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The Nebraska State Patrol conducted alcohol compliance checks as part of the Panhandle Prevention Coalition's comprehensive plan to prevent underage drinking. Officers with the assistance of youth ages 17- 20 completed eighty-five checks including convenience stores, restaurants, grocery stores, and liquor stores throughout Cheyenne, Deuel, Kimball, Scottsbluff, Garden, Morrill and Box Butte Counties.

Seventy-eight of the eighty-five businesses checked did not sell alcohol to minors. The efforts of these seventy-six responsible businesses are commended:

- Big Springs Truck & Travel – 100 Frontage RD, Big Springs
- Flying J Travel Center – 109 Circle Road, Big Springs
- City of Chappel Golf Course – 1240 Road 167, Chappell
- Pump & Pantry – 981 2nd Street, Chappell
- Chappell Super Foods – 726 2 Street, Chappell
- Loaf 'N Jug 333 – 2015 10th Street, Gering
- Kwik Stop 17 – 1109 Broadway Street, Mitchell
- GT Mart – 1800 Broadway Street, Mitchell
- Kwik Stop 18 – 703 E Webster Street, Morrill
- U Save Mart – 202 W Webster Street, Morrill
- Rustic Tavern – 122 Center Avenue, Morrill
- Skippy's – 204 Jeffers Avenue, Lyman
- Lil Redz – 203 Jeffers Avenue, Lyman
- Pony Express Station – 675 S Kimball Avenue, Gering
- Fresh Foods – 1270 10 Street, Gering
- Little Red Liquor – 500 "M" Street, Gering
- Rompus Room – 1135 10th Street, Gering
- Stagecoach Stop – 320 "M" Street, Gering
- Swany's Union Bar – 1403 10 Street, Gering
- Valley Gas & Liquor – 2055 10th Street, Gering
- Bluffs Bar & Keno – 3388 10th Street, Gering
- Monument Grill – 2550 Clubhouse Drive, Gering
- Main Street Market – 815 E 3rd Street, Kimball
- Woody's Liquor – 208 E 3rd Street, Kimball
- Vince's Corner – 100 E 3 Street, Kimball
- Kwik Stop 14 – 230 S Chestnut St, Kimball

- Sportsman's Liquor – 111 W 2nd, Kimball
- Beer and Loathing – 206 S Chestnut, Kimball
- Perkins Restaurant & Bakery – 655 Cabela Drive, Sidney
- Fat Dogs Sidney – 3070 Silverberg Drive, Sidney
- Two J's Too Liquor – 576 Glover Road, Sidney
- The Post – 1020 Old Post Road, Sidney
- Git N Split – 1145 Illinois Street, Sidney
- Two J's Liquor – 1500 Illinois, Sidney
- Safeway 2555- 1944 Illinois Street, Sidney
- Sam & Louies NYP – 824 -10th Avenue, Sidney
- Hoondog's – 838-10th Avenue, Sidney
- Silver Dollar Bar – 913 Illinois Street, Sidney
- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar – 625 Cabela Drive, Sidney
- Pizza Hut of Sidney – 572 Glover Road, Sidney
- Buffalo Point/Goose Pit – 638 Cabela Drive, Sidney
- Bag's Bar & Steakhouse – 940 Front Street, Potter
- Route 26 Mart – 1722 E 20 Street, Scottsbluff
- Maverick 442 – 920 W 36 Street, Scottsbluff
- Maverick 502 – 1640 W 3 Street, Alliance
- Git N Split – 611 W 3 Street, Alliance
- Kloch Liquor – 301 W 3 Street, Alliance
- Nick's Gas and Liquor – 224 East 3rd Street, Alliance
- Alliance Grocery Kart – 207 E 3 Street, Alliance
- Safeway 549 – 500 E 3rd Street, Alliance
- Yesway 1170 – 610 E 3rd Street, Alliance
- KC's Short Stop – 2420 Box Butte Ave, Alliance
- Terry's Corner – 1639 W 3 Street, Alliance
- J&J's Pit Stop – 1308 W 3 Street, Alliance
- Sam & Louies New York Pizzeria – 1313 West 3 Street, Alliance
- Korner Grill – 1203 West 3rd Street, Alliance
- Wonderful Kitchen – 930 W 3 Street, Alliance
- Sandhillers Bar – 207 Box Butte Ave, Alliance
- Ken & Dales Restaurant – 123 E 3 Street, Alliance
- Pizza Hut of Alliance – 707 Flack Avenue, Alliance
- Mi Ranchito – 930 Flack Avenue, Alliance
- Panhandle Cooperative Association – 3302 Avenue "B," Scottsbluff
- Oregon Trail Trading Post – 20120 Highway 26 – Lewellen
- Kwik Stop 10 – 109 Ave A, Oshkosh
- Oshkosh Superette – 101 E Avenue A, Oshkosh
- S&S – 207 W Avenue "A," Oshkosh
- Bayard Tiger Paws – 144 Main Street, Bayard
- Bayard Grocery – 305 Main Street, Bayard
- Mi Puerto – 1024 Main Street, Bridgeport
- Trading Post – 1121 "N" Street, Bridgeport

- Cobblestone Inn & Suites – 517 Main Street, Bridgeport
- Bar 64 – 401 N Main Street, Bridgeport
- Sonny’s Super Foods – 310 Main Street, Bridgeport
- Thrity’s Gas & Liquor #3 – 105 Bell Road, Bridgeport
- Panhandle Cooperative Association – 102 W 5 Street, Bridgeport
- Broadwater Country Store – 117 Guthrie, Broadwater

Regrettably, seven of the businesses checked failed to comply with the law and sold to the underage buyers. These businesses have been notified, and appropriate action has been taken:

- Burgie’s – 145 Vincent Avenue, Chappell
- The Rusty Bucket – 650 2nd Street, Chappel
- The Dock Bar & Grill – 728 3rd Street, Gurley
- Western Travel Terminal – 822 S Beltline Hwy W, Scottsbluff
- Cyclone Express Mart – 2648 10th Street, Gering
- Big Bat’s – 902 W Overland, Scottsbluff
- Scottsbluff Watering Hole – 121 W 27 Street, Scottsbluff

Responsible Beverage Server Training is available for free to retail merchants, owners, and employees across 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. This training may be attended remotely. The next training is on January 22, 2020. For more information on the retailer’s trainings, go to <http://www.panhandlepartnership.com/training-academy.html>.

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 don’t 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 together 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.

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For additional information, visit panhandlepreventioncoalition.org or call Chelsy Schneringer, Panhandle Prevention Coalition Coordinator, at Panhandle Public Health District at 308-487-3600 ext. 104. 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.