Editorial

Dick was a great fellow

In every neighborhood in Tupper Lake there’s a community of kids who pay us the greatest compliment by: grooving to music, playing video games, lounging around with their friends, and developing their own set of values and principles. It’s our job as parents, teachers, and community leaders to nurture them, guide them, and help them develop into caring and thoughtful adults.

Yesterday we lost such a fellow. A man who was loved by his family and friends, and who lived a life dedicated to serving others. His name was Dick, and he will be missed dearly.

Dick passed away Saturday after a long illness in his home. He was a kind and gentle spirit who always went out of his way to make others feel welcome. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Here’s a shocking statistic: the number of children who die of drowning or other water-related injuries is greater than the number of children who die of gun-related injuries. It’s a statistic that should give us all pause.

But it’s not just children who are at risk. Adults are also at risk of drowning. In fact, drowning is the third leading cause of accidental death for adults in the U.S. It’s a statistic that should give us all pause.

There is a solution to this problem: better education and awareness. We need to teach our children and adults about the dangers of water and how to stay safe.

We need to teach them about the importance of safety equipment such as life jackets and poolside guardrails.

We need to teach them about the importance of supervising children around water.

We need to teach them about the importance of knowing the limits of their own abilities.

We need to teach them about the importance of being prepared for emergencies.

We need to teach them about the importance of following the rules of water safety.

We need to teach them about the importance of listening to their bodies.

We need to teach them about the importance of being responsible for their actions.

We need to teach them about the importance of having respect for nature.

We need to teach them about the importance of having respect for the water.

We need to teach them about the importance of having respect for each other.

We need to teach them about the importance of having respect for life.

We need to teach them about the importance of having respect for death.

We need to teach them about the importance of having respect for the future.

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