

# Best of KC's Best

## COMING UP: KANSAS KOLLOSSAL KAN KAPER

It's hard to believe but we are about a month away from the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper

This long-running and popular show is set for June 21, 22 and 23. Hopefully you plan to attend and if so, have already made your hotel reservations. Rooms at the host hotel are hard to get and other nearby hotels usually fill up too.

There is a flyer at the end of this newsletter which provides pertinent details including contacts and hotel information.

## NEXT FIRST WEDNESDAY AT BOULEVARD MEETING IS JUNE 5

Starting at 1:00 and running until 3:00 on the second floor of the Boulevard Tours and Rec Center is where you should be. As usual, Boulevard provides the first beer on them.

Hope you can participate and enjoy the camaraderie.

## KC BEST HITS THE BIG 50

That didn't take very long for the chapter to cover 50 years. Its amazing how fast time flies when you are a part of a hobby that became the reason the chapter was established back in 1974.

Make this the year to celebrate this milestone by attending chapter shows and meetings.

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## GATHERING AT SMOKE BREWING



On April 11, several KC's Besters met at Smoke Brewing in Lees Summit. The occasion? Carl and Kathy Covell were in town from their home in Surprise, AZ so an impromptu get together was arranged. It wasn't long before the can shown here was spotted and the brewery had a few and made them available for a buck (no lids) and several were taken.

After much conversation and sampling some of their ales, the group met at Martin City Brewing for dinner where additional members joined in for a good time.

It was great to see and visit with Carl and Kathy.

## CHAPTER SHOW TO HAPPEN IN KANSAS CITY THIS FALL

It has been a minute or two since the chapter held a show in Kansas City but hang on. Here comes the show and it is already shaping up to be a good one.

The show is October 26 and a flyer and registration form are being sent as separate attachments with this newsletter.

Table reservations are going fast so if you plan to have one it would behoove you to drop what you are doing and get your reservation in before the tables are all gone.

## KC's Best Chapter



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## WHATS ON TAP

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**June 21-23**, 45th Annual Kansas Kolossal Kan Kapper – Sponsored by Carrie Nation and KC's Best Chapters. Candlewood Suites, Salina 2650 Planet Ave Salina, KS.

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**Oct 5**, 41st Annual Midwest Breweriana Convention – Sponsored by the Cornhusker Chapter. Steppe Center 11730 Peel Cir, La Vista, NE. Jim Schwery [jdschwery20@gmail.com](mailto:jdschwery20@gmail.com) , 712-216-0026

**Oct 26**, Spooky Trick or Trade Breweriana Show. Bishop O'Hara Event Hall, 5111 E. 112th Terrace, Kansas City, MO. Cheryl Boyles: 816-674-3124 [crboyles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:crboyles@sbcglobal.net) or Jim Vincent: 316-650-4044 [drv Vincent@therapycenterwichita.com](mailto:drv Vincent@therapycenterwichita.com)

## Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles and/or show flyers for the next newsletter is August 15, 2024.

Any member can submit an article, an idea for an article or pictures of finds made, shows attended, breweries visited or anything else related to our hobby.

If you have ideas for an article but need help composing contact Bob Hoover at [kcbestcan@aol.com](mailto:kcbestcan@aol.com) or 816-797-8180.

## ONCE AGAIN, CINDERBLOCK SHOWS ITS' SUPPORT FOR SHOW

From the beginning of Cinderblocks operations, they have supported chapter shows by donating a keg.



They continued that support at the Mid-Missouri show in January and from comments at the show, the ale was very enjoyable. KC's Best members are active supporters of the local craft breweries.

Cinderblock has a good variety of styles so when shopping for ales at your favorite liquor store, be sure to look for their products. Or, better still, visit

them at their brewery.

## CHAPTER FACEBOOK PAGE

As of May 15, the chapters Facebook page had 546 members. That is not an insignificant number and it will continue to grow.

What is critical to maintaining repeated visits by these members is for all of us (myself included) to make postings to our page. If you are not a member of the Facebook page, just type in *KC's Best Chapter* in the search Facebook bar and proceed to join in.

Now for the postings. Every so often, take a picture of your collection or a favorite part of your collection or even a special item in your collection. You can add a comment or simply just post the picture. Another posting you can do is take a photo at a show you are attending. Even posting a flyer for a show you are hosting or producing is good.

Anything to keep the interest going is good.

## Historic Beer Birthday: M.K. Goetz

JANUARY 16, 2024 BY JAY BROOKS



Today is the birthday of Michael Karl Goetz (January 16, 1833-August 11, 1901), who was born in Ingenheim, Alsace, in what today is Germany. He founded the M. K. Goetz & Co. in 1859, which was located at 603 Albemarle Street (at 6th Street), in St. Joseph, Missouri. It was later known as simply the M. K. Goetz Brewing Co. before prohibition closed it down. The brewery was granted permit L-15 allowing the production of de-alcoholized beer.

They came out of prohibition intact and resumed brewing there until 1961, when they merged with and became a division of Pearl Brewing Co. of San Antonio, Texas. In 1936, the opened a second facility in Kansas City, which operated for twenty years before closing in 1956. In 1976, Pearl closed the St. Joseph brewery and shifted production to Texas.

Business owner of The M.K. Goetz Brewery, Michael Karl Goetz was a German immigrant who stopped in St. Joseph, Mo., on the way to the California gold fields and decided to stay. He established his own brewery in a small frame building after working a few months for another brewer. When he died in 1901 his four sons carried on. The company, organized in 1859, was 101 years under the management of the Goetz family. The company started making plans for its Kansas City plant immediately after prohibition. Cost of the building was \$750,000.

At its peak the brewery, specializing in draught beer, turned out over 150,000 barrels annually. When the demand for bottled, canned and packaged beer products increased, Goetz shifted its operations in KC in the 1960s.

Goetz merged with the Pearl Brewing Company of San Antonio, Tex., in the 1960s. Today the old Goetz building is gone.

## Cheers! TO THE CHAMPS

Boulevard Brewing issued this nice 750ml bottle of



Imperial Seltzer with pear and lemon juice and aged in chardonnay casks shortly after this year's Super Bowl. Since there is no licensing agreement, no reference is made to who won the Super Bowl or any team logos or slogans on the label. Note that the label refers to Red Kingdom. That might help us figure out who won.

## Your Favorite Bier is Coming in Cans

In February 2014, Kansas City Bier Company opened its doors. In 2017, the first bottles of KC Bier Co bier went to the market. Now, in 2024, we're taking the next big step and putting our bier into cans!

Starting in March, Dunkel and Hefeweizen will be available in 6-packs of 12oz cans throughout our Distribution footprint, with Helles Lager, Pure Pils, and Never Say IPA 6-packs and Dunkel 12-pack cans coming shortly after, as well as a 12-pack Variety Box. We have a lot of bier to can, so it will take time to get it to the market! Bottles will still be available in 6-packs and 12-packs for all year-round brands. Beginning with the release of Kölsch on April 1st, our seasonal biers will be packaged exclusively in cans! Limited and Spezial releases will remain in bottles only.

Here are five of the seven styles KC Bier has canned in 12 oz cans.



**3Halves Brewing** put out this 12 oz can called "Kelce Caught a Kolsch".

The fine print above Kelce Caught reads as follows:

*This is more than just a beer; it's a celebration of dedication, athleticism, and the unbreakable spirit of Kansas City. Whether you're raising a glass in honor of the Chiefs' tight end or simply enjoying a fantastic local brew, this Kolsch invites you to savor every moment, just as you would on game day. Pouring a radiant golden hue, Kelce caught a Kolsch lets you experience a harmonious balance of flavors that mirror Kelce's adeptness on the field. The initial sip welcomes you with a delicate blend of malt sweetness, reminiscent of the dedication and precision Trav brings to every play,*



## HOPPY NEW BEER COMBINATION IN EAST CROSSROADS

CityScene KC  
12-18-2023

The East Crossroads microbrewery scene is experiencing its first merger with Red Sash Brewing acquiring Double Shift.

Red Sash, which opened in 2020 at 406 E. 18th St., is owned by Pat Mitchell, a retired U.S. Army captain, and Ryan Elder of Facility Systems. Mitchell’s mission was to start a place that catered to military veterans and first responders in particular. “Red Sash was my first attempt at introducing the veteran community to the exciting, ever-changing world of the East Crossroads brewery scene,” Mitchell said in a statement.

“When we heard our neighbors across the street at Double Shift were thinking about giving it up, we knew we needed to extend our community to their amazing brewery.”

Double Shift was one of the earliest entries in what’s grown to be called a “Neigh-Brew-Hood.” It was founded at 412 E. 18th St. in 2015.

“Double Shift Brewing provides Kansas City with high-quality beer in small batches, crafted by maniacs who live double lives,” according to the press release announcing the acquisition.

Mitchell and Elder plan to keep the tap house vibe and beer quality while increasing production and distribution in Missouri and Kansas, according to the release.

“Over the past two years, Pat has created a space that brings together diverse customers,” Elder said in a statement.

“We couldn’t stand by and watch our neighbors at Double Shift lose that sense of community. By taking on the business, we can help ensure that Kansas City’s craft beer community stays just as vibrant as ever.”

Then on December 28, Red Sash posted on Facebook that their lease was coming up so they were going to close....?

Diddy’s Brewery in Kearney, MO is no longer in operation.

It was reported that Apex Brewing in Independence has closed.



**Torn Label Brewing** Vast Lands, Quad Behavior, VIII (8<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and Oddbird



**Boulevard Brewing** came out with two interesting 16 oz cans this spring. Elusive Thunder is in the Space Camper series. The Nitro Three Philosophers is unusual in that it shows Ommegang Brewery on the neck of the can but

the side panel shows brewed and canned by Boulevard Brewing. Ommegang is a sister company of Boulevard.

## RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

The chapter is always looking to build up its inventory of raffle items to be used as raffle prizes at chapter shows.

The chapter is especially looking for lighted signs (or any beer signs for that matter) and will purchase them if offered at a reasonable price.

If you have anything available, contact Scott Echols or Bill Boyles.



City Barrel Brewery canned and distributed “Treat Yo Self” in 16 oz cans. The ‘Fancy A\$\$ Hot Chocolate is a milk stout with cacao nibs, marshmallow and milk sugar. The stout clocks in at 6.5% alc.

Shown below, in 12 oz cans: Irish Vacation, State Line IPA and Old School Classic.



## SUPPORT YOUR CHAPTER BY RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Dues remain unchanged at \$5 for electronic newsletters and \$7 for black and white hard copy newsletters. Support your chapter and send your renewal made payable to KC’s Best to: Bill Boyles at 13326 Oakbrook Drive, Kearney, MO 64060



**Diametric Brewing** came out with these two colorful cans. Coastal Crispy (left) is an IPA and KOKUA is also an IPA and brewed to benefit those impacted by the Maui wildfires

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Don’t forget to promote our website when you are out and about at craft breweries, antique malls, shows or anywhere else for that matter.

There is no sign in or password needed. Just let them know about the website and navigation is pretty simple.

What better way to get the word out about our chapter and hobby!

Also, upcoming show flyers can be found there.



**Crane Brewing Co.** introduced a Mexican Lager called “UNA FAMILIA” to their growing selection of styles.

## KANSAS CITY METRO BREWERIES

**Alma Mader Brewing**, 2635 Southwest Blvd, KC, MO

**Amerisport Brewpub**, 8201 NE Birmingham Road Kansas City, MO Located at the Ameristar Casino.

**Big Rip Brewing Co** 216 E 9<sup>th</sup>, North Kansas City, MO. [bigripbrewing.com](http://bigripbrewing.com)

**BKS Artisan Ales** 633 E 63<sup>rd</sup>, KC, MO

**Black Stag Brewery**, 623 Massachusetts, Lawrence, KS

**Brew Lab KC**, 7925 Marty, Overland Park, KS. [www.brewlabkc.com](http://www.brewlabkc.com)

**Boho Brewery** 15425 Old Town Drive, Parkville, MO

**Border Brewing Co** 406 E 18<sup>th</sup> St, KC, MO [borderbrewco.com](http://borderbrewco.com)

**Boulevard Brewing**, 2501 Southwest Boulevard, KC, MO. [blvdbeer.com](http://blvdbeer.com).

**Brewery Emperial**, 1829 Oak, KC, MO [breweryemperial.com](http://breweryemperial.com)

**Broken Hatchet Brewery** 422 Main, Belton, MO

**Callsign Brewing Co**, 1340 Burlington, North Kansas City, MO. [Callsignbrewing.com](http://Callsignbrewing.com)

**Casual Animal Brewing Company** 1725 McGee, Kansas City, MO [casualanimalbrewing.com](http://casualanimalbrewing.com)

**City Barrel Brewing**, 1740 Holmes, KC, MO

**Cinder Block Brewing** 110 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, North Kansas City, MO [cinderblockbrewery.com](http://cinderblockbrewery.com)

**Crane Brewing Company**, 6515 Railroad St, Raytown, MO [cranebrewing.com](http://cranebrewing.com)

**Diametric Brewing Co, (formerly New Axiom)** 949 NE Columbus, Lees Summit, MO. [Newaxiombrewco.com](http://Newaxiombrewco.com)

**Discourse Brewing** 7211 W 97<sup>th</sup>, Overland Park, KS

**Double Shift Brewing Co** 412 E. 18<sup>th</sup> St, KC, MO [doubleshiftbrewing.com](http://doubleshiftbrewing.com)

**East Forty Brewing**, 1201 W Main St, Blue Springs, MO

**Ebert Bros Brewing** 400 E 31<sup>st</sup>, KC, MO (in the Brickhouse)

**ExBEERiment Brewery** 925 E Lincoln Lane, Gardner, KS

**Fields & Ivy Brewery**, 706 E 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lawrence, KS. [www.fieldsandivy.com](http://www.fieldsandivy.com)

**Free State Brewery** 636 Massachusetts Lawrence, KS [freestatebrewing.com](http://freestatebrewing.com)

**Friction Beer Co 11018** Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS

**Fringe Beerworks** 224 SE Douglas St, Lee's Summit, MO [fringebeerworks.com](http://fringebeerworks.com)

**Goat Brewing** 817 NE Rice Rd, Lees Summit, MO

**Gordon Biersch Brewery** 11652 Ash St., Leawood, KS. [Gordonbiersch.com](http://Gordonbiersch.com)

**Grains & Taps Brewery**, 10 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Lees Summit, MO [grainsandtaps.com](http://grainsandtaps.com)

**Granite City Brewing Co** 8461 NW Prairie View Road KC, MO [gcfb.com](http://gcfb.com)

**Green Room Brewery**, 4010 Pennsylvania, Kansas City, MO. [Greenroomkc.com](http://Greenroomkc.com).

**Kansas City Bier Company** 310 W. 79<sup>th</sup>, KC, MO [kcbier.com](http://kcbier.com)

**Lake Lotowana Brewing Co.** 9420 S. Shrout Rd, Lake Lotowana, MO

**Lawrence Beer C0**, 826 Pennsylvania, Lawrence, KS. [Lawrencebeerco.com](http://Lawrencebeerco.com). Also, **Lawrence Beer Co. West** 4811 Bob Billings Pkwy, Lawrence, KS

**Limitless Brewing**, 9765 Widmer, Lenexa, KS [www.limitlessbrewing.com](http://www.limitlessbrewing.com)

**Martin City Brewing Company** 500 E 135<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, MO, [martincitybrewingcompany.com](http://martincitybrewingcompany.com)

**Nimble Brewing** 1725 Oak St, KC, MO [nimblebrewing.com](http://nimblebrewing.com)

**Outfield Beer Co** 611 W 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Bonner Springs, KS

**Outlaw Brewery** 309 E 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, North Kansas City, MO

**Pathlight Brewing** 11200 W 75<sup>th</sup>, Shawnee, KS

**POG Brewing** 24524 S MO Hwy D (Holmes Road), West Line, MO

**Range 23 Brewing** 13400 Donahoo Rd, KC, KS

**Red Crow Brewing Co**, 1062 W Santa Fe, Olathe, KS [redcrowbrew.com](http://redcrowbrew.com)

**Red Sash Brewing**, 406 E 18<sup>th</sup> St, KC, MO

**River Bluff Brewery** 201 Main, KC, MO

**Rochester Brewing & Roasting 2** 129 Washington, KC, MO

**Rock Creek Brewery** 5880 Beverly Ave, Mission, KS

**Sand Hills Brewery**, 5612 Johnson Dr, Mission, KS

**Servaes Brewing**, 10921 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS

**Stockyards Brewing Co**, 1600 Genessee St, KC, MO [stockyardsbrewing.com](http://stockyardsbrewing.com)

**Smoke Brewing Co.** 209 SE Main, Lee's Summit, MO

**Strange Days Brewing** 316 Oak, KC, MO.

**Tall Trellis Brew Co** 25600 W Valley Pkwy, Olathe, KS

**23<sup>rd</sup> Street Brewery** 3512 Clinton Parkway Lawrence, KS, 66047. [Brew23.com](http://Brew23.com)

**3 Halves Brewery** 110 E Kansas, Liberty, MO

**Three Trails Brewery** 111 N Main, Independence, MO [3trailsbrewing.com](http://3trailsbrewing.com)

**Torn Label Brewing Company** 1708 Campbell St KC, MO.

**Transparent Brewery** 14501 White Ave, Grandview, MO

**Transport Brewery** 11113 Johnson Dr, Shawnee, KS [transportbrewery.com](http://transportbrewery.com)

**Vine Street Brewing**, 2010 Vine St, KC, MO

**9 Foot Brewing**, 3421B NW Jefferson St, Blue Springs, MO.

**Wolcott Brewing Company**, 600 Cherokee St, Leavenworth Kansas. [Wolcottbrewing.com](http://Wolcottbrewing.com)

## NEARBY CRAFT BREWERIES

**1<sup>st</sup> Barrel Brewing** 510 B Edmond, St Joseph, MO

**Angry Swede Brewing** 513 Francis, St Joseph, MO

**Atlas Saloon Brewery**, 100 W Broadway, Excelsior Springs, MO, [www.atlassaloon.com](http://www.atlassaloon.com)

**D & G Pub & Grub Brew Haus** 1918 Frederick Ave, St Joseph

**Dubious Claims Brewing Co**, 412 S Thompson Ave, Excelsior Springs, MO.  
[dubiousclaimsbrewingco.com](http://dubiousclaimsbrewingco.com)

**Iron Kettle Brewing** 508 N Main, Grain Valley, MO

**Liberty Cap Brewing**, 402 N 13<sup>th</sup> St, St Joseph, MO

**River Bluff Brewery**, 1224 Frederick Ave, St Joseph, MO [www.riverbluffbrew.com](http://www.riverbluffbrew.com)

**Willcott Brewery** 600 E Cherokee St., Leavenworth KS.



**Weston Brewing Co.** completely redesigned the label of their popular Irish Style Cream Ale. The new version is shown above on the left with the older version shown (right) for comparison.

## CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS

Our chapter continues its schedule of board meetings every other month. The meetings are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month and start in the evening at 6:30 or 7:00. So far, the meetings take place at Paul and Jakes Tavern at 1808 Clay St in North Kansas City. They provide us with a private meeting room and you can get there early to enjoy a meal. If you get this newsletter in time, join us for the May meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday this one time).



**Torn Label Brewing** had some interesting and colorful graphics on these 12 oz cans: Aqua Viva, East Crossroads Reserve and Cobre Especial which was brewed in collaboration with Taco Valentina.

**Casual Animal** introduced their latest rendition of an IPA called Hoptify in 12 oz cans.





# New Johnson County brewery is opening in old auto shop: A ‘cool spot to hang out’

Story by Jenna Thompson, *The Kansas City Star*  
Condensed

In the early 1900s, a brick building was constructed along West 83rd and Shawnee streets in De Soto.

For years of its life, it housed a garage and auto shop — a retro blue “Ford” sign still hangs above the door. But soon, it’ll go down in history as the Johnson County city’s first brewery.

Lindsay and Alex Waller are remodeling the building at 33015 W. 83rd St. into [Force of Nature Brewing](#), a new spot that will serve natural, herb-infused brews.

They’re gardeners and have always loved and respected plants, but Lindsay became more interested in natural remedies when her children were young, hoping to cure coughs, diaper rashes and other ailments.

With the brewery, the couple hope to inspire appreciation of the earth (not too difficult in a town home to many farmers, she added).

“It’s all about nature,” Lindsay said. “We’re trying to ... just be a really cool spot to hang out.”

Force of Nature’s earthy lagers will include a “Bee’s Knees” brew with dandelion root, an elderberry-enhanced Pilsner called “Equinox” and a citrus and thyme-flavored beer called “Glacial Place.”

To create several of their herbal brews, they add in a strong tea.

A classic light lager will also be on the menu, for less adventurous drinkers. It’s called the “Dean’s Model A,” in honor of Dean Weller, one of the auto shop’s longtime owners.

“I think (that drink) will be really popular in De Soto,” Lindsay said.

If all goes as planned, Lindsay hopes to begin serving customers by August. But, she admitted, it’s been quite the undertaking, transforming a more-than-a-century-old space into a modern tavern, all while maintaining the historic look.

“We’re trying not to rush it and just keep moving forward,” she said. “If it takes a little bit longer, that’s OK.”

Before she began brewing, Lindsay was an art teacher. During COVID, she and Alex, an engineer, grew interested in beer and home brewing.

The couple kept bees and began experimenting with mead. After the space became available, they decided to

go for it. In the meantime, they converted a trailer into a beer truck, selling beers at events and advertising the upcoming brewery.

“We were already brewing, and we just wanted to share it,” Lindsay said.

Lindsay believes now is especially the perfect time, with the city of 6,200 expected to boom after the [Panasonic battery plant](#) opens in 2025, bringing 4,000 new jobs. Lindsay and Alex are also musicians and hope the new space will become a hub for art and culture.

“We wanted to give De Soto its own brewery, its own special place,” she said. “De Soto just doesn’t have much.”

Nearby, at 34071 Commerce Drive, [Burnt End BBQ](#) is also opening ahead of De Soto’s Panasonic boom. The barbecue restaurant, with locations in Overland Park and Crown Center, hopes to open in late May/early June.

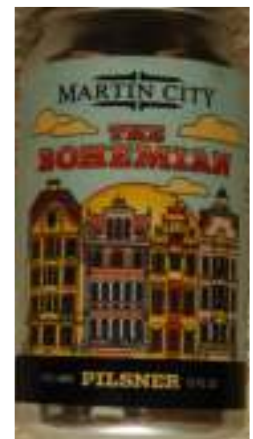
And, perhaps, the barbecue place and brewery are just the first of many new retail options in the growing area, which has few choices by way of bars and restaurants.

“Everyone in De Soto has to leave to go eat or do anything,” Lindsay said. “I’m excited for this to be something that the town feels like is theirs.”



**Free State Brewing** introduced their Frost Flower in 12 oz cans on a cold winter day. It’s a pilsener style ale.

**Martin City Brewing** has added to their distribution lineup with “The Bohemian” which is a pilsner style ale. Nice graphics.



# KC brewery spurring exercise goals in 2024

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (KCTV) - If you want help with accomplishing your New Year's Resolution you may want to consider joining the mafia – the Measly Mile Mafia.

All it takes to join the 418-member group is the willingness to run a mile, everyday, and if you do it for a year straight – River Bluff Brewery will immortalize your name.

“When you hit one year, you get to hang your dog tag on the wall with your run-aversary date,” Trey Rowe said.

Rowe has been running with the Mafia for two years, he's an original member.

“I loathe the day that I can't get my mile in, and like that's going to be a really bad day for me,” Rowe said. “Getting a little bit of exercise everyday does something mentally for you, clears the mind.”

In 2023 the group ran more than 85,000 miles, which is enough distance to circle the planet three times.

Justin Alvaraz works behind the bar at River Bluff Brewery. He was the fourth member.

“The cardio I got from running every single day, along with like, changed lifestyle and nutrition, and everything – I lost 90 pounds in 2022,” Alvarez said. “Then 2023, for the first time ever, I kept the weight off.”

The rules of the group are to run a mile every day in under 20 minutes, and it can be on the treadmill. They encourage members to post a picture of the run to the Facebook group.

Members that run for 100 days straight can earn a Measly Mile Mafia t-shirt.

“It's a good way to start your day – makes me more like to do the rest of the things that I need to do to stay fit or get fit,” Alvarez said. “It's just a good catalyst for changing other things as well.”

# Local brewery aims to change Kansas alcohol distribution law

Story by Jacob Sloan

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Discourse Brewing owner Matt Britton says that he saw a need for a brewery in Johnson County.

“Overland Park only has two breweries, currently for 200,000 people. There's a great opportunity for us to grow into Overland Park and grow that market,” Britton said.

They've been open for a few months and have just released a new beer called 'I'm from Kansas.' The pale ale is made from ingredients only sourced from the Sunflower State. “All Kansas Hops, All Kansas malt, Kansas water and then the yeast was born and bred in Kansas too. There is a little grassiness to it but there's a lemongrass flavor that's a really interesting flavor,” Britton said.



However, getting that beer to the rest of the state is proving to be a challenge. Matt said that Kansas statutes are preventing him from putting 'I'm From Kansas' and his other beers on shelves and taps in the neighborhood.

“We are behind the times in Kansas. There's just no way for expansion, all we have is what we have right now.”

The state only allows for the beer to be either sold on the brewery's property or to a distributor for resale. If Discourse Brewing wanted to open a separate taproom, they would have to buy their own beer from their distributor at a marked-up price and lose thousands of dollars.

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Our two Midwest Chapters are doing it again in the heart of America with the 45th annual Kansas Kolossal Kan Kaper Show in Salina, KS on June 21-23, 2024. We combine beer, breweriana, socializing, and enjoying the Kansas weather into a fun and relaxing weekend.

Call the Candlewood to make your room reservation. We have a Group Rate under the name KAN KAPER; all rooms are suites for \$105 a night plus tax. Each room has a kitchenette and refrigerator. The cut-off date of this group rate is May 21, 2024.

This is a beer can and breweriana show with a lot of socializing time. People begin arriving on Friday afternoon at 2pm at the hotel, and we will have a registration table and hospitality area set up for you to sign in. You are welcome to visit the sights in Salina; and there is a great craft brewery downtown. Our hospitality area is outside the hotel, and will have plenty of craft beers, soda, water, and snacks for your enjoyment. **Please bring a chair for all outside activities, and for the park.**

In case of inclement weather on Friday, the registration and hospitality will have use of a conference room in the hotel.

Registration fee includes hospitality snacks, drinks, and the Margarita Party for \$15 per person, children under 12 are free.

Saturday morning at 8am we go to Thomas Park, where you find a shady spot, and put your trade stock out on the ground, or bring a table. **Park regulations strictly prohibit alcohol in the park.** Water and pop are provided free with your registration. There will be lunch available for a modest fee around noon. Two big raffles during the day. We wrap up the park time around 2:30; and the rest of the day is free time. That evening at 8pm is our world-famous Margarita Party in the hospitality area at the hotel. Sunday morning at 8:30am we meet in the conference room for coffee and pastries, and a final raffle.

This show is co-sponsored by the Carrie Nation and the KC's Best Chapters of the BCCA.