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Fireworks, parades – and kazoos – on tap for 4th of July

By LIZ GOTTHELF and TAMMY WELLS
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The Fourth of July brings to mind fireworks, barbecues, parades, and, in Ocean Park, kazoos.

The Pride of Ocean Park Kazoo Band has been a mainstay of the annual Ocean Park Fourth of July parade since the late 1970s.

Ocean Park is a Chautauqua community, tucked away near the Saco border of Old Orchard Beach. The quiet seaside community has programs that center on religion, education, recreation and culture. Though it has a private association, programs such as the 64th annual July 4th parade, held Friday at 10 a.m., are open to the public.

The kazoo band was started by then Ocean Park Association Assembly Superintendent Richard Burns who thought the parade, which was led by the Ocean Park Band, needed a musical act to bring up the end, according to kazoo band founding member Frank Gwaltney.

"It was a smashing hit right from the get-go," said Gwaltney.

The band, which is now featured in the middle of the parade line up, meets up every year at The Temple five minutes before the parade for its one



and only practice session, said Gwaltney. Participation varies, and there can be as many as 40 or as few as 12 in any given year, he said.

Qualifications include the ability to "walk and breathe at the same time," and knowing "which end of the kazoo to put to your lips," said Gwaltney.

After the parade, a concert by the Ocean Park Band is held at the bell tower, and winners of the annual decorated bicycle contest and sandcastle competition are announced. The Ocean Park Band lets the kazoo band join in for a few songs.

"It's just great, old-fashioned fun," said Gwaltney.

Gwaltney, who is also the parade's grand marshal, said the



Left to right: Beth Krueger, her husband Bob, and Frank Gwaltney play a tune on their kazoos in front of The Temple in Old Orchard Beach on Tuesday. The trio will take part in the annual Ocean Park Fourth of July parade Friday. Below: Sanford's Fourth of July parade starts at 10 a.m. and proceeds downtown on Main Street. Pictured here is the Disabled American Veterans float in the 2011 parade.

parade is wholesome and non-commercial.

"It's Americana," he said.

Prior to the parade, children may decorate their bicycles at the Ocean Park recreation hall. About 200 children on bicycles are dispersed throughout the parade, said Gwaltney. Youngsters who participate in the parade are given free Popsicles after the parade, compliments of the local ice cream parlor.

In Sanford, a water ski show, music and fireworks are on tap for the evening of July 3, with

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TAMMY WELLS/Journal Tribune File Photo

2 arrested on drug charges in Biddeford

By DINA MENDROS
 Staff Writer

BIDDEFORD — On Thursday, after a two-month investigation, the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force and the Biddeford Police Department arrested two people on heroin charges.

According to a posting on the Biddeford Police Department's Facebook page, Dean R. Smail, 46, was arrested and charged with aggravated trafficking in a Schedule W drug, heroin; and Lorrisue Johnson, 43, was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of Schedule W drug, heroin.

While executing a search warrant at 10 Mount Pleasant St., Apartments A and D, agents seized an unspecified amount of heroin. They also seized a loaded 12-gauge shotgun and an unloaded 32-caliber rifle, along with scales and other pharmaceuticals without valid prescriptions,

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Clerical error hinders new Ogunquit pesticide ordinance

By TRACEY COLLINS

Special to the Journal Tribune
 OGUNQUIT — Although Ogunquit became the first town in Maine to ban pesticides on all public and private town property last month, a clerical error has effectively rendered the vote invalid, according to the State Bureau of Pesticide Control.

"I didn't find out about the ordinance passing until a reporter called me for a comment on the significance of the ordinance. Before I returned the call, I checked to see if we had received a filing. We

hadn't," said Henry Jennings, director of the State's Bureau of Pesticide Control. "The statute is fairly clear, and the ordinance is void and of no effect."

Michael Horn, chairman of the Ogunquit Conservation Commission, said the "town clerk is relatively new in her job, and she did not realize that she had to alert the state to the ordinance change seven days in advance of the election."

Horn and the commission has been working to broaden the reach of the town's current pesticide ordinance. Since 2011, Ogunquit has prohibited the application of pesticides on all

municipal property.

The paperwork was in order when Ogunquit first tried to pass an expanded ordinance back in 2013, which failed by six votes. The Ogunquit Conservation Commission then went back and made several new changes to the ordinance to make it more palatable to residents. This included a code enforcement appeals process if residents could demonstrate a major health or property damage threat that could be avoided by pesticide application on private lawns and gardens.

According to Jennings, the role of the state is not to influ-

ence town policy. Instead, his department is responsible for managing inconsistencies and for keeping a central database of all municipal ordinances. The state also reviews every proposed ordinance if it impacts commercial farming. Jennings said the Ogunquit clerk should have also filed paperwork 90 days before the election, to allow the state to review its impact on commercial farming.

This leaves the Ogunquit Conservation Commission with two options: "They can re-vote this if they want, or they can change tactics and adopt the

pesticide ban as a municipal policy, which is non-binding and not enforceable," said Jennings.

According to Jennings, there are a handful of seaside communities that have adopted similar policies, but the state does not keep track of them because policies are not actual laws.

"A policy is really a statement of goals on the part of the municipality, which might make more sense for Ogunquit, given that enforcement didn't

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UNE to conduct scallop study

By DINA MENDROS
 Staff Writer

BIDDEFORD — While there may be no more seals at the University of New England's Marine Science Center, there is still plenty of marine life in the facility.

On Monday, Dr. James Sulikowski, a professor and researcher in the UNE Department of Marine Sciences, showed off some of the animals housed and being studied in the facility including

a sturgeon, green crabs, oysters and sea scallops.

The scallops are of particular interest because recently Sulikowski, partnering with other researchers, was awarded a \$1.6 million National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration grant for a study, the findings of which will be used to better manage that important fishery.

The UNE professor, along with Dr. John Mandelman from the New England Aquarium,

and Dr. David Rudders of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, who is the lead scientist on the project, will study incidental mortality of Atlantic sea scallops in their research project entitled "Discard Mortality of Sea Scallops Following Capture and Handling in the Sea Scallop Dredge Fishery."

Sulikowski said he's been studying scallops for the last few years, and Rudders has been studying the bivalve mollusk for 15-plus years.

Researchers in Alaska and Canada are also participating in the study, he said. The study is important, because while Maine may be known worldwide for its lobsters, the scallop industry could be more lucrative. The scallop fishery "is the most important fishery on the East Coast," said Sulikowski. "That's our bread and butter." In addition, he said, last year



A scallop is shown at the University of New England Monday. "was the biggest scallop year for our state."

In 2013, Maine's scallop fishery was valued at \$5 million – the highest in 15 years, accord-

ing to UNE. Scallop landings weighed in at 525,000 pounds, the highest in 13 years.

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\$12.3M RSU budget headed to OOB voters

By LIZ GOTTHELF
 Staff Writer

OLD ORCHARD BEACH — Residents will weigh in Monday on a newly revised school budget proposal.

A \$12.5 million school budget proposal for the upcoming year lost by a 490-514 vote at a June 10 referendum.

Beginning July 1, Old Orchard Beach will be the only municipality in Regional School Unit 23, as Dayton and Saco have voted to withdraw.

School officials have gone back to the drawing board, and have come up with a proposal that is about \$208,000 less, said RSU 23 Board Chairman Gary Curtis.

Residents will vote on the proposal at a public meeting Monday at 6 p.m. at Old Orchard Beach High School. The proposed budget voted in on Monday will go to a town-wide referendum on July 15 for final approval.

To get to the current proposed budget number, school officials have proposed cutting about 2 1/2 positions, said Curtis. This would mean cutting a library educational technician and a half-time science teacher at Old Orchard Beach High School, and reducing the hours of a gifted and talented teacher, and a chorus teacher.

The proposed budget would require the director of transportation to get a bus

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Kennebunk mulls plastic bag fee

By **JEFF LAGASSE**
Staff Writer

KENNEBUNK — The Energy Efficiency Committee is contemplating a number of initiatives it feels will benefit the town of Kennebunk, one of which would involve placing a non-binding question before voters in November.

While the language for the potential ballot item has yet to be determined, committee chairman Dennis Andersen said the question will gauge residents' interest in charging a small fee for plastic shopping bags at supermarkets and other food outlets.

"This fee would be very similar to what they have in Portland," said Andersen. "It would be 5 cents, and the money would go back to the merchants."

If ultimately enacted, the point of the fee, said Andersen, would be to reduce the amount of trash that pollutes waterways and other areas of the environment. Any measure that would be placed on the November ballot wouldn't be a final vote on the matter, he said, but rather

akin to a poll, feeling out public sentiment on the issue.

Voters in Portland passed a similar measure earlier this month, charging consumers a nickel for every disposable shopping bag they get. In that city, the rule applies to any business for which food comprises at least 2 percent of gross sales.

The suggested fee met with some skepticism when presented to the board of selectmen on Tuesday.

"Why should the merchant retain the fee?" asked resident Lionel Menard. "I don't see why Hannaford should be making money on this."

The Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee will be contemplating language for its proposed non-binding question, and may have it ready for the board by the time it convenes July 8. If selectmen decide not to place the issue on November's ballot, Andersen and his committee may need to cobble together a citizen's initiative, provided they can secure enough signatures.

Andersen said the committee will have to be careful in how it crafts the language; to

make the initiative as similar as possible to Portland's, it would have to be clear that the fee applies only to shopping bags, not to other bags made of plastic — such as the ones that are used to wrap meat at a deli, for instance.

"When you think about it, it's a very complicated question," said Selectmen Chairman Al Searles.

Another initiative being contemplated by the committee is a means of promoting a service offered by the Epilepsy Foundation New England Donation Center.

"The public can contact them, and they can come to your home and pick up your used clothing from you," said Andersen.

Those clothing items, he said, are essentially donations to persons living with epilepsy. Those interested in scheduling a free home pickup can call the Epilepsy Foundation New England Donation Center at 888-322-8209.

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Pictured Monday is Dr. James Sulikowski holding a scallop at the University of New England's Department of Marine Science in Biddeford. Sulikowski and UNE students are participating in a study of the scallop fishery.

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Scallop Study

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Along the East Coast, the sea scallop fishery is the most valuable single species fishery; it's estimated worth is \$558 million.

The results of the research project could allow scallop fishermen to land more of the precious mollusks.

To collect data for the study, 12 UNE undergraduate and graduate students will go out on boats with fishermen for about a week at a time, said Sulikowski. Research will begin in July and take place over two years.

Fieldwork will take place at the New Bedford, Massachusetts fishery, he said, but the findings on "how we can best sustain scallop fisheries ... will be useful everywhere."

During the study, said Rudders, students will take scallops that, for a variety of reasons, would normally be discarded and put them in a water tank on the boat that will simulate normal living conditions for the bivalves at the bottom of the ocean. The students will collect data of the

survival rate, he said.

The current stock assessment for sea scallops, said Rudders, assumes that 20 percent of all animals discarded will die. Rudders said he believes that discard mortality rate "is in the ballpark."

However, a new study is needed, he said, because the estimate is based on two older studies, and the strategies for catching scallops has changed since those were completed.

"The findings from this study will contribute to better management of this incredibly valuable resource, and help invigorate the scallop fishery here in Maine," he said.

This type of research is very important, said Sulikowski, noting that research he conducted regarding the discard mortality for skates had a significant impact on that fishery. The government had estimated the discard mortality rate for skates to be 50 percent, but Sulikowski's findings showed it was only 15 percent. As a result, NOAA increased the amount of skate that fishermen could land from 31 million to 48 million pounds, which increased revenues from

that fishery by \$6 million.

This type of research is not only important to the fishing industry, said Sulikowski, learning to conduct such studies is also important to UNE students.

While many students and community members have lamented the closure of UNE's Marine Animal Rehabilitation and Conservation program, which was run through the Department of Marine Science, Sulikowski said he thinks ending that program was the right decision.

"We want our students to be successful when they get out of here," he said.

Studying sustainable fisheries, such as the research project he is working on, provides greater opportunities for students, said Sulikowski.

"That's where the jobs are." He noted that seals are not a threatened or endangered species.

"There are a lot of other fisheries that need our help," said Sulikowski.

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Fourth of July

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a grand Independence Day parade set for July 4th.

The parade, led by Grand Marshal Hazen Carpenter, will make its way down Main Street at 10 a.m. on July 4th. Being appointed grand marshal at the annual parade is a recognition of an individual's contributions over made to the community over

time. Parks and Recreation Director Marcel Blouin, who announced Carpenter as grand marshal this year, noted his long involvement with the community's trail system and trails committee. Carpenter has been a member of the local Kiwanis Club for nearly 50 years, was a leader in the effort to renovate Memorial Gym in the 1990s and was an early proponent of the effort to renovate the building now called

Nasson Community Center.

"He gives back to the community," said Blouin — as have all the grand marshals. Among those bestowed with the honor in prior years are H. Allen Mapes, Geoff Titherington, former school superintendent Betsy St. Cyr and Dr. Muriel Poulin.

The weekend winds down with a concert with the 1960s sensation Felix Cavaliere's Rascals at Goodall Park July 6.

4th of July events around York County

July 4th in Ocean Park kicks off with the Bike Parade at 9 a.m. at the rec hall. Pre-registration can be done at the rec hall, or register at 8 a.m. at the hall on the 4th. Kids can bring their decorated bikes for the parade and judging. Prizes will be awarded during the band concert following the parade.

An art show and sale sponsored by Saco Bay Artists on the library lawn will run all day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. And at 10 a.m., the 64th annual Independence Day Community Parade begins, which will be followed by the Ocean Park Band concert at The Bell Tower at 10:45 a.m. Winners of the bicycle contest and sandcastle competition will also be announced.

Prior to the holiday, the 28th annual Family Sand Sculpture Competition in Ocean Park will be Thursday, July 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. The competition takes place on the beach between Randall and Ancona avenues, and families can register at the Ocean Park Office or at the site on the day of the competition.

Fireworks In The Square will be displayed the evenings

of July 3 and 4, next to the Old Orchard Beach Pier at 9:45 p.m.

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Fourth of July fireworks will be set off over Ogunquit Beach beginning at 9:15 p.m.

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On July 3, food, craft vendors, and more on Gowen Park Drive and around Number One Pond start at 4 p.m. The Square Pond Water Ski show begins at the pond at 6 p.m., following by the Jessi McKinnon Band at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks at dusk.

On July 4, the Independence Day Parade steps off from the area near Dairy Queen on Main Street at 10 a.m. and makes its way downtown, ending at Gowen Park.

On July 6 at Goodall Park on Roberts Street, American Made, featuring Big John Rachkoskie, kicks off a night of music around 6:30 p.m., opening for Felix Cavaliere's Rascals at 8 p.m. The ballpark will open at 5:30 p.m. for the rain or shine event. Tickets are available by calling 324-4280

or 324-9130.

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This year, July 4th coincides with the last day of Old Home Week in Kennebunk. A variety of events are scheduled throughout the week, including Family Picnic Night on Monday, June 30 from 5-7 p.m. at Lafayette Park; a chicken barbecue on Garden Street on Wednesday, July 2 from 5-7 p.m.; and Shakespeare in the Park's presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew" on Thursday, July 3 at 7 p.m.

On July 4th, Old Home Week will culminate with an Independence Day fireworks display at dusk on Gooch's Beach across from the Narragansett Inn, with a rain date of July 5. A full schedule of events for Old Home Week can be found at www.kennebunkmaine.us.

KENNEBUNKPORT

The Goose Rocks Beach Association will host its 20th Annual 5K Road Race and Walk at 9 a.m. Application forms can be downloaded from www.gooserocksbeachassociation.org.

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seem like the top priority as much as educating the public about alternative means of controlling pests," said Jennings.

Ogunquit officials don't see the glitch as a major catastrophe, especially as the law was not scheduled to go into effect until Jan. 1, 2015 to allow time to work out its enforcement.

"This is the first time that any town in Maine has ever taken on such a big endeavor,"

said Horn. "Our town showed they support the ban of pesticide and the environment. We're breaking new ground here and we'll use the time to meet and discuss what the best approach will be."

The Ogunquit Conservation Commission plans to address the glitch at their next commission meeting, on Thursday, July 10 at 6 p.m. in the Ogunquit Town Hall.

The town clerk will be there and the conservation commis-

sion will investigate its options and determine how to best move forward. If the commission does decide to go forward with another election, Jennings said Ogunquit will need to file the appropriate paperwork by August to comply with commercial farming review.

"We're going to correct the problem right away, regardless of which option we pursue," Horn said.

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license to reduce substitute driver hours.

Also, there have been three retirements since the last proposal, said Curtis, reducing costs with new hires.

Curtis noted that the original budget proposal failed by 24 votes.

"There wasn't a huge mandate to slice and dice the budget," he said.

He said school officials

have pared down the budget reasonably. Making the proposed cuts was not an easy thing to do, Curtis said.

"The original budget was not a bells-and-whistles budget," he said.

School board member Jerome Plante said should school officials do any more cutting, it will hurt students. Plante said Old Orchard

Beach has a strong history of supporting education, and he's optimistic that the current budget proposal will be approved.

"I've got faith in the people of Old Orchard Beach," he said.

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Police to step up holiday traffic enforcement

AUGUSTA — State Police say they plan several traffic enforcement efforts that started today and will continue through the July 4th holiday weekend.

Col. Robert Williams, chief of the State Police, said troopers will be looking for aggressive, drunk and distracted drivers, speeders, those texting, and those not wearing their seatbelts.

"The July 4th holiday week is one of the busiest weeks on

Maine roads, and the State Police's goal is to make it a safe one," Williams said. "Troopers will be using the State Police plane, unmarked vehicles, additional troopers and several special enforcement efforts to keep the roads safe."

Williams reminded Maine drivers that the week of July 4th is also the start of the summer tourist season, and that many vacationers may not be familiar with Maine roads and the routes to their destinations.

Troopers will do their best to assist those motorists, and the chief urged patience on the part of Maine drivers.

Williams said the additional enforcement efforts will continue through the summer as July and August are Maine's deadliest months for traffic crashes. As of Thursday, the Bureau of Highway Safety reports 53 people have been killed so far on Maine roads this year, compared to 51 deaths for the same period last year.

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