

Kimball County, Nebraska

Kimball Area Tourism

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WE HOPE YOU HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

On December 16th, we enjoyed hosting a Holiday Open House at the Visitor Center. We were thrilled to have Santa & Mrs. Claus take time out of their busy schedule to drop in for a visit. There was a great turn out and the meet and greet with some of the vendors showcased in our gift shop went wonderfully! We have really appreciated all the community support that we have received and we want to thank everyone who came in to join us. And we of course continue to appreciate all the visitors who stop in to see us on their travels.



Visitors were able to play for door prizes, visit with the gift shop vendors, and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Holiday Open House

NEW YEAR, NEW THINGS IN KIMBALL



There are a few items to share from the town of Kimball. The Bakery has new owners! We are happy to welcome Merrycakes into the current bakery building downtown Kimball. They will continue to offer the same wonderful donuts we know and love as well as amazing cookies, cakes and more. Make sure to get in early because they always sell out fast!!

The new transit building renovations are well under way and everyone is excited to see how it will look when it is finished! It will be able to house the Kimball County Transit Service vehicles as well as office space and a conference room. The building is located on the northeast corner of Hwy 30 and Chestnut Street, so check out the progress when you go through town!

Also happening in Kimball, the City of Kimball is in the process of selling the Event Center to a family here in town who plan to keep it running in the same capacity, but with some future upgrades. The new owners have been business owners here in Kimball for many years and know the hard work and dedication it takes to make a business work. I am so excited to see the changes they will make! They will also continue to run their current businesses, Hometown Hardware and Hometown Floral, downtown Kimball. The downtown shops offer typical hardware items, paint, key making, fantastic floral arrangements, dry cleaning, alterations, gift items such as Melissa and Doug toys and chocolate and nut trays, and they even have a kitty cat who loves attention from the customers! The Event Center is located on Hwy 30 on the east end of Kimball. If you have any events coming up, make sure to contact the Pattersons and get them booked now!



We are also looking forward to Karen's Kitchen to be open for business soon. This new restaurant will feature mainly breakfast and lunch options and is conveniently located between Subway and the Kimball Public Library.

PLAINS HISTORICAL MUSEUM DISPLAY



We have been working with the Plains Historical Society to be able to have a rotating display of items from the museum here at the Visitor Center. In December, society members brought up display cases and items to start the display!

We are excited to showcase some items from our local museum and hope that it will draw travelers downtown to see everything the society has worked so hard to gather and present to the public. The Fraternal Hall museum is located at 200 S Chestnut Street and the Old Kimball High School is located at 816 E 3rd Street (along Highway 30). They are

working to create many new displays inside and out at the Hwy 30 location. Contact us here at the Visitor Center to see if we can get a tour set up for you!

PAINTING CLASS

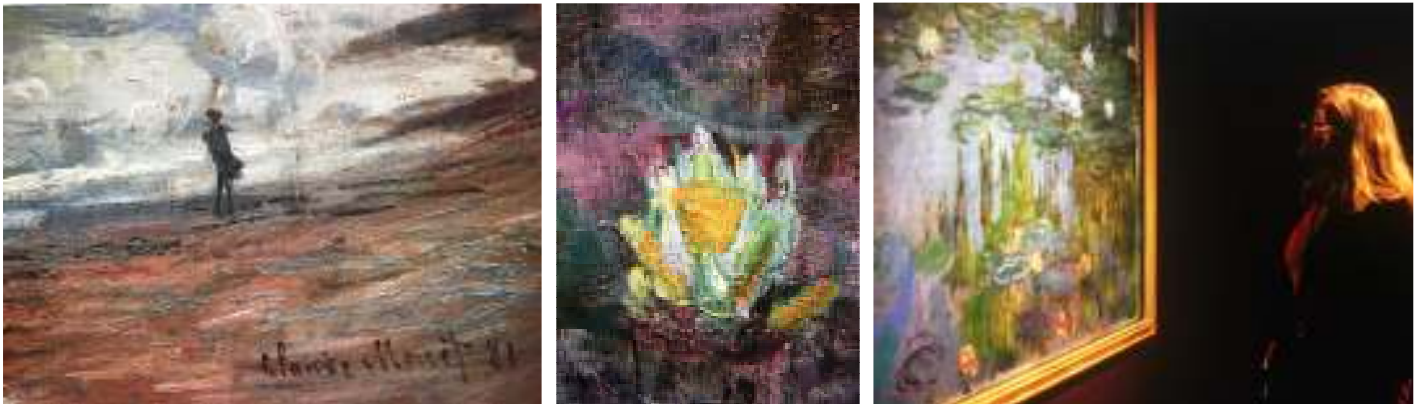
In December, Stacey Bolin instructed a painting class at the Visitor Center. Everyone enjoyed painting a nice winter scene with a little bit of snow falling gently outside while they painted. We are looking forward to trying two painting classes per month starting in January! Stay tuned to our Facebook page to see what the paintings will be!



Photos from the December painting class – the glitter and the making of ‘snowflakes’ on the paintings were so much fun!!

RECENT STOPS AROUND THE STATE & SURROUNDING AREA

The Kimball County Tourism Director, Jessica Rocha, has been able to visit some of the area attractions this past month. Here are photos from a few of them!



The Monet exhibit at the Denver Art Museum



Oliver Reservoir with a bit of sunset glow on the trees.

WE LOVE OUR VISITORS!

Check out some of the visitors who have stopped by this past month!!



We had many sweet fur babies come to visit as well as this teddy bear who travels all around the country!

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

January:

- 3rd – Kimball, NE – Roaring 20s Party at Chute #7
- 3rd – Sidney, NE – Adult Spelling Bee at Cheyenne County Community Center
- 3rd-5th – Kimball, NE – ‘Abominable’ at the Goodhand Theater
- 11th – Kimball, NE – Painting Class at the Kimball County Visitor Center
- 11th-12th – Kimball, NE – Kimball Hospital Foundation 9-Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament
- 14th – Scottsbluff, NE – Fry Street Quartet at the Midwest Theater
- 16th – Pine Bluffs, WY – Northern Lights Painting at the Distillery
- 17th-19th – Kimball, NE – ‘Downton Abbey’ at the Goodhand Theater
- 18th-19th – Kimball, NE – Kimball Hospital Foundation 9-Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament
- 18th – Scottsbluff, NE – The Art of Wine Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser at WNAC
- 18th – Scottsbluff, NE – Romantic Six Course Chef Dinner at Cappuccino and Company
- 25th – Kimball, NE – Painting Class at the Kimball County Visitor Center
- 26th – Kimball, NE – Jigsaw Puzzle Contest at the Kimball Event Center

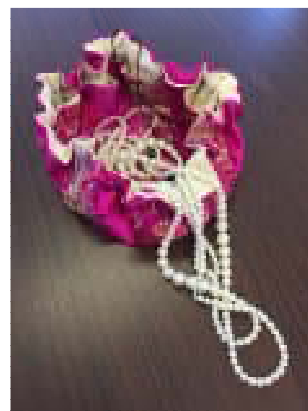
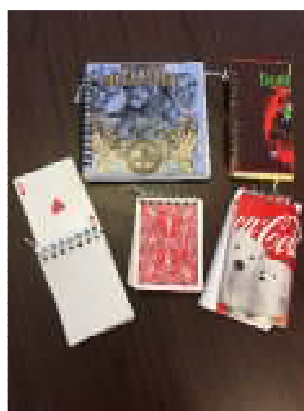
February:

- 14th – Kimball, NE – Taylor Hernly at Beer & Loathing
- 27th – Scottsbluff, NE – Omaha Symphony Chamber Concert at Midwest Theater

THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:



KIMBALL COUNTY VISITOR CENTER GIFT SHOP:



Some new gift shop items include paper flower arrangements, oven sticks, notebooks, travel jewelry pouches, glass magnets, more books by Nebraska authors, shirts from Nebraska Shirt Co., Big Red Nebraska Popcorn, Nebraska-made chocolates from Baker's Candies and more!! Please come check out our talented artists and take home a unique piece of Kimball!

We keep updating our gift shop as well! Come check out some of our new items as well as our favorite souvenirs and continue coming back often to see more Nebraska made products by local and area vendors!

We are happy to be able to now sell books by Nebraska's State Poet Matt Mason! He has two books available for purchase in our gift shop: "The Baby That Ate Cincinnati" and "Things We Don't Know We Don't Know". Check them out!!

We are also proudly serving UNL Dairy Store Ice Cream! We currently are serving Chocolate, Vanilla, Butter Brickle, and Cookies & Cream flavors.

Please check out our Facebook page to see more events. www.facebook.com/KimballCountyVisitorCenter

You can also look at our website to get more information about Kimball County: www.visitkimball.com

Come visit us!! 204 S Kimball Blvd, Kimball, NE 69145 ~ Exit 20 off of I-80

Give us a call at 308-241-0573 if you have any questions.

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