

Friends Need Friends

By Dot Miller

Because it is hidden behind bushes off Salter Path Road, residents of Pine Knoll Shores may not realize that the Bogue Banks Public Library is a gem in our midst. But on any given day, families can be seen entering our library to take advantage of its many offerings.

When the Bogue Banks Library originally opened, in September 1983, it was in a small room at the N. C. Aquarium. The ribbon cutting at the new facility in Pine Knoll Village occurred on May 20, 1990. Since that day, a steady stream of year-round residents and summertime visitors take advantage of all that the library offers: daily newspapers, magazines, thousands of books, CD's, videos, free use of the internet, exceptional children's programs, monthly art shows, occasional and always outstanding speakers' programs. A recent innovation has been The Book Nook, an on-going sale of newer books.

Bogue Banks Public Library is open six days each week: Monday through Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Staff members are cordial and helpful. They include Brita Flynn and Donna Freeman with part-timers Andrew Porter and Sue Way. Susan Simpson, County Librarian, is also often on site.

The library receives county and town (Pine Knoll Shores and Atlantic Beach) support, but these funds have been reduced during recent stressful financial times. That's where 190 "Friends" come in--Pine Knoll Shores residents who support the library with their membership. Having all the town's property owners (potentially 2,200) as Friends of the Bogue Banks Library would reduce the stress and keep the many programs vibrant. Individual membership in the Friends costs \$10 per year; family memberships are available for \$15 per year. To join the Friends stop by the library or fill out the coupon below and mail it with your check. Your support will make a huge difference and for that we thank you.

Where is the Bogue Banks Library? It is just west of the Pine Knoll Shores Public Safety Building.

Mail to: Friends of the Bogue Banks Public Library
320 Salter Path Road, Suite W
Pine Knoll Shores NC 28512

I/we would like to enroll as a member of the Friends of the Bogue Banks Public Library for the year 2010.

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Shoes for Boys and Girls Club

The Athlete's Foot in Morehead City has teamed up with the Boys and Girls Club of Coastal Carolina to provide shoes for members of the Club.

Alan Horton, store manager at The Athlete's Foot, said he wanted to find a partner in the community that could benefit from the success The Athlete's Foot has enjoyed over the last 10 years in Morehead City. "The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is one we whole-heartedly support. The Club provides a safe, positive place for boys and girls to spend their time after school and in the summers."

Many of the families live on an extremely tight budget. The Athlete's Foot wants to provide shoes for those members selected by the Boys and Girls Club staff.

Beginning this May through the month of June, The

Athlete's Foot will set aside \$1 for each pair of shoes sold in the Morehead City store. This money will be used to provide shoes for the children and teenagers selected by the Club staff for the back-to-school season. Horton said The Athlete's Foot will set aside \$1 in September and October for the same purpose, providing shoes for the holiday season.

"We're excited about our partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina and know we'll find many other ways to support the wonderful work they do," Horton said.

Leisa Smith Barefoot is the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Coastal Carolina. The Athlete's Foot is owned by Pine Knoll Shores residents Jean and Jim Turner and is located in Morehead Crossing on Highway 24.

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By Charlie McBriarty

The six-month Pine Knoll Shores keglers' season officially concluded on Thursday, March 25, at the Clamdigger with the Ancient Mariners' annual banquet, where tales were spun, awards were presented, and a special birthday was celebrated. The birthday was number 95 for Vivian Macdonald, who has participated in the Ancient Mariner Bowling League since its inception in 1974. The awards were in the form of cash for high individual and team achievement, plus a few less meritorious feats. The tales that were spun, as Las Vegas legend maintains, will remain at the Clamdigger.

This season's league bowling competition began on Monday, September 28, at the Stars and Strikes Bowling Center at Cherry Point. The season consisted of weekly contests matching two teams bowling three games each to determine which team could win the highest number of the available four points awarded each week. Each of the three games was worth a point, and the team amassing the greatest number of total pins was awarded the fourth point.

After 12 weeks of competition, the team calling itself the "Long Shots" amassed the highest point

total. This team, consisting of Teddy Wimberly, Will Dixon and Edna Tart, was declared the winner of the first half of the season on December 14. The second half was won by the team of Dot Manion, Charlie Kirchner and Bob Slater— aka "Two Guys & a Gal." As a consequence, the two teams were matched in a "roll-off" to determine the league champion. After the dust settled at the conclusion of this three-game session, the "Long Shots" earned the championship.

One of the features of the Ancient Mariner Bowling League is that for 36 years participants, regardless of their bowling acumen, have found bowling to be an opportunity to meet people, to enjoy an afternoon of friendly activity and to have fun. This season the league consisted of 12 three-person teams and nearly a score of substitute bowlers. Next season will get underway in late September. It is the hope of the new officers that more bowlers can be found for the 2010-2011 season. Anyone interested in joining the league may contact any of the officers: President Jim Fix (247-4843), Vice President Nick Policastro (808-2919), Treasurer Lois Kacmarcik (247-3610), or Secretary Barb Fix (247-4843).

Pine Knoll Association

By Barbara Lemons

Summer is almost here, and folks are returning to the beach, shaking off the long winter with sand and sunshine.

That said, Pine Knoll Association reminds members and guests about safety on the beach. As admirable as it is that a five-year old can dig a three-foot hole in the sand with a plastic shovel, that same hole can become a significant safety hazard if left unattended. As we trek to the beach balancing chairs, bags, towels, coolers, and boogie boards, we're not looking for holes in the sand and could easily take a bad fall as a result. In addition, these fun digs are particularly dangerous to our volunteers who monitor sea-turtle nests at

night. So, after getting that photo of your children in the hole they dug, please fill it in and eliminate the possibility of someone's day at the beach turning into a visit to the emergency room.

Be aware also that our beaches are often littered with metal cans, glass, fishing hooks and line, plastic bags, fireworks, balloons, children's plastic toys and pet excrement. These items all pose health and safety issues for people and wildlife, so please be sure to gather it up, take it away and leave nothing behind. If we all pitch in, our beaches will be safer and more enjoyable for everyone.