editorial

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Editor’s note: The following guest commentary was submitted by Pam Pequitta and Cindy Hemson-Pleasant, co-chairs of the Lakes Region United Way’s 2012 Day of Caring.

Friday, Sept. 21 will mark the Lakes Region United Way’s 17th Day of Caring. Day of Caring has grown by leaps and bounds since it started back in 1996—from approximately 35 volunteers to well over 260 last year. It could be the most impactful one-day volunteer event here in the Lakes Region! Not yet familiar with DOC? Let us fill you in:

DOC is one of the United Way’s most important community-building programs and value of volunteerism, increase the awareness of local human needs, and demonstrate what people can do when working together. The community’s good can accomplish.

OK—so how does this work? How can I get involved? The answer is two-fold. First, if you’re a non-profit in Central New Hampshire or the Belknap County, eastern Carroll County, Alton, Barnstead, Center Ossipee (Lakes Region County) and you have some inside or outside work that you just can’t get done due to lack of time or manpower, we can help you get it done. Second, if you’re a local business who supports our community, this is an incredible opportunity to be able to assist in assisting other businesses find out what’s going on with various nonprofits by allowing them to join in to get these projects done. Last year, 32 local companies sent volunteers and/or donated goods, in just the Laconia area alone.

It’s an important day in many ways for all of us involved. It is an eye-opener for volunteers—they are given the chance to learn what is really happening in our community—whether it is how the local center operates, or how many meals are served at the Salvation Army weekly or what the Laconia Conservation Commission is doing to clean up Laconia. Many volunteers have commented that going back to the organization they spent the day with—the beginning of a great, long-lasting relationship.

Are you a non-profit and have no projects but have no trouble finding volunteers of that sort? We have a team of volunteers that will assist you in your planning—they’ll help you realize a project is possible, what will be necessary for materials, how many volunteers will be needed, etc. Last year, over 40 agencies, non-profits and organizations participated in a Day of Caring.

Do you have a special interest? Want more information on how you can become involved in Day of Caring? Then contact Director of Volunteers at the Lakes Region United Way office at 524-6864, or email judi@lruw.org for more information.

Remember: Friday Sept. 21!—save the date!

To the Editor:

About 30 Sanbornton, Tilton, and New Hampton friends and neighbors came to the most great and honest of all, where the Day of Caring events for the less fortunate and others who especially need to be helped.

Tilton is now in District 2 that extends as far north as North Haverhill. It has included Sanbornton and Sanbornton.

We welcome this great Democrat into electoral politics. Bob was raised in a working class family was the oldest of eight children, was the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for FleetBoston Financial Group, and returned to New Hampshire. He is a man whose integrity is always to have lived a committed to hard work, including military service following his graduation from the Military Academy at West Point, family, and the opportunity to give back to his country. He has ably led the Plymouth Area Democrats as Chair for over two years, resulting in a revenue loss of $60,000. This lost revenue can in no way to support our tax rate. I believe that as your representative in this Senate that we have an opportunity to happen to summer residents from Massachusetts, ask them to

Park Cemetery caretakers deserve thanks

To the Editor:

Over the holiday, we visited the three cemeteries. We were so pleased with the condition of the Park Cemetery. In past years, Albert Cross always had it first rate. We offer a special thank you to Stewart Clifford and Paul Toomey for caring on the trinity.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pay up, or return our land

As part of this project, tax- able land was taken from Sanbornton, with the agreement that the town would re- pay the $30,000. Sanbornton has not received payment for the past two years, resulting in a revenue loss of $60,000. This lost revenue can in no way to support our tax rate. I believe that as your representative in this Senate that we have an opportunity to happen to summer residents from Massachusetts, ask them to

SHERMAN

Memorial Day celebrations should make Belmont residents proud

To the Editor:

The crew may not have been huge, but the pride and solemn remem- brance was at the Belmont Memorial Day ceremony. As the son of a WWII vet- eran, I would like to express my great appreciation to the countless number of associations who put togeth- er this Memorial Day pa- rade and service. In the world today, many of us think of Memorial Day as just a “long weekend” and “gigantic barbecues.” Ber- mon’s Memorial Day serv- ices, prayer, and reverence of the day to our week-end—remember- ing our veterans and fallen heroes. Having so many of our children and youth in- volved made it extra spe- cial. It is the next genera- tion that will keep America strong.

I would also like to recog- nize Ms. Lauren Fountain, Belmont Community High School Band for helping to make the Belmont Memori- al Day parade and ceremo- ny a wonderful occasion. The band did a fantastic job bringing the spirit of patriotism to the event. Their performances of patriotic songs and the exception- ally well played. Espe- cially touching was the performance of “Taps with Echo.” The trumpet play- ers performed the song flawlessly and the echo of the second trumpet player was especially beautiful. It was so moving, I was moved to tears and my imagining of the solemnity of the moment.

Tom Salatiello

Sanbornton

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