

News

Alcohol compliance checks completed July 29 in Cass County

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Alcohol compliance checks were conducted the evening of July 29, on 12 local businesses that are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages.

The checks were coordinated with the Cass County Sheriff's Office, Walker Police Department and the Working Together Coalition. Two students assisted law enforcement as underage buyers. The underage youth entered these businesses and attempted to illegally purchase alcoholic beverages.

Eleven out of the 12 businesses that were checked refused to sell to the underage buyers. The efforts of the following businesses are commended for not selling to the underage buyers.

Walker American Legion

Cafe Zona Rosa

Chase on the Lake-The 502

Matty's

Lucky Moose Bar and Grill

Charlie's Up North

Charlie's Boat Bar

McGuire's Inn on Woman Lake

Hackensack American Legion

River House Restaurant

Lucette's Pizza & Pub

The one business that failed to comply with the law and sold to the underage buyer was referred to the Cass County Attorney's Office for appropriate action.

Illegal alcohol use by underage people contributes to crime, car crashes, injuries and death. 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 a 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 is also connected with teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases and other health problems.

Providing alcohol to an underage person is a gross misdemeanor offense punishable by fines up to \$3,000 and up to one year in jail. Typical offenders are fined several hundred dollars.

Help keep the next generation safe; keep alcohol out of the hands of youth. To help with this mission, contact Kelly Felton, at (218) 330-8129 (218) 330-8129 .

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