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Town eyes new policies, ideas

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In the wake of their Sept. 18 annual retreat, members of the Edenton Town Council have established a series of goals for the future. These goals are outlined in a vision statement established that day. They include:

- To develop a viable downtown business district supplemented by quality shopping centers and a diverse industrial mix in outlying areas that will translate into job opportunities and expanded tax base

- To develop and enhance water access and outdoor activities supplemented by a variety of recreational and cultural activity throughout the community for residents and tourists

- Have a sound, stable infrastructure that meets the needs of citizens, business and industry including streets, water, sewer, electric-

ity, transportation, facilities, etc.

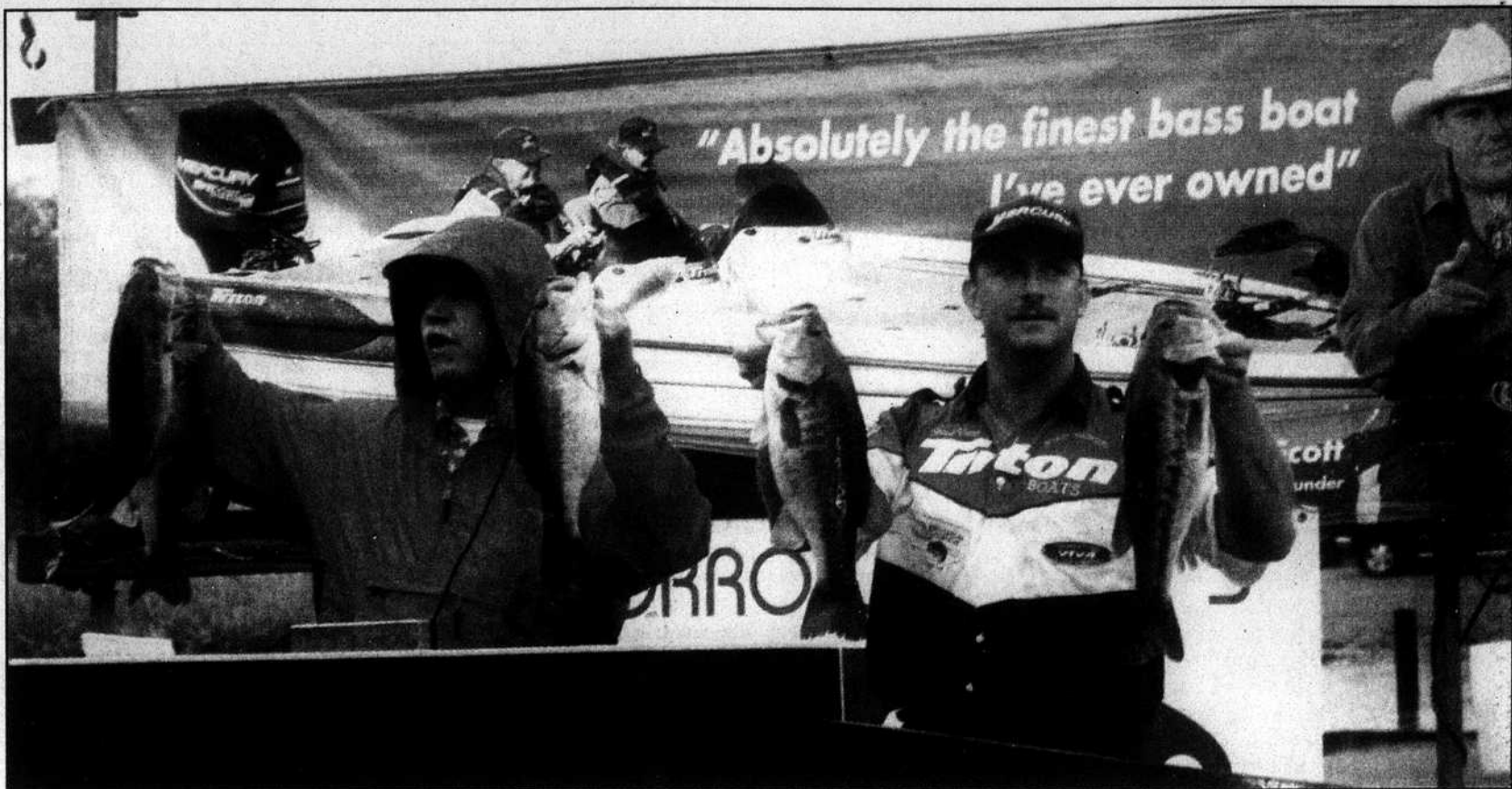
- Work collaboratively with citizens and other governments to plan for and respond to citizen needs and provide timely, efficient, effective, and customer friendly services

- To grow to a population of 7,000 — providing a home for young families and retirees while maintaining a strong sense of small town values and citizen involvement. The town will preserve and promote its historic resources and unique downtown and focus on community attractiveness

- Be known as a desirable tourist destination offering a wide variety of historic exhibits, water activities, cultural offerings, lodging, dining, shopping, and other attractions.

The council also discussed a number of concerns during the retreat including complaints about

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Big day of fishing

Steve Vann of Goldsboro, NC took home a trophy for being the top professional fisherman in the Carolina Fish and Fur Classic, along with the grand prize, a \$24,000 fully outfitted Triton Bass Boat. Vann netted a total of 30.66 pounds of fish to take the win during the event, which was held at Pembroke Fishing Center in Edenton. "I had a real good time," said Vann. "Winning the tournament was a surprise. Vann, who is sponsored by Triton Boats, Mercury Outboards and Boats Unlimited of Raleigh, added that, despite the rain the water conditions were "a lot better" on Saturday than they had been on Friday. "This morning, the water conditions for the fish to bite were exceptional." (Staff photo by David Crawley)

Kuralt focus of program

Ralph Grizzle, author of the new book, *Remembering Charles Kuralt*, will be the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Shepard-Pruden Library in Edenton on Thursday, Oct. 19. The public is invited to the 7:30 p.m. talk by Grizzle in the John A. Holmes High School auditorium, preceded by a 6:30 p.m. book-signing. There will be no admission charge.

Charles Kuralt, noted as a CBS correspondent, host of the Sunday Morning Show on CBS for many years, and author of some 600 "On the Road" features for CBS News, died just three years ago, on July 4, 1997. Soon after, Grizzle was commissioned by UNC-Chapel Hill to conduct a series of oral histories with friends, family members and professional colleagues of Kuralt. These interviews with some 100 people form the basis for the 288-page book, called by former UNC Chancellor Bill Friday "a collector's item" and by one reviewer "a book that will strike

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Heritage Day emphasis on farming, crafts, music

The public is invited to the Albemarle Learning Center Heritage Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Through traditional craft and antique farming demonstrations, this event will celebrate the unique traditions and diverse multi-culturalism of northeastern North Carolina.

Regional master craftspeople will demonstrate a variety of traditional crafts. Among the many traditional arts that will be present are blacksmithing, woodcarving, quilting, weaving and spinning, and pine needle crafts. Some crafts items will be for sale to the public.

Regional music will also be a part of this year's celebration. Visitors are invited to listen to talented local musicians who will be performing blues, gospel, and traditional instrumental music beginning at 3 p.m. that day.

Heritage farming will be demonstrated throughout the day using antique implements and animal power. Peanut farming will be a main focus of the demonstrations. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn firsthand the techniques of antique farming by participating in

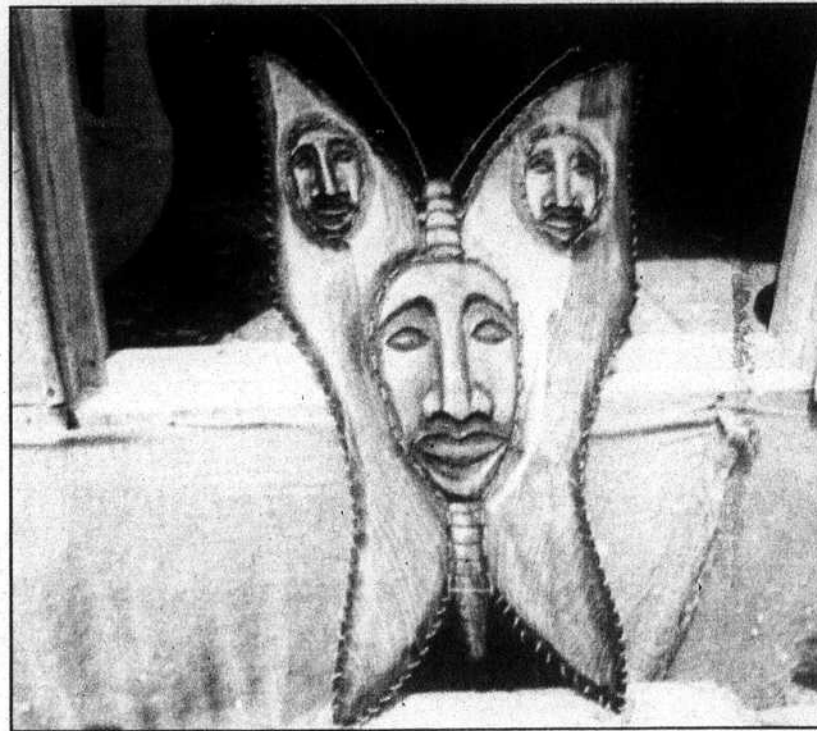
some activities.

In addition, the herring fishing industry will be represented at the Heritage Celebration. A herring fishing boat will be on display for visitors to explore, while the tradition of "tying seine," or net-making, will be demonstrated.

All children are encouraged to

participate in hands-on activities in the educational area. Throughout the day, they will be able to make homemade butter, cornshuck dolls, play turn-of-the-century games, and participate in other educational activities.

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Traditional crafts and antique farming demonstrations will be a key part of Heritage Day Oct. 21



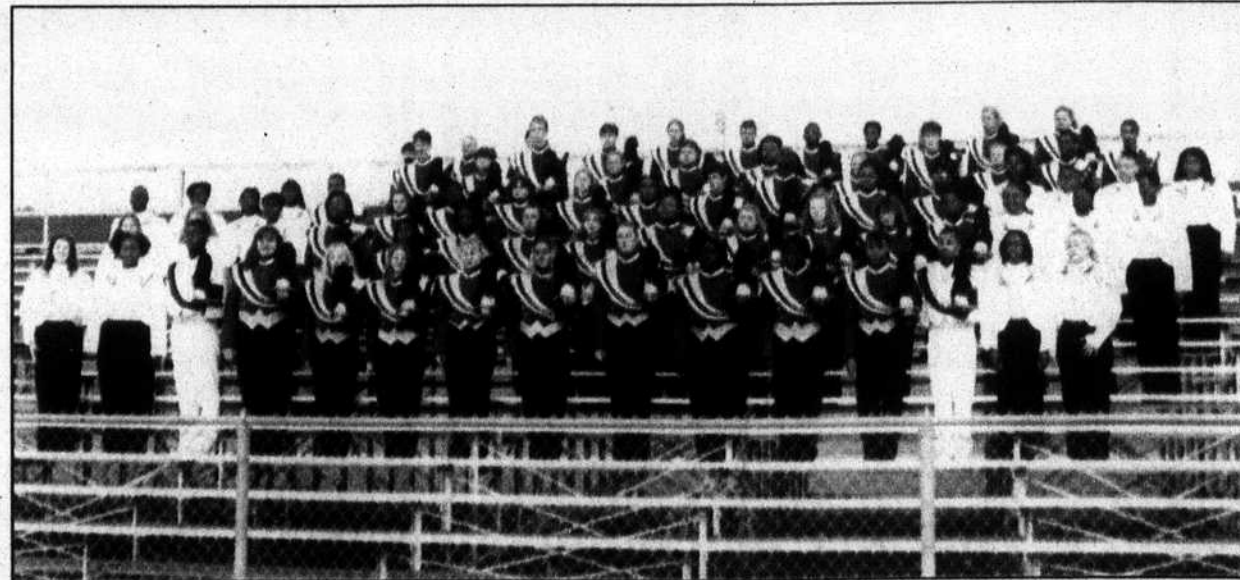
'Battle of the Bands' centerpiece of festival

The John A. Holmes High School Marching Aces will host the 25th annual Peanut Festival on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the John A. Holmes Athletic Complex in Edenton.

For a quarter of a century, the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association has sponsored the Peanut Festival to raise funds in support of the band program. Funds support bands at both John A. Holmes High School and Chowan Middle School.

Proceeds from the Peanut Festival each year are used for the upkeep of instruments, transportation for the band and for the purchase of smaller instruments for Chowan Middle School.

The competition, nicknamed "The Battle of the Bands," has been the centerpiece of the Peanut Festival since its inception in 1976. The inaugural and second annual festivals of 1976 and 1977 featured a gymkhana and horse show held at the Chowan County Fairgrounds. In 1978, the "Battle" began with a parade to the waterfront and a



The John A. Holmes High School Marching Aces

standstill performance on the historic Chowan County Courthouse green.

As the influence of the drum and bugle corps spread across the nation, Otis Strother, former Aces Band Director and the Edenton-

Chowan Band Parent Association embraced the "corps style" and opened with their first field show competition in 1979. For 12 years, high school bands stepped "off the line" in Hicks Field on the campus of John A. Holmes. Since 1990, the

spectators, judges, and participating bands have enjoyed the state-of-the-art Aces Athletic Complex.

This year's band competition will begin at 1 p.m. Band Director

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Community asked to help with cleanup of Response site

The Chowan Interfaith Disaster Response Effort has organized a Warehouse Clean-Up Day on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. until noon. All Chowan County churches are being asked to participate in the project.

"Please bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, large trash bags, and a group from your congregation ready to work together to prepare our building for use in the event of a natural disaster in our county," said the Rev. Jane Love, a founding member of the recently formed disaster preparedness team.

The large, brick warehouse is located at the old Home Feed and Fertilizer site on the corner of Carteret and Moseley Streets, just off Granville Street.

The group is also asking for the use of several pickup trucks.

"The warehouse floor is covered with potash that will have to be removed," said Rev. Love. "Therefore, we will also need the use of several pickup trucks for hauling the ash off the site."

For more information, call Rev. Jane Love at (252) 482-3332.