



W.I.T. (*Whatever It Takes*) Coalition

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FOR THE MAY 2017 NEWELL CITY & SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Things that come about for the community/school because WIT exists.

Tobacco Prevention:

Sabrina took part in one Webinar in April and have two coming up in May 2017 on Tobacco Prevention Information and Point of Sale.

The Point of Sale Audit for Newell was completed and the findings will be shared in the near future. We have a set of Youth that have been asked to attend a Youth Summit in Washington, DC in July but we are not sure if this will work out or not at this time. They made a connection of Ritney Castine (Managing Director, Community and Youth Engagement with the **Truth Initiative**[®] in Washington, DC) while at the Sr. SADD Conference in Rapid City, SD in March. Ritney was impressed with our youth and wanted to see about working with them on a National Campaign.

The WIT Coalition has re-applied for the School/Community Tobacco Grant and will find out in June if they were successful or not. This funding helps with bringing curriculum into the school and provides guidance and trainings from the State.

Newell School: Sabrina drove Sandy's bus route for two weeks while she was on vacation over Easter break. Sabrina also volunteered to drive the bus with staff to the TIE Conference in Rapid City, SD on 4-24-17.

Lion's Club Speech Contest: Sabrina helped organize the Lion's Club youth speech contest. Jennifer Albright was the winner from Newell where she won \$100 and then went onto compete at the District level in Sturgis, SD on 4-18-17 where she won 2nd place and earned another \$50. Sabrina drove Jennifer to the district contest.

TAM—Sabrina went to Lemmon, SD on 4-26-17 and trained 30 individuals in the TAM training. They have a new IGA store opening and they wanted all of their employees trained plus a few others that needed trained.

Loyalty & Literacy Community Reading Night: The WIT Coalition hosted the supper (hot dogs and chips) for the Reading night event. Sabrina also donated several items for a raffle fundraiser for the T.L.C. group.

Trainings: Sabrina will be attending two training/meetings in Pierre, SD in June 2017. One is a state meeting and the other a training for the Positive Actions curriculum that is used for the Lifeskills Classes. Sabrina will also be attending a Regional Meeting in Rapid City, SD on May 9th --10th.

Dana Bowman: Dana will be presenting an assembly on May 11, 2017 in the Austin Auditorium at 12:45—1:45 pm. The Black Hills Roundup Committee is sponsoring him and he will be presenting at Belle Fourche in the morning. Dana would like to extend the invitation to the community to also attend.

Other Coalition Partnerships: Sabrina attended Coalition meetings in Belle Fourche, Spearfish, Lemmon and Sturgis, SD. We find it is easier to work together when addressing issues and bringing in speakers. The Parent's Matter Campaign has sent brochures and fliers to the School to be sent out to all High School Students. These have been sent and the WIT Coalition paid for the postage/envelopes.

Community Survey: The WIT Coalition will be completing a Community Survey in the next few months. This is so we can evaluate the work we do. Please fill out the survey when sent your way.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or concerns.

Respectfully submitted, *Sabrina Harmon*

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