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### Cornerstone Christian Academy

# Griffith admits wrongdoing

State documents falsified, story fabricated

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Cornerstone Christian Academy (CCA) is currently under investigation by the N.C. Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE), the

organization that accredits the school, for the falsification of a building inspection form and attempted cover-up of that falsification by Iredell County Commissioner Renee Griffith, principal of Cornerstone Christian Academy.

CCA contacted the DCDEE on May 25 about adding space in the school's license to allow for five more rooms in Cornerstone Baptist Church, which houses the school, to be turned into classrooms for the upcoming school year. Jennifer Cartner,



Griffith

be required before the added space could be approved.

child care licensing consultant for DCDEE, informed the school's administration that proof of an up-to-date fire, sanitation and building inspection would

#### ONLINE

» Read Griffith's letter admitting falsification at [statesville.com](http://statesville.com)

On July 2, Cartner visited CCA and was given the school's fire, sanitation and building inspections by Griffith.

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# District probing charges

I-SS: Leaked documents 'a huge legal violation'

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Iredell-Statesville Schools is investigating documents received Wednesday that have been alleged to show fraud in the district's test scores.

Dawn Creason, public information officer for I-SS, said the documents, which "contain really specific student information," are official school records from two schools in the district. She said about 15 to 20 students' documents are included in the set of papers received.

Creason said the investigation was in its early stages, as the documents weren't received until Wednesday afternoon, but that the school system would look into each individual record.

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## THE NEXT GENERATION



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Jacob Holland, a junior fireman for Harmony Fire Department, shows Ethan Bullard, 7, how a fire hose nozzle works during a celebration marking the end of the Harmony Library's summer reading program Thursday. The event included food, games, crafts, demonstrations and a tour of the truck by the Harmony Fire department.

### National Night Out

# SPD: Community watch programs deter crime

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The Statesville Police Department is getting back to basics for this year's National Night Out celebration.

For the past several years, the event has been held at Signal Hill Mall, Alex Cooper Park and,

most recently, the Statesville Civic Center.

On Tuesday, said Statesville Police Chief Tom Anderson, the National Night Out celebration will return to the initial idea of the program — to encourage neighbors to become involved in their communities and take a stand against crime.

Anderson said volunteers, accompanied by SPD officers, will

be conducting foot patrols in targeted areas throughout the city in an effort to meet residents.

Those patrols, he said, will give officers and residents the chance to interact and for officers to share police-related community programs. The hope is that these patrols will increase community support and participation in local neighborhood

watch initiatives.

Between the hours of 5 and 9 p.m. on Tuesday, the patrols will take place in the following areas:

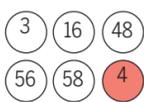
- » Near Forest Hollow Drive
- » Phillips Landing
- » Beechwood/Earwood Drive
- » Martha's Ridge
- » North Mulberry/East Turner streets
- » Macon Drive/Chestnut Street

Anderson said the idea of the nationwide National Night Out celebration is to promote involvement in the community — from residents and law enforcement officers. The hope, he said, is that community watch programs will continue throughout the year and become stronger.

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### Powerball

Wednesday's drawing



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**-92.18**  
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12,878.88

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