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The Ravalli County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Ravalli County DUI and the Underage Drinking Task Forces conducted Alcohol Compliance Checks on Saturday June 28th, 2014. Twenty businesses were checked with sixteen businesses passing. Four businesses failed the compliance check by selling alcohol to an underage person. In the case of each failure the employee was cited for selling an alcoholic beverage to a person under twenty one years old, in violation of M.C.A. 16-3-301.

The businesses that passed the compliance checks were:

Victor Merc, Victor
Victor Liquor, Victor
Cowboy Troy's, Victor
Stumble Inn, Victor
Town Pump, Woodside
Corvallis Tavern, Corvallis
The Hideout Bar, Hamilton
Lone Pine Store, Hamilton
Angler's Roost, Hamilton
Mr. T's, Darby
Casey's Store, Stevensville
People's Market, Darby
Darby Liquor, Darby
Dotson's Bar, Darby
Sawmill Saloon, Darby
Conner Store, Conner

The four businesses that failed the compliance checks were:

Victor Sinclair, Victor
Long Branch Saloon, Victor
The Flying Pig Bar, Victor
The Rocky Knob, Sula

In three of the failed checks, the employee did not check the ID of the underage buyer before selling that person an alcoholic beverage. In one case the employee did look at the underage buyer's actual identification, and sold the alcoholic beverage in spite of the ID check.

Sheriff Chris Hoffman said, "Obviously, the goal of this operation is to have 100% compliance in regards to avoiding the sale of alcohol to underage people. A 20% failure rate is disappointing, since these compliance checks have been in effect for a number of years."

Businesses can obtain training for their employees through the Ravalli County DUI Task Force and Prevention Coalition.