

Football program supports breast cancer awareness

UXBRIDGE — As the football players and cheerleaders of Blackstone Valley Pop Warner took the field this month, things looked a little different.

The field, stands, players, and cheerleaders were awash with pink. Pink socks. Pink mouthpieces. Pink jerseys. Pink banners and signs. Throughout the month of October, Blackstone Valley Pop Warner proudly supported the fight against breast cancer by holding their annual "Pink Games" at McCloskey Field in Uxbridge. By participating in Pop Warner Pink Games, the approximately 200 cheerleaders and football players of Blackstone Valley Pop Warner aim to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Research and to give back to the community by wearing pink, honoring those who survived their battle with breast cancer and remembering the ones who did not.

All BVPW home games throughout October featured

special field decorations, unique pink concessions, and players, cheerleaders, coaches, and fans wearing pink apparel — all to help raise awareness of breast cancer and to show support for those fighting the disease. On Oct. 5, their first pink game this year, BVPW hosted teams from Manchester, Conn., South County MA, and Athol/Mahar.

"It's not just about the football games today," said BVPW President Jennifer Oswitt. "It's about joining together to raise awareness about a disease that has directly or indirectly touched many of our BVPW families in some way, and celebrating the strength of those who have fought or are currently fighting cancer. It is very special to see our community come together for such an important and worthy cause."

In addition, on Sept. 28 all



Blackstone Valley Midget cheerleaders show off their pink apparel to raise awareness of breast cancer during the month of October.



Coaches Dwayne and Don Fitzgerald, before the Save It or Shave It Challenge.

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BVPW cheerleaders, together with cheerleaders from other Central Mass Pop Warner organizations, participated in the 16th Annual UMass Medical Cancer Walk, raising money and awareness for UMass Medical Center's specialized care and ground breaking cancer research.

Not to be outdone, the BVPW

football coaches initiated the "Save It or Shave It" challenge to raise additional funds for Breast Cancer research. In just one week, BVPW raised over \$700 as players and coaches donated for participating coaches to either "shave" or "save" their impressive beards, some of which had been growing for nearly a decade. In the end, the "Shave Its" won the contest, and coaches Dwayne Fitzgerald, Don Fitzgerald, Mark

Kaferlein, and Greg Oswitt good-naturedly allowed two BVPW moms, both currently fighting breast cancer, to shave their faces.

Blackstone Valley Pop Warner has five football and five cheer teams for athletes ages 5-15, primarily from Northbridge and Uxbridge. The Mission of Pop Warner Little Scholars Inc. is to enable children to benefit from participation in team sports and activities in a safe and structured environment. Through this active participation, Pop Warner programs teach fundamental values, skills, and knowledge that children will use throughout their lives. For more information or to find out how you can get involved, visit their website at www.bvpw.org.

Service and fun for Boy Scouts Troop 316

DOUGLAS — The weekend of Oct. 18 was a busy one for the scouts who are chartered by St. Denis Church in Douglas.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 316, along with local Girl Scouts, participated in the official re-opening of the Douglas Middle School. Organized by the Douglas School Building Committee, the event was attended by school, town and state representatives including Senator Richard Moore and Jack McCarthy from the MA School Building Authority. The scouts had the honor of being the color guard and conducting the opening flag ceremony. They proudly raised the school's new flag, which had once flown over our nation's Capital.

Meanwhile, the Cub Scouts from Pack 316 took part in the Blackstone Valley

CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walks are organized by local groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. The Walk provides 4 million dollars a year to 3,200 food pantries in the U.S., including food pantries in Northbridge, Uxbridge and Douglas. Participating in the Blackstone Valley CROP Hunger Walk is an extension of the pack's Scouting for Food Program. In the Law of the Pack, a Cub Scout "gives good will" and in the Boy Scout Promise, a Boy Scout promises to "help other people at all times." Pack 316's Scouting for Food Program ensures that their scouts come a step closer to fulfilling those words. They were proud to make a donation that will directly benefit their community.

They concluded the weekend with their October Pack Meeting. Held outside at a local farm, the Cub Scouts dressed in their Halloween costumes. The event included a parade of scare crows, which the scouts worked together to design during their recent den meetings. They also enjoyed potato sack races, a



Courtesy photos

bouncy house, some awesome French fries, and took turns launching pumpkins from their new trebuchet. They love to see pumpkins burst! Scouts were also recognized for their fund-raising efforts. Ryan Lockhart and Dale Boudreau were presented with special limited edition patches from Lewis Alderton, a Mohegan Council representative, for exceeding \$10,00 each in popcorn sales. Thank you to the residents of Douglas for supporting Pack 316!

If your son is in the first through fifth grade and would like to join the fun, contact our pack at info@douglaspack316.com. Or, if your son is between the ages of eleven and seventeen, please contact info@douglastroop316.com to learn more about the Boy Scouting experience and Troop 316.

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK

"Without everyone working together, we wouldn't have been able to pull it off."

- First-year co-op hockey Head Coach Ken Calabro, commenting on the resurrection of the program this year thanks to the community's effort to fundraise after budget cuts early derailed the season last spring.

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