

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEDICATES SCULPTURE  
IN HONOR OF RETIRED COMMISSIONER LYNN LAIL**

Friends and family of Lynn Lail recently gathered in front of the Catawba County Social Services building to dedicate a sculpture in her honor. It depicts a mother with three children sitting on a park bench.

Lail retired from the County Commission effective Dec. 1, 2014, after serving three terms. She also served on the County's Board of Social Services from 1992 through 1998, and from 2010 through the present time.

C. Randall Isenhower, chair of the county board, and John Eller, director of social services, praised Lail for her lifetime of public service to the community. Both said she often saw a need in the community and then worked to address that need. Isenhower pointed out the she had served on the County Commission during some challenging financial times. However, during her tenure, the county has overseen major construction projects at Catawba Valley Community College and the local school systems. The board also partnered with local cities to develop business parks, and constructed a new Sherrills Ford-Terrell Library. Throughout this time, the county has not raised taxes.



**Left to right: Randy Isenhower, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; Dan Hunsucker; Sherry Butler; Lynn Lail; and Barbara Beatty, Board Vice-Chair.**

Lail responded by urging those present to volunteer to help others in Catawba County. She specifically pointed out the need for foster parents and for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels.

Lail is a native of Catawba County who is president and owner of Piedmont Designs of Hickory and the Holiday Inn Express in Hickory. She has served on an extensive list of boards and committees, including terms as chair of the Hickory Metro and Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Catawba Valley Hospitality and Tourism Alliance. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors of Hospice of Catawba Valley, PACE@Home of Hickory and the Wells Fargo Regional Advisory Board of Directors.

She previously served on the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce Board, and was a founding member of the Board of the Children's Advocacy and Protection Center. She also previously served on the Catawba County Council for the Arts Board of Directors, United Way Board of Directors, Catawba County Public Health Board, North Carolina Museum of Art Board of Trustees, and Hickory/Conover Tourism Development Authority Board.

She and her husband, Leroy, live in Conover. They have three children and six grandchildren.