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## Yankton Students Participate in Keep America Beautiful Cleanup



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On Wednesday, April 6, many students took part in the Great American Cleanup Project by picking up trash from St. Benedict's Church to the YHS bus garage on City Limits Road.

The YHS Science Club teamed up with the Keep Yankton Beautiful Organization to make this project a success.

Senior Allison Kathol, along with senior Maggie Healy, organized the Great American Cleanup and visited with homerooms to encourage other students to help.

Kathol explained that the team leaders were a huge help. Those leaders include Allison Fejfar, Powers Schurrer, Joseph Boudreau, Olivia Hope-well, Aaric Willard, Katie Brady, Jordan Koch, and Riley Paulsen.

Kathol also stated that, "Great American Cleanup was a huge success, a lot of students volunteered for it, the weather was great, and we collected a ton of garbage. I couldn't have been happier with the way it turned out!"

Keep Yankton Beautiful member and high school science teacher, Dr. Angie Hejl, said, "The nearly 300 students who participated in this

cleanup learned that they can make a really positive difference in their community. Many of them expressed pride in what they had accomplished through this project. They also learned that concern for the environment creates improved quality of life for all. I believe that because of participation in this environmental service project many of them will be more concerned citizens in the future."

Julie Perakslis, Executive Director of Keep Yankton Beautiful also held a Great American Cleanup on Saturday, April 9th from 8:30 a.m. until around 11 a.m. at the Memorial Park south shelter.

Perakslis stated, "I'm interested in forming a committee of high school students that could speak to other kids and civic groups about the importance of recycling and waste reduction to the community and especially to their future. I'd be happy to meet and/or work with these kids after school at the SAC or here in my office. There are grant opportunities available for kids who start recycling programs and/or creative education outreach programs in their communities and I'd be happy to help them pursue this."

More than 33,000 communities all across the United States took part in this project to clean, beautify, and improve communities.



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Alex Fields, Nathan LaCroix, and Bailey Lipp are pictured picking up trash near the Yankton school administration building and bus garage during the Great American Cleanup earlier this month.

## Michaela Trail's Art Selected to Represent First Annual Lions Club Golf Tournament



BY  
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Michaela Trail, Yankton High School sophomore, was chosen as the winner of the logo design contest for the First Annual Lions Club Golf Tournament at the Fox Run Golf Course.

Peter Deming, the YHS Drawing and Painting teacher, encouraged Trail to submit one of her drawings into the contest in early January. A few weeks later, Deming announced that Trail's cartoon had been selected to represent the Lions Club of Yankton for their first golf tournament.

"I honestly didn't think they would pick [my drawing]," Trail stated. "I was worried it was too cartoony and not serious enough."

Trail said lately she has been interested in drawing cartoons rather than realistic drawings. Her younger brother has even taken a similar interest in drawing since she began constructing cartoons of him.

Trail has always been fascinated by art. As a fourth grader, she even did a biography project over one of her favorite artists, Mary Cassatt.

She has since found inspiration in Cassatt's works and continues to study the famous French Impressionist artist.

"Right now I am working a lot with black and white interactions between mother and child," said Trail.

Cassatt was famous for her mother-child paintings in the late nineteenth century, which Trail said began her interest in art. Her family has a print by Cassatt in their household that has always intrigued Trail. After searching a bit on the artist's background, she realized that being an artist was her dream.

"I know I want to do something art related for my future career," Trail said.

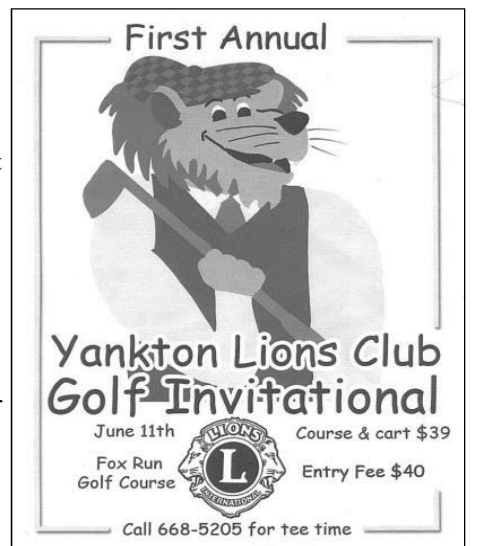
She is currently considering theatrical cosmetics, which combines her love of the theater and drawing.

Trail helped with makeup designs in the Yankton Community Theater Production of *The Jungle Book* this spring.

Trail's life motto helps her get through any hardships that may come her way in her artistic career.

"Nothing is impossible. I hate that word – impossible. Just live in the moment," Trail said.

Trail plans to continue drawing and experimenting with her talents throughout high school by taking all the art classes offered. If another art contest presents itself, Trail said she would be excited to submit a drawing.



ARTWORK BY MICHAELA TRAIL

## The 2011 Boys and Girls State Representatives are Announced



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The 2011 Girls and Boys State representatives are as follows: **Row 1:** Mae Tienken (American Legion Auxiliary), Lauren Fanta (Alternate), Alexandria Klimisch, Desiree Beckmann, Lindsay Vik, Rachel Ruffinott, Margaret Bisgard (Journalism City), Courtney True, Vanessa Rockne, and Gert Boyles (American Legion Auxiliary). **Row 2:** Marlys List (American Legion Auxiliary), Courtney Fender, Jenna Grossenburg (Alternate), Garielle Horton, Kelsey Megard, Elizabeth Braun, Sarah Barkley, Nicole Westerman, Chloe Cornemann, Rachel Busskohl, Emily Fedders, Tory Gross, Leslie Henderson, Audrey Fuks, Katrina Vyborny (Journalism City), and Joyce List (American Legion Auxiliary). **Row 3:** Luke Neumann, Dylan Steffen, Alex Opsahl, Jim Cope (American Legion) Nathan Rausch (Journalism City), Chance Sorenson, Chuck Tienken (American Legion), Robert Schmidt, Jackson Pasco, and Alex Heine.



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Michaela Trail is pictured receiving an award from Lyle Malone of the Lions Club.

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Grand March must visit  
the link in that email and  
RSVP!

Prom Activities:

Saturday, April 30

Grand March, 5 p.m.

Dance, 8 p.m.

After Prom Party, midnight

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