

## THROUGH WITH CHEW WEEK 2008

The Algoma Youth Action Alliance **Allumez! Abandonnez! Wawa** committee wants to help The community be “through with chew” during international through with chew week.

AYAA members have been out in their community talking to the public about their through with chew campaign and giving members of the public an opportunity to sign postcards in support of the Ontario government banning the sale of chew tobacco. The chew postcard campaign highlights concerns regarding smokeless tobacco (a.k.a. chew tobacco) use among youth in Ontario, particularly amongst young male athletes. Many people believe that smokeless tobacco is a safe alternative to cigarettes as the term “smokeless” makes these products sound harmless. The fact remains that there is no safe level of use.

The committee presented a skit with their postcards to MPP Mike Brown at the Wawa community center on February 13, 2008.

