A little different twist to Belmont Memorial Day activities this year

May 24, 2011 12:00 am

BELMONT — In keeping with tradition, Charles Kilborn Post #58 of the American Legion will be hosting Memorial Day activities on Monday, May 30, starting at 1 p.m. with a march from the Middle School to the Veterans Monument across from the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

This year Post #49 from Tilton will be the Rifle Squad. They'll be joined in the parade by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies, and by representatives of the Police and Fire Departments.

Legion Post #58 Commander Bob Sevens reports there will be a little different procedure used this year. "We feel as it is always very hot at that time of day, instead of having a speaker that causes many adults as well as children to dance back and forth we will have seven young men from Belmont High School who will be singing 'America the Beautiful' and 'God Bless America'. I have heard them and they are good!" Stevens said.

Also at the Monument ceremony, there will be a special bell ringing for 18 of the men who have passed away in the past 20 years.

Directly after the monument activities there will be a special dedication of a granite Bench in memory of Fred Livingston, past assistant chaplin of Post #58. Stevens said the Post has received money from the N.H. State Police Benevolent Association, Livingston's family members and friends and it was only fitting to give it back to the community in this way. Due to the fact we received more money from the N.H. State Police benevolent assoc, family members and friends to the Legion it would be only fitting to give it back to the community

Finally, the parade will proceed to Mill Street for the Boy Scouts annual flag raising.