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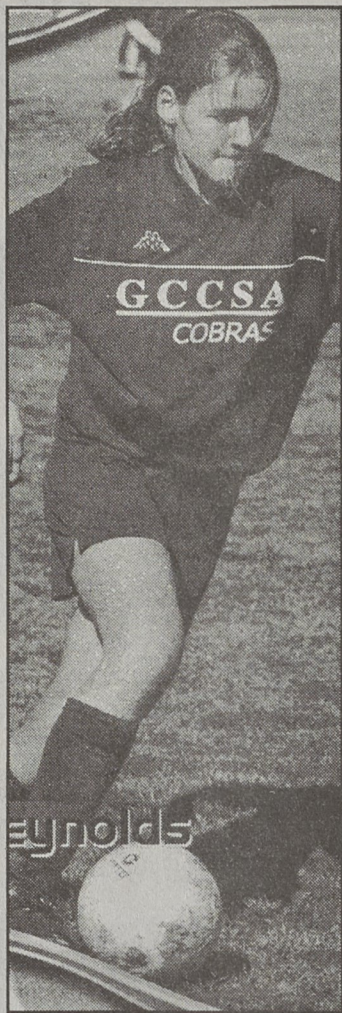
Reynolds to play soccer in Australia

Meagan Reynolds, daughter of Brad and Leigh Anne Reynolds, has been selected to represent the United States in the 2003 Hunter International Soccer Cup to be held in New Castle, Australia July 5-15.

Meagan is 11 years old and is a rising 6th grader at the Kings Mountain Intermediate School. She will be playing for the U14 International team, "Freedom USA." She will be competing against other International teams across the country.

While in Australia, Meagan will also have the opportunity to visit Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, the Rainforestation Nature Park, the world famous Bondi Beach and the Sydney Opera House.

Meagan will be accompanied by her mother, Leigh Anne, and her grandmother, Sandra Reynolds. Meagan is also the granddaughter of Jerry and Becky White and Paul Reynolds and the great-granddaughter of Linard Bumgardner.



MEAGAN REYNOLDS

Blanton, Stephanie
Chapman, Sarah Catherine
Greenlee, Erica Hicks,
Brooks McGinnis, Ker
Medero, Jamie Reid, Trent
Rhea, Kyle Richards, Nikita
Scotland, kristen Tate,
Fletcher Webster, Ryan
Webster, Tyler Wet, Hannah
Wyte and Matt Bumgardner.

Tennis camp held at KM High court

Seventeen Kings Mountain athletes participated in the Mountaineer Tennis Camp at the Kings Mountain High courts.

Players worked on fundamentals, including forehands, backhands, serves and net play. Each day a new technique was introduced and athletes practiced drills.

Winners were Kyle Richards in the older division and Trent Rhea in the younger.

Camp participants were Elizabeth Baker, Dylan

Sunbelt Pro-Am held on Monday

The team of Blair Lacy, Howard Jones, Larry Lee, Jerry Reese and P. Johnson won the Woodbridge-Sunbelt Pro Am Golf Tournament Monday at Woodbridge Golf Links.

The Sunbelt Senior Pro Tournament wraps up today

at the club. Norm Jarvis, T. Montford, Burl Rose, Hardy Nicholson and Sam Jarrell finished second.

Rocky Rockett, Benny Bowles, Chip Fesmire, Steve Wilson and Harold Baucom were third.

Doug Owens, F. Townsend, Bill Snuggs, Bill Holder and Jerry Ross finished fourth, and Rex Caldwell, Kim O'Neill, H. Robinson, Jerry Webb and Nikki Helms were fifth.

Closest to the pin winners on par 3 holes were Steve Wilson, Chris Brewer, Mark Silvers III and Perry Toomey.

Pringle to compete in dirt track race

Brandy Pringle of Kings Mountain is among those who will be in action during the Snap-On Tools Grassroots Nationals Thursday night, July 3 at The Dirt Track at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Pringle is scheduled to compete in the Stock Four-Cylinder division of the inaugural event that has attracted entries from top weekly racers across the Southeast.

Brown reunion to be held July 4-6

The Brown family reunion will be held July 4-6.

A family cookout is set for 12 noon-6 p.m. July 4 at Alexander-Hudson Park in Clover, SC.

A family dance is set for 8 p.m.-midnight July 5 at the National Guard Armory.

A dinner and program will be held at 2 p.m. July 6 in the family life center at Bynum's Chapel Church.

For more information call Jackie Brown at 937-3199.

Officials suspect West Nile virus in mosquito population

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While no cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in Cleveland County this year, health officials suspect the virus is in the local mosquito population.

Last year seven birds tested for the virus in Cleveland County said Sam Lockridge, coordinator of health services for the Cleveland County Health Department. One bird was found on Phifer Road in the Kings Mountain area.

"People need to be cautious and get rid of anything that contains water," he said.

The Asian Tiger Mosquito, which carries West Nile, only breeds in containers. Because the eggs take seven days to mature, emptying pet water bowls, bird baths and other outdoor containers twice weekly should prevent the eggs from making it to maturity, Lockridge said. The insects can travel 500 yards from their birthplace meaning.

Blue jays, cardinals, crows and birds of prey, including owls and hawks, are treated as indicator species, meaning that if the virus is detected in them, it can be assumed area mosquitoes are carrying West Nile.

Anyone finding one of these species should contact animal control if the bird appears to have been dead less than 24 hours. Using gloves or a tool, the bird should be put into a container and placed out of direct sunlight. Animals control officers will then pick the bird up and send it to a state lab for testing. Animal control can be reached at 704-481-9884.

To reduce the number of mosquito bites, Lockridge recommends adults use an insect repellent with 30 per-

cent DEET. Children and adolescents should use repellent with 10 percent DEET. Parents should contact their medical provider regarding product usage on children under age two.

Individuals who do not wish to use DEET containing products, should wear long sleeves and pants when venturing outside in the early morning or evening, Lockridge said.

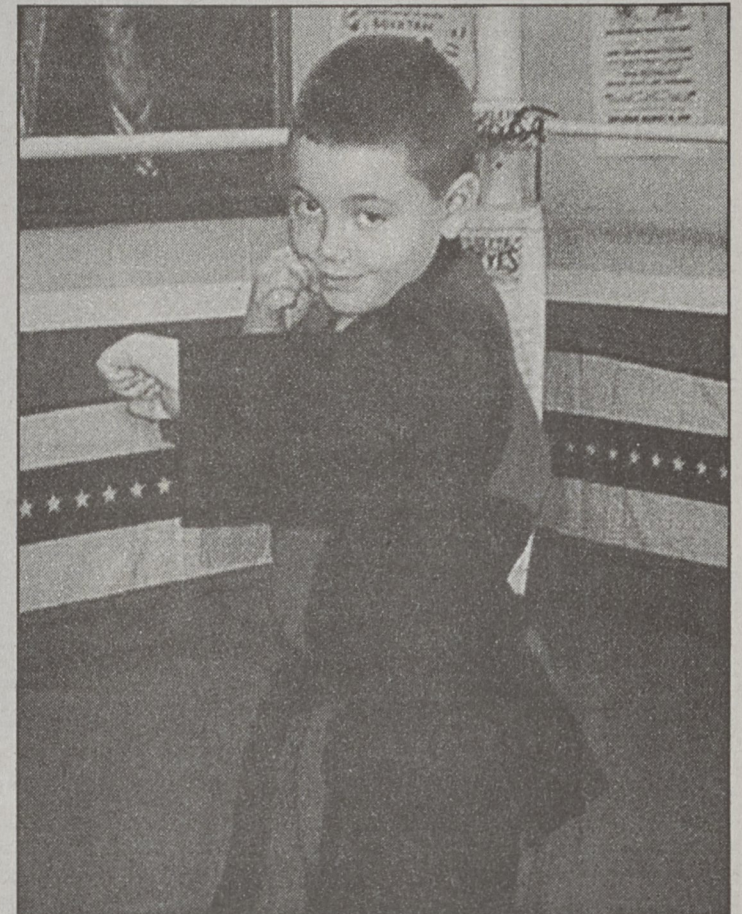
Mosquitoes do not prefer light clothing over dark clothing, according to Lockridge. The insects are alerted to potential victims by the odor of carbon dioxide emitted by respiration.

The insects use blood to produce their eggs therefore only the female will bite.

The virus was first detected in the United States in 1999 in New York. It appeared in North Carolina in 2000. Since then, 4,161 cases of human infection have been reported. The virus has caused 277 deaths. Susceptibility to the virus is based on the strength of an individual's immune system.

The county has applied for a \$5,000 matching state grant to be used for public education.

"Prevention is the only solution," Lockridge said.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Michael Johnson, 9, was awarded his Black Belt from Eng School of Self Defense. Michael has been a student at Eng for five years and has studied under Master John Hall. He is the son of Scott and Ann Johnson and the grandson of Jack and Eloise Moss of Kings Mountain. Michael is an honor student at his home school Johnson Academy.

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