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FEBRUARY EDITION OF CATAWBA COMMUNITIES FEATURES CVCC'S WORK TO CREATE JOBS, BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES, HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF

The February edition of "Catawba Communities," a monthly show featuring information about programs and services provided by local governments, school systems and associated agencies across Catawba County, is now airing on Charter Communications' Government Channel (Channel 3), and will air throughout the month on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m.

This month's program includes a report on how Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) is working to create new jobs through its new Corporate Development Center, an overview of the many services offered by Catawba County Public Health, a talk with two Hickory area men who were part of a crew that went to the area hit by Hurricane Sandy to help citizens recover, and an overview of Black History Month events being planned by CVCC's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"Catawba Communities" brings information to the public about what governments and related agencies are doing, the various things that create the quality of life in these communities, and upcoming events. Partners include the City of Claremont, City of Conover, City of Hickory, Town of Maiden, City of Newton, Catawba County, Catawba County Schools, Hickory Public Schools, Newton-Conover City Schools, Catawba Valley Community College, Catawba County Economic Development Corporation, and Greater Hickory Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Highlights of the February show include:

- A look at how CVCC is transforming a former restaurant into its new Corporate Development Center and an Extreme Entrepreneurship Week the college is planning for mid February.
- Congratulations to Sarah Henson of Hickory High School and Jake Lafrancis of Newton-Conover High, who have been selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Scholar All-America Team.
- A story on the work of a group of local citizens to provide disaster relief in New Jersey in the area hit by Hurricane Sandy.
- An interview with Steve Hunt, Executive Director of the CVCC Office of Multicultural Affairs about its plans for a Black History Month event on February 26 and the office's recent recognition by Insight Magazine.
- Recognition of the Hickory High School cheerleaders' trip to perform at the Capital One Bowl in Orlando.
- Facts and myths about getting a flu shot.
- An overview of the many services provided by Catawba County Public Health through a tour of the clinics in the Public Health building.

"Catawba Communities" airs at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings on Cable Channel 3 in Catawba County. Charter Communications also airs the program at random hours around the clock each day to ensure citizens have ample opportunity to view it. Several of the partner agencies also put the program on their You Tube channels.

For more information about "Catawba Communities", you may contact the Catawba County Public Information Office at 828-465-8464 or send an e-mail to dave@catawbacountync.gov.