

**LOCAL**



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**John McGerrigle, production supervisor, left, Dr. Frank Dumeier, vice president program management and manufacturing, Dr. Christof Traidl, president and CEO, James Cunningham, Carolinas operations manager and Steve Kerr, shop chairman are part of the team at Axle Alliance Company.**

**AXLE**

From 1A

We treat people right." From its founding in 2001, Axle has maintained only one job classification on the floor by cross training its employees. Dumeier admitted this was a "huge challenge" in the beginning. Internal education programs are offered as well as incentives for college. A core team of engineers from Detroit are in Kings Mountain. Traidl said he

hopes to hire additional members of the professional staff from the local area. The plant is located off Business 74 near its western intersection with U.S. 74. Axle purchased 85 acres and a shell building that CommScope had planned to occupy. Officials say they hope to bring suppliers' operations to the campus. "We didn't buy only for this purpose (axle plant)," Traidl said. Within the next three to five years, Axle hopes to generate \$1 billion in rev-

enue at the Kings Mountain plant. The first axle that workers produced here was the company's 50,000. The company provides axle system assemblies to Freightliner Corporation. In addition to Freightliner products, AAC axles are used in Sterling and Western Star vehicles and Thomas Built Buses. In addition to Kings Mountain and Detroit, AAC operates facilities in Portland and Monterrey, Mexico. For more information, visit axlealliance.com.

**CHIEF**

From 1A

place outside her window, the new chief of operations is excited about the expanded additions but is even more enthused about what is inside the building. "There are so many excellent, committed people here at every level," De Shazo said. The book "Leadership From the Inside Out" sits on top of a stack of books on De Shazo's nightstand. "I think that's where leadership starts. It's independent of position or authority," she said.

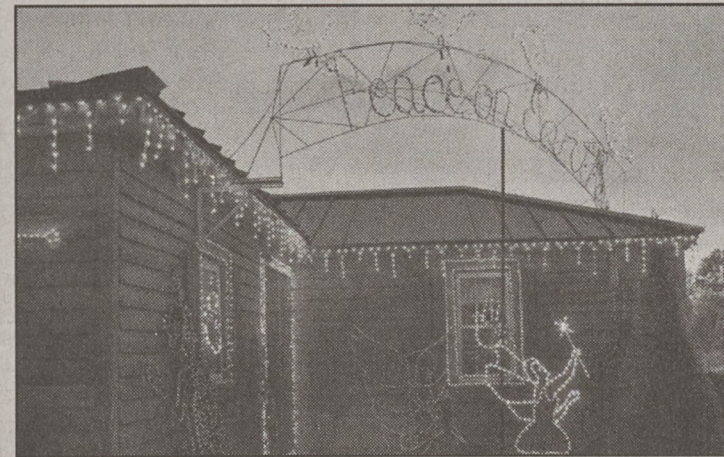
True to her nursing roots, De Shazo is starting her relationship with the community by assessing its needs. Focus groups will probably be part of finding out that information. She anticipates working on diabetes, obesity and hypertension education and prevention. De Shazo would like to work with the local YMCA. "Our objective is the same," she said. While De Shazo says she finds her job so fulfilling and fun she seeks few outlets, she does spend some time exercising and reading. Time with her husband David Griffin and their two-

year-old daughter rounds out her life. De Shazo has worked for Carolinas HealthCare Systems for four years. Before that she worked for Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and St. Luke's Health Care System Humana. Her roles have included chief operations officer for primary care, director of clinical operations and corporate compliance. As a nurse, De Shazo worked in cardiothoracic ICU, home care, medical and surgical, neonatal and tissue recovery and transplant.

**COSTNER**

From 1A

Shepherd" and "Happy Holidays." A giant Bible reads "On This Day In The City Of David A Child Is Born." From atop their workshop, a display announces "Seasons Greetings From Grady And Katie." A green-faced Grinch also atop the building is up to his usual tricks attempting to steal Christmas. Several Santas can be found. Some are making their way across the house-top with a little help from Mrs. Clause. Santa rides a stagecoach pulled by Tennessee walkers, pulls his sleigh with a motorcycle and across the street Santa and his reindeer light up the side of KB's Community Mart "It brightens up the whole corner," owner Keith Blanton said. He will give away hot chocolate to folks who come to see the lights. Inside their home, the



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**Grady and Kaie Costner's home on Margrace Road is all lit up for Christmas**

Costners limit their decorating to a nine foot tree. "I've got enough out here to keep us busy," Grady Costner said. While the Costners did not say how much the display adds to their electric bill, the increase is signifi-

cant. Many visitors help out with a donation, they say. Santa himself will be at the Costners to visit with children nightly. He'll arrive at 5:30 p.m. The display will remain on until after Christmas.

**Angels' Christmas story to be told at First Baptist**

BY ANDIE L. BRYMER  
 Staff Writer

"Angle Alert! The Night That Heaven Came Down" will tell the Christmas story from the point of view of Cherubim, Seraphim and a multitude of heavenly host Sunday at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. The public is invited.

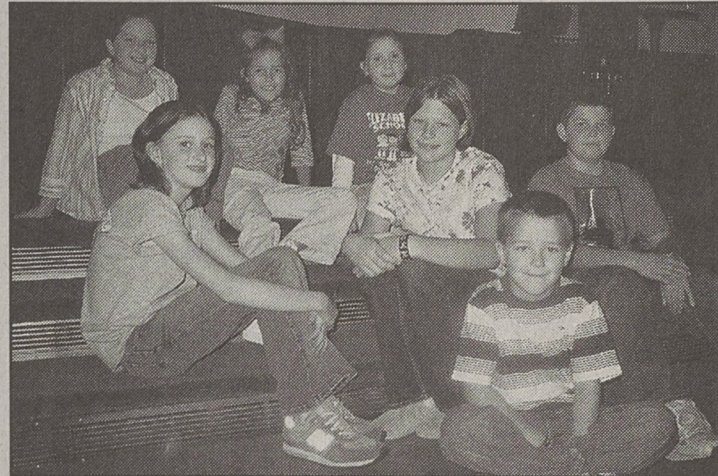
Organizers say the play dramatizes how God used angles to reveal Christ's birth to Mary, Joseph, the wise men and shepherds.

Songs include "Could This Be The Day," "When God Says It, You Can Believe It," "Call His Name Jesus," "Jesus, Precious Jesus," "Hey, Hey, Hey Gabriel," "Glory to God in the Highest," "A Strange Way to Save The World," "O Holy Night," "The Night That Heaven Came Down" and "Angel Song with Glory in the Highest."

The preschool and children's choirs have practiced weekly since before Labor Day for the performance. Samuel Dye who plays Archangel Michael says the experience has been fun and a chance to serve the Lord. Claire Richards who plays the angel Gabriel says she has watched as some of the younger children have learned how Jesus came into the world.

Many of the children have invited extended family and friends. The cast is looking forward to a post-production party with the audience. Then they'll help pastor Dr. Chip Sloan hang ornaments from the Chrismon tree.

Cast members include Claire Richards, Samuel Dye, Mason Fleisher, Elizabeth Wells, Morgan Harrison, Sloane Fortner, Lauren Miller, Alayna Pearson, Jordan McMillan, Blake Suess, Madison Dye, Jensen Fleisher, Taylor Davis, Paige Harrison, Caroline Baker, Meredith Baker, Sam Baker, Heather



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**Little angels Will Wilson, front, Claire Richards, left, second row, Sloane Fortner, Samuel Dye, Madison Hartness, left, rear, Emily Wilson and Molly Hartness are among the cast presenting "Angel Alert! The Night That Heaven Came Down" Sunday at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church.**

Bradley, Taylor Davis, Laura Fleming, Sydney Friday, Madison Hartness, Molly Hartness, Steven Hullender, Jarrett Ledford, Kristin Lewis, Kendall Mansfield, Matthew Hoppes, Jordan McMillin, Lauren Miller, Kaitlyn McNeilly, Alayna Pearson, Claire Richards, Cory Ross, Allison Simmons, Austin Simmons, Logan Smith, Stephen Smith, Shelby St. Just, Blake Suess, Elizabeth Wells, Emily Wilson, Will Wilson, Kayla Capps, Sarah Dye, Emma Feldman, Brennin Fleisher, Logan Fleming, Abbey Friday, Madison Green, Kristin Hill, Levi Johnson, McRae Moore, Kaitlyn Moss, Georgia Moss

and Taylor Myles. Choir teachers include Andrea Whitesides, Natalie Newsome, Rosemary Suess, Ada Bridges, Joy Sloan, Emily Ballard, Tara Fleisher, Lisa Hartness, Jenifer McCachren, Rachel Howell and Wanda Wilson. Sound, lighting and staging is produced by Dick Fisher, Terry Wampler, Morris Jordan, Barney Dye, Ed Richards, Jack Howell and Susan Simpson. Costume and set design is by Joanne Pruette, Andrea Whitesides, Judy Deaver, Chub Baker, Marie Ballard and Melissa Davis. The play was created by Celeste Clydesdale and arranged by David T. Clydesdale.

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