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JANUARY EDITION OF CATAWBA COMMUNITIES FEATURES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS IN MAIDEN, THE FAMILY CARE CENTER, PLANS FOR MUSEUM AT NEWTON DEPOT

The January 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, premieres on the Charter Communications’ Government Channel (Channel 3) on Tuesday evening, January 3, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.

The program will include a story on economic development successes in the Town of Maiden; the work of the Family Care Center; plans to create an outdoor railroad museum at the Newton Depot; a look at Catawba County’s 4-H program and county 4-H participants who won national honors, and more.

“Catawba Communities” brings citizens information about what governments are doing, the various things that create the quality of life found in those communities, and upcoming events. Partners in the show now include the City of Claremont, City of Conover, City of Hickory, Town of Maiden, City of Newton, Catawba County, the Hickory Public Schools, Newton-Conover City Schools, Catawba Valley Community College, Keep Catawba County Beautiful, Catawba County Economic Development Corporation, and the Greater Hickory Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.

Highlights of the January show include:

- an interview with Maiden Mayor Bob Smyre on the strategies Maiden has used to create new jobs and bring in new businesses, while also helping existing business to thrive and expand;
- information on upcoming opportunities for Catawba County citizens to properly recycle unwanted electronic equipment;
- an overview of the county’s 4-H program and an introduction to one 4-H member who finished in the top three in a recent national competition;
- tips on ways to lower energy bills
- a look at the Family Care Center and how it strives to meet the needs of families in crisis
- a quick look at the remarkable recycling success rate achieved by the county and its citizens
- plans to create an outdoor railroad museum at the Newton Depot

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

For more information about “Catawba Communities”, you may call the Catawba County Public Information Office at 828-465-8464.