<u>Davis, Masopust Race To Roxbury Triumphs</u>

ROXBURY – Stosh Davis, a sophomore on the New Milford High School cross country team, and Leah Masopust, 25, a native of Morris who is a former member of the University of Connecticut's rowing team, annexed their respective titles Saturday, Nov. 23, over a 3.52-mile course at the Roxbury Road Race Series.

Davis covered the rolling course, which included a jaunt up the long hill on Hemlock Road, in 20-minutes, 58-seconds – a 5:57-per-mile pace – edging two-time season champion Jeff Sheldon, 33, of Southbury, who was clocked in 21:02.

Masopust captured the female title and was 13th overall in 23:56.

Following the race the runner distributed the T-shirts from their 18th annual fundraising campaign. They raised more than \$2,300, with \$600 of that to be distributed to their annual high school running grants. They are taking proposals from the Nonnewaug-Woodbury, Pomperaug-Southbury, Brookfield, Shepaug Valley-Washington, Oxford and New Milford high schools.

Union Savings Bank was again the title sponsor.

Over the years, the runners have raised more than \$37,000.

The Roxbury Road Race Series is a co-sponsor for the 13th annual Run For A Cure, which will be held Thursday, Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving Day), at the Roxbury Congregational Church on Route 317. The Roxbury Recreation Commission and the church also are co-sponsors.

The children's race will begin at 9 a.m., and then the walkers will take off on the main 3.0-mile course at 9:15 and the runners at 9:30.

The \$10 entry fee can be paid that morning from 7:30 to 9:20 at the church. Proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, the cancer center at New Milford Hospital and to purchase a new digital stopwatch for the Roxbury Road Race Series.

The weekly series will continue Saturday, Nov. 30, at 8:30 a.m. with a 2.4-mile run down the steep hill on Chalybes Road. There will be no entry fee.

The races, which are sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission, start and finish near the Everett Hurlburt Community Park at 18 Apple Lane.

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