



Boylan CCHS gift crew

## Boylan students share the spirit

For more than 50 years, Boylan Central Catholic High School has partnered with the St. Elizabeth Catholic Community Center, both in Rockford, to give back to those in need over the holidays.



(Photos provided)

What began as “Christmas baskets” has turned into the donation of dozens of holiday boxes each year.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, students, faculty, and staff collect food, household supplies, monetary donations, and gifts for 45 families. Students then sort, wrap, package, and take the items to St. Elizabeth for delivery to the families.

The donations provide local families with food for a full holiday meal, other necessities and wrapped gifts for family members to open on Christmas day.



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## St. Edward CCHS photographer makes show

KANE COUNTY—A student from St. Edward Central Catholic High School in Elgin is again featured in the annual Kane County Regional Office of Education student photo

contest.

As the number of participating high schools and weekly entries grow, it gets tougher to stand out.

This year, two of Hayley Plummer’s photos made it through the hundreds of entries each week to land in the top 10 photos. She is a student of Leann Worster at St. Ed’s.

Her “Greek Road” photo (right) made it to number seven in the sixth week of the contest.

A black and white entry, “Winter Pine” (below) squeaked into 10th place in the 10th and final week of the contest.

Plummer’s photos, along with the others that placed in this year’s contest, will be part of the Kane County Student Photography Exhibition from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Batavia Fine Arts Center, 1201 Main St. in Batavia.



(Photos provided)

“Winter Pine” by Hayley Plummer



“Greek Road” by Hayley Plummer

# Top scholars, athletes honored



(Photos provided)

## Boylan athletes sign

Two students from Boylan Central Catholic High School in Rockford were honored Nov. 13 at a signing ceremony in the school cafeteria. Honorees were Peyton Kennedy (left), who will play basketball at St. Louis University, and TJ Baker, a golfer who will attend Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.



## Marian Central NHS inductees

Marian Central Catholic High School inducted 30 students into the Bishop Lane Chapter of the National Honor Society Oct. 26. Membership in the Bishop Lane Chapter is conferred in recognition of exceptional qualifications in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership and character. New members are (front row) Timothy Miller, Jenna Knapp, Nora Kelly, Jane Walsdorf, Laura Colcernian, Morgan Piwonka, Kathleen Stumpf, Joseph Walsdorf, (second row) Lauren McNulty, Naomi DiGangi, Abigail Miller, Bethany Noonan, Kelsey Miner, Connor Donaldson, Amelia Smerczynski, Nicole Santopadre, (third row) Alexander Eschenbacher, Elizabeth Kita, Katherine Strode, Alyssa Graf, Tess Meisner, Gretchen Gilmore, Caroline Binotti, Brian Hopp, (fourth row) Jeremy Kleberg, Peter Walsdorf, Ryan Jones, Andrew Pascente, Ben Minneci, Nathaniel Bucci, and (not pictured) Amelia Fitzgerald.



## Boylan NHS inductees

Boylan Central Catholic High School in Rockford inducted 10 seniors into the National Honor Society on Nov. 12. They join 40 students who were inducted last spring bringing Boylan's NHS members for 2019 to 50 students. The seniors inducted in the fall ceremony are (not in order shown) Jonah Allen, Victoria Letizia Bruschi, Matthew Burkins, David Consuelos, Eva Corcoran, Mia Dally, Liam Keefe, Joshua Lewandowski, Brianna Novak and Teresa Winkelman.



## Marian Central state scholars

Twenty-eight seniors at Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars. They represent approximately the top 10% of high school seniors across the state. Honored students are (not in order shown) Jamie Atadero, Jacob Benigni, Connor Blaz, Madeline Conti Mica, Isabeelle Clarkson, Connor Donaldson, Alexander Eschenbacher, Stephan Foster, Linzie Harding, Madison Hogel, Ryan Jones, Samuel Lavin, Susan Lim, Benjamin Minneci, Nicolette Miroballi, Benjamin Moscinski, Andrew Pascente, Hanna Paulson, Brogan Pivnicka, Benjamin Reuter, Hailea Sacco-Nicketta, Sarah Scheper, Benjamin Schneider, Zofia Stawiarska, Siobhan Stoll, Daniel Stumpf, Eva Tersteeg, and Matthew Wember.



Rosary High School "Meads" are (from left) Ann Molenhouse, Katie Lifka, Maia Italia, Lianna Surtz, Katie Ubertino, Brooke O'Carroll, Grace Ixpata, and Coach Vic Mead.

## Rosary state champs

Rosary High School in Aurora boasts several state cross country stars this year, including sophomore Lianna Surtz (right) who won the 1A championship, finishing first at the IHSA state meet in Peoria on Nov. 9. The Royals (above) finished ninth overall, the team's highest finish at state. Individual results are: Lianna Surtz, first place, 16:41.01; Maia Italia, 41, 18:50.98; Katie Ubertino, 60, 19:10.17; Brooke O'Carroll, 78, 19:34.96; Katie Lifka, 106, 20:11.50; Ann Molenhouse, 115, 20:22.74; Grace Ixpata, 145, 20:49.17. Surtz was also the sectional, regional and conference champion this season. Rosary won the Metro Conference cross country championship on Oct. 19 and the 1A regional championship on Oct. 26. Rosary runners took four of the top five places at regionals, and had seven runners in the top 20. The Royals finished third overall at sectionals on Nov. 2. The team is led by coach Vic Mead and is nicknamed the Rosary "Meads" — a play on the swim team, the Rosary "Beads."



State Champion Lianna Surtz



## Aquin state scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission has selected four seniors from Aquin Central Catholic High School in Freeport as Illinois State Scholars. They are (from left) Zeita Gastel, Michael Giaimo, Evan James, and Kamryn Steil.



## Rosary HS athletes sign

Four Rosary High School athletes signed letters of intent in November to pursue their sport at the college level. They are (from left) Paige Gardella, daughter of Amy and Joseph Gardella, who will play volleyball for Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y.; Zoe Ketterman, daughter of Samantha and Travis Ketterman, who will play basketball for Purdue University-Fort Wayne in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Molly Mulvey, daughter of Sandy and Patrick Mulvey, who will play volleyball for St. Norbert College in DePere, Wis.; and Chloe Saltijeral, daughter of Cherri and Clayton Saltijeral, who will play softball for Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla, Mo. Rosary is a Catholic girls high school in Aurora.