

Kings Mountain People

Larry Ware loves being a cop

When Ptl. Larry Ware isn't working his regular beat at the Kings Mountain Police Department he's volunteering as Commander of the Fort Macon Auxiliary Coast Guard Unit attached to Moss Lake.

Ware, 31, assisted by 19 other Coast Guard members, inspects boats for safety equipment, teaches public education courses on boating, patrols the lake for safety and assists search and rescue teams on call 24 hours a day.

Ware got the Moss Lake assignment two years ago when City Council invited the Coast Guard to help patrol the lake after two drownings a week apart.

Ware's Coast Guard Unit was located at the time at Lake Norman where he joined in 1990. A professional diver, he has been a scuba diver for 10 years and pulled seven drowning victims from area lakes plus several boats and vehicles that went down in the water.

Diving is a hobby that the Kings Mountain native loves second to police work.

He joined Kings Mountain Police Department three years ago after completing rookie training at Cleveland Community College and after a varied career, including working with his family in the operation of the Crown Station on Linwood Road, as an auto parts salesman for NAPA in Shelby and as a boiler tubing assemblyman for Combustion Engineering.

"I've always lived in a neighborhood with several of the policemen on our force and always looked up to them and thought I would like to also help make a difference in Kings Mountain," said Ware, who said police work takes dedication and patience.

"You need a lot of understanding of people's problems to work as a police officer," said Ware, who responds to numerous calls, including accidents and break-ins.

His squad is headed by Sgt. James Camp and other members are Ptl. Chris Owens, Ptl. Tony Reaves and dispatcher Diane Whetstone.



Ptl. LARRY WARE

As a young man he pumped gasoline, serviced cars and worked on automobile engines with his father, the late Richard Ware. At the death of his father, Larry and his mother, Gloria, decided to get out of the business and Larry had an

opportunity to apply for a patrolman's job at KMPD and was hired by then-Chief Warren Goforth.

He is active in First Baptist Church and enjoys fishing and hunting.

Searching for drowning victims takes experienced divers and searches can last for two or three days.

"It's a traumatic experience for everyone involved," said Ware, recalling the most recent drownings at city-owned Moss Lake.

Ware said he was pleased that City Council saw the need for the Coast Guard at Moss Lake and says his unit wants to teach boating safety to anyone interested.

Most every weekend the Coast Guard boat flying its flag can be seen patrolling the waters of Moss Lake and Ware, who transferred from Lake Norman as commander, is leading the group.

"We love what we do because we're making a difference in someone's life," he said.

KM's Stanley Jimson joins National Guard

Stanley B. Jimson of Kings Mountain recently enlisted as a member of the North Carolina Army National Guard.

Stanley will be eligible to receive many Army National Guard benefits and programs if he wishes to pursue his civilian education.

Stanley enlisted as a member of Company B(-) 505th Engineer Battalion in Kings Mountain.

Stanley is a 1993 graduate of Kings Mountain High School and is presently employed by Anvil Knitwear.



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Carrie Kelly, 12, left, and Kimberly Jackson, 10, play in the snow in the Margrace Community. The two girls said they enjoyed the the two winter snows in less than a week which gave them plenty of time to build a snowman.

Grover man dies from gunshot wound

A Grover man was killed early last Wednesday when the .25 caliber pistol he was carrying fell from his pocket, hit the ground and then fired accidentally, striking him in the chest.

Patrick O'Neal Roseboro, 23, of Roseboro Rd., was shot while attempting to get into a friend's car on North Morgan Street in Shelby.

"This is not the first accidental shooting we've had from people dropping guns they were carrying but it is the first fatality," said Captain Shell Byars of the Shelby Police Department.

Friends rushed Roseboro to Cleveland Memorial Hospital where he died about 1 a.m. January 10.

Officers said the hospital is located a few blocks from where the shooting occurred.

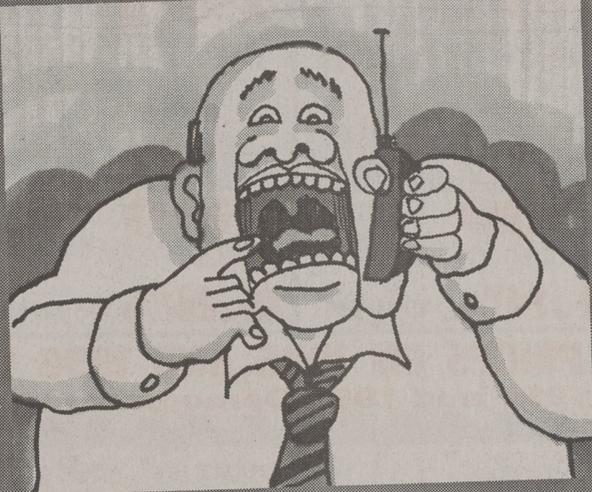
The police report said that Travis Dawkins, 19, told officers that Roseboro called him from a friend's home on North Morgan Street and asked him for a ride home.

Roseboro was getting into the back seat on the car's passenger

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