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Q&A: Anne Marie Coleman, Springfield Catholic School

Anne Marie, 18, is a senior who enjoys being involved in community service.

Her parents are Theresa and Michael Coleman. She has an older sister, Courtney.

Q: What community service work have you done?

A: I've served on the Relay for Life committee and for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Q: What do you do with Relay for Life?

A: There is a committee of 30 or 40 students from all the public and private Springfield schools who come together to plan for the year and encourage student teams. In April we recruit team captains and we organize the relay for all students to attend. There are usually 1,500 students who participate, but we hope for more this year.

Q: What do you do for Big Brothers Big Sisters?

A: I volunteer for after-school mentors. We are assigned one student at a Springfield grade school from 3:30 to 4:30. We help them with homework or educational activities.

Q: Why do you volunteer so much?

A: I like being involved. At school, we are required to do a minimum of 60 hours. I'm at 600 or 700. It sounds like a lot, but there are a lot of hours in the year.

Q: I understand you are involved in theater.

A: Yes. Paige (Deragowski) and I are theater club presidents.

We are in rehearsals for "Little Women." It's going to be good. It's a musical.

Q: What part do you play?

A: I play Meg March.

Q: What do you plan on doing after high school?

A: I plan on attending a college or university. I don't know which one yet. I'd like to study musical theater and pre-law. A double major; you've got to be practical.

Q: What else do you like to do?

A: I play the guitar and I'm involved in choir. Music is my main thing right now.

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