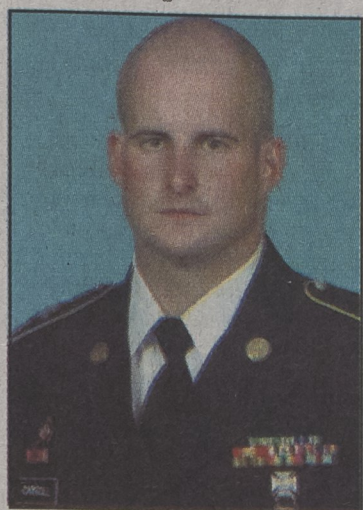


Military Honors



DERIC CARROLL

Carroll wins 'Officer of the Year' honor

Corporal Deric Wayne Carroll, son of Rodney and Regina Ruff and Ricky and Doreen Carroll, recently competed for and was awarded the title of "Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year". Deric is a member of the U.S. Army's 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

The competition lasted four days and consisted of tests for physical fitness, M4 marksmanship, land navigation, a written essay and military board interviews. Deric joined the Army in July 2008 and was deployed for the first time in September 2009. During his tour in Iraq, Deric was awarded "Soldier of the Month" and "Soldier of the Quarter".

Deric is a 2003 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, and is married to Anna Grier Carroll. The couple along with their two children Audrey, 8, and Dylan, 2, are stationed at Schofield Barracks in Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii.

They are expecting a third child, a boy, in September. Deric is the grandson of Rev. Wayne and Pat Worcester and the late James and Francis Carroll. Deric's family and friends here at home are very proud of his accomplishments in the three years he has served our country.

Inn to host dinner, show for history

In a tribute to history of the American Revolutionary War, The Inn of the Patriots in Grover, 301 Cleveland Ave., is planning a low-country boil of shrimp, sausage, corn and potatoes at 6 p.m. Sept. 10. The public is invited.

"Facing four years of a stalemated colonial war in the North, the American Army was destroyed during the massive and highly successful invasion of the Southern people and Southern states," said innkeeper Marti Mongiello.

He added that in the town "where the victorious Lord Charles Cornwallis invaded the North", General Thomas Sumter will be resurrected by special guest re-enactor Howard Burnham at the event, which will feature dinner and a show.

COUNCIL HONORS

Distinguished Women

Community activists, volunteers and leaders all—Lou Ballew, Ruth Wilson, Helen Barrow, and Lib Revels—were honored Thursday as Distinguished Women of Cleveland County by the Cleveland County Commission on Women.

The 20th annual banquet was held at North Lake Country Club in Shelby attended by county officials, friends and families of the honorees and past winners of the prestigious award.

Known throughout the Kings Mountain community as a "mover and a shaker," Lou Ballew, an advocate of the 'green' industry, has long been active in church and civic organizations and was recipient of both the Zenith Award from Cleveland Chamber as Outstanding Citizen of Cleveland County and the Paul Harris Fellow award from the Kings Mountain Rotary Club as Outstanding Citizen of Kings Mountain, leaving her mark in several areas of community life.

Cleveland County welcomed Ruth Wilson and her family in 1972. Serving on the Board of Elections for years as secretary



WINNERS ALL - Lou Ballew, Ruth Wilson, Helen Barrow and Lib Revels, left to right, were honored as Distinguished Women of Cleveland County Thursday evening in Shelby.

and working in the Republican Party became a love of a woman dedicated to family, church and numerous organizations including Abuse Prevention Council. Shelby's loss was Kings Mountain's gain when the Wilson family moved to Kings Mountain.

The daughter of civil rights activists, Helen Barrow of Shelby grew up in a home dedicated to community service

and self-commitment to church, community and employer. Her cherry greeting and warm smile welcomed customers to First National Bank for over 30 years.

After surviving polio, Elizabeth "Lib" Revels earned her nursing degree and joined the Cleveland County Health Department, dedicating her life to comforting the sick and needy. Revels has traveled to numer-

ous disaster sites as a Red Cross volunteer, leading family and friends to label her an "extraordinaire volunteer."

All four honorees are also busy homemakers and grandmothers, their families and friends making the presentations.

Valerie Boyd was banquet chairman. Betsy Wells is chairman of the organization.

KM toddler ambassador for March of Dimes

Two-year-old William (Will) Acuff of Kings Mountain, who spent the first three months of his life struggling to survive in a hospital newborn intensive care unit (NICU), today was named the 2011 Cleveland County March for Babies Ambassador Child.

Will's parents, Dee and Wray Acuff, never imagined that their second child would be born three months early and weighing only 2 pounds, 6 ounces. They watched and waited while Will was treated in the NICU at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte for respiratory distress and Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA), which is a condition in which a blood vessel fails to close normally in an infant soon after birth.

"This was a very overwhelming emotional roller-coaster ride, not knowing from one day to the next of what was in store for our tiny little baby," Dee said. "Great support from family, friends, great doctors and wonderful nurses was the only way to make it through the day. There is never enough thank you's to be shown for how much support and prayers that were offered to little Will. We had a great team of doctors and nurses that cared for our baby and I know part of their knowledge came from the support of the March of Dimes. Will is truly a March of Dimes Miracle."

Prematurity is the leading cause of newborn death in the United States. More than half-a-million babies are born prematurely in the United States each year, and those who survive often face lifelong health challenges, such as breathing problems, cerebral palsy, and intellectual disabilities.

The March of Dimes is working toward a future when all children will be born healthy and full term by researching the problems that threaten our babies, and working on solutions to prevent them; offering health information to moms and comforting families if something goes wrong.

Although Will has had many ups and downs, he has pulled through like a warrior and today, he is meeting all expectations. He is on the normal growth chart for a 22-month old and is exceeding all his developmental goals.

"We are very grateful for what the March of Dimes does for these babies," Dee said. "Without their support, our preemie may not have gotten the wonderful care he received."

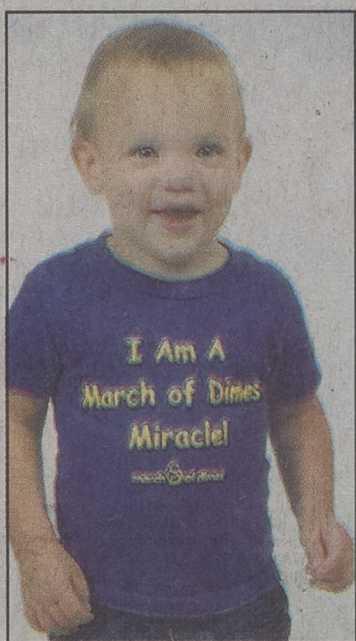
As the Cleveland County Ambassador Child, Will and his family will share their amazing story, help raise awareness of premature birth and encourage families and companies to walk with them in the March for Babies® on Saturday Oct. 1, 2011, at the Shelby City Park.

Will's team name is "Walkin' for Will" and the team's Web address

is www.marchforbabies.org/t1482579

The March of Dimes Ambassador Program is an annual campaign, started in 1946, that puts a face on the March of Dimes mission. The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. With chapters nationwide, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. For the latest resources and information, visit marchofdimes.com or nacersano.org.

To register for the walk, visit www.marchforbabies.org or call 704-377-2009.



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