sunday 1:30PM

Take a fascinating tour of the cosmos from Earth orbit! Since its launch in 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope has provided incredible images in unprecedented detail to astronomers, and made an astonishing array of discoveries – from nearby objects in the solar system to the most distant galaxies at the limits of the observable universe. This program features the best and most exciting Hubble images and reveals the cosmic secrets of planets, stars and galaxies.

“Nightwatch” – Saturday & Sunday, 3:30PM

There is more in the night sky than you can see with your naked eye. Learn how to explore the universe with binoculars and small telescopes without leaving your own backyard.

WEEKLY TODDLER TIME – GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Simple 20-minute program for children ages 1 – 2 years with parent/caregiver.

Program includes picture book-sharing, finger plays, songs and activities, and introduces toddlers to books

Belmont Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:00AM – 704-825-5426

Lowell Branch Library: Fridays at 11:00AM – 704-824-1266

Main Library / Gastonia: Thursdays at 10:30AM & 1:30AM – 704-868-2164, Dial 3

Mount Holly Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30AM – 704-827-3581

Stanley Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-263-4166

Union Road Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:00AM – 704-852-4073

*For more details about **Weekly Toddler Time and Weekly Story Time** events, please contact your local Gaston-Lincoln Regional Library location or call 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.*

WEEKLY STORY TIME – GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Storytelling, book-sharing, songs and participatory activities for children age 3 through 6 years old.

Belmont Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:00AM – 704-825-5426

Bessemer City Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-629-3321

Cherryville Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30PM – 704-435-6767

Dallas Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:00AM – 704-922-3621

Ferguson Branch Library / Erwin Center: 704-868-8046 for Program Details

Lowell Branch Library: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-824-1266

Main Library / Gastonia: Wednesdays at 11:30AM & 1:30PM – 704-868-2164, Dial 3

Mount Holly Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:30AM – 704-827-3581

Stanley Branch Library: Fridays at 10:30AM – 704-263-4166
Union Road Branch Library: Wednesdays at 11:00AM – 704-852-4073
Charles R. Jones Library / Lincolnton: Wednesdays at 10:30AM – 704-735-8044
Florence Soule Shanklin Branch Library: Tuesdays at 10:30AM – 704-483-3589
West Lincoln Branch Library: Thursdays at 10:30AM – 704-276-9946

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS - MONTHLY LIBRARY EXHIBITS

July 1 thru 31 (*unless otherwise posted*) – Gaston County Public Library, 1555 East Garrison Blvd...All library exhibits are free and are open to the public during regular library hours. *Unless otherwise posted*, events are held at the Main Branch Public Library. For more information call 704-868-2164 / Dial 4.

- **Inventors** – Informational exhibit about Gaston County inventors presented by Gaston County Public Library Reference Services. July 1-31
- **Snapshots From Places And Times** – Travel and scenic photography by Sarah Boyd. July 1-31
- **Summer Reading** – Collectible Summer Reading memorabilia. July 1-31 Children's Services – Gaston County Public Library.
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- **Rescue Dogs** – Photographs and memorabilia on loan from Ann Belmont. July 1-31 (Lowell Branch Library, 704-824-1266)
- **Volkswagens** – Collectible scale-model vehicles on loan from Evans Fowlkes. July 1-31 (Mount Holly Branch Library, 704-827-3581)
- **Littlest Pet Shop** – Collectible toys on loan from Bailey Harrelson. July 1-31 (Stanley Branch Library, 704-263-4166)
- **Summer Reading** – Collectible Summer Reading memorabilia. July 1-31 (Union Road Branch Library, 704-852-4073)

2014 FARMERS MARKET REPORT (updated as info is provided)

The Dougie Henry Farmers Market a.k.a. Gastonia Farmers Market

410 E. Long Ave. – for more details, call Carol Shrum at (704)853-0049 / www.gastoniafarmersmarket.com

Open April thru November

Saturday only - 7:30AM – 12:30PM

May thru October

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 7:30AM-12:30PM

Belmont Farmers Market

The open lot next to Nationwide Insurance in downtown Belmont

For more details call 704-747-2323

Opens April 18th thru October

Friday only from 3:00PM-7:00PM

Cherryville Farmers Market

Located at 220 East Main St. in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot

For more details call 704-435-3451

Opens May thru October

Thursdays only 4:00PM-7:00PM

Lowell Farmers Market

Located on Second St. in Lowell beside the Masonic Lodge

For more details call 704-824-3518

Opens June 5th thru September 11th

Thursday only from 4:00PM-7:00PM

McAdenville Community Market (Fresh)

Soup & Salad Bar / Cappuccino Bar

Located at 118 Wesleyan Drive in McAdenville

For more details call Carol Shrum at 704-860-4451

Open

Tuesday thru Friday 10:00AM-6:00PM

Saturday from 8:00AM-2:00PM

Mount Holly Farmers Market

215 South Main St. in downtown Mount Holly

For more details call 704-609-0666

Opens May 10th

Saturday only from 8:00AM-Noon

Organic Marketplace & Sprouts Café

1012 South New Hope Rd. in Gastonia

For more details call 704-864-0605

Open

Monday thru Friday 9:00AM-7:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM-6:00PM

Closed Sunday

Provisions ~ The Local Market

21 N. Main Street in downtown Belmont

For more details call Mgr. Chris Routh or Owner Tyler Jones at 704-829-8168

Open

Monday thru Saturday 9:00AM-8:00PM

Sunday 10:00AM-7:00PM

NOTE: Cramerton Farmers Market Closed for 2014

The Market reopens in 2015 ~ this is due to Goat Island Park Phase 2 construction that should be completed and open in June 2015. NOTE: Goat Island Park will be closed after July 4th 2014 as well due to safety and permitting concerns ~ for any questions call the Cramerton Parks & Recreation Dept. at 704-824-4231.

DID YOU KNOW?

“Know Before You Go” – Dial 511 to reach the NC 511 Travel Info Line or get real-time info online at www.ncdot.gov/travel. NCDOT also offers travel information for motorists on Twitter.

“Crowders Mountain State Park Hours”

November-February, 8AM-6PM

March-April, September-October, 8AM-8PM

May-August, 8AM-9PM

Closed Christmas Day

Park Office Hours: 8AM-5PM Daily

(While in the park in case of an emergency call the park office at 704-853-5375)