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GHOSTS, GOBLINS, PUMPKINS... oh my!

Grenville Park gets spooky this Halloween season

By Ryan Drago
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WARE – Grenville Park was the home of the Knights of Columbus' spooky Halloween Drive Thru this past Friday night.

The park featured many ghosts, pumpkins, skeletons, monsters, aliens and many more creatures throughout the drive thru. One of the unique displays in this year's event was a display and witches from the Halloween classic "Hocus Pocus".

The witches were singing and dancing and trying to scare everybody, including the kids.

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An abandoned truck had a haunted horn going off on its own.

Turley Photos by Ryan Drago

Hospital Review Committee discusses use of trusts

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WARE – Town Manager Stuart Beckley gave an update from legal counsel to the Hospital Review Committee at its recent meeting.

At the Oct. 16 meeting, Beckley said the two attorneys representing the town in regard to Baystate Mary Lane Hospital, Nicole Costanzo of KP Law and Patricia Davidson of Mirick O'Connell, will each focus on a different task.

Davidson will contact Baystate Health Attorney Vanessa Smith and Costanzo will work on drafting a memo based on the recommendations of the Historical Commission about memorialization of the hospital site.

"They both recommend the town, residents, and committee, describe a plan they would like to bring to the Attorney General," Beckley said.

The plan should describe "broadly, but clearly" what the priorities are for future use of the trust funds, including the Lewis Gilbert trust.

"Primarily, the use which I think we all agree on, is health-care," Beckley said.

Hospital Review Committee Chair Howard Trietsch said the

committee members agree that the trust fund to be mainly and mostly used as seed money for an urgent care or primary care on the site but not restricted to the site. The committee members present approved the motion unanimously.

"The priority is getting health-care in the area," he said.

Committee member Nancy Talbot said providing the Attorney General with clear and concise information will make the determination easier.

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Friends of Mary Lane Hospital

Cindy Allen Bourcier, chair of the Friends of Mary Lane Hospital, said her group also had its own motion in front of the Attorney General already, and that getting on the same page is important.

Bourcier said Friends member Peter Thamel continues to communicate with both the Greater Worcester Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

Stephen Granlund spoke about a recent meeting with the Planning Board regarding a

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Keyana and Jenesis decorated their pumpkins at the Young Men's Library Association.

Turley Photos by Rowan Bernstein

Pumpkin Decorating Party a big hit at the YMLA

By Rowan Bernstein
Correspondent

WARE – On Oct. 21, kids and families flocked to the Young Men's Library Association with pumpkins in tow for the library's annual Pumpkin Decorating Party.

This event was organized by Cathy Goulet, the children's librarian at the YMLA. She has been putting on the Pumpkin Decorating Party since 2016 and describes it as "one of [the library's] biggest events."

It was clear just from stepping inside how popular the program was – the reading room was

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Trunk or Treat car show benefits local food pantries

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PALMER – Palmer Motorsports Park and the Springfield to Boston Education Foundation teamed up for another car show this season, this time adding in some Halloween fun with a trunk or treat event.

This past Sunday, over 250 show cars arrived at the track, representing makes and models from various decades, from the 1930s to modern day.

Keeping with its tradition of giving

back to the community, Palmer Motorsports Park collected non-perishable food items to donate to the Jubilee Cupboard in Ware and the Palmer Food Share. A steady stream of attendees helped to fill a van supplied by Sarat Ford Lincoln.

For many, this event was a chance to spend time with their families, either dressing up in costumes, or sharing their passion for horsepower.

Scott Wrzesien of Ware brought his Chevy-powered, 1934 Ford

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Gabriel Balsler, Zaylee Brodeur, Ray Brodeur and Sue Brodeur showed off their costumes.



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Kaiyah Menard's trunk is based on "Little Shop of Horrors," complete with an "Audrey 2" puppet.

Turley Photo by Rowan Bernstein

Families enjoy annual event at Quaboag Regional High School

By Rowan Bernstein
Correspondent

WARREN – On Oct. 26, Trunk-or-Treat was held at Quaboag Regional Middle High School.

The event was a joint effort between the Warren Community Elementary PTO and the West Brookfield Elementary PTG, as well as the Quaboag Middle High School Student Council. Local

families and organizations came to the school parking lot and decorated the trunks of their cars to welcome trunk-or-treaters.

The creativity on display was stunning, and many of these "trunk" displays extended beyond the limits of the cars and trucks to create fun and immersive themes. Attendees were asked to donate

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State Senate

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Indians get big win over Franklin Tech

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE—There was a lot of excitement at Veterans' Field before, during, and after last Friday night's Intercounty North Division showdown between Franklin Tech and Ware.

The Indians kept their league title hopes alive with a 20-6 victory over the previously undefeated Eagles before a large home crowd.

"We knew how important tonight's game was and we played our style of football," said Ware senior captain Nathan Harmon, who joined the varsity football team as an eighth grader. "I'm so proud of my teammates. Everyone just stepped up."

Since 2020, Ware has posted an incredible 37-9 overall record. The last time that the Indians didn't win a league was in 2015.

"We didn't want to be the team that ended the league title streak," Harmon added. "If we can beat Palmer next week, we'll win another league title. They're our biggest rivals and it's going to be an amazing game."

Ware's (5-2,3-1) only league loss this season was at Athol, who posted a 40-24 victory on Oct. 11. Had the Indians, who also suffered a non-league home loss to Narragansett Regional, lost to Franklin Tech (6-1, 3-1) last Friday night, they would've been eliminated from the league title race.

The Indians will be making the short trip to historic Legion Field in Palmer not only looking to win a piece of the league title, but they're also hoping to keep possession of the Palmer-Ware trophy for the

eighth consecutive year. Kickoff is scheduled for 1pm on Saturday afternoon.

Another Ware senior captain is Brady Dyer, who has been the starting quarterback for the past two seasons.

"A lot of our former players have come back and watch us play at each home game," Dyer said. "Those guys really wish that they were still out there playing on this field. We're very happy to be able to keep the winning tradition going a little bit longer. This was a very exciting game tonight. We still

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Dalton Marquis sprints up the field.

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Quaboag takes down Palmer

WARREN – Last Wednesday afternoon, Quaboag Regional High School field hockey tuned up for the postseason with a 4-0 shutout of visiting Palmer High School. The Cougars would finish the regular season 9-6-1. As of press time, Quaboag was ranked No. 24 in Division 4. Depending on the number of teams that qualify for tournament, Quaboag could host a playoff game, or would travel to a higher seed depending on how the final rankings shake out.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Evie Iwaniec drags the ball up the field.



Kynlee Miller tries to steal the ball away.



Brea Sauriol takes over possession as she circles around the ball.



Kate Swistak tries to work the ball away from the Palmer defense.



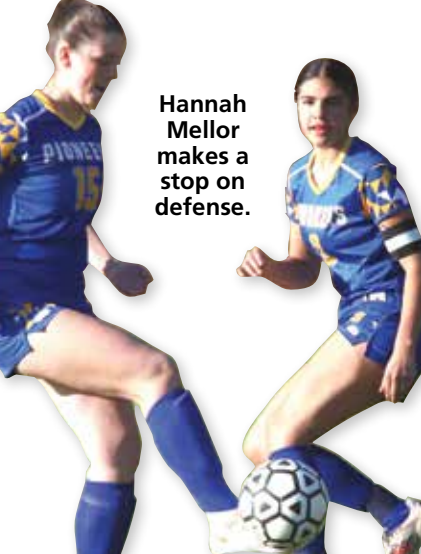
Nathan Luxon protects runner Jadrien Berthiaume.



Jadrien Berthiaume looks to avoid tacklers while on a run.



Samantha Lowe goes after the loose ball.



Hannah Mellor makes a stop on defense.



Turley photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Autumn Doktor traps the ball for the Pioneers.

Pioneers shut out Sizer



Taylor Allen turns play around.

PALMER – Last Monday afternoon, Pathfinder girls soccer picked up a 10-0 shutout of Sizer School, a Central Mass. school. The Pioneers scored early and often and were in control of the game throughout. The Pioneers improved to 2-10-1 and were scheduled to have non-playoff games earlier this week.



Danielle Croteau nearly collides with an opponent.



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WHS FINALIST FOR T-MOBILE COMPETITION

During a ceremony held at halftime, Ware High School received a \$25,000 check from T-Mobile, which will be used for field improvements. Ware High School is also one of the 16 finalists nationwide in the T-Mobile Friday Night 5G Lights competition. The Grand Prize is two million dollars, and the winner will be announced in early December.

Panthers advance to Central Mass. title game

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

BARRE—Rich Zalneraitis has been keeping track of his wife, Shelly's, wins, losses, and ties since she took over as the varsity field hockey coach at Quabbin Regional High School in the fall 1994.

The top-seeded Lady Panthers advanced into the Class B finals of the Central Mass. Athletic Directors Association tournament for the second consecutive year with a 3-0 home shutout victory over the fourth-seeded Saint Paul Knight, last Wednesday afternoon (Oct.23). It was also the 400th career victory for Shelly Zalneraitis.

"I've been able to watch just about every game Shelly has

coached here. I also watched her when she played field hockey here at Quabbin," said Rich Zalneraitis, who has won about 100 games as the boys' varsity basketball coach at Narragansett Regional. "I always try to give her some advice, but she doesn't usually take it. She's the best coach that I know and winning 400 career games is just an amazing accomplishment."

Shelly Zalneraitis, who began her coaching career as the Quabbin junior varsity field hockey coach in the fall of 1988, is wrapping up her 31st season as the varsity coach. She has a 400-137-82 overall record.

The Lady Panthers have qualified for the postseason tournament every year and they've also captured numerous league titles.



Turley photo by Gregory A. Scibelli
Haley Ayer chases down a loose ball.

In Shelly's second season as the varsity field hockey coach, the Lady Panthers finished with a 19-2 overall record. The 2015 squad also won 19 games, which is the most wins she's had in a

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Quabbin football improves to 5-2

BARRE – Last Friday night, Quabbin Regional High School football scored a huge win over Narragansett High School 24-14. With the win, Quabbin improved to 5-2 on the season. Heading into the final week of the regular season, Quabbin was ranked No. 25 in Division 6, though their fifth win had not been figured into the power rankings. If the Panthers were to win this week, they would potentially have a shot at breaking the top 16 and qualifying for

the tournament. The Panthers will face Littleton, a 3-4 squad, on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. on the road.

