

**OMAHA COALITION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2023**  
**9 a.m.**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Review of the April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
*(please contact PEM staff with corrections)*
- III. Nebraska's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan  
*Jolene Rohde, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services*
- IV. Focus Area Updates
  - a. Local
    - i. Family Dollar
    - ii. UNL Volleyball Game
  - b. Policy
    - i. Legislative Update
    - ii. SBIRT Training Summary
    - iii. Vision Zero
  - c. Enforcement
    - i. Retail Compliance Check Results
  - d. Youth
    - i. Leadership Network
    - ii. Leadership Retreat – July 24-27 at Mahoney State Park
  - e. Awareness
    - i. May Research Summary available at [www.projectextramile.org](http://www.projectextramile.org)
- V. Additional Discussion/Announcements
- VI. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date: **June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.** with Michelle Cowan, bestselling author of [Better, Not Bitter](#)  
*UNO's Community Engagement Center, Room 230*

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nebraska Liquor Control Commission Hearings – June 6, 2023

## PROJECT EXTRA MILE

### OMAHA METRO AREA COALITION MEETING MINUTES April 12, 2023

- I. Call to Order: Chris Wagner called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.
- II. Welcome and Introductions: Coalition members and speakers in attendance: Palistene Gray-Moore, Carey Pomykata, Don Hoes, Cody McGee, Brandon Raddish, Joshua Howell, Vanessa Starr-Comiskey, Sherry Harrold, Lorelle Muetting, Nathan Kaiser, Jim Timm, Jim Harrold, Sharon Crittenden, Greg McVey, Ashely Pick, Jolene Rohde, Jordan Cedillo, and Tom Safranek. Coalition members in attendance via Zoom: Jeanne Bietz, Jim Boucher, and Lanette Richards. Staff members: Chris Wagner, Jenna Abbott, Beatha Kliewer, and Liene Topko.
- III. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were included in the coalition meeting packet. No additions or corrections were made.
- IV. Alcohol Treatment in Nebraska: Brandon Raddish with Valley Hope Addiction Treatment and Recovery shared that addiction is a chronic brain disease that is an obsession of the brain and dependence of the body. The patients seen at Valley Hope have a ratio of approximately 2:1 alcohol to other substances. Raddish shared the various programs they provide for their patients. Discussion also focused on the need to address the environment people live in to prevent the onset of addiction issues.
- V. Focus Area Updates
  - a. Local
    - i. Liene Topko updated the coalition that three of five Family Dollar liquor license applications in Omaha were denied by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (LCC) based on citizen protests, city council recommendations/concerns, and the nature of the neighborhoods. Those that were approved will sell beer only and not be allowed to sell single serve items less than 32 oz.
    - ii. Topko shared that 3's Lounge (formerly Reign Lounge) had their liquor license reinstated. The license was cancelled due to a violation of the LCC's order that the former owner have nothing to do with the business except that earlier this year he dropped off a 3's Lounge fine and signed documents on behalf of the business. The city council and Omaha Police Department have expressed concerns with the decision because the business continues to cause problems in the community. PEM contacted neighbors in the area to inform them of the Good Neighbor Ordinance that gives the city the ability to shut this business down.
    - iii. Jim Boucher, citizen of Valley, NE, shared that a youth sports organization wanting to use a "booze cooler raffle" to fundraise had been informed by the NSP that they needed a special designated license (SDL) for the event. As a result, the event had to be postponed.

b. Policy

- i. Wagner updated the group that various alcohol-related bills had been combined into one, LB376, which is currently on Final Reading. Bills included are: allowing micro distilleries to self-distribute up to 500 gallons of product per year; allowing farm wineries to sell alcoholic products other than what they produce; increasing the non-profit SDL limit from 6 to 12 per year, among others.
- ii. The legislative tracking sheet is available at [www.projectextramile.org/policy](http://www.projectextramile.org/policy)

c. Enforcement

- i. Wagner shared that the Douglas County DUI Task Force conducted saturation patrols on March 10-11 resulting in 146 citations and 46 arrests. 15 of these arrests were DUIs – 11 first offense and 4 second offense among other alcohol, drug, and traffic violations.
- ii. The 2023 Law Enforcement Training on alcohol compliance checks took place on March 29<sup>th</sup> in Omaha. Wagner informed the coalition that PEM is working with Nebraska DHHS to expand the utilization of alcohol compliance checks across the state except in those areas where checks are occurring regularly (Omaha, Lincoln, and Scottsbluff) and will be presenting at the statewide Prevention Advisory Council on this next month.

d. Youth

- i. Jenna Abbott shared that several students presented mini “shark tank” presentations at the April youth leadership network meeting. The students voted to work on a project focused on awareness and advertising surrounding alcohol and cancer. The next meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- ii. Abbott invited coalition members to spread the word about the 2023 Youth Leadership Retreat that will be occurring on July 24-27 at Mahoney State Park.

e. Awareness

- i. The April Research Summary is available at [www.projectextramile.org/ResearchSummary](http://www.projectextramile.org/ResearchSummary)

VI. Additional Discussion/Announcements: none

VII. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will take place at the UNO Community Engagement Center at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## MEDIA RELEASE



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**For Immediate Release**  
Mon., May 8, 2023

### **24 Omaha Area Businesses Sold Alcohol to Minors** *Voodoo Taco in Gretna was cited for its fourth sale in five years*

**OMAHA, NEB** -- Local and state law enforcement agencies conducted compliance checks during the spring months in the Omaha area to ensure that retailers are refusing the sale of alcohol to minors during the prom and graduation seasons.

"The Plattsmouth Police Department is proud to have been a part of this multi-agency effort to reduce youth access to alcohol," said Plattsmouth Police Captain Ryan Crick. "Underage drinking can have unintended tragic consequences. Frequent compliance checks help to ensure that retailers are consistently checking IDs and refusing the sale of alcohol to minors. Our goal is 100 percent compliance, and we look forward to working with local businesses to achieve that."

Overall, 24 (10%) out of 236 businesses checked in Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties over the last three months were cited for selling alcohol to minors. A summary sheet of the enforcement results and a full list of businesses checked are available by [clicking here](#).

Five of the businesses cited are facing enhanced penalties due to prior sales to minors within the last four years -- the time frame used by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission (LCC) to assess penalties. Voodoo Taco in Gretna was cited for its fourth sale to minor in the last five years however, because one of those sales falls outside of that four-year window, the business is facing up to 5 days of mandatory closure and 20 days of suspension. Had that fourth sale occurred 9 months later, Voodoo Taco would've been facing cancellation, but the LCC has the ability to deviate from its guidelines when it hears this case in order to "ensure the public health, safety, and welfare" [according to its own website](#).

Aldi 42 in Omaha and Kwik Shop in Ralston were cited their second violation within one year; Casey's 1812 for its second violation within two years; and Kwik Shop in Omaha for its second violation within three years. The five businesses face mandatory days of closure (no alcohol sales allowed) and days of suspension, the latter which can be paid off as a fine at \$100 per day according to the [LCC's penalty guidelines](#):

- **Aldi 42, 13215 W Center Rd**, Omaha (8/22) -- facing up to 2 days of mandatory closure and 50 days of suspension;
- **Casey's 1812, 1059 Washington St**, Blair (3/22);
- **Kwik Shop 653, 5929 N 72nd St**, Omaha (4/21) -- facing up to 2 days of mandatory closure and 30 days of suspension;
- **Kwik Shop 672, 5208 S 72nd St**, Ralston (12/22) -- facing up to 2 days of mandatory closure and



50 days of suspension;

- **Voodoo Taco, 21407 Neb Crossing Dr**, Gretna (8/19, 12/22) -- facing up to 5 days of mandatory closure and 20 days of suspension.

The other 19 businesses are facing their first sale to a minor violation within the last four years. If found guilty by the LCC, these businesses could be facing 15-25 days of suspension that they could choose to pay off as a fine at \$50 per day in lieu of suspension. The four businesses listed below had previous sales to minor violations, but they fell outside of the four-year window that the LCC uses for determining progressive penalties:

- **China Place, 661 N 46th St**, Omaha (1/09);
- **Don & Millie's, 4430 Farnam St**, Omaha (3/01, 7/01);
- **Donohue's, 3232 L St**, Omaha (6/10);
- **La Mesa Mexican Restaurant, 11002 Emmet St**, Omaha (12/08).

44 officers from the Bellevue, Blair, La Vista, Omaha, Plattsmouth and Ralston Police Departments; the Douglas and Sarpy County Sheriff's Offices; and the Nebraska State Patrol participated in the enhanced underage drinking enforcement effort.

To report underage drinking or adults providing alcohol to minors, call the statewide tip line at 1-866-Must-B-21 (687-8221). It's anonymous, and it's the right call. Individuals are urged to call 911 to report an underage drinking party in progress.

Heightened enforcements are supported by the Nebraska Department of Transportation - Highway Safety Office as well as the Strategic Prevention Framework - Partnerships for Success and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block grants from SAMHSA through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare. NDOT-HSO also funds the tip line. Project Extra Mile helped to coordinate the enforcement efforts.

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**Mission: Advocating for evidence-based policies and practices to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harms.**

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# Summary

## Alcohol Compliance Checks for sales to minors

Conducted on March 16 & 24, 2023  
May 5 & 6, 2023

Location: Cass, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties in Nebraska

### Participating Agencies:

Bellevue Police Department  
Blair Police Department  
Douglas County Sheriff's Office  
La Vista Police Department  
Nebraska State Patrol  
Omaha Police Department  
Plattsmouth Police Department  
Ralston Police Department  
Sarpy County Sheriff's Office

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### Results:

	<u># of checks</u>	<u>Non-Compliant (n/c)</u>	<u>n/c: No ID Check</u>	<u>n/c: Checked ID</u>
Cass:	26	3 (12%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)
Douglas:	105	16 (15%)	8 (50%)	8 (50%)
Sarpy:	76	3 (4%)	2 (67%)	1 (33%)
Washington:	29	2 (7%)	1 (50%)	1 (50%)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>24 (10%)</b>	<b>13 (54%)</b>	<b>11 (46%)</b>

*Compliance checks coordinated by Project Extra Mile.  
For additional information, call our office at 402-963-9047.*

## Project Extra Mile – Alcohol Compliance Checks

*Conducted on March 16 & 24, 2023 in Cass County*

26 Businesses Checked, 3 Cited for Selling Alcohol to a Minor (12%)

The following businesses were **non-compliant** (cited for selling alcohol to a minor):

Class	License #	Business	Location	City	Zip	Non-Comp	Check ID
D	119777	CASEYS 3529	16610 BESTMANN DR	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	
D	98002	HY-VEE FAST & FRESH	2401 OAK HILL RD	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
I	95354	LA FIESTA	902 CHICAGO AVE	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	

## Project Extra Mile – Alcohol Compliance Checks

*Conducted on May 5 & 6, 2023 in Douglas & Sarpy Counties*

181 Businesses Checked, 19 Cited for Selling Alcohol to a Minor (10%)

The following businesses were **non-compliant** (cited for selling alcohol to a minor):

Class	License #	Business	Location	City	Zip	Non-Comp	Check ID
D	124538	ALDI 42	13215 W CENTER RD	OMAHA	68144	X	X
I	123604	APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR	13208 W MAPLE RD	OMAHA	68164	X	
IB	116922	BLACKSTONE MEATBALL	3910 HARNEY ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
CK	123819	BUSHWACKERS DANCE HALL SALOON	7401 MAIN ST	RALSTON	68127	X	
D	122903	CASEYS 3813	9911 S 71ST AVE	PAPILLION	68133	X	
C	72207	CHINA PALACE	661 N 46TH ST	OMAHA	68132	X	X
I	125657	DON & MILLIE'S	4430 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
C	49705	DONOHUE'S	3232 L ST	OMAHA	68107	X	
C	123767	DOUBLE ZERO PIZZERIA	1405 S 204TH ST	OMAHA	68130	X	X
C	124043	DUNDEE DELL	5007 UNDERWOOD AVE	OMAHA	68132	X	
D	84641	KWIK SHOP 653	5929 N 72ND ST	OMAHA	68134	X	
D	56794	KWIK SHOP 672	5208 S 72ND ST	RALSTON	68127	X	X
C	53775	LA MESA MEXICAN RESTAURANT	11002 EMMET ST	OMAHA	68164	X	
I	115390	PIZZAWEST	12301 W MAPLE RD	OMAHA	68164	X	X
D	70743	QUIKTRIP 585	4720 HAMILTON ST	OMAHA	68132	X	
CK	123585	SMOKIN' OAK WOOD FIRED PIZZA	220 S 31ST AVE	OMAHA	68131	X	
CK	71701	TREGARON GOLF COURSE	13909 GLENGARRY CIR	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
C	124783	VOODOO TACO	21407 NEB CROSSING DR	GRETNA	68028	X	
C	124583	WALL TO WALL WINE & SPIRITS	12977 W CENTER RD	OMAHA	68144	X	X

## Project Extra Mile – Alcohol Compliance Checks

*Conducted on March 24, 2023 in Washington County*

29 Businesses Checked, 2 Cited for Selling Alcohol to a Minor (7%)

The following businesses were **non-compliant** (cited for selling alcohol to a minor):

Class	License #	Business	Location	City	Zip	Non-Comp	Check ID
D	122823	CASEYS 1812	1059 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	
D	121998	PETROMART 2	454 S 19TH ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X

## Project Extra Mile – Alcohol Compliance Checks

*Conducted on March 16 & 24, 2023 in Cass & Washington Counties*

*Conducted on May 5 & 6, 2023 in Douglas & Sarpy Counties*

236 Businesses Checked, 24 Cited for Selling Alcohol to a Minor (10%)

The following businesses were **compliant** (did not sell alcohol to a minor):

Business	Address	City	Zip	Compliant	Checked ID
402 BEER & SPIRITS	13110 BIRCH DR	OMAHA	68164	X	X
75 MART	114 ROCK BLUFF RD	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
801 CHOP HOUSE	1403 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
AB'S 66	4926 UNDERWOOD AVE	OMAHA	68132	X	X
ALDI 41	4525 DAHLMAN AVE	OMAHA	68107	X	X
AMERICAN LEGION POST 154	103 S 12TH ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
AMERICAN LEGION POST 216	11690 S 216TH ST	GRETNA	68028	X	X
AMERICAN LEGION POST 353	117 MAIN ST	LOUISVILLE	68037	X	X
ANDERSON CONVENIENCE MARKET	17915 ARBOR ST	OMAHA	68130	X	X
APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR	10402 S 15TH ST	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
BAKER'S SUPERMARKET 301	4405 N 72ND ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
BAKER'S SUPERMARKET 318	801 GALVIN RD S	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
BAMBOO NAIL SPA	7826 S 123RD PLZ	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
BEACH HOUSE BAR & GRILL	5338 N 103RD ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
BELLEVUE SINCLAIR	1009 W MISSION AVE	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
BEYOND BBQ	1003 CHICAGO AVE	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
BILLY O'S LOUNGE	14242 FORT ST	OMAHA	68164	X	X
BLACKSTONE SOCIAL	3910 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
BLAIR MARINA	600 MARINA DR	BLAIR	68008	X	X
CALHOUN OIL COMPANY	113 S 14 ST	FORT CALHOUN	68023	X	X
CASEYS 1182	901 CHICAGO AVE	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
CASEYS 2238	725 W ELKHORN ST	ARLINGTON	68002	X	X
CASEYS 2441	609 MAGNOLIA AVE	PAPILLION	68046	X	X
CASEYS 2454	9542 GILES RD	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
CASEYS 2853	15811 S 144TH ST	SPRINGFIELD	68059	X	X
CASEYS 3344	2028 KELLIE DR	BLAIR	68008	X	X
CASEYS 3820	7828 S 123RD PLAZA	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
CASEYS 3830	7724 S 22ND ST	BELLEVUE	68147	X	X
CASEY'S 6145	9405 S 144TH ST	OMAHA	68138	X	X
CASEY'S 6173	7203 HARRISON ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
CATFISH LAKE AT THE LODGE	16609 CLAY ST	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
CHANDLER BAR	2617 CHANDLER RD W	BELLEVUE	68147	X	
CHINA BUFFET	2903 SAMSON WAY	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL 666	2717 S 177TH ST	OMAHA	68130	X	X
CLUBHOUSE LOUNGE	3936 N 90TH ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
COUNTRY BAR & GRILL	19715 GLADYS DR	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT & CONFERENCE CENTER	3730 RAYNOR PKWY	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
COURTYARD MARRIOTT	12560 WESTPORT PKWY	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
CUBBY'S BELLEVUE	7613 S 36TH ST	BELLEVUE	68147	X	X
CUBBY'S BLAIR	1458 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
CVS/PHARMACY 2741	6901 S 84TH ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
DALE'S HOUSE OF BOTTLES	1074 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X

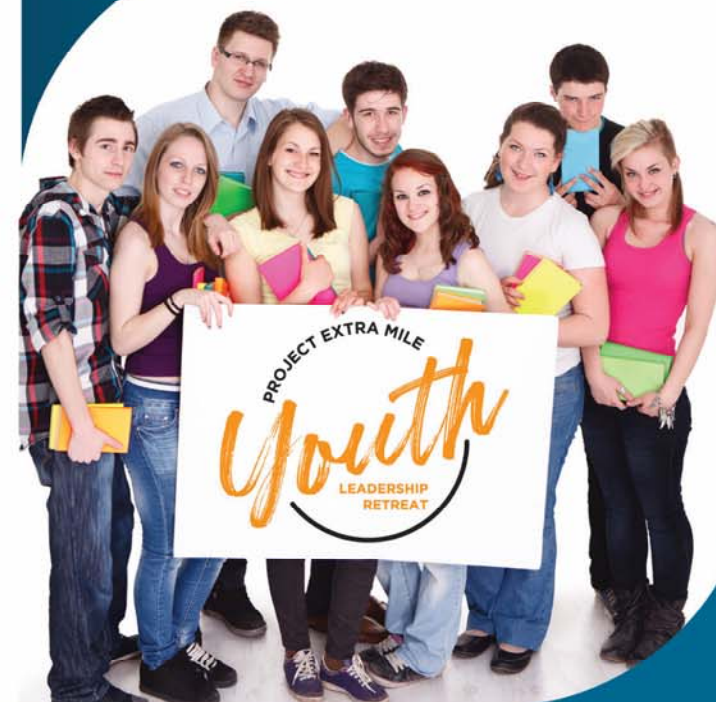
DARBY'S TAVERN	6503 SUNSHINE DR	OMAHA	68107	X	X
DAVE & BUSTER'S	2502 S 133 PLZ	OMAHA	68144	X	X
DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN	335 N SADDLE CREEK RD	OMAHA	68131	X	X
DINAH MART	2609 CHANDLER RD W	BELLEVUE	68147	X	X
DJ'S DUGOUT	2405 OAK HILL RD	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
DON & MILLIE'S	2208 PRATT AVENUE	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
DON & MILLIE'S	14321 HARRISON ST	OMAHA	68138	X	X
DUBLINER PUB	1205 HARNEY ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
EL VALLARTA MEXICAN RESTAURANT	1995 RIDGEVIEW RD	BLAIR	68008	X	X
EL VALLARTA MEXICAN RESTAURANT	11910 STANDING STONE DR	GRETNA	68028	X	X
EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON	555 S 10TH ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
EVERETT'S	8807 MAPLE ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
FAMILY DOLLAR 24926	5135 S 36TH ST	OMAHA	68107	X	X
FAMILY FARE 776	5101 HARRISON ST	BELLEVUE	68157	X	X
FAMILY FARE 792	238 S 8TH ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
FAMILY FARE 811	1221 S 203RD ST	OMAHA	68130	X	X
FAREWAY STORES 215	13150 FORT ST	OMAHA	68164	X	X
FAS MART 550	11919 FORT ST	OMAHA	68164	X	X
FOOD & FUELS R US	6912 S 110TH ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
FOOD MART	8204 HARRISON ST	RALSTON	68128	X	X
FORT BAR	1311 COURT ST	FORT CALHOUN	68023	X	X
FOUR SONS INC	609 MAIN ST	GREENWOOD	68366	X	X
GATHER OMAHA	1108 HOWARD ST	OMAHA	68102	X	
GEORGE'S TAVERN	114 N 16TH ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
GET REAL SANDWICHES	3901 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
GODFATHER'S PIZZA	132 S 6TH ST	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
GODFATHER'S PIZZA	806 VILLAGE SQ	GRETNA	68028	X	X
GOLDBERGS BAR	2936 S 132ND ST	OMAHA	68144	X	X
GOLDEEZ	5502 N 103RD ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
GOOD LIFE SPORTS BAR & GRILL	10520 S 204TH ST	GRETNA	68028	X	X
GRAND FORTUNE CHINESE CUISINE	17330 W CENTER RD	OMAHA	68130	X	X
GREENWOOD TRUCK PLAZA & COPPER PLACE RESTAURANT	13504 238TH ST	GREENWOOD	68366	X	X
GRETNA 66	104 GLENMORE DR	GRETNA	68028	X	X
GRETNA WINE & SPIRITS	216 ENTERPRISE DR	GRETNA	68028	X	X
GUACA MAYA	5002 S 33RD ST	OMAHA	68107	X	X
HAMILTON CONVENIENT FOODMART	4901 HAMILTON ST	OMAHA	68132	X	X
HAPPY HOUR SPIRITS & WINE	13820 MANDERSON CIR	OMAHA	68164	X	X
HEAVY BREWING	20333 PATTON ST	GRETNA	68028	X	X
HEIGHTS DRAFT ROOM	7861 MAIN ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
HOUSTON'S LOUNGE	12040 MCDERMOTT PLZ	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
HY-VEE FOOD STORE	16418 WESTSIDE DR	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
HY-VEE FOOD STORE 1467	10808 FORT ST	OMAHA	68164	X	X
HY-VEE RESTAURANT	16418 WESTSIDE DR	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
INFINITE LOOP VR	9825 GILES ROAD	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
IPHO #1	2403 TOWNE CENTER DR	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
IRON HORSE GOLF CLUB	900 CLUB HOUSE DR	ASHLAND	68003	X	X
ISLAND BAR & GRILL	7826 S 123RD PLZ	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
JACKSON STREET TAVERN	1125 JACKSON ST	OMAHA	68102	X	
JAKE'S MINI MART	8320 BLONDO ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
JAMS AMERICAN GRILL LEGACY	17070 WRIGHT PLAZA	OMAHA	68130	X	X

JD'S LIQUOR LOCKER	8052 S 84TH ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
JRC'S EXPRESS	16550 HIGHWAY 75 S	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
KOREA GARDEN	5352 S 72ND ST	RALSTON	68127	X	X
KROS STRAIN BREWING	10411 PORTAL RD	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
KUM & GO 2340	11333 CUMBERLAND DR	PAPILLION	68046	X	X
KUM & GO 364	8990 BOYD ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
KUM & GO 371	13149 FORT ST	OMAHA	68164	X	X
KUM & GO 374	10764 VIRGINIA PLZ	PAPILLION	68128	X	X
LA MESA MEXICAN RESTAURANT	1405 FORT CROOK RD S	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
LA VISTA MART	9849 GILES RD	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
LAKE RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB	1536 COUNTRY CLUB CIR	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
LATINO LEGACY RESTAURANT	7755 L ST	RALSTON	68127	X	X
LEFTY'S	1310 MIKE FAHEY ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
LOIS'S DRIFTWOOD	10740 SERENITY LN	BLAIR	68008	X	X
LONGHORN BAR & GRILL	101 S 14TH ST	FORT CALHOUN	68023	X	X
LOST RAIL GOLF CLUB	23232 CARY RD	GRETNA	68028	X	X
LOUISVILLE LIQUORS	119 MAIN ST	LOUISVILLE	68037	X	X
LUCKY TIGER IZAKAYA	3852 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
LUXURIOUS LIQUOR & SMOKE	9661 RENEE AVE	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
MAMA'S PIZZA	715 N SADDLE CREEK RD	OMAHA	68132	X	X
MAMA'S PIZZA LA VISTA	8146 S 96TH ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
MARY'S CORNER RETREAT	1600 STATE ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
MEGA SAVER	4015 S 42ND ST	OMAHA	68107	X	X
MEGA SAVER	7210 HARRISON ST	RALSTON	68128	X	X
MEGA SAVER	4725 S 77TH AVE	RALSTON	68127	X	X
MEGA SAVER	7205 LAWNDALDE DR	OMAHA	68134	X	X
MEGA SAVER	1357 NW RADIAL HWY	OMAHA	68132	X	X
MEGA SAVER	3223 N 108TH ST	OMAHA	68164	X	X
MIYAKE SUSHI HOUSE	8419 S 73RD PLZ	PAPILLION	68128	X	
MODERN LOVE	3157 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
MOE & CURLY'S PUB	2946 N 108TH ST	OMAHA	68164	X	X
MOES MART 5	8242 MAPLE ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
NAMASTE BAZAAR	5474 N 90TH ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
NATIONS MART	6620 S 36TH ST	OMAHA	68107	X	X
NP MART 12	3536 Q ST	OMAHA	68107	X	X
OBAR, THE	15660 W CENTER RD	OMAHA	68130	X	X
OBSERVATORY LOUNGE	14525 W CENTER RD	OMAHA	68144	X	X
OFF THE WALL INDOOR SOCCER	6950 S 110TH ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
OLD CHICAGO PIZZA & TAP ROOM	2643 S 144TH ST	OMAHA	68144	X	X
OLD MATTRESS FACTORY BAR & GRILL	501 N 13TH ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
OMAHA TAP HOUSE	1403 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
ON THE ROCKS LOUNGE	16919 AUDREY ST	OMAHA	68136	X	X
OSCAR'S PIZZA & SPORTS GRILLE	17330 LAKESIDE HILLS PLZ	OMAHA	68130	X	X
OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE	10408 S 15TH ST	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
OUTPOST BAR	6301 S 36TH ST	OMAHA	68107	X	X
PACIFIC CELLARS	17919 PIERCE PLZ	OMAHA	68130	X	X
PAPA CHUCKS BAR & GRILL	910 FORT CROOK RD S	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
PARKER'S SMOKEHOUSE	16880 HIGHWAY 6	ASHLAND	68003	X	X
PETROMART	150 EASTGATE ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
PHILLY SPORTS BAR & GRILL	8116 S 84TH ST	LA VISTA	68128	X	X



PHOENIX 370	11212 RICHLAND DR	OMAHA	68138	X	X
PINT NINE BREWING COMPANY	10411 PORTAL RD	PAPILLION	68128	X	X
PITCH COAL-FIRE PIZZERIA	5021 UNDERWOOD AVE	OMAHA	68132	X	X
PLATTE VALLEY ANTIQUE COMPANY	13017 238TH ST	GREENWOOD	68366	X	X
PLATTEVIEW GOLF CLUB	4215 PLATTEVIEW RD	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
POPS' PLACE	3520 F ST	OMAHA	68107	X	X
PUMP & PANTRY 50	3605 SUMMIT PLAZA DR	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
QUIKTRIP 586	1311 FORT CROOK RD N	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
RALSTON KENO	5130 S 72ND ST	RALSTON	68127	X	X
RED BRICK BAR & GRILL	1631 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
RED LION LOUNGE	3802 FARNAM ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
RED LOBSTER 414	2707 S 140TH ST	OMAHA	68144	X	X
RED ROBIN AMERICA'S GOURMET BURGERS AND SPIRITS	11675 S 73RD ST	PAPILLION	68046	X	X
REF'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL	9723 GILES RD	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
RIVER'S RESTAURANT	1653 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
ROCCO'S PIZZA & CANTINA	1302 MIKE FAHEY ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
ROMEO'S	405 GALVIN RD N	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
RUSTIC, THE	116 S 14TH ST	FORT CALHOUN	68023	X	X
SCORZ SPORTS CENTER	7602 MAIN ST	RALSTON	68127	X	X
SELECT MART	4741 GILES RD	BELLEVUE	68157	X	X
SOARING WINGS VINEYARD	17111 S 138TH ST	SPRINGFIELD	68059	X	X
SPEEDEE MART 2707	1094 S 19TH AVE	BLAIR	68008	X	X
SPEEDEE MART 2722	13014 238TH ST	GREENWOOD	68366	X	X
SPEEDEE MART 2762	13820 MANDERSON CIR	OMAHA	68164	X	X
SPEEDEE MART 2884	2901 N 72ND ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
SPIELBOUND BOARD GAME CAFE	3229 HARNEY ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
SPIN NEAPOLITAN PIZZA	17520 WRIGHT ST	OMAHA	68130	X	X
STU'S PLACE	9101 BEDFORD AVE	OMAHA	68134	X	X
SUPERIOR MART	906 WEBSTER BLVD	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
SWINE DINING BBQ	204 E MISSION AVE	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
TALUS	10914 CUMBERLAND DR	PAPILLION	68046	X	X
TANNER'S BAR & GRILL	7340 HARRISON ST	RALSTON	68128	X	X
TARGET STORE 1777	17810 W CENTER RD	OMAHA	68130	X	X
TAYLOR QUIK PIK	10 MAIN STREET	LOUISVILLE	68037	X	X
TAYLOR QUIK PIK	1807 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
TAYLOR QUIK-PIK	1052 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
TAYLOR QUIK-PIK	211 N 14TH ST	FORT CALHOUN	68023	X	X
TIBURON GOLF CLUB	10302 S 168TH ST	OMAHA	68136	X	X
TIKI TIME	9661 RENEE AVE	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
TOBACCO HUT 15	5434 N 103RD ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
TOBACCO HUT 9	4011 HARRISON ST	BELLEVUE	68147	X	X
TOKYO SUSHI	1215 HOWARD ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
TOO FAR NORTH	111 N 14TH ST	FORT CALHOUN	68023	X	
TRAP ROOM	733 N 14TH ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X
TREES, SHRUBS & MORE	3803 CORNHUSKER RD	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
TWIN CREEK CINEMA	3909 RAYNOR PKWY	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
UMAMI	1504 GALVIN RD S	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
UNDERWOOD BAR & GRILL	4918 UNDERWOOD AVE	OMAHA	68132	X	X
VALENTINO'S	7202 GILES RD	LA VISTA	68128	X	X

VARSITY SPORTS CAFÉ ROMAN COIN PIZZA	3504 SAMSON WAY	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
VFW 1251	393 RIVER RD	BLAIR	68008	X	X
VFW 2543	510 1ST AVE	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	
VIKING STEAKS & SEAFOOD	2546 S HIGHWAY 30	BLAIR	68008	X	X
VILLAGE BAR	5700 S 77TH ST	RALSTON	68127	X	X
VINEYARD LIQUOR & VIDEO	211 CHICAGO AVE	PLATTSMOUTH	68048	X	X
VOODOO TACO	2615 S 180TH ST	OMAHA	68130	X	X
WALGREENS 11957	1260 WASHINGTON ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
WALGREENS 3621	9001 BLONDO ST	OMAHA	68134	X	X
WALGREENS 3694	1802 GALVIN RD S	BELLEVUE	68005	X	X
WALGREENS 4754	8380 HARRISON ST	RALSTON	68127	X	X
WALGREENS 5540	6905 S 36TH ST	BELLEVUE	68147	X	X
WALGREENS 7272	13155 W CENTER RD	OMAHA	68144	X	X
WALMART 2847	10504 S 15TH ST	BELLEVUE	68123	X	X
WALMART 3173	9460 GILES RD	LA VISTA	68128	X	X
WALMART 4568	1882 HOLLY ST	BLAIR	68008	X	X
WALMART MARKET 4139	360 N SADDLE CREEK RD	OMAHA	68131	X	X
WESTEND COCKTAILS	1529 S 203RD ST	OMAHA	68130	X	X
WINE BEER & SPIRITS	3435 OAKVIEW DR	OMAHA	68144	X	X
WOHLNERS NEIGHBORHOOD GROCERY DELI	3253 DODGE ST	OMAHA	68131	X	X
ZIPLINE BREWING CO	721 N 14TH ST	OMAHA	68102	X	X



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## ABOUT OUR SPEAKER:



**Nigel Wrangham**, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Level II and Certified Prevention Specialist, has developed and delivered unique, customized prevention trainings to staff, volunteers and youth from community-based organizations throughout the United States since 1999. He has taught upper-division courses in psychopharmacology, media studies, substance abuse prevention and community organizing at the University of Oregon and Portland Community College.

Nigel works with groups of young people and their allies to influence policy, advocate for social change, build leadership skills and summon the courage to act consciously from their core principles. He served as a mentor for local teens in the TEDx speakers' program and works with grassroots prevention coalitions around the United States as they develop strategic plans for supporting and engaging youth.



**RESEARCH SUMMARY**  
Date Compiled: May 2023

**Key takeaways from included research:**

- An Australian study surveyed over 2,500 people to inquire about harms they had experienced from drinking of family, friends, colleagues, and the general public. They found that over one-third of adults reported experiencing negative impacts, particularly among women, younger people and heavier drinkers.
- A study was conducted in California to examine the relationship between alcohol outlets and crime. Researchers found that assaults and driving under the influence during weekend evening hours were more frequent in census block groups with a greater concentration of bars/pubs while burglaries were more prevalent in areas with more restaurants. They suggested prevention programs and policies that focus on specific establishments as well as days and times maybe me most effective at reducing the associated harms.
- Researchers highlighted how stigmatized alcohol problems can be resulting in additional harms for those with an alcohol use disorder (AUD). They highlighted that public health efforts must address societal misunderstandings and myths about alcohol use and the associated problems. The language the population – policymakers, clinicians, researchers, and others use are key to de-stigmatizing AUD.
- A study was conducted to examine whether drinking patterns of individuals from diverse countries are associated with alcohol control policies as measured by the International Alcohol Control (IAC) Policy Index. After examining adult drinking from 10 countries, it was concluded that the IAC Policy index was associated with volume and frequency of drinking. However, the higher the IAC Policy Index score, the lower the quantity consumed, therefore it is imperative to implement alcohol policies to reduce alcohol consumption and the associated harms around the world.

## **Nebraska Craft Brewery Board seeking project proposals**

Written by NTV News Staff

LINCOLN, Neb. — Money is up for grabs in an effort to grow the state's hop and craft brewery industry.

The Nebraska Craft Brewery Board said it's seeking project proposals, hoping to allocate \$120,000 to fund research, development and marketing.

The deadline to submit is April 30.

The board says there are approximately 67 licensed brew pubs and micro-breweries in Nebraska.

## **Intoxicated Lincoln woman stabbed man Saturday night, police allege**

Written by Andrew Wegley

A 27-year-old Lincoln woman is in jail and has been charged with a felony after she stabbed a 43-year-old man at a gathering in north Lincoln on Saturday, police alleged in court records.

Police found Mimi Kuot running through a backyard near 27th and Dudley streets at around 6 p.m. Saturday after a 43-year-old man called authorities and reported Kuot had stabbed him with a kitchen knife and was fleeing on foot, Lincoln Police Officer Margaret Thomas said in the affidavit for Kuot's arrest.

Lincoln Fire and Rescue crews took the 43-year-old man to a local hospital, where he was treated for one stab wound to his left shoulder, Thomas said in the affidavit.

The victim told police he was standing in the bathroom at 2918 Dudley St. when Kuot walked up behind him and stabbed him before punching him in the face at least three times, according to the affidavit.

Police arrested Kuot and took her to the Lancaster County jail, where a breath test indicated her blood alcohol content was .393, Thomas said.

Prosecutors charged the 27-year-old Monday with second-degree assault.

## Lincoln Walmart faces suspension or fine after 16-year-old sold alcohol

Written by Andrew Wegley

Walmart will have to pay a \$1,350 fee or suspend alcohol sales at its northeast Lincoln location for nearly a month after a teenaged employee sold liquor there in November.

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission voted unanimously earlier this month to suspend the Walmart near 84th and Adams streets from selling alcohol for 27 days after investigators found a 16-year-old had completed an alcohol sale there Nov. 18.

Hobie Rupe, the executive director of the commission, said a customer who purchased alcohol at the store's self-checkout kiosk called Lincoln Police that day after noticing the employee who approved the sale used credentials belonging to a different employee to do so.

Police determined an employee working at the store's customer service counter had loaned their credentials to a 16-year-old who was monitoring the self-checkout bay alone amid a staffing shortfall, Rupe said.

Even at self checkouts, store employees who sell or approve the sale of alcohol in Nebraska must be at least 19 years old.

Rupe indicated the commission took particular issue with the store's first-time violation — which Walmart pleaded guilty to — in part because commissioners were upset about the self-created nature of the incident.

"We've all been to a Walmart lately," he said. "There are no cashiers anymore.

"I mean, if you're gonna default to using these self checkouts, you better make sure they're policed appropriately."

Rupe said self checkouts present concerns to regulators, since employees tasked with monitoring numerous transactions at once are less likely to detect whether a customer is intoxicated, for instance.

He said the 27-day suspension that commissioners levied against the retailer is the maximum penalty for a first-time violator. The Walmart at 3400 N. 85th St. has been selling alcohol since October 2008 without a previous violation.

"The severity of the penalty was, I think, a warning shot not only to Walmart but to other places which are utilizing self checkouts to make sure that you've got age-appropriate and appropriately trained clerks managing those stations," Rupe said.

The commission suspended the Walmart location from alcohol sales for 27 days beginning May 22. The commission cannot impose fines, but first-time violators are allowed to pay a sum of \$50 per day to avoid serving the suspension.

If Walmart chooses to pay the penalty fee in lieu of suspension — which Rupe predicted it would — the retailer must pay the commission \$1,350 by May 15.



## **First bill passed by Nebraska Legislature changes state's liquor laws**

Written by Martha Stoddard

LINCOLN — Wine lovers will be able to bring their beer-drinking buddies along when visiting Nebraska wineries under the first bill passed this year by the Nebraska Legislature.

Legislative Bill 376 passed on a vote of 41-0 Monday night. The measure was introduced by State Sen. John Lowe of Kearney, chairman of the Legislature's General Affairs Committee.

Lowe's original proposal would make some changes in law allowing the Liquor Control Commission to better track alcohol brought into the state. Several other bills were incorporated as amendments.

One would allow Nebraska farm wineries to get a license to sell beer and other drinks that they do not manufacture.

The change would provide options for people who don't want to drink wine, but want to go out with wine-loving friends and family. It also could make wineries more attractive as venues for weddings and other events.

Another would allow Nebraska microdistilleries to distribute up to 500 gallons of their product directly to retailers, as long as the distribution is done by microdistillery employees. The change could increase the availability of Nebraska-made bourbon, gin, brandy and other liquors.

Nebraska farm wineries and craft breweries already have similar authority to distribute limited amounts of their own products without going through the state's usual process for alcohol distribution.

Another provision of LB 376 would allow churches and other nonprofit organizations to get up to 12 special designated liquor licenses per year, rather than the current limit of six. Such licenses are commonly used for fundraisers and other events.

Legislative action has been slowed this year by Sen. Machaela Cavanaugh of Omaha, who has mounted an ongoing filibuster in hopes of killing a bill that would ban gender-altering care for transgender minors.

In the last 90-day legislative session, lawmakers had passed 57 bills by this point in the session, according to the Clerk of the Legislature's office.

## **Stricter Alcohol Policies are Associated with Reduced Drinking, Multi-Country Analysis Finds**

Written by Research Society on Alcoholism

Newswise — People who live in countries with more stringent alcohol policies drank less than people in countries with less strict policies, according to a large multi-country analysis published in *Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research*. The more stringent policies were associated with reduced drinking overall and showed more significant associations in drinkers aged 18 to 24 and those with 13 or fewer years of education. The findings suggest that countries could reduce adverse health consequences by adopting cost-effective alcohol policies.

The researchers investigated whether the International Alcohol Control (IAC) Policy Index is associated with drinking patterns in the overall population and specific demographic groups in a diverse set of countries. The IAC Policy Index measures the implementation and enforcement of policies shown by previous studies to be cost-effective in reducing alcohol use, namely policies restricting alcohol availability, marketing, pricing, and drinking and driving. In this study, researchers examined the strength of these policies in ten diverse countries to determine each country's International Alcohol Control Policy (IAC) score. The higher the IAC score, the stronger the country's alcohol policies are. Drinkers in each country were surveyed about drinking behaviors, including frequency, quantity, and locations of alcohol consumption.

The study found that the IAC score was significantly associated with the volume and frequency of drinking in the ten countries, with greater interaction in certain demographic groups. Overall, with each additional increase in the IAC score, the average volume of alcohol consumed in the prior six months decreased by 17 percent, and the frequency of drinking decreased by 14 percent. By age group, young adults aged 18 to 24 showed the largest decrease in alcohol consumed on a typical occasion. In countries with less restrictive alcohol policies, this age group shows the highest quantity of alcohol consumption.

There was also an association between stronger policies and drinking quantity by education level. In countries with weaker alcohol control policies, those with less education drank more on each occasion than those with more than 13 years of schooling. As alcohol policies strengthened, the number of adults with less education who drank per occasion decreased to levels similar to those of more educated respondents.

By gender, men's and women's consumption decreased as the IAC score increased, but men's consumption decreased more slowly than women's.

More than 17,000 people across ten countries participated in the study. The countries participating in the study included five high-income and five middle-income countries, namely New Zealand, England, Australia, Scotland, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, Mongolia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Turkey, with IAC scores ranging from 5 for New Zealand to 13.9 for Turkey. The study focused on the most effective policies and did not measure the possible influence of other policies or cultural traditions on respondents' behaviors.

## **Study finds alcohol-related liver disease soared in nearly all states during the pandemic, with one race particularly affected**

Written by Noah Brown

### **Key Takeaways**

American Indian and Alaska Native populations experienced during the pandemic nearly six times the mortality of white people from alcohol-associated liver disease, which is linked to excess alcohol consumption.

That disproportionately high rate underscores the need for policymakers to focus on implementing universal alcohol screening and public awareness programs in states where the threat of alcohol-associated liver disease is greatest to mitigate the burden on the healthcare system.

BOSTON – Alcohol consumption increased substantially across the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the impact was greatest among American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) populations, where deaths from alcohol-associated liver disease were six times those of white people, according to a study by Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), a founding member of Mass General Brigham (MGB). The disproportionately high mortality rate reflects not just the pandemic, but a systemic failure of supportive health care and lack of critical resources for AIAN populations which demand urgent action by public policy leaders, the researchers reported in a study published in JAMA Health Forum.

“Even before the pandemic we saw a steady increase in alcohol consumption in this country, and continue to experience high levels of alcohol-associated liver disease exacerbated by COVID-19,” says senior author Jagpreet Chhatwal, PhD, associate professor of Radiology, Harvard Medical School and director of the Institute for Technology Assessment at MGH. “Our examination of all racial or ethnic groups showed that none are more vulnerable than American Indian and Alaska Native. While alcohol consumption is known to be lower among these groups compared to others, studies have shown that people who engage in any level of drinking are more likely to become excessive in their habit.”

Alcohol-associated liver disease (ALD) is characterized by progressive deterioration of the liver and loss of function, and is now the leading indication for liver transplant in the United States. The rate of ALD grew nationally by 43 percent from 2009 to 2015, accounting for more than \$5 billion in direct healthcare costs in 2015 alone. At the height of the pandemic, deaths from ALD increased by 23 percent in just one year. Drawing on the CDC’s WONDER Multiple Cause of Death database, Mass General researchers learned that ALD mortality rose in nearly every state from 2019 to 2020, with the greatest mortality rates occurring in Wyoming, South Dakota and New Mexico – states with some of the highest concentrations of AIAN populations.

As for actionable measures, the study cites the need for significantly higher levels of preventive healthcare and resource allocation to agencies like the Indian Health Service (IHS), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services agency charged with providing comprehensive health services to the approximately 2.6 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in 574 federally recognized tribes in 37 states.

“Based on our findings, strong action needs to be taken at the public policy level to increase awareness among American Indians and Alaska Natives of the alarming mortality rates from alcohol-associated liver disease, and to implement universal alcohol screening and preventive health programs,” says Neeti Kulkarni, a research analyst at the MGH Institute for Technology Assessment, and lead author of the study. “It’s critical for the states and federal government to recognize and responsibly address this problem before it spirals into a major health crisis for our country.”

Chhatwal points out that alcohol consumption hasn’t shown any signs of decline even as the pandemic has receded. “It’s no coincidence that in 2021, life expectancy in this country dropped to its lowest level since 1996, with ALD being the top reason after COVID-19 and unintentional injuries,” he says. “Alcohol-associated liver disease among all ethnicities continues to represent a serious burden on our nation’s healthcare system, and the problem will only intensify if we don’t take meaningful steps to address it now.”

Co-authors of the study include Divneet Wadhwa, MD research analyst at MGH, and Fasiha Kanwal, MD, professor and section chief of Medicine and Gastroenterology at Baylor College of Medicine.

## Nebraska volleyball's Memorial Stadium sellout leaves Husker leaders 'blown away'

Written by Brent Wagner

The number is massive.

When the Nebraska volleyball program announced in February it would take its show to the 85,000-seat Memorial Stadium, a question popped into mind.

Just how big of a crowd would the first-of-its-kind outdoor match attract?

The answer came three days into ticket sales and four months before the Aug. 30 match.

The Huskers are going to play a volleyball match in front of more than 85,000 spectators (weather permitting, of course).

That will make "Volleyball Day in Nebraska" one of the largest crowds ever for a women's sporting event.

On Thursday, the Nebraska Athletic Department announced a sellout, and that 82,900 tickets have been sold. That number does not include field-level seating, indoor club seating, media or event staff.

And Nebraska Athletic Director Trev Alberts has asked the athletic ticket office to keep trying to see if they can get a few more people in.

Most of the tickets were sold on Tuesday and Wednesday, but Thursday was the first chance for UNL students and some other groups to get their tickets.

In a video with Nebraska coach John Cook and Alberts shot on the 50-yard line at Memorial Stadium, Cook said he was stunned by what had happened.

"Right now we're all having an out-of-body experience," Cook said. "It's overwhelming to see what's happened the last two days. As you know, I was doubtful. But when (University of Nebraska President Ted Carter) got up there and said, 'We're selling this thing out,' I started believing then."

Approximately 17,900 of the tickets were claimed on Tuesday by volleyball season-ticket holders.

Alberts asked the ticket staff to keep working.

"Let's look at every possible area we can open up," he said. "Let's bring in as many fans as we can. This has blown us away. We're going to do everything we can to allow anybody who wants to be a part of this special day to be a part of it."

The crowd will be at least four times the current attendance record for a college match — 18,755 attended the Nebraska vs. Wisconsin national championship match in Columbus, Ohio, in 2021.

Last season, Wisconsin set the record for a regular-season match when 16,833 watched the Badgers play at their basketball arena, the Kohl Center.

Alberts saw a basketball arena, and raised with a football stadium. As of now, the outdoor match is a one-time event.

The Memorial Stadium match will include more than just the Huskers. At 4:30 p.m., Nebraska-Kearney and Wayne State will play an exhibition match (Aug. 30 falls before the NCAA Division II regular season begins).

And after Nebraska's 7 p.m. match, there will be a concert featuring a yet-to-be-announced national recording artist. If approved by the NU Board of Regents, there will be alcohol sales, similar to the Garth Brooks concert at the stadium in 2021.

When discussions began about an outdoor match, Cook was hesitant. He asked assistant Jaylen Reyes if he thought they could get 20,000 fans. Reyes told him they would get 40,000-plus. It turns out that was underestimating Nebraska fans, too.

As Cook traveled the nation the past two months for recruiting and the beach volleyball season, he got the feeling this was going to be bigger than he imagined.

"I think this is an event where everyone wants to say, 'Hey, I was there,'" Cook said.

The largest crowd to attend a women's sporting event in the U.S. was 90,185 for the 1999 Women's World Cup Final between the U.S. and China at Rose Bowl Stadium. That remained a world record until 91,553 surpassed it when Barcelona played Real Madrid in Spain in 2022.

## **Bill would allow 14-year-olds to serve alcohol in Wisconsin**

Written by Emily Reilly

GREEN BAY, Wis. (WBAY) - A new bill proposed by Republican lawmakers is pushing to change the age limit for serving alcohol to fourteen years old. Currently, the age limit is 18 years old in our state.

A statement from Senator Rob Stafshol (R-New Richmond), who introduced the bill Monday, says reducing the age limit is a "simple solution" to resolve workforce shortage complications in the restaurant industry.

The bill clarifies the server would only be allowed to serve seated customers not those sitting at the bar. It also requires a licensed operator to supervise them.

Frank Harris with Mothers Against Drunk Driving says the proposal raises more questions than it solves. "This doesn't pass any type of logical test," he argues. "It's not logical to allow 14-year-olds to sell alcohol in some shape or form, even with the workforce issues."

Similarly, local restaurant owners, like Missy Martens at the Copper State Brewing Company in Green Bay, says she feels there isn't enough clarification and it puts a lot of responsibility on young people.

"My main concern would be someone over-serving someone or a child having to make a decision that they're not prepared to make," said Martens.

She adds the concern may depend on the restaurant's environment.

"We love our staff to be knowledgeable of all our beer and speak intelligently to our guests about what beers are good and what drinks are what," Martens said. "Most of our servers and bartenders are over 21, so they can also drink our beer, etc."

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, if the proposal passes, Wisconsin would have the lowest age limit for workers allowed to serve alcohol.