

# NEWS RELEASE

**Panhandle**

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## **In recent alcohol compliance checks 100% of establishments did not sell alcohol to minors.**

The Nebraska State Patrol conducted alcohol compliance checks as part of the Panhandle Prevention Coalition's comprehensive plan to prevent youth from starting alcohol use. Officers with the assistance of youth under the age of 18, completed thirty-four checks including convenience stores, grocery stores and liquor stores throughout the Counties of Deuel, Kimball, and Box Butte.

All thirty-four establishments that were checked did not sell alcohol to minors. The efforts of these thirty-four responsible businesses are commended:

- Flying J Travel Center 904- 109 Circle Road, Big Springs
- Big Springs Truck & Travel- 100 Frontage Road, Big Springs
- Pump & Pantry 28- 981 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chappell
- City of Chappell Golf Course- 1240 Road 167, Chappell
- Chappell Super Foods- 726 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chappell
- Toot's Bar & Grill-710 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chappell
- Burgie's- 145 Vincent Avenue, Chappell
- The Rusty Bucket- 650 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Chappell
- Panhandle Cooperative Association- 815 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kimball
- Woody's Liquor- 208 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kimball
- Vince's Corner- 100 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kimball
- Kwik Stop 14- 230 S Chestnut Street, Kimball
- Windbreak Bar & Grill- 4552 Gilliland Drive, Kimball
- Four Winds Golf Course- County Road 45, Kimball
- Sportsman's Liquor- 111 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kimball
- Terry's Corner- 1639 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- Yesway- 610 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- KC's Short Stop- 2420 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance
- Panhandle Men's Club- 2613 CR 57, Alliance
- Safeway #549- 500 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- Alliance Grocery Kart- 207 E 3 Street, Alliance
- Maverik #502- 1640 W 3 Street, Alliance
- Korner Grill- 1203 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- Git n Split- 611 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance

- Kloch Liquor- 301 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- J & J's Pit Stop- 1308 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- Sam & Louie's New York Pizzeria- 1313 West 3 Street, Alliance
- Pizza Hut of Alliance- 1239 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- Nick's Gas and Liquor- 224 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance
- Gathering Spot- 213 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance
- Sandhillers Bar- 207 Box Butte Avenue, Alliance
- Bubba's Bar and Grill- 702 Box Butte Avenue, Hemingford
- Rap's Video & Liquor- 814 Box Butte Avenue, Hemingford
- Wonderful Kitchen- 930 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alliance

Training for alcohol and tobacco retailers is available quarterly at locations throughout the Panhandle. This training, sponsored by Panhandle Prevention Coalition and Nebraska State Patrol, provides individuals entrusted with the responsibility of serving alcohol or selling tobacco with strategies to avoid illegally selling to underage youth or intoxicated patrons. Responsible Beverage Server Training is available for free to retail merchants, owners, and employees across the Panhandle. The next training will be held August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021; visit <http://www.panhandlepartnership.com/training-academy.html> for further details.

Please help us keep the next generation safe; keep alcohol out of the hands of our youth.

Illegal alcohol use by underage persons contributes to crime, car crashes, injuries, and deaths. Law enforcement officers find that alcohol also has a role in many of the more frequent minor crimes and nuisances that degrade the quality of life in our community. Many noise complaints, vandalism, littering, and similar nuisances involve young people who have been drinking. Public health officials report that alcohol use and abuse are also connected with teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other health problems.

We have learned that the community and our youth are safer and healthier when they do not start using alcohol until after age 21. In Nebraska, providing alcohol to minors is a Class I misdemeanor. Adults who provide alcohol to minors can spend up to a year in jail, receive a \$1000 fine or both.

The Panhandle Prevention Coalition is made up of a group of coalitions united by our passion and dedication to making residents of western Nebraska healthy and safe across the lifespan. Our purpose is to reduce the impact of substance use and abuse including underage drinking, binge drinking, drinking and driving, tobacco use, drug use, and prescription drug abuse while promoting and supporting mental and emotional health for all in the Panhandle. This work is supported in whole or part, by federal or state funds received from Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Division of Behavioral Health, and the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), including Grant #93.243 under the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success Grant. The Tobacco Free Nebraska Program also supports the PPC as a result of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

For additional information, visit [panhandlepreventioncoalition.org](http://panhandlepreventioncoalition.org) or call Missie Payne, Panhandle Prevention Coalition Coordinator, at Panhandle Public Health District at 308-203-1298. Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.