

Carroll on duty in Mediterranean

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Larry D. Carroll, son of Linda C. Ernst of 910 First Street and Larry L. Carroll of Kings Mountain, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean and Black seas aboard the destroyer USS Deyo, homeported in Charleston, SC.

Since deploying in May, Carroll has been involved in several Mediterranean exercises, and recently participated in

the multinational exercise Breeze 94, which was conducted in the Black Sea and involved ships from Bulgaria, Greece, Romania, Russia, Turkey and the Ukraine.

The three-day exercise involved humanitarian and peace-keeping operations and a wide range of naval maneuvers, including naval gunfire, search and rescue, and anti-submarine warfare. It was the first time in modern history that all of the Black Sea nations joined together to conduct naval training operations.

Carroll and his fellow crew members have also participated in a number of community relations projects throughout the summer.

The Navy and Marine Corps team is designed to operate overseas and respond quickly when needed. Whether delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo or troops from the sea, these highly trained naval forces provide a unique crisis-

response option, which can be withdrawn quickly in no longer needed.

The 1990 graduate of Kings Mountain High School joined the Navy in June 1990.



SHANNON PAIGE SMITH

Smith-Bagwell

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Smith Jr. of Kings Mountain announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Paige, to David Brent Bagwell, also of Kings Mountain.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her Bachelor's degree in dental hygiene and is employed in Raleigh as a dental hygienist.

The bridegroom-to-be is the son of Danny and Ruth Bagwell of Kings Mountain. A graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he received his Bachelor's degree in marketing education with a minor in business from North Carolina State University. He is employed by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas as a graduate assistant football coach.

The couple plans a January 7 wedding.

Cochcroft completes Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Joey D. Cochcroft, son of Roy L. Cochcroft of 104 Montlane, Kings Mountain, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Cochcroft completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Cochcroft learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

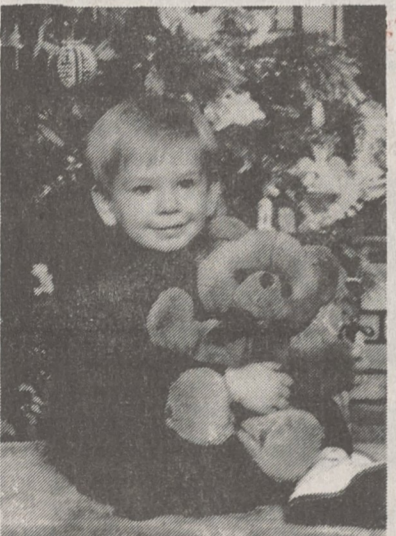
Cochcroft and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Cochcroft joins 55,000 men and women who will enter

Christmas on Farm at KM State Park

Christmas on the Farm for Wildlife will be held Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Living History Farm at Kings Mountain State Park.

Participants will share the Christmas spirit with the wildlife by decorating a tree just for them. They will make wildlife feeders and crafts and then decorate the tree.

The fee is \$1 per person. Register by December 15 by calling the park office at (803) 222-3209. The program will last 1 1/2 hours.



Casey Brock Bolin celebrates birthday

Casey Brock Bolin, son of Kenneth and Tina Bolin, celebrated his second birthday Saturday, November 12.

A party was held at his home. Cake, ice cream and Coke was served. Party bags were given to the guests. Family and friends were present.

Casey has two older brothers, Brandon and Blake. He is the grandson of Bill Hughes, Betty B. Hughes and the late Nickodemus Bolin.

Festival of Carols at Eastside Baptist

The Christmas cantata "Festival of Carols" will be presented Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at Eastside Baptist Church, located on York Road in Kings Mountain.

Presenting the program of traditional and spiritual carols will be the Adult and Children's Choirs.

The choir is under the direction of Liz Hill.

The public is invited.

Dinner-dance set at KM VFW post

Kings Mountain VFW will hold its annual Christmas dinner-dance December 10. Dinner will be served from 6:30-8 p.m. and the dance will be from 8:30-12 midnight. The band "Pocket Change" will provide the music.

Reservations are required for the dinner by calling 739-5333. The deadline for reservations is Sunday, Dec. 4.

Christmas concert set for December 1

The Gaston Choral Society will present its annual Christmas concert of vocal music, directed by Mary McFarland of Belmont, in the Hunter-Huss High auditorium, Edgewood Drive, Gastonia, Thursday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$2 for senior citizens, students and children, and \$3 for adults. They may be purchased at the door or from any choral member. Kings Mountain choral members include Ellie DePew, Michael Gilks, Harold Schwantes, Esther and Larry Muench, and Teresa Williams.



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