

# Newcomers of Catawba help Alexander Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, members of the Newcomers of Catawba Valley gathered to help build a home for Alexander County Habitat for Humanity in Taylorsville for the second time. Ladies from the club provided lunch.

Each quarter, the club chooses a charity to support with time, talents, and/or money. This quarter was Habitat and members who volunteered that day came away with a new appreciation for the non-profit — not only in learning more about Habitat from executive director, Matt Cooksey, who worked alongside them, but also the fact that volunteers do this week after week, all day long!

Members also were impressed that the women who would be homeowners worked along side them, too, and were excited for Faith, whom they had bonded with over the work.

Newcomers of Catawba Valley is a social club for men and women who enjoy exploring the area and building friendships. All ages are welcome.

While the club is called Newcomers of Catawba

County, it has many members who have lived in the area for a decade or more and come from Alexander, Burke, and Caldwell counties also.

A general meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month at Hickory Regional Airport's Crosswind Cafe. Meetings start with a Welcome Coffee at 10:30

a.m., followed by a brief business meeting and a speaker.

Activities the members enjoy together range from bowling to cards and games, eating out, picnics, socials, theatre, and a book club.

For more information about the club or to join please visit <https://newcomersofcv.org>.



**HELPING A NEIGHBOR** — Future homeowner, Faith (not shown), was blessed by workers after her first wall went up at the Habitat build.



**GIRL SCOUTS EARN BRONZE AWARD** — Girl Scout Troop 12905 has received a Bronze Award for their recent project. They chose to work with pets because they all have a love for pets. The girls had recently heard of a need for pet supplies at the humane society and they wanted to help. Scouts had to perform a minimum of 20 hours of service to earn the Bronze Award. On their time, the Scouts had to design a flyer that listed the needs of the humane society. The girls reached out to the community to collect supplies for the project. On September 24, they delivered the pet supplies to the humane society. The girls had a great time working on this project and did an amazing job, according to Scout leader Doranda Hedrick.



## LIKE A FOOTBALL

— Eighty-seven year old farmer, Paul "Fate" Hefner of the Wittenburg Community, shows off this 5-pound, 15-inch sweet potato he grew in his garden during the summer of 2021. He continues to enjoy gardening and sharing his home-grown tomatoes, green beans, squash, okra, peppers and more with his family members and friends. Fate has been an Alexander County resident all his life. He loves to garden and share with others.

# Bethlehem Elementary School News



**EAGLE SHOUT-OUTS** — These students have been living out the SOAR Matrix! S - We will be Safe. O - We will be On-task. A - We will have an Attitude to Achieve. R - We will be Respectful and Responsible. Students recognized recently are: Kindergarten - Paisley Shatley, Carter Galle, Jasper Cannon, Zyan Burch, and Kinsley Bostian; 1st grade - Hadley Elder, Ellie Ortiz, and Eva Lopez; 2nd grade - Savannah Pennell; 3rd grade - London Rogers, Jamison Curtis, Liam Bostian, Emma Vang, Ava Barnes, and Silas Iriarte; 4th grade - Atiya Yang, Olivia Icenhour, Jack Bowman (not pictured), Christine Mich (not pictured), and Melanie Bounds; and 5th grade - Emery Gilmore (not pictured).



**TERRIFIC KIDS** — Each grade level at Bethlehem Elementary School, Pre-K through fifth grade, selected a student that exemplifies their SOAR matrix, has an outstanding work ethic and is a leader throughout the building. For their reward, students made slime and enjoyed a tasty snack! Students recognized were: Pre-K: Adalyn Blanton, K - Joe Pless, 1st - Olek Santacruz, 2nd - Seth Reece, 3rd - Anna Rogers, 4th - Tayton Starnes, 5th - Blaze Bowman, and Specials - Brooklyn Parsons (not pictured).

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