



Pine Knoll Shores resident Helen Anderson's P.E.O. sisters recently held a surprise birthday party to celebrate her 80th birthday. Helen has lived in Pine Knoll Shores for more than 30 years, is an expert needle-pointer, sings in the church choir, has a great sense of humor and is almost impossible to

surprise. P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) is a society for women founded in 1869 that has the mission of promoting educational opportunities for women—work that is very important to Helen. The birthday celebration, held in the home of Ike and Jacquie Pipkin, caught her by surprise and, for the first time in a very long time, Helen was speechless.—*Photo by Connie Brophy*



Camp Albemarle in Newport, a faith-based camp with a sailing element, does a "sail across" a couple of times during the summer, allowing campers to sail across Bogue Sound to the Beacon's Reach Marina in Pine Knoll Shores. After mooring at Beacon's Reach, campers spend a little time at the beach before heading back across the sound. These photos were captured recently as campers arrived at the marina and later as they were preparing for their return sail. Camp Albemarle Executive Director Tom Hussmann expresses appreciation to Beacon's Reach for their willingness to host the campers for this fun event.—*Photos by David Shapiro*

PINE KNOLL SHORES VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our *vision* is to provide a quality environment in which all residents and visitors are safe and secure, where individual talents flourish and everyone enjoys the natural resources of our area.

It is the *mission* of the town of Pine Knoll Shores to provide for the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors in an efficient and well-organized manner; develop and implement plans for the continuous improvement of the town, its services and its beach; and encourage the participation of residents in service to the town and community.



This large Sweetgum tree came down in Arleen and Tom Graczewski's yard very early in Hurricane Arthur's approach, sometime just after 9 p.m. on Thursday evening. It stood just eight feet from the house but fell in the opposite direction, blocking half the street. Fortunately, son, Tim, and son-in-law, Keith Edwards, were on hand to serve as the removal crew.—*Photo by Arleen Graczewski*