

## CHURCH BRIEFS



Savannah Williams talks with Carolina Cross Connection volunteers who helped repair her porch last week.

# Savannah Williams adds to her "family"

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Savannah Williams says the teens who helped rebuild her front porch last week are "like family."

"They're just wonderful," she said. "You can talk with them, pray with them. They're a blessing from God."

The group are part of Carolina Cross Connection. Youth from United Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, United Church of Christ and other congregations volunteer for week-long stints doing free maintenance and home repair for lower income individuals.

As the group gathered around Williams, Deirdre Yannello described the volunteer project as "fun." Annie Carroll held Williams dog Koda, teasing that she would take the dog home with her.

For Matt Gantt, the volunteer job is more than a chance to help others.

"Everything I've learned about construction I've learned from Carolina Cross Connection," he said.

Williams, family friends and her sons Jesse and Cody Teague have helped out with the project.

The crew which helped Williams came from First United Methodist Church in Dallas, Clemmons UMC in Winston-Salem, Aldersgate UMC in Rock Hill, S.C. and Woodmont UMC in Reidsville.

They are among the 70-some youth who used Camp Loy White in Casar as a base last week. Volunteers fanned out last week to work in Bessemer City, Lincolnton, Shelby, Gastonia and Kings Mountain.

A projected 1,500 volunteers will come from both Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, New Jersey and Virginia to aid over 900 families in the North Carolina mountains and piedmont.

Since its inception 16 years ago, the organization has helped 8,354 families.

While working on the projects, volunteers stay at camps Loy White, McCall, Patton Springs, Carolwood and Elk Shoals and Pfeiffer University campus.

To learn more, call 704-538-9113 or 704-735-4257.

### Youth festival at Peoples Baptist

An early Summer Youth Festival will be held June 26 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Peoples Baptist Church, 1010 Groves Street, Kings Mountain.

There will be games, educational, and health booths. The public is invited.

For more information call Rev. John Houze at 739-0398.

### Longbranch sets special conference

Longbranch First Baptist Church, Grover, will hold a men's and boys' conference June 26 at 9 a.m.

Speaker will be Rev. Lester Jackson of New Zion Baptist Church, Henrietta.

For more information call the church at 937-7919.

### Oak View Church sets Vacation Bible school

Oak View Baptist Church located on N.C. 161 south will host Bible school Sunday through Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes will be held for preschool age children through teens.

A nursery also will be provided. Lucy Williams is the director and Rev. Jamie Billing is the church pastor.

### School Supplies are gathered by group

The Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association will take applications for back to school supplies July 6-8 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain.

The program is open to students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

A parent or legal guardian

must show either a driver's license or identification with the correct address.

The application process also requires a Medicaid or social security card for each child.

A backpack, notebook, paper, other grade appropriate supplies and hygiene items will be given out July 28.

Volunteers are needed to take applications July 6-8, pack bags July 20-22 and distribute supplies July 28.

Financial contributions, book bags, 1 1/2 and 2 inch notebook binders, colored pencils, pens, rulers, paper, composition books, soap, tooth paste and other items can be donated at the association office on Wyke Road in Shelby through July 16. For more information, call 704-482-3472.

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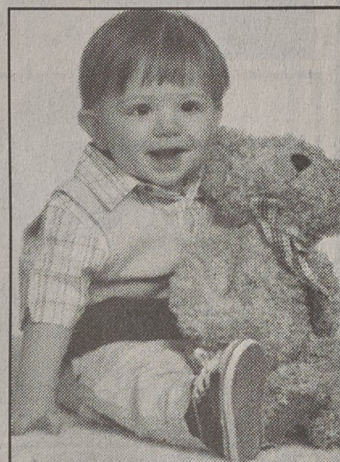
### Margaret Deviney celebrates her birthday

Margaret Helen "Maggie" Deviney, daughter of Randy Deviney and Leanne Latham-Deviney of Kings Mountain, was one year old June 5.

She celebrated with a Hugs & Stitches party at Patterson Springs Town Hall. She and her guests enjoyed hot dogs with all the trimmings, cake with ice cream, and entertainment by Paul the Magician.

Maternal grandparents are Barry and Dianne Dellinger of Shelby. Paternal grandparents are the late Nollie and Sue Wease-Deviney of Lawndale.

Maternal great-grandmother is the late Helen



Noah Lambert

### Lambert turns 1

Noah Thomas Lambert celebrated his first birthday April 12 with a Thomas the Train party at his home in Kernersville.

Pizza, ice cream and cake were served to guest. Those include grandparents Mike and Darlene Jimison of Kings Mountain and Larry and Jackie Lambert of Walkertown, Keith and Bethany Gunter, Giles and Della Bell, Bonnie Rosenberg, Todd Lambert, Brian Lambert, Monica Lambert and Will Lambert.

He is the son of Chad and Jill Lambert.

Wheststine of Kings Mountain. Paternal great-grandparents are Vera Dellinger and the late Crayton Dellinger of Kings Mountain.



Maggie Deviney

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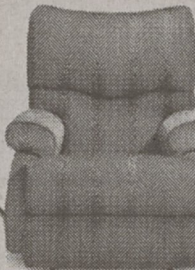
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