

# SPORTS & RECREATION

## Glenburn teen rises through umpiring ranks

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SPECIAL TO THE WEEKLY

Glenburn's Cody Lally saw a void and helped fill it. As an aspiring baseball player nearing the end of his Little League playing days, he observed many of the games in his area was lacking a key component: umpires. He noticed a parent might fill in to provide some semblance of order to the proceedings. He hated the sight of seeing someone coming out of the stands calling the games from behind the pitcher's mound. From that point forward, Lally traded in the bat and glove to be an arbiter of balls and strikes, fair or foul, safe or out.

Today you'll find Lally hard at work umpiring games at many levels. He still maintains ties with his roots, volunteering to call games at all different age levels of the Little League program. As he has gained experience, his assign-

ments have grown in magnitude. He has since worked district championship level contests at the Senior League level. The stakes are high with the winner advancing to the Senior League World Series. Over the past two years he has been able to be paid for his craft moving up through the middle school and high school junior varsity ranks.

Part of what makes Lally noteworthy as an umpire is you tend not to notice him when he's working a game. He's not the kind of umpire to make the game about himself, grandstanding by making that big call at a key moment. He takes no pleasure in tossing someone if they should look at him cross eyed. That's not to say Lally's not in control of the happenings on the field. Rather than be combative, he uses his outgoing personality to bring a certain comfort level to the players and coaches participating.

If he is the home plate

umpire, he tries to maintain a good relationship with the catchers. Often he'll be asked by a catcher, "Where was that pitch?" He'll often reply with something along the lines of, "just a little outside, he has a good curve ball but that one just didn't break enough."

Emotions can get heated on the field at times. Lally, still an athlete himself, gets it. He competes on the football and hockey teams as a student at John Bapst. In the face of controversy, he'll let the player or coach have their say. In such situations knowing the rule book is key. Of course, judgement calls are bound to happen but many conflicts are resolved simply by pointing out a rule the player or coach may not be aware of. Many arguments begin with a player or coach unhappy about their play on the field. They often are more frustrated with their performance than the umpire. Lally re-

alizes this and has learned to let certain things go.

For the oldest son of Dennis and Stacey Lally, preparation for game day starts well before the contest. He usually likes to arrive at the field at least thirty minutes before the first pitch. He claims to be superstitious in getting dressed prior to taking the field. He applies Scrubbing Bubbles cleaner to shine his shoes then dresses in a certain order. If he has the plate, Lally makes sure to do a thorough pregame meeting with his partner(s) to cover elements such as rotations, coverage on fly balls, and other situations which may arise.

As you can tell by his preparation, Lally is conscientious about his craft. He is always seeking to grow professionally and takes to heart feedback from experienced umpires. He greatly appreciates the resources he has to rely on in the greater Bangor area. Some of the mentors he men-

tioned were Chris Parker, who serves as Umpire in Chief for Maine District Three Little League, and also assigns games for the Eastern Maine Baseball Umpires Association. Troy Lare and Rob Curtis have also taken Lally under their wings in their roles as assistant umpire in chiefs for the district.

When Lally's umpiring season ends in July, the avid New York Yankees fan has the opportunity to interact with umpires from all over the world at the Senior League World Series. Lally has attended the World Series each summer since 2007. In 2012, he began serving on the umpire support staff. He helps to ensure transportation is arranged from the airport to the hotel and makes sure they can get to and from the stadium for their games. He is also there to provide baseballs, water, and anything else the umpires might need during the

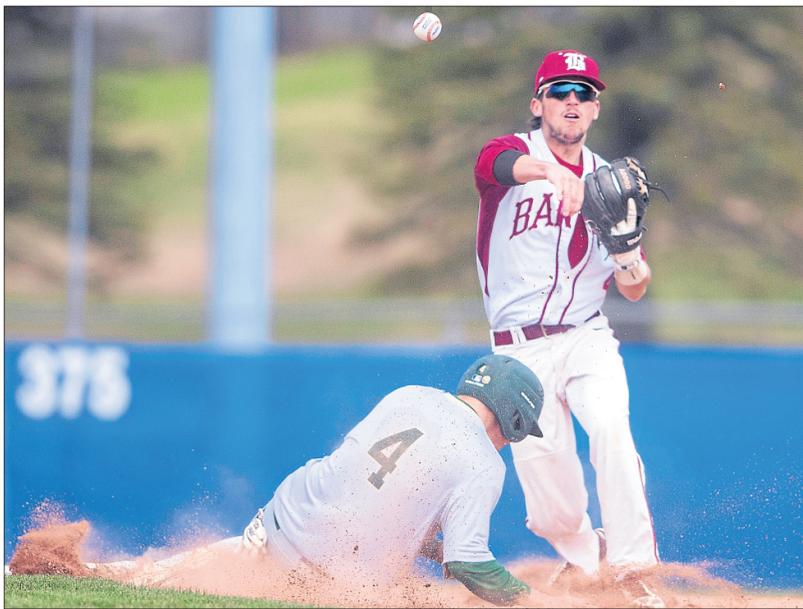
week. He has been joined by his younger brother, Drew, since 2014.

Currently, Lally is saving funds to attend the five-week Wendelstedt School for Umpires in Daytona Beach, Florida in a few years. If he performs well at the school, it could mean a future for him as a professional umpire.

Whatever path Lally chooses for himself will land him success. The attributes that make him a strong up and coming umpire, such as his professionalism, strong people skills, and preparation, will carry him far in life. For now, those in our area should consider themselves fortunate to have a young man of his caliber working their games.

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### FUTURE BLACK BEAR



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Kyle Stevenson (right) of Bangor High School makes a relay throw to first base during an April 20 game against Oxford Hills. The senior shortstop has verbally committed to be a nonscholarship player at the University of Maine next fall.

### Grand Slam Baseball Academy July 25-29

OLD TOWN — Old Town Recreation Department's Grand Slam Baseball Academy, 2-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 25-29, Herbert Sargent Community Center, for boys and girls ages 6-12. Hitting catching, throwing, and baserunning. Appropriate for beginners and experienced players. Featuring former college coach Dean Husted, and other coaches. Cost is \$80. To register, visit [oldtownrec.com](http://oldtownrec.com).

### Tryouts set for Brewer Legion baseball team

BREWER — The Brewer Falcons American Legion baseball team will hold tryouts at 6 p.m. Sundays, June 5 and 12, at Hedderic Field in Brewer. Players must be born on

or after Jan. 1, 1997, and attend Brewer or Bucksport High Schools. Call Coach Shane Graham at 991-4006 for details.

### Summer Youth Football Camp at Husson University

BANGOR — Husson University head coach Gabby Price and his coaching staff will hold their inaugural Summer Youth Football Camp 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 26-28, on the campus. The camp will provide each participant with instruction in throwing, catching, kicking, blocking and non-contact form tackling. The Youth Football Camp is a non-contact camp designed for participants entering grades 3-9. The \$115 camp fee will include instruction from Husson University's football coaching staff, lunch in the dining commons each day, a camp T-shirt and access to the pool each day. To register, visit [membersolutions.com](http://membersolutions.com).

### Old Town Orono High School hockey team to hold golf tournament

OLD TOWN — The Old Town Orono High School Hockey fourth annual Golf Scramble is set for July 23 at Hidden Meadows Golf Course, which also sponsors the event.

The cost is \$60 per person or \$240 per team. All Proceeds Support the 2016-17 Old Town Orono Hockey Team. Carts will be guaranteed to be available to teams paid by July 2. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100, and organizers are still accepting prize donations.

Registration starts and the driving range opens at 7:15 a.m. There is an 8 a.m. shotgun start. For information, to register or make a donation, call Carey Sheehan at 944-7390.

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