

## At The Library



"Lightening" by Chris McCaffity

The Bogue Banks Public Library is gearing up for the Summer Reading program. Registration begins June 22; contact the library for full details. Storytimes for children continue on Thursdays at 10 a.m. during the summer months.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Storytelling Festival will be held at 10 a.m. on July 8, July 15, July 22, and July 29, at the History Place in Morehead City, and at 2 p.m. at the Cape Carteret Aquatic & Wellness Center. Professional storytellers will delight children of all ages with their wonderful stories.

**Activities for Children:** Preschool Storytime is for children, ages 3-5 years old. Programs are with Ms. Brita and are held each Thursday at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 4, will be "Once Upon A Time." Thursday, June 11, will be "Something Fishy!" Thursday, June 18, will be "Happy Father's Day!" Thursday, June 25, will be "Sign Up for SRP (Summer Reading Program)!"

**Featured Artwork:** In June, the Art Gallery of the Bogue Banks Public library will feature the photography of Chris McCaffity of Morehead City. A commercial fisherman for 20 years, Chris has always been entranced by the images he sees out

on the water and took up photography to capture those views. His exciting photos of sea creatures, lighthouses, and nature present scenes most landlubbers miss as his photo "Lightning" illustrates.

The display case will feature beautiful wood sculptures by former Emerald Isle resident George Brooks. His subjects, shore and sea birds, are very popular with coastal residents.

The library's regular hours are Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The phone number is 247-4660 and the web site is <http://carteret.cplib.org>.

## Recycle Man

By Bill Matthias

This spring I had been working on my driveway and recoated it with tar. In the process I acquired about 35 empty five gallon buckets. I would have felt shameful if I had just thrown them away, so I researched Onslow County's recycling program and discovered if the empty buckets had the number 2 or 3 on the bottom in a triangle, they could be recycled.

OK that is cool, so I went to the local dump site (similar to Carteret county's dump sites) and while I was doing my bit to make Al Gore proud of me, I started talking with the dump site manager. Now, most of us would not savor his position daily posted in a little wooden shack guarding trash. But we are apt find little treasures everywhere. After a five minute class on recycling and some free "smarties" to my oldest daughter, who accompanied me, we had acquired a new friend we now call "Recycle Man" who has become our household super hero.

We Googled Onslow Recycle and discovered that many of us are now breaking the law and learned further that after October 1, we will be

breaking it even more! If you look at the list of things currently not allowed to thrown in the landfill you will be surprised. Of course most of the stuff listed are "Duh" items but what struck me was aluminum cans are not allowed in the landfill. How many aluminum cans are we throwing away? It gets better! Come October 1, many more of us will be criminals, because plastic bottles that have openings smaller than the bottom of the container (read this beverage bottles, like cheap wine or whiskey) will also be outlawed from the landfills along with a few other items.

After our new super hero won over my daughter with his "smarties," I now have a rabid junior Al Gore on my hands. She has a recycle bin set up in our laundry room and has plotted rides to the recycle site every Saturday morning (to get more "smarties" no doubt).

So I thought I would try to redeem myself by suggesting that we start thinking about a comprehensive recycle program for the Town of Pine Knoll Shores. First, it will prevent us from breaking the law, and second, it may help us resolve the dilemma of what to legally do with all the soda cans, plastic containers and junk mail. Who knows, it may spur the citizenry to recycle the by-products of their ABC purchases.

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