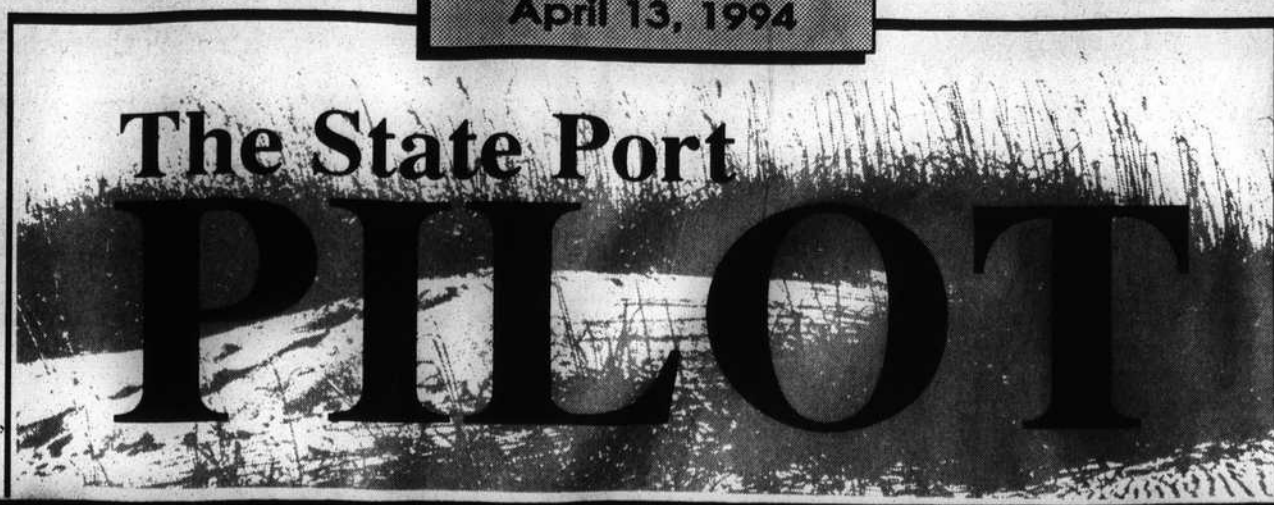




Neighbors

The Sea Notes and others take a sentimental journey back to World War II



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Bald Head owners think taxes are too high; officials say they could be right

Sports

Preliminaries are over and the Cougars is ready for Waccamaw baseball warfare



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Thursday through Saturday with high temperatures each day in the 70s. Nighttime lows are expected to stay in the 50s.

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Weather updates are available on Pilot Line. Dial 457-5084, then extension 191.

Coming up...

ART IN THE PARK will be held Saturday in Franklin Square. The event will feature a variety of entertainment as well as activities for children and other people.

Library to close here, Oak Island service to begin

The Southport library will close for remodeling Monday, April 18, and the G. V. Barbee Sr. library branch on Oak Island is now expected to open Monday, May 2.

Books may be checked out at the Southport branch through Saturday, and may be returned to the Barbee branch after May 2. During the two-week period when neither branch will be open, books may be returned at a drop box in the United Carolina Bank downtown office lobby.

Children's storytime schedules and summer reading program plans will be announced as soon as possible after the move, said library director Reecie Tate.

Tate also said that all valid Brunswick County library cards may be used at any county library branch.

The Shallotte library branch closed Monday for remodeling and a temporary See **Library**, page 8



Photo by Jim Harper

Spraying for the gypsy moth began at sunup Friday over Bald Head Island and Ocean Isle Beach, and will continue this week with teams of aircraft working specified areas each day. The

location and type of impending spray may be checked each evening by calling (800) 449-9007 for recorded Department of Agriculture information.

Moth spray begins

Schedule depends on winds and rain

By Terry Pope
County Editor

A threat of rain Tuesday afternoon temporarily grounded planes spraying for a local gypsy moth invasion.

But two days of excellent weather helped the N. C. Department of Agriculture's pest eradication program get underway.

The planes have yet to complete patterns over the Southport-Oak Island community but have fumigated areas to both the north and south.

By Tuesday all areas targeted for Gypchek, a biological insecticide which won't harm other insects, had been sprayed at least once with the more environmentally sensitive formula. Those areas include the eastern portion of Bald Head Island, Bluff Island, Mirror Lake and Pretty Pond in Boiling Spring Lakes.

Also, more than 53,000 acres had been sprayed with Bt, another biological insecticide which agents hope will stop the pest that began hatching from eggs three weeks ago.

"For the most part, I think we've got the people's support," said Dan Wall, spray project coordinator with the NCDA. "With something this large and affecting this number of people, you're always going to have concerns."

An Asian strain of the gypsy moth flew from a ship docked at Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point north of Southport last July. Agriculture experts fear if the pest isn't stopped now it could lead to a rapid outbreak across the United States. An estimated 130,000 acres will be See **Moths**, page 7

5,000 acres near Southport

Rezoning sought by county

By Terry Pope
County Editor

What county commissioners heard from Long Beach resident Rosetta Short on Monday was convincing.

The board voted unanimously to ask that 5,000 acres she wants set aside for environmental protection be rezoned from heavy in-

dustrial to residential use.

It includes all of the 1,000-acre tract north of Southport that the mining company Martin Marietta Aggregates has purchased or leased with plans to open a rock quarry.

District 3 commissioner Wayland Vereen's motion to "initiate the process to rezone the acreage back to residential" passed unanimously. The request will be sent to the Brunswick County Planning Board for a public hearing and a recommendation.

Commissioners must also hold a public hearing but are not bound to accept decisions of the planning board, which last fall refused to rezone the land when pressured to do so by members of the Brunswick Mining Awareness Committee opposition group.

"This rezoning will not stop development," said Ms. Short, who serves on the N. C. Coastal Resources Commission Advisory Council. Last month, she presented a plan to the CRC that nominates the acreage for an "area of environmental concern" to protect wetlands, marshes and streams that feed into the Cape Fear River. Another concern is that heavy industry and

deep mines would drain the underground aquifer and damage limesink ponds along with protected animal and plant species.

The CRC will decide at its meeting in New Bern next month whether to conduct a full See **Rezoning**, page 8

County, school boards discuss Leland funding

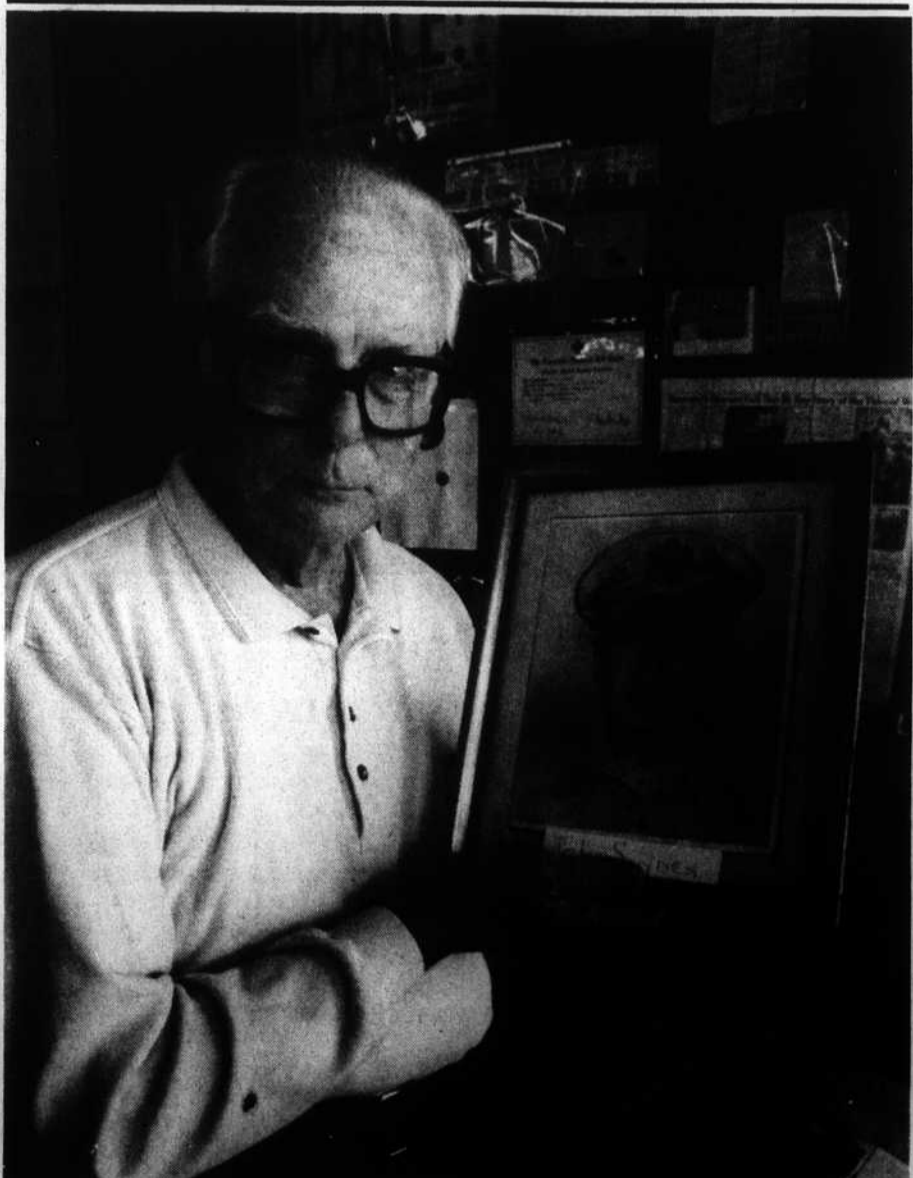
Two county boards which have clashed in the past over school finances have finally agreed to a joint meeting this week.

Commissioners and the school board will meet Thursday, April 14, at noon in the conference room at Brunswick Community College.

The topic: How to fund construction costs for the new \$6.4-million elementary school at Leland.

It is the same room where the two boards met last fall but under different circumstances. Last September, a mediator hammered out a deal there to end a dispute between the two boards over school funding.

"I believe they just don't understand the financing package," said Don Warren of District 1. See **Funding**, page 7



Jack Snyder not only emceed the Sunday Sea Notes performance in the "Southport Remembers World War II" series but provided some of the memorabilia on display, including this autographed photo of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Snyder served on MacArthur's staff.

'Wonderful child' remembered
A month after fire, parents coping with loss

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

These verses were written by Oak Island resident Chace Johnson in honor of Jaryn Halley Harrison, 7, and her grandmother Jean Harrison, who died March 12 in a house fire in Long Beach.

Johnson is one of many area residents deeply affected by the tragedy, and who have come forward to support the family, said Fritz and Nina Harrison, Jaryn's father and mother.

"Jaryn really, truly

believed in everybody loving each other," said Mrs. Harrison. "And with her death the whole community came together."

Fritz Harrison recalled that his daughter used to pray every day that people would be kinder to each other.

"All the love that was felt that day in church during the memorial service was what she prayed for every day of her life. She wanted the world to be a nicer place," he said.

The Harrisons said they take comfort in knowing Jaryn is in Heaven with her

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*On the wings of a comet you came
Like a bright and shining star;
Touching the spirits of many,
Spreading the light near and far.
After many months of physical toil,
A beautiful princess for Grandma to spoil.
The years rushed by
And the two became one;
Grandma and child,
A new sojourn begun.
We do not know why
You left us so soon,
And our questions will linger
For many phases of the moon.
So Grandma and child,
Like one bright shooting star;
Our emotions rest in knowing
In God's own wings you are.*



JARYN HARRISON