



Shawn Marston, at left, recently became the first Laconia High School student to be honored with the NHIAA's Walter A Smith Memorial Award. He's shown here with Craig Kozens, athletic director. (Adam Drapcho/The Laconia Daily Sun photo)

Laconia athlete first to get NHIAA Smith award

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LACONIA — Shawn Marston cuts a large profile as we walks the halls of Laconia High School, but his persona is even bigger. “Big Shawn,” as he is aptly called, is a gregarious character who hasn’t let his disabilities stop him from making friends in the school or on athletic fields. For that, he was recently honored with the Walter A. Smith Memorial Award, the first time the award has been given to a Laconia student.

The Walter A. Smith Award has been given by the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association since 1996 to recognize “individuals who have overcome special circumstances and contributed significantly and positively to interscholastic athletics.”

Marston, 20, is part of the special education program at LHS. He turns 21 in June and, according to state law, will not be able to attend the high school after this school year. When he leaves, his absence will be felt.

A Sachem since the 9th grade, Marston has made himself a fixture at school

and at many athletic events. He plays on the school’s unified basketball, soccer and volleyball teams, as well as a new unified lacrosse program offered by a local youth league. He also assists the school’s trainer and is a manager for the football team.

“The football team is my family,” Marston said. Last year, he was honored by being selected as the water boy for the annual Children’s Hospital at Dartmouth football game, which pits the best players from New Hampshire against Vermont’s best.

Marston’s been known to make a splash on the playing field as well. He tends goal on the unified soccer team — recently limiting the opponent to a single goal in a 4-1 victory. And on the unified basketball team, the rangy Marston plays center and was the leading scorer last year.

Craig Kozens, football coach and athletic director, said Marston is a driven athlete.

“He’s competitive and loves to win more than anyone, but he accepts defeat so well. He’s often the voice of reason after a tough loss,” Kozens said, saying see **ATHLETE** page 27



LACONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT CHILD FIND NOTICE

As mandated by Public Law 105-17, Education for All Children Act, and the New Hampshire Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities, public schools must provide special education services for all children determined to be educationally handicapped. The law also requires a school district to identify such children from birth to twenty-one years of age. This law applies to all children including those in non-public schools, pre-schools, and hospital settings.

Parents or service providers who suspect that a child might have an educationally handicapping condition are encouraged to contact that child’s school. The Student Services Administrator will provide information on the procedures for determining if a child is educationally handicapped and in need of special education services.

For more detailed information about the policies, procedures, services, and building contact persons established in SAU #30 for special education, you may also contact Assistant Superintendent, Amy Hinds at (603) 524-5710.

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Final Hearing

A petition for guardianship over your minor child(ren) has been filed in this Court. You are hereby cited to appear at a Court to show cause why the same should not be granted.

Date: November 15, 2019 26 Academy Street
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Time Allotted: 30 Minutes

A written appearance must be filed with this Court on or before the date of the hearing, or the respondent may personally appear on the date of hearing or be defaulted.

CAUTION

You should respond immediately to this notice to prepare for trial and because important hearings may take place prior to trial. If you fail to appear personally or in writing, you will waive your right to a hearing.

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If you will need an interpreter or other accommodations for this hearing, please contact the court immediately. Please be advised (and/or advise clients, witnesses, and others) that it is a Class B felony to carry a firearm or other deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V in a courtroom or area used by a court.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

September 16, 2019

Michelle D. Brown, Clerk of Court

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C: Nikolas K. Frye, ESQ

Fugitive arrested in apartment in Franklin

FRANKLIN — A woman wanted for probation violations stemming from prior drug convictions was apprehended Thursday in a garage apartment, the day after her fugitive status was publicized statewide.

Desiree Manley, 32, was taken into custody by members of U.S. Marshals - N.H. Joint Fugitive Task Force and the Franklin Police Department, who found Manley in an apartment inside a residence at a residence on New Hampton Road (Route 127).

Manley was wanted on a Merrimack County Superior Court arrest warrant for probation violations stemming from original convictions for drug offenses, reckless conduct and oper-

ating a motor vehicle after being deemed a habitual offender.

Manley had been featured as the “Fugitive of the Week” on Wednesday, which is carried by a number of broadcast, print, and online news outlets



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across the state.

After the feature was aired and published, the U.S. Marshals Service followed up on some leads and developed some information through interviews with several people in the Franklin area. The information lead authorities on Thursday night to an apartment inside a residence on New Hampton Road in Franklin. The task force, with the assistance of the Franklin

Police Department, approached the apartment, where they were able to clearly see Manley inside the residence through a window. After entering the apartment, Manley was arrested without incident.

Manley was transported to the Franklin Police Department for processing, and was held at the Merrimack County Jail pending her initial court appearance at a later time.

The arrest was made with the cooperative effort of several members of the U.S. Marshals - N.H. Joint Fugitive Task Force including, members from the Hillsborough and Merrimack county sheriff’s offices, the Franklin, Greenfield, Sanbornton and Andover Police Departments, NH Probation and Parole, the Concord CrimeLine, along with deputy U.S. marshals.



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that his upbeat attitude is “contagious.”

Marston said that he tells his teammates, “We’re going to win the next game.”

Kozens said he has watched first-hand as the unified sports movement move from concept to reality. There are now unified teams – which pair athletes from the special education program with teammates from general education – for every season of the year. It’s athletes like Marston who exemplify why the unified programs have become so successful.

“Shawn is our top recruiter,” Kozens said. Last year, there were 24 members of the unified basketball team. “What unified has done is tied in all learning styles together,” he said. Of Marston, Kozens said, “he’s the glue that holds it all together.”

Kozens recalls one game in particular last year. The stands were packed with students, and every time Marston scored, the crowd chanted “Big Shawn! Big Shawn!” “The gym was just booming,” Kozens said, “it was a life-changing experience.”

AG’s office rejects proposed hospital affiliation

CONCORD (AP) — A proposal for two seacoast-area hospitals to affiliate themselves with Massachusetts General Hospital is unlawful because it likely will lead to unfair competition for some health care services, the attorney general’s office said Friday.

The office’s Charitable Trusts Unit released its report on Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover and Exeter Health Resources, which includes Exeter Hospital.

“Exeter Hospital and Wentworth-Douglass Hospital are within 18 miles of each other and provide similar inpatient and outpatient services,” the

report said. It also said both hospitals own a significant number of health care professional practices. It said within the seacoast region, “there are a limited number of health care entities of size and breadth” similar to the two hospitals that also own health care professional services.

Last year, the two hospitals announced an agreement to create a new, not-for-profit organization that will serve as their parent company and will be part of the Mass General family. Hospital officials said the affiliation would expand access to services that they could not provide as stand-alone organizations.

The hospitals said in a joint statement that they welcome ongoing discussions with the attorney general’s office. “We expect, ultimately, to be able to demonstrate the many benefits of this transaction and that the concerns of the Attorney General’s Office are wholly unfounded,” they said.

Wentworth-Douglass Hospital was acquired by the Massachusetts General Hospital family in 2016. The statement said the hospital “has already experienced millions of dollars in savings while bringing increased access to high-quality specialized services to its patients” and adding 300 jobs.

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