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In light of the recent vote by the Londonderry School Board, making it mandatory that students and staff wear masks while in Londonderry schools, a group of residents staged a demonstration in front of the Londonderry High School on Monday morning to protest that decision. High School students were also encouraged to show their support to the protest with a walkout at 9 a.m.

Photo by Chris Paul

Sherwood Landowner Dealing With Abutters Poor Water Plans

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During a discussion with the town's Planning Department at last week's Planning Board Meeting an

issue was brought forth about a resident who has been dealing with excessive water flow on his property due to a recent development construction.

Londonderry's Director of Public Works and Engineering, John Trotter presented the issue residents Ken and Kim Taralli are having at 9

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School Board Makes Masks Mandatory in All Facilities

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the Nov. 9 Londonderry School Board meeting the Board got a COVID-19 update from Superintendent Scott Laliberte.

"We continue to be challenged on an ongoing basis by cases," Laliberte said.

One of the main items of discussion came when School Board member Greg DePasse said that he was concerned with the number of positive cases they've had lately in the schools and the fact that the community

is considered in "substantial spread" for COVID-19.

DePasse said that one of his suggestions would be to modify the plan so if there is substantial spread in the community then they automatically go into universal masking.

"I'm getting really concerned about this," DePasse said about the number of cases and students missing in person learning because of it.

School Board Vice Chair Sara Loughlin said that right now the matrix calls for universal masking due to the num-

ber of positive cases in the schools and wasn't sure how it would be different.

DePasse said that right now it's based on the number of cases in the schools and in classes and said that they have found that it's been hard for staff to track all of it.

"As we're getting more and more of these cases the burden on the administration, the burden on teachers is only getting worse," DePasse said.

School Board member Bob Slater pointed out that even if they

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Public Comment Moves Back to Start of School Board Meetings

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Tuesday night, Nov. 9, Londonderry School Board meeting marked the third straight meeting that public comment took place at the end of the meeting instead of the beginning where it was traditionally held.

Chairman Amy Finamore said the move was made because of the interruptions they had lately throughout the meetings.

Many in attendance for the meeting disagreed with the decision.

"You have no respect whatsoever for these

parents here, nothing," said Al Baldasaro, a local State Representative. "Up at the State House we hold public comment right in the beginning because we respect the people that show up."

Resident Glenn Douglas also expressed his concerns about having public comment at the end.

"I don't know who decided to hold public comment between 10 and 11 o'clock at night. I'm curious how long we're going to do this," Douglas said. "You have budget workshops coming up, are you going to make people sit here? I've been in budget

workshops until 11 o'clock at night. We're gonna have to sit here and wait until 11:30 to comment on what already happened? This is ridiculous. I've been coming to these meetings since 2006. I have never seen the disrespect shown by people."

School Board member Bob Slater said that

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Landscaper Proposes Kitty Hawk Location to Planning Board

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The Londonderry Planning Board had a non-binding review and conceptual discussion of a site plan for the construction of a 4,320 square foot warehouse and 1,500 square foot office space building and other associated site improvements during its Nov. 10 meeting.

The property which is located at Two Kitty Hawk Landing is owned by Outdoor Pride, which is a landscaping and snow removal business.

Outdoor Pride owner Mark Aquilino said that he grew up in Londonderry and his parents still live in town.

He said that they service most of the clients near the Manchester Airport and

have been looking for a site. When they found out that this one would be available they were excited.

"We're super excited about being able to build something that we feel is sustainable and suitable to our business needs as we continue to grow here into town," Aquilino said.

Representing Aquilino at the meeting was Jason Hill.

He explained that in front would be the 1,500 square foot office space and in the back would be the warehouse/ maintenance shop. He said that they wouldn't have any retail operations there.

Because of the fact that they won't have retail on site Hill said that they will have very

limited increase in traffic.

Jose Lovell, the Assistant Director for Public Works said he has some concerns about the gravel they have proposed and all the activities that will be happening on it.

He asked how big the fleet would be.

Aquilino said that there would be no more than 20 to 25 vehicles and 30 to 40 pieces of equipment.

He said that normally they would be on job sites and would only come back for service and then are redeployed.

It was pointed out by Hill that the entry and 17 parking spaces for employees and customers would be paved while the rest of it would

be gravel.

The issue regarding having pavement versus gravel was one that many Board members brought up including Ann Chiampa who said that she thought it should be pavement instead of gravel.

She also asked about snow storage and if they had any thoughts about it.

Aquilino said during snowstorms most of the vehicles and equipment will be on sites meaning they will have plenty of open space to plow. He said that they will use the eastside of the property for snow storage.

Ex-officio Deb Paul asked if they are going to be washing and cleaning the trucks on site and asked how the chemicals on them is

going to be handled.

Aquilino said it typically happens outside even during the winter and like anyone else driving on the road the only chemicals that they will be getting off the trucks would be salt from the roads.

Paul noted that she thought that they should have more pavement and less gravel.

Planning Board member Lynn Wiles asked what the requirements are for parking lots.

Associate Planner Laura Gandia said that parking lots and driveways are required to be paved however they don't have any requirements for outdoor storage areas cleaning that they can be gravel.

Planning Board member Jason Knights asked

how tall the storage bays will be, and asked if there were any ideas to block them off with larger plants.

Hill said they will be about 20 feet and that they can look into doing something to make it more attractive from the road.

"No matter what, it's going to be more attractive than what is there now," Knights said.

In addition to thinking that the majority of the property should be paved, Chairman Arthur Rugg said that the design should be compatible with the rest of the area.

Hill said that the feedback from the Board was helpful and that they can use it to move forward.

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Comment

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he feels it's important to have the public comment before they vote on things because it allows the public an opportunity to weigh in on issues.

"You should always listen to them and as long as they're civil and I think they've shown that over the last three meetings so I would like to see it moved back," Slater said.

He said that he asked that public comment be

moved back to the beginning already and wanted it moved to the beginning for their next meeting.

Finamore said that she thinks they will be able to move public comment to the beginning again but wasn't sure if they should do so at the next meeting.

"I do intend for it to eventually go back to the beginning. We have had three successful meetings with minimal disruptions which I do consider to be pretty successful. I'd like to see a

little bit more before we move it back," she said.

School Board member Greg DePasse said that he thought they should move it back to the beginning of the next meeting.

"I know there's a lot of people who are concerned today so I would say for the next meeting move public comment to the beginning. If it's orderly if people are respectful we can continue that trend," DePasse said.

Slater pointed out that they are going into

budget season and it will be important to hear from the community and to allow them to voice their opinions.

"We need their support if we want to pass a budget to keep doing what we are doing for our students," Slater said. "And I think we need to listen to them and give them the opportunity again to be heard at the beginning of the meeting."

School Board member Nancy Hendricks said that the disruptions have put them "behind

the eight ball."

"The Board has a lot of work to do where I feel like we're still playing catch-up," she said.

Hendricks said that for budget season she wouldn't mind if they had public comment earlier in the meeting but noted they need to make sure that is when people speak and not during the business portion of the meeting.

"It's completely inappropriate to interrupt the Board when they are deliberating," Hendricks said. "The minute we

start seeing interruptions I really think we have to go back to being able to conduct the business of the District."

The School Board voted in favor of moving public comment back to the beginning of the meeting with the chairman having the ability to move it back to the end of the meeting at their discretion depending on the tone of the meeting. They will also have public comment for a minimum of 30 minutes but it can be extended if needed.

Masks

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change the mask mandate they are going to continue tracking COVID-19 cases which is likely going to be ongoing for the rest of the school year.

Slater said that the policy should also be that any employees that work for the school district should be required to wear a mask at all, which was added to the vote.

School Board Chair Amy Finamore said that they have a lot of stu-

dents who have been missing school, noting that one parent told the Board that while their child hadn't tested positive for COVID they already had to miss 13 days due to quarantine.

She said that the change to the universal masking policy could be a good mitigation factor to limit learning loss.

The Board ultimately voted 3-2 in favor of having universal masking when there is a substantial community spread.

Following the meeting Laliberte wrote to parents and guardians

stating "the primary statistic that will be used to determine the use of universal masking will be 'Substantial Community Spread' in the town of Londonderry, as indicated on the State Department of Public Health dashboard. At present, that spread is in the 'Substantial' range, which results in universal masking throughout the district. While this transition does impact many elements of our mitigation strategies, all other elements of the plan remain in place as written. However, where

masking is no longer dictated by classroom contact, the option for students to 'test out' of masking is no longer available to them except for those students who have provided documentation of a medical exemption to masking."

"As we continue forward, there will be more information forthcoming regarding some of the specific details around school operations,

including procedures for indoor sports, building schedules, and a variety of other details currently under development," the email went on to state. "With this change, the school buildings will also be changing their notification process to focus on those students who are exposed to a positive case, with a weekly school-wide case update that will coincide with our school district

dashboard."

Also during the meeting School Board member Nancy Hendricks asked if they are thinking about having a vaccination clinic for students.

Laliberte said that they are working on having one with schools in the region but having a local one is something they could look into.



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Editorial

Something To Be Said About A Smile

World Kindness Week started on Nov. 13, a week that promotes the importance of being kind to each other and to help everyone understand that compassion for others. It is what binds us all together. This understanding has the power to bridge the gap between differences.

Kindness - to have good intentions, warmth, compassion, and love for someone.

In this world where we are greatly separated from one another either by political divide, social status, social distancing, you name it. Being kind can bring people of all points of view together.

Go to anywhere, find a bench, just sit and watch, as less and less people seem to care about the person next to them. Very few seem to even think that the other person might be going through the same things they are or worse. It seems like reaching out a hand to help anyone is a dying art.

Being kind to a person isn't difficult. Being kind isn't a sign of weakness. Being kind to your neighbor, your friend, your family members or a complete stranger shows more strength than anything else. You see, it doesn't take much for a person to get angry, be pushy, or bossy. In today's world, that seems to be the norm.

A strong person learns how to

real in their emotions. It takes courage to step out from the shadows of everyone else and do something different. It takes strength to see the world from another person's point of view, and find common ground, and find a solution to the issue not just fan the flames, that notorious middle ground.

Just because someone stepped on your foot, doesn't mean you have the right to step on someone else's. Just because someone closed the door in your face, doesn't mean you shouldn't hold it open for someone else. Having a complete stranger greet you with a smile or say hello, it isn't a grand gesture, still, that act of kindness sets the tone.

Being kind isn't difficult. During this Holiday season and throughout the year, and the rest of your life, be kind, it might just become contagious.

Be kind to the environment by recycling what you can. Take time out of your day to play with your pet a little longer than you normally would and give them a treat when you're done.

Be kind to yourself as well, people should take the time they need to take care of themselves

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are." – Harold S. Kushner

Letters

Political Parties are Not Your Friends

To the editor,

Let's start by saying I am an independent voter. Not that it makes a difference, but I am not married to a political party and never will be as neither of the major parties will ever align with everything I stand for, but one thing in these last few weeks is very clear, most people are married to one of the two major parties and one person in particular is completely married to his party no matter how big the writing on the wall is.

You have to be a special kind of blind and full of yourself to write these letters and not notice what is going on in this country right now and to not only – not hold your party accountable – but to actually commend it.

The convenience of blaming someone else for something you have done seems to be a theme in American politics today and has filtered into the brains of Americans who do and repeat what their TV and government say, and this couldn't be more clear in these letters.

The denial game is strong with this one. I hope one day, people will ultimately realize that they actually have more in common with each other and most want some form of the same thing, but their political parties they think they align with have convinced them that their fellow Americans of the opposite party are the enemy, when in reality it's parts of their government on all levels, including local

that is the real divider.

Do yourself a favor... divorce the political party you think is your friend... you are being used and they will never change if the American people keep falling for their games.

Claiming you're "informed" and speaking "facts" (with no unbiased references or interjection) while spouting off the same talking points from the left or the right not only proves your actual lack of critical thinking... it proves you a dolt.

Ryan Prudhomme
Londonderry

Exit 4A

To the editor,

The article by Monique Brand is well written and begins with an explanation of why Exit 4A is necessary. I have commuted to Boston for the past 15 years and with many other commuters have experienced the effects of traffic congestion at Exit 4. The interchange will divert some Derry traffic and reduce travel time through the center of town. Recently the traffic on the Londonderry side has improved greatly with widening SH102. The 4A interchange will also allow the development of the part of Londonderry that was cut-off when IH93 was constructed.

The article also mentioned the state rep and others denouncing NHDOT for presenting Phase 2 and 3 phased plans for circulation improvements.

The NHDOT team listened, noted concerns, and tried to respond. We

hope NHDOT and Derry can work something out. The new 4A interchange will benefit Londonderry and we hope it benefits the Derry side as well.

Daniel Bragg
Londonderry

Property Taxes

To the editor,

I am writing about the Nov. 4 article entitled "Smith Boasts Town's Lowest Tax Rate in Over 40-Years". At the surface this sounds like great news. The town is dropping our tax rate from \$4.66 to \$4.20, a 9.5 percent reduction. But what Kevin Smith glossed over is the September re-assessed valuations of our homes.

All he said in the article was "but depending on how residents homes were revaluated that might not mean a decrease in taxes." In fact, in my letter my home was assessed at 19 percent above its prior value. I know the property market has been hot lately but this was a surprise. From 2002 through 2018 my total assessed value went up 28 percent (average 1.75 percent per year). With this latest assessment my value has gone up 36 percent over the past 3 years (average 12 percent per year).

So I called our town assessor Stephan Hamilton to learn more, especially since I noted my assessment went up higher than all my neighbors except one who added a building to his property. Per Stephan, the town is now using a new assessment evaluation formula which has

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North School Students Get Creative for Reflections



"How would you change the world?" That is the theme for this year's PTA Art Contest and students at North School were busy last week creating artwork for the upcoming show. PTA volunteer Tiffany Gagnon organized three nights of painting at the school to help get students creativity started for the annual contest.

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led to an average residential property assessment increase of 14 percent. He also stated this formula increases the percentage rise of the assessment for homes over "2,200 sq. ft.", for which he said is the average size home in Londonderry. I quote this figure as I can't recall the exact size he shared, but this is close. The way the formula works is if your home is larger than average it goes up a higher percentage rate. The larger the home the greater the percentage increase. A smaller than average home goes up a lower percentage.

So I am now expecting almost a 10 percent tax increase in a year with the "town's lowest

tax rate in over 40-years". This increase will be the largest ever for my home since moving here in 2002. I have written to draw attention to what is happening here as I find Smith's boasting to be somewhat disingenuous.

It is not lost on me the town chose to reassess our homes during a hot resale market. This will surely calm down in the coming months potentially leading to over-assessments. What I struggle to understand is why the Town Council needs to keep taking more taxes from us at what appears to be an accelerated rate. The economy of this town has been booming for years. New businesses are moving in all the time, as well as (too) many new housing projects.

You would think this ever growing source of tax revenue could give us all a break? Perhaps I have missed some important facts that would justify this large increase? If so, please educate me. But, if this is a disguised money grab by the Town, we should get that out into the open as well.

Otto Meier
Londonderry

New Developments

To The Editor
The article concerned the tentative proposal to build 149 townhomes on the 47 acre vacant parcel of wooded land located off the intersection of Rockingham Road and Vista Ridge Drive. Reference Map 15 Lots 51 & 59.

It is a well documented fact that NH has a critical housing shortage to meet the needs of a growing population. The current vacancy rate of rental properties is at a record low one percent. The historic low mortgage interest rates have driven up the demand for home purchases exponentially. We indeed face a critical housing shortage that spans the entire socioeconomic spectrum.

The severe lack of any type of available housing only exacerbates the shortage of workers desperately required to fill job openings that are essential for the continued prosperity of our local businesses.

Developer Jean Gagnon's proposal to build a townhome community on his vacant parcel of land (which is zoned for mixed use development) makes perfect sense. The land has been for sale longer than I can remember. The proposed townhome development would complement the existing character of the neighborhood which includes the nearby Vista Ridge and Wallace Farms residential communities. Being conveniently located off I-93 makes this location highly desirable for daily commuters. The traffic impact of an additional 149 residential units located off exit 5 would be negligible in comparison to a busy commercial retail complex that was proposed 10 years ago but did not come to fruition. I am very puzzled by the concern expressed by Jose Lovell, the assistant director of public works, regarding the potential traffic impact of this 149 unit residential commu-

nity. Please explain to me how allowing the land to be developed as a busy commercial retail complex would lessen the traffic impact? Would commercial retail not have the opposite

affect by creating a traffic nightmare off exit 5? In summary, we do not require additional commercial retail space off exit 5. Those of us who reside off exit 5 are

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OBITUARY

Rita "Joyce" MacLeod



Rita "Joyce" MacLeod, 82, of Londonderry, NH passed away Nov. 8, 2021 at her residence after a lengthy illness. Joyce was born Nov. 5, 1939 in St. Louis, MO and was a daughter of the late Raymond and Thelma (Crock-er) Roedder. She was raised and educated in Overland, MO and was a graduate of Ritenour High School. Joyce had been a resident of Londonderry since 1983, having previously resided in Lynn, MA.

Joyce had worked at General Electric in Lynn prior to moving to NH. She worked in retail sales in NH. She was employed at Cumberland Farms in Derry for several years and then left to join CVS. Joyce was hired prior to the opening of the new CVS location in Londonderry, where she remained until her retirement in 2010. She was a longtime member of the Spacetown Beagle Club of Derry and the American Legion Post 27 Women's Auxiliary. Joyce loved the outdoors, camping and yearly vacations in Pittsburg, NH. She also loved visiting with family in Maine.

Members of the family include her husband of 38 years, Robert C. MacLeod; her son, Kenneth Raymond Tucker and fiancé Penney O'Connell; her daughter, Christi Dillon and husband Mark; and her sister Sharon MacLeod and her late husband Bruce. She has several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and beloved cousins, Nancy, Kathleen, Marsha, Joni and Buddy Fransos. Joyce was predeceased by her brothers, Raymond and Ronald Roedder and her beloved son Daryl Tucker in 2013.

After cremation, memorial calling hours will be Friday, Nov. 19 from 9 - 11 a.m., in the Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 290 Mammoth Rd., Londonderry. Interment of her urn will follow at 12:30 p.m., in the NH State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Rt. 3, Boscawen, NH. To send a condolence, please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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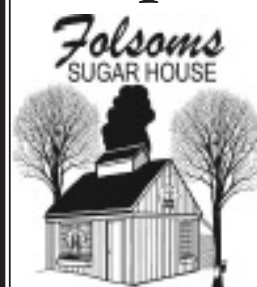


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School Board Rejects Special Meeting, Agrees to Revisit Task Force

ALEX MALM
LONDONDERRY TIMES

During the INSERT Londonderry School Board meeting the Board decided how they wanted to move forward in regard to a petition they received to have a special meeting.

The question would ask voters whether or not masks in schools should be optional for

everyone in all circumstances, which currently isn't the case for the Londonderry School District.

It was explained previously by their legal counsel that they weren't obligated to grant the special meeting.

One of the alternatives that was previously discussed was possibly doing a survey

instead of having a traditional vote.

Business Administrator Peter Curro explained that they spent a good amount of time coming up with different options for the survey. He said that they wanted to make sure they had options for outside vendors if they decided to go with the survey options.

"We didn't want to do this in house, we wanted this solely to be a third party arms length company from us so we would not be involved in the collection of everything," Curro said.

Technology/ Communications Coordinator Josh Perks explained that in order for a company to be picked to do the survey they would have to be vetted and they would have to sign a data privacy agreement.

He said that it can take a while and some companies may not be interested so they reached out three weeks ago to see if they would be willing to sign it. At the time of the meeting he said he hadn't heard back from any.

School Board member Nancy Hendrick said that if companies are willing to sign the agreement and because of the time constraints she didn't know if they should be pursuing that option.

School Board member Bob Slater said he wasn't sure if the survey would suffice what is asked in the petition which was to have a special meeting where people can vote like they normally would for an election.

"I think we should pursue the petition the way it is either to vote

on it to go ahead with it or not," Slater said.

The Board ultimately voted against having a special meeting with Slater voting in favor of having it.

This then lead to a discussion about whether or not they should bring the Reopening Task Force back together so they could examine what is happening now and if they would suggest doing anything differently.

Slater said that he wanted to see if he could get a majority of the Task Force back together to meet with the Superintendent and his team.

Hendrick said that she thought they should also bring in new people

as well to the Task Force.

"I think we need to widen that net," she said.

She also noted that she thinks the charge for the Task Force should be rewritten.

Slater said that if they are going to add more people then they will need to do a selection process again and said it could be a few board meetings before they finalize the selections.

It was ultimately agreed on that they would have the administrators discuss what their experiences have been and what they need and then present at the Nov. 30 meeting in order to help them come up with the charge for the Task Force.

OBITUARY

Florence M. Silva



Florence M. Silva, 95, of Somerville, MA died Nov. 5, 2021 in Everett, MA. She was born in Somerville, MA on May 1, 1926, the daughter of the late Gust and Mary (King) Wicks. Florence was a resident of Tewksbury, MA for 40 years, later residing in Jaffrey and Londonderry, NH. She was a retired nurse's aide from Tewksbury Hospital. Florence was very active in sports while at Somerville High and in her younger years, she enjoyed walking, candlepin bowling and swimming at her pool in Tewksbury. She later became an avid reader and enjoyed crafts, traveling, lunch bunch, supper club, and sewing. Florence became an active member of Londonderry's Senior Citizen Center and Elder Affairs Committee, sang with the 3Gs chorus, took part in Senior Friends, and volunteered at the Parkland Medical Center, where she received the 2004 Volunteer Frist Humanitarian Award. "Flo" loved laughter and adventure, including working on her bucket list as a Senior.

Florence leaves her son, Russell G. Silva and his wife Janet Nolan of Thornton, NH; her daughter, Cheryl Blake and her husband Richard of Wilton, NH; her granddaughter, Melanie (Silva) Foley and her husband Donny of Wakefield, MA; two great-grandchildren, Donald John "DJ" Foley, and William Foley, as well as many nieces and nephews. Florence was predeceased by her loving husband, George J. Silva who passed in 1968, and by her siblings, Gus, Artie, Sammy and Annie.

Following cremation, a graveside service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Tewksbury Cemetery. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium of Derry and Londonderry assisted the family with arrangements. To send a condolence please visit www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

Letters

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perfectly fine to travel the short distance up the highway to do our shopping. The pandemic has only served to accelerate the decrease in demand for commercial retail space. I would respectfully ask that the Planning Board members seriously

consider lending your support regarding this proposed residential development should Mr. Gagnon decide to move forward with the project. Having this parcel of land continue to remain undeveloped serves no good purpose.

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Lancers Marching Band Performs Final Home Show



The Londonderry Lancers Marching Band and Color Guard performed its halftime show for the final time at Lancer Park this year. The football team's final game of the season will be in Exeter on Saturday for the Division I title.

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LONDONDERRY SPORTS

Lancers Heading to Division Title Game in Exeter on Saturday

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The Londonderry High School Football team dispatched of the only team that had beaten them this season, winning 28-21 at Lancer Park on Saturday afternoon, and the team is now headed to the Division I Championship game against the Winnacunnet Warriors.

The Lancers were able to keep the Blue Devils off the scoreboard until the end of the third quarter, but Salem mounted a comeback charge, and ended up one possession short of tying the game.

Two early turnovers, due to fumbles, by SHS helped solidify a strong start for the Lancers and they managed to maintain a significant lead throughout the most of the contest.

Both teams were close were close in total offense, with London-

derry getting to 355-yards, while Salem amassed 333-yard.

For the second week in a row, Londonderry had trouble with penalties, being called for nine of them, totaling 80-yards.

Much of the LHS offense was on the ground, with 388-yards, while Salem got most of their yards through the air, totaling 259-yards in 13 pass completions.

Salem got off to a good start with their first possession, making it all the way to the 20-yard line where they fumbled the ball and Lancer sophomore Ty Miles grabbed the ball and gave his team the first turnover of the game, senior Riley Boles delivered the hit that knocked the ball loose.

That first possession for the Lancers resulted in a long drive with a result of senior Matthew Perron getting a 31-yard



Lancer senior Anthony Salcito runs the ball up the field on a kick-off return in the second half during the Semifinals win. Photo by Chris Paul

run for the first touchdown of the game. Dylan Wrisley's first kick of the day was wide of his target for the 6-0 lead.

In the second quar-

recovering.

In the drive that followed, Salem stopped the home squad near the 30-yard line and ended with the second score of the game, a 31-yard field-goal by Wrisley for a 9-0 Lancer lead.

The Londonderry defense forced a punt by Salem in the following drive, giving them the ball at their 39-yard line with four minutes left in the half.

Salem once again stopped the Lancers from getting to the end-zone, but Wrisley had another successful 31-yard field-goal for the 12-0 lead to end the half.

The first possession for the Lancers in the second half had the team march down the field with a ten-minute drive but finished with an unsuccessful pass attempt on forth down, giving Salem the ball at their 19-yard line.

Two plays into the

following Blue Devil's drive, quarterback Noah Mustapha completed a pass to Thomas Ahlers resulting in an 85-yard touchdown bringing Salem to within five points.

Londonderry answered that touchdown with one of their own, Lancer junior quarterback Drew Heenan ran for 53-yards to pay dirt with 15 seconds left in the quarter. Londonderry added a two-point conversion run by sophomore Jake Schena for the 20-7 Lancer lead.

Perron helped to add another nine points on two runs for insurance. Seven points from a four-yard run for a touchdown and then two points on another conversion attempt for the 28-7 Lancer lead with four minutes left in the third period.

Salem mounted their comeback late the fourth quarter, getting

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Efforts of Three Lancers Honored by Field Hockey Coaches



Tara Wright



Meghan Daileanes



Taylor McKinnon

CHRIS PAUL
LONDONDERRY TIMES

The New Hampshire Field Hockey Coaches Association

(NHFCA) recently announced their choices for the Granite State's Division I All-State teams and Londonderry High

School had three girls chosen for their work during the 2021 season. Londonderry head coach Nicole Treadway

and her girls had rough start to their fall season, after a first game tie and then losing four straight, the team caught their

stride as the season came to a close, winning four in a row.

The Lady Lancers entered the Division I playoffs as the number eight seed and won their first round game against the Keene High School Lady Blackbirds in a dramatic 2-1 overtime victory.

They were shutout by the division's eventual winner in the quarterfinals and with that performance had two girls named to the First Team and one named to the states second team.

Senior Tara Wright and junior Meghan Daileanes were chosen by the NHFCA for the All-State First Team and sophomore Taylor McKinnon was named to the Second Team.

The two Co-Offensive Players of the Year were

Addison MacNeil of Exeter High School and

Kaitlyn West of Nashua South High School.

The association's choice for Defensive Player of the Year was Amy Lanouette of Windham High School and the Coach of the Year was Deb Grott of the Exeter Blue Hawks.

Tara Wright was also named to the NHFCA Twin State Senior Team for 2021/22.

The association had just over 50 seniors from across the state attend tryouts on Sunday, Nov. 7, at Manchester West High School and they selected 20 field players and 2 goals from across the three divisions.

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Football

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touchdowns at 1:29 and with 18 seconds left in the game.

Lancer junior Quarterback Drew Hennen was the lead rusher for his team, picking up 193 yards in 24 rushing attempts.

Perron had 63-yards in 11 attempts, and Jake Schena had 51-yards in four rushing attempts. Anthony Salcito had one reception to lead the Lancers with a six-yard pass.

With the win, the Lancers will try to add another Division I state title to the Londonderry High School resume. The team recently won the championship in 2019 against Exeter and before that had wins in 1996 and 98. Before that the team had four Division II titles from 1985 to 1994.

The DI Championship game is scheduled to take place in the Bill Ball Stadium at Exeter High School against the Winnacunnet Warriors, starting at 1 p.m.

The Warriors finished the regular season undefeated, going 9-0 while Londonderry suffered just one loss this season, a 35-21 defeat to the Salem Blue Devils on Oct. 22.

Athletes of the Week

Week of Nov. 8

Madison Wholley Sophomore, Spirit



Madison is a hardworking and positive teammate and spirited cheerleader in our program. She has improved in both her stunting positions this season, and her performance over the weekend helped crown the LHS team as JV State Champions.

Eva Sesin Freshman, Spirit



Eva stepped up to take on additional responsibility and learned an entire new routine in less than a week. She is a valuable teammate who helped out both the LHS varsity and JV teams this season with her strength and commitment.

Student Athletes supplied by Athletic Department



Three-Peat

The Londonderry High School JV Spirit Squad defended their state title for the third year in a row this past weekend at Timberlane Regional High School, taking home first place with their highest score of the season (87.1). Pinkerton took second with 83.6 and Alvirne was third with 74.6. Though the team faced unprecedented challenges, they rose above them and executed their routine at its highest level of difficulty. Coaches Stefanie Medrek and Chelsea Dennis couldn't be more proud of these athletes.

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Sherwood

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Sherwood Road.

Trottier explained that the Taralli's live below a recent development on Braeburn Drive, that was approved by the planning Board in 2018 and because of the drainage from the new development, water is flowing over their property.

It was explained that because of an incorrect assumption of where the water would be flowing after construction of this new development much of the water is now directed toward the Taralli property.

Trottier said that he walked the property after being notified by Ken back in August and since then, they have contacted the developer and have been trying to get the matter rectified.

Ken Tarrelli further explained that the prop-

erty was previously used by the FAA because it's the highest point in the area and was used for a beacon as far back as WWII.

Tarralli was pretty upset with the developer, saying he felt they knew what they were doing but didn't bother to get any drainage rights from abutters that would be affected.

He added that he had videos of the water issues and that the problem has been going on for over a year now and that he is worried about the trees around his property being uprooted by the water crossing over them.

He also said that his neighbor's property has also been affected by the water problem.

Tarralli said that some of his property is so wet that he has been unable to mow his lawn in certain areas for two years because his trac-

tor sinks.

"I'm looking for help from anybody to get a resolution to this," he said.

Tarralli also said that the talks he and Trottier have had with the builder have ended with them saying the solution would be to create a swale on his property and felt he shouldn't be responsible for their bad planning.

Planning Board Chair Art Rugg said that the development should be all self-contained and shouldn't affect abutters.

It was also explained that the area directly above the Taralli property has been stripped by the developer and is being used as a staging area, adding to the water runoff problem.

Board member Lynn Wiles asked what recourse do abutters have if the assumptions made on plans that are

approved are wrong.

Trottier answered that there is a note on all plans that states if the plans are wrong, don't construct it wrong, it needs to be resolved before the development continues.

Tarralli's biggest concern with any solution the developer comes up with may not work, and it may take three to five years for him to figure that out.

He was hoping that the Planning Board could help put a stop to the construction at the development until the problem is resolved. Adding, the priority by the Planning Board should be to the property owners not the developers.

Rugg responded that the board has no powers of enforcement and the building inspector is the means of enforcement.

Town Council liaison Deb Paul asked if they could expect to see a timeline on rectifying the issue fearing that the developer would just keep pushing it off until all the homes were built and would no longer be their responsibility.

Trottier finished by saying a timeline would be developed by the next meeting and he would give the board an update.


Got Questions? Want Answers?

People often contact us asking questions on whatever topics they think we might know something about. The questions run the gamut from new residents trying to understand the area and its resources to residents wanting to know who to contact or how to get something accomplished that they believe needs attention. We do our best to give them accurate answers or point them to someone one or somewhere where they can get their answers. For example the other day, the paper was asked why the Drop Off Center is only Open

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Swag Night

The Green Team is now accepting reservations for its next fundraiser, a "Swag Night" at the Londonderry Lions Hall. The event will take place

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St. Thomas Toy Sale

The St. Thomas Used Toy Sale held at St. Thomas Church in Derry has begun gathering gently used toy donations within the community. This year's sale will be Dec. 4 in the gym of the Aquinas Center behind St. Thomas Church on Crystal Avenue in Derry. There will be thousands of items to choose from. The doors open at 9 a.m., some parents line up to get great deals while others come simply to be able to provide gifts for their kids on a low income. The sale concludes by noon with plenty of toys leftover. This year those left behind toys will be donated to

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Republican Meeting

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Selections from the Londonderry Police Logs

Monday - Nov. 8

8:19 a.m. Sex Offenses investigated at Londonderry High School.

11:48 a.m. Services rendered for a Structure Fire on Shasta Drive.

12:05 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Acorn Drive.

1:43 p.m. Auto Theft investigated at Avis Car Rental on Airport Road.

3:32 p.m. Services Rendered for a Medical Emergency at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

4:45 p.m. Disturbance investigated on Rockingham Road.

4:51 p.m. Peace Restored by three officers after a Domestic Distur-

bance on Boulder Drive. **7:41 p.m.** Arrest made by four officers during an Assault at the Manchester Boston Regional Airport. Vaughan, Matthew William, 37, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, charged with Stalking (Notice of Order).

Tuesday - Nov. 9

1:40 a.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat Transported to a Hospital from Nashua Road at Charles George Trucking.

6:37 a.m. Welfare Check by three officers results in transport to a hospital from Acorn Drive.

8:41 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on High Range Road.

3:01 p.m. Weapons Off-

enses investigated on Faucher Road.

3:42 p.m. Warrant served and arrest made on Ledge-wood Drive. Shawn Zubrzycki, 43, of Londonderry charged with Breach of Bail.

4:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by three officers on Hall Road.

Bryana Wilcox-Wilkins, 30, of Manchester charged with Driving after a Revoked/Suspended License (Driving Under the Influence).

8:07 p.m. Four officers respond to a Domestic Disturbance on Winding Pond Road, which results in transportation to a Hospital.

Wednesday - Nov. 10

6:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle

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Accident involving a pedestrian investigated by 11 officers on Rockingham Road near 7-Eleven.
7:53 a.m. Services rendered for a Drone Flight at 7-Eleven on Rockingham Road.

10:13 a.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with services on Nashua Road at Harvest Moon Road.

10:55 a.m. Weapons Offenses investigated at the Londonderry High School.
11:02 a.m. Services rendered for Criminal Mischief on Litchfield Road.

11:59 a.m. Services rendered for Larceny/Forgery/Fraud at Mack's U-pick #3 on Pillsbury Road.

6:52 p.m. Warrant served and an arrest made on Spruce Street. Amanda Gin-

gras, 33, of Manchester, charged with two counts of Receiving Stolen Property; (\$0 to \$1,000).
11:52 p.m. Medical Emergency transported to a hospital from Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

Thursday - Nov. 11
12:11 a.m. Disturbance investigated by four officers on Thornton Road.
9:46 a.m. Suicide Attempt/Threat transported to a hospital from Atlas Place.
1:40 a.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated at Student Transportation of America Inc. on Mammoth Road.

2:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident results in an arrest made by five officers on Mammoth Road at Bockes Road. Michael Obuchon, 46, of Newington, Conn., charged with Driving Under the Influence (second; im-

pairment); and Driving After a Revoked/suspension.
3:05 p.m. Larceny/Forgery/Fraud investigated on Pinto Lane.

4:24 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated by three officers on High Range Road.

5:37 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by four officers on Bridle Path at the Wallace Farm Apartments.

Friday - Nov. 12
5:54 a.m. Disturbance investigated on Airport Road.

9:57 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity on Adams Road.

11:45 a.m. Services rendered for Suspicious Activity at Aviation Museum on Navigator Road.

2:52 p.m. Three officers assisted another Police Department with an arrest on Beech Hill Drive.

Kaivon Flynn, 19, of Londonderry charged on Bench Warrants.

3:02 p.m. Missing Person investigated at Burger King on Nashua Road.
4:11 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Wiley Hill Road.

4:20 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with transportation to a hospital from Avery Road at Londonderry Flea Market.

5:59 p.m. Services rendered for a Missing Person report on Nashua Road at Wrap City.

Saturday - Nov. 13
8:20 a.m. Missing Person investigated on Auburn Road.

8:23 a.m. Services rendered for an Auto Fire at the Londonderry BP on Mohawk Drive.

12:50 p.m. Welfare Check investigated by seven

officers on Granite Street.
2:40 p.m. Warrant Served and an arrest made on Rimmon Street. Amy Kincaid, 41, of Manchester charged with Driving After Revoked/Suspended License; and Driving Without Giving Proof.

3:43 p.m. Shooting Complaint investigated on Cedar Lane.

5:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident results in an arrest made at RMZ Truck Stop on Rockingham Road. Garrett Copp, 24, of Goffstown charged with Driving Under the Influence (second; impairment); Driving After a Revoked/Suspension; and Left Turning Traffic, Fail to Yield.

Sunday - Nov. 14
12:16 a.m. Peace Restored by four officers after a Domestic Disturbance on South Road.

12:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop leads to an arrest made by three officers on Nashua Road at Avery Road. James West, 50, of Londonderry charged with Driving Under the Influence - Impairment.

10:29 a.m. Peace Restored after a Neighborhood Dispute at the Macgregor Cut Apartments on Stonehenge Road.

4:19 p.m. Assisted the Londonderry Fire Department with Transported to Hospital on West Road.

4:43 p.m. Medical Emergency investigated on Airport Road at Manchester Boston Regional Airport.

5:55 p.m. Disturbance investigated by three officers on Nashua Road at 102 Escape.

9:12 p.m. Trespassing investigated at Aviation Museum on Navigator Road.

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