

North Pocono

For Ryan Samsell's senior project, he was locked in at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Moscow for 24 hours.

The lock-in with his youth group was meant to spread awareness for hunger and homelessness in the North Pocono School District and throughout the United States.

An active member of the church, Ryan has been an altar server since fourth grade.

Ryan takes challenging courses at North Pocono High School, including pre-engineering, trigonometry and calculus, Latin I, II and III, and AP Physics I.

The son of Joseph and Jacqueline Samsell, Ryan is a four-year member of the concert band and a three-year member of the pep band, where he plays the trumpet. He is a three-year member of the orchestra and plays French horn; and a four-year member of the North Pocono Trojan Band, serving as a drum major.

The most memorable moment in high school was leading the Trojan Band down Main Street at Disney World last May, he said.

He is currently employed at Mendocino's Italian Specialties in Green Ridge and next year will attend Wilkes University to study environmental engineering.

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