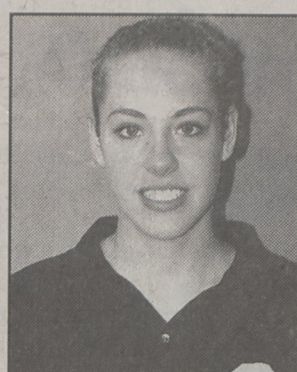


VELMA DEGREE



PHIL WEATHERS



KRISTIE BRINKLEY

**HALL**  
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college.

Tickets are available for \$10 each from members of the Hall of Fame Committee and can also be purchased at the door.

Degree and Brinkley were both multi-sport athletes at Kings Mountain High School. Degree was all-conference in volleyball, softball and basketball in the late 80s and 1990, and Brinkley was the most valuable player on Kings Mountain's first state volleyball championship team in 1998.

Degree had a spectacular career at Elon University, where she was recently inducted into that school's Hall of Fame.

She played both volleyball and softball at Elon from 1990-94 and in 1994 was the school's Female Athlete of the Year. She was all-conference three times in volleyball and twice in softball, and was all-district twice in both sports. She was district MVP in volleyball her junior year and South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year as a senior.

Brinkley was a three-time all-conference volleyball player at KMHS. Her senior year, she was named SWC Player of the Year and was named MVP in the state tournament when the Lady Mountaineers defeated East Chapel Hill High for the state crown. She was also all-conference in basketball at KMHS.

She also played on two Junior Olympic teams that won state championships. Club South won the South Carolina crown and Team Charlotte won the North Carolina championship.

She began her college career at UNC-Asheville, where she was a member of the Big South All-Tournament team, and transferred to Gardner-Webb where she was All-Tournament in the North Carolina AT&T Classic. She holds the GWU record for career high kills in a game (29), and ranks fourth in kills per game in a single season, fifth in kills for a season, and seventh in kills in all-time career records. She had 1,025 kills and 98 serving aces during her GWU career.

Weathers served as Kings Mountain Junior High wrestling coach from 1976-1990 and



**1990 GOLF CHAMPIONS** - Here's the 1990 KMHS golf team after it won the state championship at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill. Left to right Robbie Wilson, Matt Heavner, Brady Goforth, Coach Dennis Hicks, Ryan Broadwell and Mitchell Morrow.

compiled a 116-8-2 overall record. His teams won a record 13 straight conference championships and was the only team to ever win what was then the Western Junior High Athletic Association. His team won 52 straight conference matches, lost one and then won 45 more in a row.

The 1990 KMHS golf team, coached by Denny Hicks, won the NCHSAA tournament at Finley Golf Course in Chapel Hill with a two-day total of 635. KM had finished second to TC Roberson the week before in the Western Regional Tournament, but qualified for the state tournament for the third time in four years.

Members of the team were Robbie Wilson, Brady Goforth, Ryan Broadwell, Matt Heavner, Mitchell Morrow and Lenny Wright. Wilson, Goforth and Broadwell were on teams that won five straight conference championships (two at KM Junior High and three at KMHS) and during that time they won all of their regular season matches. At the end of the 1990 season KMHS had won 27 matches in a row and had won the SWC four years in a row.

In the two-day state championship tournament, Broadwell led the team with a 77-77—154 and tied for second place in individual competition. Goforth shot 156, Wilson 161 and Heavner 164. KM trailed Southwest Guilford by three shots entering the final round and was 10 shots off the pace at the turn. But all four of the Mountaineers' top scorers turned in 40 or lower on the back side, with Goforth leading the way with an even-par 36.

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and Jimmy joined her at the door.

Jimmy, who had also felt like something was not right, had called his mother at work for advice. Lisa Zybke told him to ask the guy to leave a card and they would get back to him.

Jimmy relayed the message to the stranger at the door, who still offered no card or information about the fundraiser, only the words, "I'll come back later."

Another sighting of a man, who claimed to be raising money for the rescue squad, recently occurred at the Oak Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

"This guy came by the fire department a couple of days ago," said Perry Davis, deputy fire marshal for Cleveland County and chief of the Oak Grove VFD, on Friday. "He wanted to know where the rescue district ended."

The territorial jurisdiction for Kings Mountain Rescue Squad extends past the city's limits.

Davis, known as "Bubba" by friends and co-workers, said that the man was driving a small gray car. "He appeared to be somebody in poor health. He couldn't walk very well," he said. "This guy appeared nervous to me."

The man did not produce any identification or offer his name to Davis, although he admitted that he did not ask him. He said that the man mentioned he was working with the rescue squad to raise money.

After a brief chat the man left.

Although these curious events infer that the man was running a scam or confidence game, his intentions were not to harm or frighten

or swindle. He was raising money for the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad, according to KMRS Capt. J.R. Scruggs.

He said that the man was helping the department raise money in their annual picture drive.

Davis said that the rescue squad and volunteer fire departments will often conduct a picture drive to raise money. Picture drives offer residents the chance to have professional photography sessions on certain dates for family members. Proceeds from the drives benefit the departments. Sometimes the drives are conducted door-to-door.

But Cleveland County Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Director Dewey Cook said that all personnel conducting the picture drives are supposed to show some proof of identification. He said that they should have credentials, should be wearing a uniform to clearly identify themselves, and should provide a cover letter to explain the drive and identify the department.

Marilyn said that the man who came to their door did have some papers in his hand and a pen. But he never shared them or left behind any information for a follow-up visit. He only said that he would return.

Scruggs said that he would remind their helper to wear his identification around his neck, so that no one else would be confused of his intentions. The department will have its photography session this Saturday, marking the end of the drive.

Although the man who came to the Zybkes' door was not trying to invade their home or burglarize it, one can never be too safe.

Cook advises anyone who feels wary about a door-to-door fundraising

campaign to call the police. Sometimes, door-to-door campaigns will be registered with the local police or sheriff's department. Although, the sheriff's department admits that they are not always made aware.

Davis said that the Oak Grove VFD does not conduct door-to-door campaigns.

"We're not going to do a (fundraising) drive this year because of the economy," he said. "We're being considerate of the people who are unemployed and we're not going to burden someone with asking them to donate money this year."

Although, he added, the department will accept donations if offered.

**City sewer projects complete**

By ELIZABETH STEWART  
Staff Writer

Two major sewer projects - Westover and Ingles - have been completed by the city and ahead of allotted schedules.

Steve Killian, project administrator and the city's Director of Planning and Economic Development, said taps and connections were made to 31 single family homes in the Westover Community and paid for by a \$440,000 Community Development Block Grant. He said sewer lines were installed to serve the new Ingles with CDBG grant money of \$130,000 provided that the new food market would provide a minimum of 14 jobs to low to moderate income families and he said Ingles had exceeded that goal. "The bids were so good on the Ingles project that we are returning \$40,000 of CDBG funds," he said.

Teresa Spires, grant administrator coordinator from Isothermal Planning and Development Commission, presented a report on the Ingles project Tuesday night at the regular city council meeting and Steve Austin, grant coordinator for the Westover project, also reported on accomplishments of the project during the grant closing hearings. In accordance with CDBG guidelines, the city was required to hold public hearings to officially close out the grant programs.

City Council was highly pleased that the projects were finished ahead of the allotted schedule allowed by the NC Division of Community Assistance.

In other city construction news, Killian said that site work has been completed at the site of the new apartment complex on E. Gold Street and bids have been awarded for construction of a sewer line and sidewalks. Because of a sluggish economy, Killian acknowledged that some housing construction in the Kings Mountain has slowed.

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who live north of Bus. 74, will vote at the Kings Mountain Family YMCA.

"Every registered voter in the City of Kings Mountain will be receiving a post card in the mail with that information," Blanton said.

She returned on Tuesday from meetings with the state Board of Elections in Raleigh. She said that the Cleveland County board will be discussing some of the recent items that have been confirmed by the state.

Among those items, are the two polling locations and the use of electronic poll books.

At the last meeting, Blanton said that she hoped they could be able to try out the new equipment for little to no cost, since this will be a dual county (Cleveland and Gaston) election. But she said on Tuesday that they will have to pay to rent the equipment.

The total cost of the election continues to sit at close to \$60,000. Blanton said that depending on how the results are reported, it could cost "slightly more."

The board is waiting to hear back from the city to determine how they will report the results. At the meeting, the board will also review a proof of the ballot, which Blanton has received.



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