

# BHS students pitch in to help beautify Belmont

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**BELMONT** — Belmont's Revitalization Committee and members of the Charles Kilborn American Legion Post 58 joined forces with students from Belmont High School on June 9 to work on some community service projects.

"Teens, a lady and men as old as 80 all worked side by side, demonstrating real community involvement," reported Woody Fogg of both Post 58 and the Revitalization Committee.

As part of their Community Service Day, members of the Class of 2014, as well as some volunteers from BHS Class of 2015, pitched in to continue the work of last year's senior class in clearing a large sloped banking along the Tioga River in Belmont Village in order to prepare

it for upcoming venues in the town.

With the ultimate goal of constructing a pavilion, a recreation trail and the placement of a bridge over the Tioga River to broaden accessibility along the riverfront, the town will be meeting to plan on the completion of those projects in the coming weeks.

The concept of Community Service Day for seniors was developed by BHS Principal Dan Clary while he was assistant principal of the school. His desire was to help students develop a sense of responsibility in their community and to realize the rewards they would reap through good citizenship. It is now an annual event that seniors are asked to take part in before they graduate.

Due to their labors and those of Post 58 and



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**Belmont High School seniors assisted members of the Charles Kilborn American Legion Post 58, as well as Belmont's Village Revitalization Committee in the clearing of an embankment behind the Belmont Mill as part of their Community Service Day. Shown cutting brush from the banks of the Tioga River are Jessie Bergeron, Colby Pickowicz and James Lowe.**

the Revitalization Committee members, the Tioga River is now more visible from above, as are some historic features of the Belmont Mill building, which

once drew power from its waters.

As the work day came to a close, one Legion officer told Clary, "Bottom line, Dan, you and your students have done

our town a distinct service, and have aided the Belmont revitalization

program in reaching its goals. We thank you all very much."