



From left: Mike Hargett, John Brodman and Jan Frye during their 500-mile "Mountains to the Coast" bike ride to benefit Hope for the Warriors®.—Photo by Jim Harris

PKS Hope for the Warriors Goes for a Hat Trick

By Mike and Buffa Hargett

A team of four Pine Knoll Shores residents, plus a guest rider, set their goal on completing a "hat trick" by finishing the Cycle North Carolina Mountains to the Coast bike ride for a third time. The annual event, now in its 16th year, is organized and directed by the North Carolina Amateur Sports Association in Durham, and is one of the most scenic and popular cross-state rides in the United States. The ride is appropriately named, as it began in the Blue Ridge Mountains and ended on the coast of the Outer Banks. The cities visited were Sparta, Mount Airy, Reidsville, Oxford, Roanoke Rapids, Edenton, Manteo and Hatteras Village.

Approximately 1,200 riders, ages 7 to 85, from numerous states and several countries, traversed the state on a variety of bicycles, including recumbent, tandem, hybrids and road bikes. They traveled approximately 500 miles over seven days with routes opening at 7:30 a.m. and closing at 5 p.m. Lodging choices included hotels and B&Bs (our choice) and both indoor and outdoor camping (no way).

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New Police Chief Sworn In

In mid-November, Town Manager Brian Kramer announced the appointment of Ryan Thompson as Pine Knoll Shores Chief of Police. Chief Thompson previously served as the captain with the Pine Knoll Shores Police Department, and has been serving as interim chief since May following the resignation of the former chief. He was chosen from a pool of 20 candidates.

A law enforcement veteran with eight years of experience, Thompson served in the Morehead City, Emerald Isle and Atlantic Beach police departments prior to coming to Pine Knoll Shores. He will lead a seven-person force that serves the residents and property owners of the town.

Chief Thompson received his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Craven County Community College, and holds multiple certifications in law enforcement.

He was sworn in at the Board of Commissioners' meeting on November 12. Kurt Nakamura was sworn in as the new captain of the department.



Newly appointed Pine Knoll Shores Police Chief Ryan Thompson is assisted by wife Holly as the oath of office is administered by Mayor Ken Jones at the November 12 Board of Commissioners' meeting.—Photo by Natalie Gibble

PKS Sidewalk Survey Summary

By Lee Padrick, NC Division of Community Assistance

In July, the NC Division of Community Assistance (DCA) consulted with the town of Pine Knoll Shores on the development of a sidewalk survey to be mailed to all property owners within the town. After consultation, DCA proposed a questionnaire to poll property owners on their level of interest and concern regarding a proposed sidewalk. The town staff edited the questions and included various fund-

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