BHS seniors give back to the community

BELMONT — As a final gesture of appreciation, Belmont High School’s Class of 2013 spent May 24, a day they would have other- wise had off, giving back to the community that has supported them through their years of education in the Shaker School District. Principal Dan Clarey said this year marks the second in recent years that graduating seniors needed more days than a snowy winter had allowed. To make up that extra time, he said the idea for Community Service Day was born. “This year, we don’t have to change our graduation date to make up that lost time from snow days, and it’s just a great thing for them to do,” said Clarey.

At 9 a.m., the seniors spread out to form four crews that performed a variety of tasks that were approved by town and school officials. Most visible were the students who cleared a portion of the Tioga River banking behind the Belmont High building. “We’re creating a glade down to the river to make it more aesthetically appealing,” said salutatorian Brenda Boisvert, who also led her efforts to the project.

Faculty members and those over the age of 18 with chain saw experience stayed busy cutting down scrub growth and branching limbs off larger trees. Some students used loppers to cut away vines and small shrubs while others piled up all that was cut away from the river bank and picked up litter in the area.

Senior Tevin Mitchell said he enjoyed the day despite the hard work and black flies, which were out in full force. “It’s a great thing for the community to have high school kids help out and do their part,” he said.

His words were echoed by fellow classmate Kaitlyn Shaoh, who found the work a lot of fun. Shaoh said it was one last thing she and her friends could do together as a class and only fitting that it also benefited the community.

Off on other assignments were members of the National English Honor Society who spent their time reading to children at local day cares and others who worked on projects in the schools.

“We have another 10 students who are helping Dave Marden with some building maintenance work and another crew helping teachers at the middle school and high school, move their classrooms,” said Clarey.

The class as a whole will gather together one last time this weekend for a barbecue after their graduation ceremony.

Graduation for the Belmont High School Class of 2013 will take place on Sunday, June 9, at 10 a.m. in the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion at Meridenbrook, located just off Route 11A in Gallop.

Sanborn resident Carissa Anderson earns Connecticut College degree

NEW LONDON, Conn. — Carissa Anderson was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Connecticut College at the 95th commencement ceremony on May 19.

Anderson graduated magna cum laude with a major in literature in English.

In a keynote speech by Emmy winning television writer and producer Howard Gordon, the often hilarious tale of his own success and how the opportunity for students to succeed is as profound as it is simple: "Working hard will not guarantee success, he told the graduates, “But I have yet to meet a successful person who hasn’t worked hard.” Being nice, he added, is in many ways about listening to others. “Lestening takes practice, and it takes patience. But I promise, if you listen, your story will be better for it.”

Prior to his speech, Gordon was presented with an honorary doctorate of humane letters by Connecticut College President Leo J. Hindin, Jr.

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Academic Honors: Brianna Boga, Kasey Butler, Samantha Connelly, Roberta Dello, Brittny Doy, Lamia Serres, Rachel Keese.


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