

# Oldmans Township School fourth grader's artwork featured on local billboard

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Special to the Sunbeam Oldmans Township School student Alyson Pelura's billboard on Route 130.

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**OLDMANS TWP.** — Oldmans Township School Fourth-grader Alyson Pelura won a billboard contest that was featured on Route 130 this summer.

The contest was held by the Oldmans Municipal Alliance with the theme "Instead of drugs..." and the winning artwork could be seen driving into Penns Grove.

Pelura's drawing was of pages of a book, suggesting activities that could be done in the place of doing drugs, such as riding a bike, planting flowers, or yodeling.

"I came up with it because books show learning, and people have to learn to not take drugs," the fourth-grader, who is also a member of the Student Council, said.

"The ripped pages ruined the book, just like taking drugs ruins your life," Pelura said of the drawing.

Pelura explained that the bottom four pages, "plant flowers," "listen to music," "accept responsibility," and "yodel" spell out the word "play."



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“Yodel might seem silly, but it’s better than doing drugs,” Pelura said.

The young artist, who said she loves to draw, said that the back of the book, which reads, “Use your brain instead of lose your brain,” shows that you can die if you take drugs.

Pelura said that she was excited to win the contest and that she drove down the road every day with her mom and checked to see if her drawing was on the billboard.

“One day, I turned around and saw it and I screamed!,” she said. “I was really happy. My cousins and aunts and uncles took pictures of the billboard.”

Pelura said that she has learned the dangers of drugs through special awareness weeks, health classes and assemblies held at her school.

Oldmans Township School Superintendent David Lindenmuth said that the school was happy to work with the municipal alliance and that the group did a great job with the contest.

“Aly did a great job with her billboard. We’re all very proud of her,” Lindenmuth said.

The Oldmans Municipal Alliance is a community group that works with schools, businesses and other organizations to educate residents about drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and misuse.

The municipal alliance also promotes health among all age groups and aims to keep individuals and families well and safe.