

Belmont High School sophomore Holly Smith gets the first Belmont Heritage Commission Youth Leadership Award at last evening's Selectboard meeting. Presenting Smith with the award is Heritage Commission member Wallace Rhodes. Behind Smith and Rhodes are Selectmen Ron Cormier and David Morse. (Laconia Daily Sun photo/Gail Ober)

BHS sophomore heads first class of Heritage Commission award winners

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BELMONT — In celebration of New Hampshire History Week, selectmen last night hosted the first Heritage Commission awards as part of their bi-monthly selectman's meeting.

With many members of the Belmont Police Department there for encouragement, Girl Scout and Police Explorer Holly Smith was given the Youth Leadership Award for her art work depicting the historic village bandstand and her whimsical Deck the Village historical map prepared for last year's holiday festival.

Smith, a Belmont High School sophomore, was also recognized as one of the state's Young Preservationists by the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance for her assistance in celebrating Belmont Village and its conservation and restoration.

The Heritage Commission also recognized Robert and Susan Ferguson and their family for their restoration of the Jonathan Fuller home, built in 1841. The Ferguson have owned the Fuller Street home since 1991. It sits across the street from the Corner Meeting House.

The Business Leadership — Municipal Beautification Award went to Ginger Wells-Kay of Garden Artisans for her garden design in Penstock Park.

Ken Knowlton was given the Volunteer Leadership Award for his preservation and restoration efforts in Penstock Park. He is the chair of the Belmont Conservation Commission.

The Community Partners and Special Events Award went to Lakes Region Community College for its Food For Thought Cafe in the historic Belmont Mill.

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of Hart in death, lying in a pool of blood, she suggested that his dignity and honor were lost and dismissed the notion that Sallies lied to defend them. Instead, Ahern said, she named him as a co-conspirator and took responsibility for her own actions.

Turning to the physical evidence, Ahern said that blood on the left side of the mask matched a cut that nearly severed Nocas's left ear and blood on the back of the mask matched the wound to his neck that punctured his

esophagus. "He wore gloves into that building," she said. "He wore a mask into that building."

Without disputing that Nocas frequented Longval's home, Ahern argued that he wore the gloves to keep his fingerprints off the knife — "the tools of the armed robbery" — and the mask to conceal his identity from Rivera and Longval, who both knew him.

The only witness with motivation to lie, Ahern said, was Nocas — "to save his own skin."

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how to do really good pet care after they shot my dog," said Larry Minnix, president of LeadingAge, a trade group representing non-profit nursing homes, which are strong supporters of CLASS.

Paying for long-term care for a frail, elderly family member is a major financial dilemma for America's middle class. Medicare only covers short-term nursing home stays, for patients in rehab. And to become eligible for Medicaid, people have to spend most of their assets, akin to impover-

ishing themselves. The Community Living Assistance Services and Supports program was supposed to help provide an answer.

A long-standing priority of the late Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, it was supposed to function as a self-sustaining voluntary insurance plan, open to working adults regardless of age or health.

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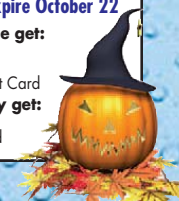
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