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The Oswego Marching Bucs are seeking donations for their upcoming community garage sale. Above, band member Kathryn Lombardo along with chairperson Anna Lombardo is joined by community volunteer Sean Madden.

Marching Bucs to host garage sale

One person's junk is another person's treasure.

The Oswego High School Marching Bucs are hosting a community garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Armory on West First Street.

Band parent association representative Joe Bosco said, "We are looking for donated items. If anyone is looking to clean out their house or garage this is a perfect opportunity to donate to the Marching Bucs."

Donations can be contributed to the Marching Bucs by contacting Anna Lombardo at 343-3974.

Bosco noted, "We are raising funds for the trip to the Florida Citrus Bowl Parade in

December and every little bit helps."

Booths will be set up by band members and proceeds from the individual booths will go directly to their assessment for the trip. There will also be a bake sale and proceeds from that will go to the general fund.

Fundraising is going to be widespread for the Marching Bucs and for the first time the group had a food booth for Harborfest.

Chairperson Debbie Bartholomew said, "We (had) a booth in the children's area of Breitbeck Park. We (sold) hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage sandwiches, pulled pork, chips, soda and water. We hope that this will go a long way in helping us fund the December trip to Florida."

Wind turbines could be blowing into Oswego

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issue," he added later, noting that the new design has no electromagnetic static, has no whooshing noise, does not cast shadows from the props and cannot suck birds or other wildlife into the fans.

Although it's still very preliminary, the proposed plan would have NEWC leasing the machinery to the city for 99 years, wherein they would be responsible for any main-

tenance throughout the life of the lease. Four of the turbines would be owned by NEWC and the city would own the rights to the last one, said Mayor Randy Bateman. "There are a lot of variables, but if (each turbine generates) two megawatts, the city would earn \$1 million per year," he said.

Currently, a plot of land between north of the water treatment plant and west of the NRG site near the SUNY

Oswego campus is being eyed for construction. It lies north of West Schuyler Street between Sheldon Avenue and Sixth Avenue. "The space is perfect," said Cranston. "It's really almost electricity nirvana."

If the plan were to go through, Cranston said that 10 months would be a ballpark figure for the time it would take start construction until the turbines will actually generate electricity.

Festival of the Arts planned for Aug. 11

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Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each from Pullen himself, through e-mail at helpdennypaint@gmail.com or from some local businesses, including Pizza Villa, Mary Jean's, Off Bridge Street Bagelry and Deli, Picture Connection, Coffee Connection, Oswego Tea Company, river's end bookstore and Firehouse Liquors.

The first prize for the raffle will be a paint-

ing by local artist, Norman Roth, valued at \$5,000.

Woolson said an account has also been set up for Pullen at Camelot Bottle and Can redemption center.

Pullen will also have some his art on display at the event.

Leotta Park is located across from the Oswego Tea Company on West First Street in between the two bridges near the foot-bridge that leads across the Oswego river.

Dorm fire sparks concern over disabled alarms

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that the lack of smoke alarms presented a real safety issue. "That was the reason that they didn't just move people back into their dorms, because there was concern that the alarm was not working," she said, pointing out that "no smoke or fire got to the residential area where there were (working) smoke and detectors."

Blissert said the smoke detectors that were near the elevator on all four floors of the building had been disabled. The kitchen that the fire broke out in shared a wall with the elevators, which is why the detectors were disabled in that area. Blissert said that if SUNY Oswego officials had been in charge of making the decision as to whether or not to disable the alarms, they certainly would not have disabled them in the kitchen.

"What we needed to have happen and didn't is that our residential staff would know and the police staff would know so that everyone would be aware of the situation and how to deal with it," she said. "We're coming up with a system to fix that procedure."

Once it was discovered that the alarm was disabled, a decision was made to move the students to Cayuga Hall, a nearby dormitory. The students were told to move their belongings there and were provided with wheeled bins to assist.

On Tuesday afternoon, there was a steady stream of students pushing bins filled with their belongings between the two dorms, about 100

yards away. In true college fashion, though, the students were more irritated by the move than concerned for their safety.

One SUNY student, Kenny Bouwers, was drenched in sweat, obviously from moving. "I live on the second floor and the elevators broken, so I have to walk all of my things down the stairs," he said, pushing a bin between Oneida and Cayuga halls. "What really aggravates me, and all of us, is that they don't tell us anything." Bouwers said that it was hours before they told the students what was going on at their dorm, and still longer until they told them what to do next.

"I think its bull ...," said Dan Lolyd, a technology education graduate student who was moving into Cayuga Hall. "I have a three-page paper that's due tomorrow, but I can't do that because I have to do this."

"I'm not concerned about our safety, I just think it could have been done a lot more efficiently than moving us over here," he said, taking yet another load of his belongings into the dorm. He echoed Bouwers frustration with the lack of communication between the college and the students. "Why didn't they let us move in until 1:30 or 2 in the afternoon?" he asked rhetorically.



Summer program receives support

Patti Ponzi of Entergy Nuclear recently visited the Success By 6 pre-K Summer Program class in Oswego. Entergy is a major supporter of the Success By 6 pre-K Summer Program that is offered in all nine area school districts. Pictured above are members of the Oswego pre-K Summer Program at Leighton Elementary. Standing above are: Patti Ponzi of Entergy Nuclear Northeast; Ali McGrath of Success By 6; Anthony Allen, Jada AuClair, Patrick Kraft, Kyle Cartier, Kelsey Broadwell, Abigail Faul, Ted Hagler, teacher Jackie Clarke, Jessica Brooks, and director of the Success By 6 program, Queenie O'Neil-Sands. Seated from left are: Joshua Casper, Cameron Dutton, Paige Mulcahey and Evan Tesoriero.

National Grid gives tips for staying cool in the heat

With temperatures in the nineties this week, National Grid reminds customers that it is possible to keep cool without turning up the heat on your energy budget. The utility company offers the following tips customers can use right away to beat the heat while conserving electricity:

- Draw blinds, shades, or drapes to block the sunlight during the hottest part of the day, especially on south-and west-facing windows.
- Cool things down by reducing the amount of heat generated in your home. Turn off lights when they are not needed, and avoid cooking, bathing or washing clothes during the hottest hours of the day.
- Use nature's free air conditioning. In the morning, open windows to capture the cool morning air.
- Electric fans use very little electricity — costing approximately \$9 to \$11 per month for continuous use — and can provide relief from the heat. In the morning and evening, window fans are especially useful in moving cooler air from outdoors into a home.
- Use the fan setting on

your room air conditioner at night when the air outside is cooler, or open a window and leave the air conditioner off. Keep windows closed whenever the air conditioner is on.

• The lower you set your temperature on your air conditioner, the more it will cost. For example, a 75 degree setting will cost about 18 percent more than a 78 degree setting. Set the thermostat on your air conditioner as high as comfort will permit. Use programmable thermostats to optimize air conditioning systems.

• Check your air conditioner's filter, and replace or clean it if clogged.

• Tighten your home's "thermal envelope." If you have air conditioning, you can save electricity by sealing everything that separates the inside of your home from the outside. Check the caulking around windows and weatherstripping around doors. Storm doors and storm windows actually can help keep cool air in your home so your air conditioner doesn't have to work as hard.

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