

THE RUNDOWN

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RD26 FOUNDATION

IN MEMORY OF RYAN JUDE DOYLE

A GREETING FROM MIKE

Ryan is the youngest of 12 nephews and nieces in the Doyle family. The distinction of being the youngest makes him the "baby" in the family. Every time he would enter a room, he would be treated according to this honor. We would dote over him as a parent would their youngest. In the constellation of these twelve wonderful souls, Ryan was the brightest of the stars.

On June 16th, 2019, that star seemingly disappeared. Sunshine and happiness were replaced with darkness and sadness. Our "baby" was no longer there for us to hug and laugh with. Life had changed in the worst possible way, and recovery seemed impossible.

In the immediate aftermath of Ryan's passing, I remember feeling nothing but emptiness and despair. The whole experience was nightmarish and surreal. How could Ryan, our baby, be gone?

Amidst this fog, my business partner and great friend, Dana Silva, suggested we set up a fund for Ryan. I remember suggesting this idea to Tim at the reception for Ryan following the funeral Mass. We discussed the possibility of creating a scholarship for a worthy student at the high school. Tim and Dee thought it might be a good idea, but clearly were in no state of mind to discuss further.

Very shortly after, though, Tim and Dee were on board. Dee and Joanna Strange were off organizing the first of six outstanding golf tournaments. Tom Scerbo was providing the experience and guiding light to run a foundation. Steve Lucas designed the iconic RD26 logo. Dee's sister Pam and our brothers, Chris and Brian, were on board, and our MVP, Miss Helen, was out in the community raising awareness and the necessary funding.

Since that time, the Foundation has donated over \$207,000 to families battling cancer and has awarded over \$31,000 in scholarships. We also have adopted a therapy dog, Honeybuns, trained by Kate Tarrant, to visit patients in the hospital.

Though these are the people who started the foundation, it is every single one of you reading this newsletter that allows us to do what we can. You help us honor Ryan's memory every time you make a donation, participate or volunteer at one of our events, wear RD26 apparel or place a RD26 sticker in some faraway location.

To quote David Eagleman, *"There are three deaths. The first is when the body ceases to function. The second is when the body is consigned to the grave. The third is that moment, sometime in the future, when your name is spoken for the last time."*

Thanks to all of you, Ryan's name will continue to be spoken, and we will continue to honor Ryan's memory by helping others for many, many years to come.

Peace.



2025 COURAGE AWARD PRESENTED



Frank Weyant, Dee Doyle, Mark Pariseau, Tim Doyle and Chris Weyant at the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Dylan Pariseau was posthumously recognized as the 2025 recipient of the Ryan Jude Doyle Courage Award by the Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony took place this past June. This annual event brings together Western Mass baseball legends, enthusiasts, community leaders and former MLB players to celebrate the inductees' accomplishments.

Established by Mike Trombley, this esteemed award recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate exceptional courage, strength and a passion for baseball. Dylan, a Minnechaug varsity catcher, volunteered his time to guide younger players and pass along his baseball expertise. Mark Pariseau (Dylan's father) and Sophie Pariseau (Dylan's sister) accepted the award on Dylan's behalf.

Thank you to Mike Trombley, Chris and Frank Weyant, Matt Drury, the Valley Blue Sox and everyone dedicated to continuing Ryan's legacy through the Courage Award.

FIRST PITCH AT MIRACLE LEAGUE OF WESTERN MASS GAME



Dee Doyle threw the first pitch at a Miracle League of Western Mass game held at Springfield College this past May. Since receiving the Western Mass Baseball Hall of Fame Ryan Jude Doyle Courage Award last year, the Miracle League and the RD26 Foundation have maintained a strong relationship. The nonprofit organization is dedicated to providing inclusive baseball opportunities for individuals with disabilities and hosts weekly weekend games. The Foundation is proud to be a dugout sponsor this season.

WESTERN MASS PIONEERS HONOR RYAN



As part of the Connecticut Collegiate Summer Baseball series, the Western Mass Pioneers hosted a game at Spec Pond in Wilbraham in honor of Ryan. Under the Monday night lights in early June, the Pioneers faced the Hamden Miners on Ferrell Field. The event was organized by the team's coaches: Don Laware, Chad Leveque and Julio Vasquez. Each had a connection to Ryan, either coaching him or coaching against him, and commemorated Ryan's legacy with a memorable night of baseball.

2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Congratulations to our Class of 2025 Ryan Doyle Memorial Scholarship recipients: **McKenna Hale, Aaron Gasteyer, Dawson Rice, Nora Kennedy and Ryan Oldread!** The annual scholarship is awarded to Minnechaug Regional High School seniors who reflect Ryan's spirit of kindness, strength of character and concern for others.

HONEYBUNS: THE RD26 THERAPY DOG



Have you seen an energetic, friendly yellow lab at a RD26 Foundation event? Or maybe spotted her smiling face in a group photo? Reintroducing Honeybuns! The RD26 therapy dog. Adopted by Kate and Kent Tarrant, Honeybuns is famous for her loving energy.

Starting at the age of two, Honeybuns began her training at Essential Canine in Wilbraham. She completed both basic obedience and situational training. Her lessons focused on remaining calm and confident around different sounds, environments and experiences. Training continued until Honey-

buns was comfortable and ready to work confidently in a variety of settings. She was certified in November 2023 by an accredited tester of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) after many sessions, completing training and evaluations at schools, nursing homes and hospitals.

Since earning her certification, Honeybuns has brought smiles and comfort to countless people. She regularly visits hospitals, nursing homes and addiction recovery centers, and she participates in a read-aloud program. Honeybuns is a certified volunteer at Baystate

RD26 BASEBALL NIGHT



Returning for its fourth year, the Southwick baseball program hosted another successful RD26 Night. Each year, a Southwick senior baseball player is recognized for demonstrating Ryan's kindness, strength of character and concern for others. Congratulations to **Josh Davis-Visneau** for being awarded the 2025 Ryan Jude Doyle Scholarship Award!



Hospital in Springfield and is scheduled for therapy sessions with patients every other week.

Honeybuns is a playful, spirited dog, however, during visits, she is calm and intuitive. She brings comfort to patients and cares through her gentle presence. Kate's favorite part: "Smiles and joy from patients."

Ryan loved when the therapy dog visited during his chemo treatments. Honeybuns now provides that same comfort that brought him peace.

NEW BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



The RD26 Foundation is proud to announce the first annual Ryan Jude Doyle Baseball Courage Award. In addition to recognizing a Minnechaug baseball senior for possessing similar values to Ryan, the Foundation presented **Bryce Barlow** with a scholarship. Bryce, a class of 2025 graduate, played shortstop for the varsity team. The accolade and scholarship were awarded in May.

The Minnechaug baseball coaches were responsible for selecting the recipient. As previous coaches

of Ryan, they knew his spirit well.

"Bryce had a lot of the same qualities Ryan had. He worked hard and loved the game, but found a great appreciation for just being around his teammates," said Coach Netkovick.

Like Ryan, Bryce "had the ability to lighten the mood and raise team morale just by being present. They both shared strong bonds with their teammates that clearly went beyond baseball."

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT RETURNS FOR FIFTH YEAR



For the third year in a row, **Will Lancaster and Owen Callaghan** claimed victory as the Ryan Jude Doyle Cornhole Tournament champions. The fifth annual cornhole event took place on a hot, sunny Sunday at Brian and Lara Doyle's home in Avon, CT.

The tournament hosted 64 players alongside a cheerful group of spectators dedicated to an afternoon of backyard fun and cornhole battles.

The duos competed in a double-elimination format, with Will and Owen defeating Sean and Mike Doyle in the finals.

Amid a day of spirited competition, the event benefited the RD26 Foundation. Tim Doyle spoke about the Foundation's mission to carry on Ryan's legacy.

"We really appreciate all who attended and the many people who could not attend but still donated," said Brian Doyle.

RYAN JUDE DOYLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

After being rained out by last year's storms, the Sixth Annual Ryan Jude Memorial Golf Tournament returned on a beautiful, sunny day in August. The tournament was held at the Country Club of Wilbraham and welcomed 47 foursomes split between two shotgun starts.

The green buzzed with excitement and anticipation as the golfers aimed for par or below. After a friendly yet hard-fought competition, **Jesse Saliga, Mark Saliga, Jeff Cornell and Dom Terzi** came out

on top. The foursome took home the highly sought-after Ryan Jude Doyle Memorial Golf Tournament trophy.

A big thank you to our tournament sponsors, golfers, volunteers, the Staff and Grounds Crew at Wilbraham Country Club and Bobby Downes! The event raised over \$25,000, which will directly benefit children affected by cancer. We are already looking forward to next year's tournament!

See photos on Page 8 & 9!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS!

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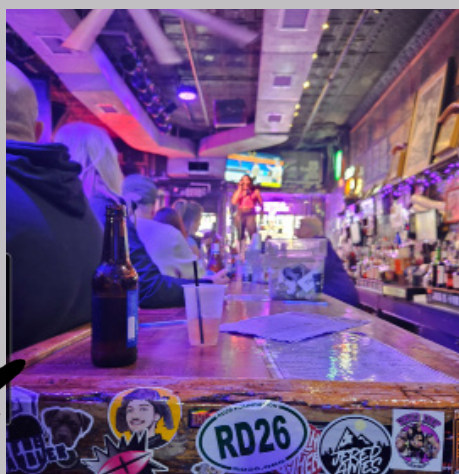
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With your donations, the RD26 Foundation supports families of those undergoing cancer treatments. Those below received \$1,000 and a backpack.

A five-year-old: B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

A sixteen-year-old: medulloblastoma

A three-year-old: Burkitt's lymphoma

A four-year-old: glioma

A ten-year-old: B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

A seventeen-year-old: Burkitt's leukemia

A three-year-old: sarcoma

A four-year-old: leukemia

A six-year-old: acute lymphocytic lymphoma

A four-year-old: neuroblastoma

A fifteen-year-old: T-cell acute lymphocytic lymphoma

A two-year-old: glioma

A seven-year-old: B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

The Foundation has donated \$13,000 to families at UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center in Worcester!

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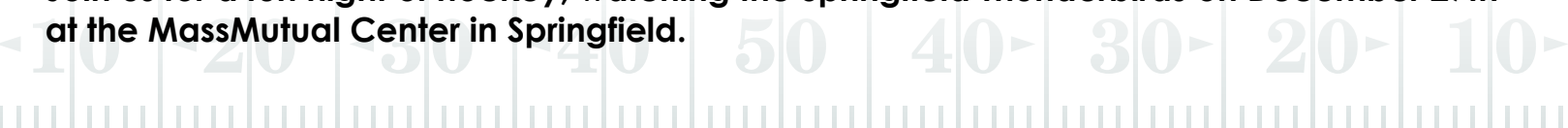
UPCOMING EVENTS

RUN FOR RYAN 5K AND 1 MILE WALK

The fifth annual road race will take place on November 8th at Fountain Park in Wilbraham. Sign up now!

RD26 NIGHT AT THE SPRINGFIELD THUNDERBIRDS

Join us for a fun night of hockey, watching the Springfield Thunderbirds on December 27th at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.



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