



HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUTH IN TOBACCO PREVENTION

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Are retailers selling tobacco to your friends?

With the help of local high school students and the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Department, Community Prevention Services of Westmoreland has successfully completed the first round of compliance checks. High school students from Hempfield's Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU), Latrobe GLAD, and Greensburg-Salem Leadership Club gave up Saturdays and after school hours to assist with the checks. These students, accompanied by the sheriffs, completed approximately 475 tobacco retailer checks! "We are lucky to have these special young men and women helping us." said a spokesperson for Community Prevention. The next round starts soon.

Westmoreland Presents!

Briana Woodmancy and Julie Pomerleau, students from Christ the Divine Teacher (CDT) School wowed the adult audience during their presentation at the BUSTED! Youth Summit. They offered the group cookies sprayed with liquid from a bottle labeled "ammonia" to make the point that many of us would never consider eating the toxins we regularly inhale in tobacco smoke pollution.

They and other student members of BUSTED! across the state learned about the toxins in tobacco smoke and decided to advocate for smoke-free public places. CDT students are collecting signatures from adults who will support restaurants who go smoke-free.

Scott Walroth, Hempfield High School, Westmoreland representative to the BUSTED! advisory board, Julie Lehr and Christina Cuomo, Trafford Leo Club, Alex Sutton and Kayla Turner, peer educators with the Community Learning Center in New Kensington, are advocating for smoke-free bowling alleys.

Did you know?

- ☹ Ammonia is added to cigarettes to speed the transfer of the nicotine to the brain.
- ☹ Fiberglass or sand is added to chew tobacco to scratch the surface and get nicotine to the brain faster.
- ☹ Gun powder is added to the cigarette paper to help it burn. It is the horizontal lines around the cigarette.

When is the next BUSTED! Meeting?

Come on out to Community Prevention Services, 1 Northgate Square, in Greensburg on Saturday, April 19, at 10 AM. Students from all over the county will meet to plan activities for World No-Tobacco Day. Call Allison, 724-853-9570 for directions.

What's coming?

Cash prizes up to \$50. All students can compete in our Communications Contest on tobacco issues sponsored by 4-H and the Coalition. Call the Coalition or check our website for details. Registration deadline is May 9.

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