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Commission works to make life rewarding for the visually impaired

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

The aroma of baked chicken and garlic bread filters from the kitchen as members of the Commission for the Blind Independent Living Class set the table for lunch. There are seven members in the class and three instructors.

Class member, eighty-two-year-old Ruth Wadsworth, says that this training means a lot. "My father eventually lost his sight completely to macular degeneration," she says. "I had an idea that the same thing might happen to me." Although Mrs. Wadsworth is not completely blind she says the classes are preparing her for the time when it comes.

All the members of the class have been designated as legally blind and that has qualified them for this class and many other services available through the Commission for the Blind. Through expert instruction the class learns how to cook, wash clothes, measure ingredients, and the many other



Ruth Wadsworth removes a casserole from the microwave. She and other members of the Commission for the Blind Independent Living classes have prepared their own lunch. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

skills needed to function independently on a daily basis.

Unlike Ruth Wadsworth's father, the members of the class are not confined to their homes

nor are their lives imprisoned by the lack of vision. Through the commission many doors have been opened to the visually impaired. Everything

needed to make life productive and rewarding is now available. There is a vast li-

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Remembrance flag presented to firefighters

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

On Wednesday morning, April 10 the Edenton Fire Department received a very spe-

cial gift from Judy and Bob Adams of Edenton. Judy had been reading a syndicated paper and came across the story

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Judy Adams (fourth from left) presents a Remembrance Flag to Fire Chief Charlie Westbrook and fireman Scott Malant as Mayor Roland Vaughan and Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton look on.

Area OLF steering committee feels it is gaining ground

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

When the OLF Steering Committee adjourned their meeting last week they did so with a game plan. It was a combination of circumstances that have rekindled the efforts to light their own way to Capitol Hill.

It is because the steering committee feels it is being kept in the dark on the EIS and due to what they feel is a lack of concern shown by Congressmen John Edwards and Walter Jones that the steering committee has decided it will pursue other avenues.

One possibility discussed at an earlier meeting had been

meeting with Craven County, Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland, just prior to Easter, contacted Craven County Manager Harold Lizard. Both agreed to the possibility of arranging a joint conference between two counties concerning the OLF. Craven County has indicated they would be willing to take the OLF. However, Copeland says a misconception concerning the conversation resulted in a newspaper story being published which indicated a deal had been struck between Craven and Chowan counties. This was not the case, but the damage was done.

After the initial phone con-

versation between Lizard and Copeland, Lizard had gone on Easter vacation. "He had not had a chance to discuss anything with his commissioners," says Copeland. "The newspaper report came out (indicating they were) afraid some kind of deal had taken place without the county commissioners' knowledge. That certainly was not the case. He (Lizard) had simply agreed to bring it up to the commissioners."

Copeland went on to say the Craven County commissioners were contacted by a reporter and at that time they didn't know anything about the conversation. "And rightfully so, as Lizard had not had a chance

to discuss it with them. He had planned to do so on his first day back in office after Easter," adds Copeland. Copeland says he feels that issue was straightened out in a subsequent phone conversation with the newspaper in New Bern.

"Nevertheless, I think the sequence of events made the (Craven) county commissioners a little more hesitant about trying to have any discussions."

Bertie County Manager Zee Lamb expressed another concern shared by those involved. "I am afraid that at some point...there could be some deal between North Carolina and Virginia to dual site the planes and put the landing strip right

in between, which is Perquimans, Bertie, and Hyde counties."

For the committee and voters alike assurance for being heard has come from former Congressman Richard "Dick" Schulze of Pennsylvania. He has agreed to contact military and elected officials to help establish a meeting with Rep. Robert Stump of Arizona, Chairman of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. Other representatives lending an ear to the cause include Rep. Carolyn Maloney, Democrat from New York and Sen. Jessie Helms.

OLF Steering Committee members will also take steps

in the coming week to make appointments to meet with Virginia Senator John Warner.

In the meantime the committee has agreed on a vigorous campaign to make their concerns and voices heard. "The one thing we need to do is turn the spigot back on," said Major General Stringer. "We have essentially worked in spurts. Somehow or other we as a group need to implement a continuous stream of mail that outlines our concerns and we need to go about it county by county." Stringer adds that the most important source of voices and letters to Washington are the citizens of the counties themselves.



Livestock show helper

Two year old Sarah Ward wanted to do her part in making the lamb pretty for this past week's 4-H Livestock Show and Sale at the American Legion Fair grounds. Sarah is the daughter of Deputy Harry Ward and his wife Teresa. (Helen Outland Photo) (See next week's newspaper for more on the show)

Local students need community support for Odyssey competition

BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI
Edenton-Chowan Schools

Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary will tell you an odyssey is a long wandering or voyage. For seven Chowan Middle School students who placed in the state Odyssey of the Mind competition in mid-April, the word is apt; they are hoping to head next to the world OM competition in Boulder, Colo., scheduled for May 22-26.

The Odyssey of the Mind School Program is designed to foster creative thinking and problem-solving skills among participating students from kindergarten through college. It features an annual competition at local through international levels. Students solve problems in a variety of areas, from building mechanical devices such as spring-driven vehicles to giving their own interpretation of literary classics.

Danny Brusko, Meghan Bryant, Christopher Edmundson, Kelsey Lichtenwalner, Nikki Mitchell, Colleen Potocki and Mary Strzyzewski won second place in the state competition for their age group solving the "chameleon" problem. To solve the problem, the students were required to create and drive a vehicle that changes appearance as it passed through three different environments. The team member driving the vehicle also has to change appearance to match the environments. The team earned their chance to compete at the state

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CMS Odyssey team members are looking for community support so they can attend world competition in Colorado, May 22-26.

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