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Anthony Horton delights passersby in downtown Edenton with his soulful flute music. See story 1B.

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Kalbach named to state aviation task force

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor

Gov. Pat McCrory has appointed Jim Kalbach of Edenton to the state's new Aviation Development Task Force.

Kalbach is chairman of the Northeastern Regional Airport Commission.

Gov. Pat McCrory's office noted the aviation indus-

try in the state is directly responsible for more than 100,000 jobs and has an annual economic impact of more than \$25 billion.

"The Task Force's role is to submit a comprehensive report and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation for the enhancement of the state's aviation programs," according to a statement released

by the governor's office.

The executive order creating the task force states it may have up to 21 members. So far, McCrory has appointed 18, and a third of those - Kalbach and five others - reside east of Interstate 95. The other eastern members are two from New



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Hanover County and one each from Carteret, Lenoir and Brunswick counties.

Kalbach said the task force was established to spend about a year working to improve aviation statewide, with a special emphasis on strengthening smaller general aviation air-

ports in rural areas.

The governor and the task force recognize the connection between airports and economic development and intend to strengthen that connection, according to Kalbach.

Another task of the panel will be an effort to streamline paperwork involved in aviation funding, much of which comes from the fed-

eral government.

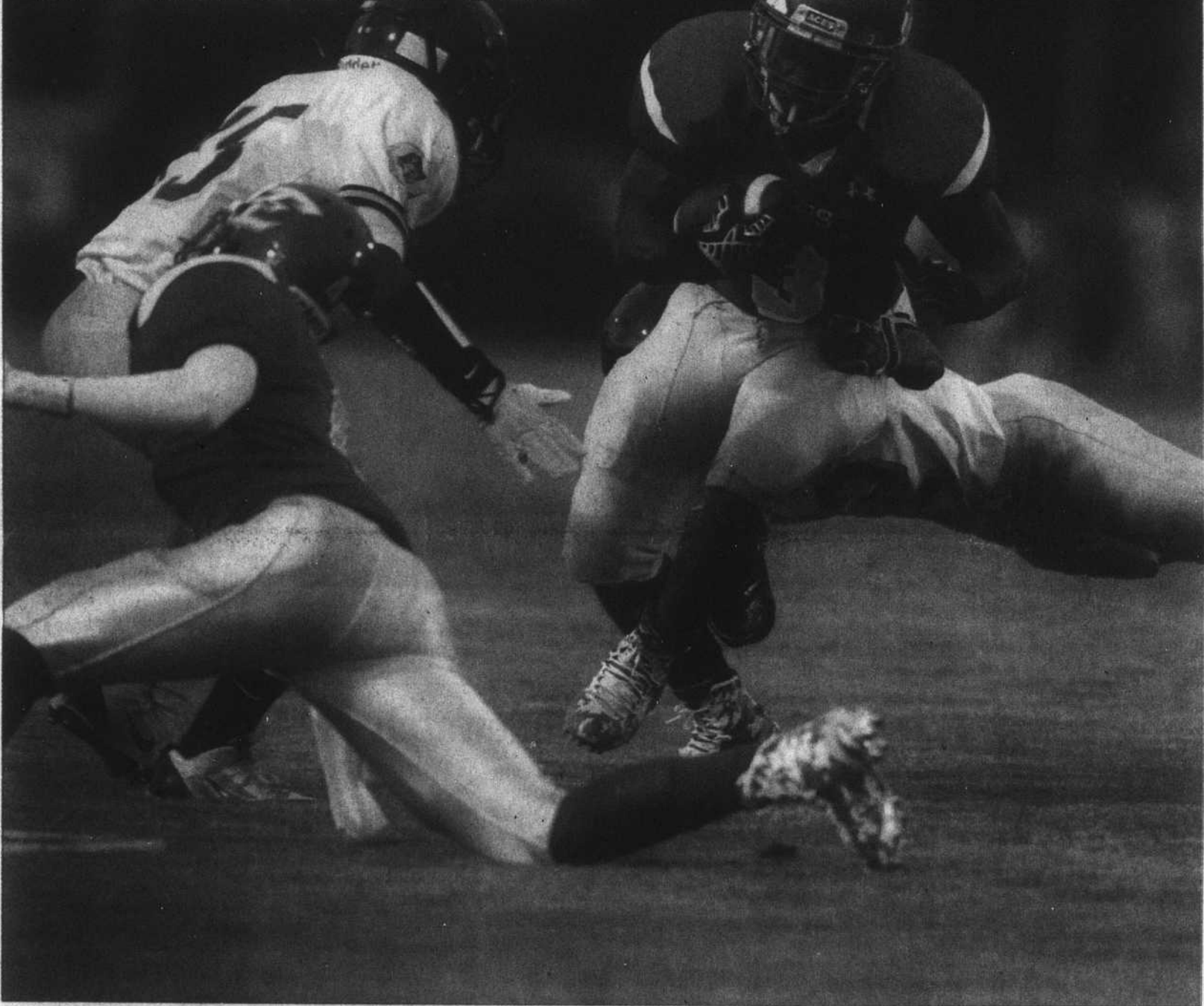
Kalbach said the task force would endeavor to strengthen the aviation funding stream, "particularly in areas like this where we need jobs."

Kalbach was in the aviation field in the Army.

When he moved to Edenton 25 years ago, the town

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PIRATES GET PIERCE-ED



THOMAS J. TURNEY/THE DAILY ADVANCE

Edenton's Cordareous Pierce runs that football against Perquimans, Friday. See story page 7A. See more photos online at DailyAdvance.com.

Boy, 9, dies in Rocky Hock crash

From staff reports

The father of a 9-year-old Chowan County boy killed in a single-vehicle accident in the Rocky Hock community Saturday night has been charged with driving while impaired in connection with the crash.

Richard Anthony Altman, 45, of 115 Tynchtown Road, Edenton, has been charged with driving while impaired, according to Trooper T.F. Langley of the N.C. Highway Patrol. Altman's son, Briar James Altman of Tyner, was killed in the crash, the Highway Patrol reported.

The driver was flown to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital and was still in the Intensive Care Unit as of Monday, according to Langley.

Richard Anthony Altman's 14-year-old son also was a passenger in the truck at the time of the crash and was treated and released at Vidant Chowan Hospital, Langley said.

Langley said additional charges could be filed, pending a thorough investigation of the crash.

1999 GMC Sierra truck was traveling south on River Road around 7:15 p.m. Saturday when it ran off the road in a curve and overturned in a field, according to the Highway Patrol.

Langley estimated the truck's speed in the curve at 75 mph.

The truck was traveling too fast for the conditions,

See CRASH, 6A

Officials seek regional approach to hydrilla

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor

Officials from Chowan and surrounding counties met last week to learn about hydrilla and will be gathering again to develop a regional strategy for controlling the pesky aquatic weed.

Last week's session was hosted by the Northeast Alliance - formerly the Northeast Commission - and featured presentations by Rob Richardson and Brett Hartis of N.C. State University.

Scott Alons, who is in charge of soil and water conservation work in Chowan and Perquimans counties, also attended the meet-

ing, and provided the perspective of someone who has extensive experience battling hydrilla at sites in Chowan County.

The officials from Chowan, Perquimans, Gates, Bertie and Tyrrell counties also commended volunteers recruited through the Chowan Edenton Environmental Group who are conducting a survey of hydrilla along the Chowan County shoreline of the Chowan River and preparing a baseline map of hydrilla infestations.

Chowan County Manager Kevin Howard, Chowan Board of Commissioners Chairman Keith Nixon and Chowan Commissioners John Mitchener, Jeff Smith, Alex Kehayes and Emmett Winborne all attended the meeting.

Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath and Gates County

See HYDRILLA, 6A

Council mulls alcohol use on sidewalks

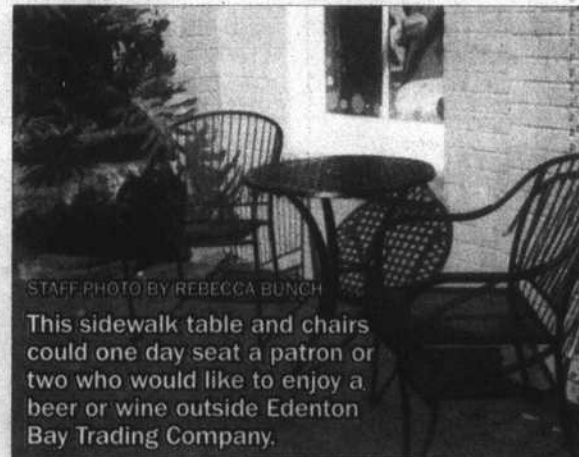
BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Town council members last week continued to discuss a proposal to allow consumption of alcoholic beverages within designated areas outside downtown businesses.

The latest discussion on the issue occurred during the council's Aug. 25 work session.

The current town ordinance governing outdoor sidewalk dining in the downtown area allows for tables and chairs that are set up within four feet of the town's right of way, according to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton.

See SIDEWALKS, 3A



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

This sidewalk table and chairs could one day seat a patron or two who would like to enjoy a beer or wine outside Edenton Bay Trading Company.

Relay for Life meeting set for Monday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 The Perquimans Weekly

The days of the two-county, 24-hour Relay For Life event may be numbered.

Or maybe not. That's what the American Cancer Society is trying to let communities decide and it's scheduled a meeting for Sept. 8 in Edenton to talk about it. It's set

for 7 p.m. in the Pembroke Room of Vidant Chowan Hospital.

The Relay in Edenton is a two-county effort and includes Perquimans.

Next year will mark the 30th anniversary of Relay. It started off as a 24-hour event where people would walk around a track to raise money for cancer

See RELAY MEETING, 6A



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