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100% of Establishments Did Not Sell Tobacco to Minors

The Nebraska State Patrol conducted tobacco compliance checks as part of the Panhandle Prevention Coalition's comprehensive plan to prevent youth from starting to use tobacco products. Officers with the assistance of youth under the age of 18, completed thirteen checks including convenience stores, grocery stores, and liquor stores throughout Cheyenne and Deuel Counties.

All thirteen businesses that were checked did not sell tobacco to minors. The efforts of these thirteen responsible businesses are commended:

- Chappell Superfoods- 734 2nd Street, Chappell
- The Post- 1020 Old Post Road, Sidney
- Sonny's Superfoods- 2020 10th Avenue, Sidney
- Silver Dollar Bar- 913 Illinois Street, Sidney
- Bosselman's Pump & Pantry- 981 2nd Street, Chappell
- Hansen's Texaco- 1082 2nd Street, Chappell
- FVC Panther Den- 930 Sheldon Street, Lodgepole
- Sapp Bros- 2419 Upland Parkway, Sidney
- Wal-Mart- 3001 Silverburg Drive, Sidney
- Git N Split #56- 1145 Illinois Street, Sidney
- Safeway- 1944 Illinois Street, Sidney
- Big V's- 217 Main Street, Dalton
- The Homestead Market- 507 BRD Street, Dalton

"National research shows that when communities consistently conduct compliance checks and keep failure rates below 10%, children in those communities are less likely to use tobacco products," stated Janelle Visser, Tobacco Free in the Panhandle Coordinator with Panhandle Public Health District.

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.18th, 2021; visit <http://www.panhandlepartnership.com/training-academy.html> for further details.

Funding for Tobacco Free in the Panhandle is provided by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services/Tobacco Free Nebraska Program as a result of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

For additional information visit www.pphd.org/tfn.html or call Janelle Visser, Tobacco Free in the Panhandle Coordinator, at Panhandle Public Health District at 308-487-3600 ext 105 or toll free at 866-701-7173. 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.