

Kimball County, Nebraska

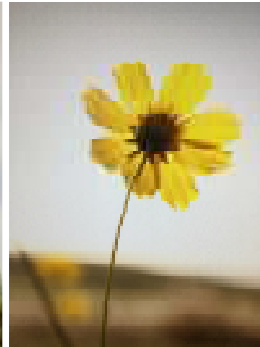
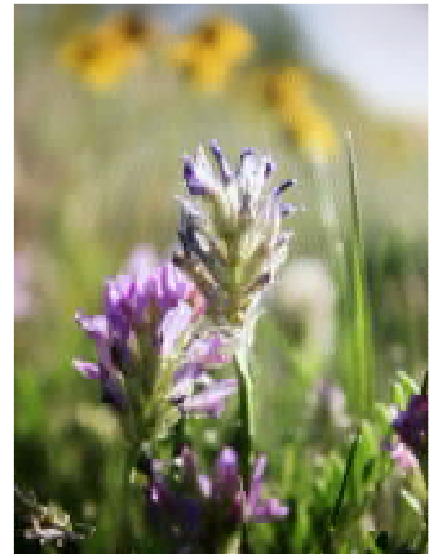
Kimball Area Tourism

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FLORA, FAUNA, & SUNSETS

The wildflowers, birds, and sunsets around Kimball County did not disappoint in June. Everything has been so beautiful – a few more reasons to love Nebraska!!



TOURING YOUR OWN BACKYARD

With the current pandemic, travel restrictions and concerns about travelling have opened people's eyes to road trips to less populated places or quick day trips where they can just hop in the car and go. It can be easy to overlook what is close by when planning for a vacation. Here is a little reminder to check out what is in 'your own backyard'!

Here in Kimball County, we are lucky to have the High Point of Nebraska, the Tri-State Marker for Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming, EJE Ranch short grass prairie and wildflower tours, the Plains Historical Museum, the Historic Walking Tour, Oliver Reservoir, and a Wind Energy Farm!



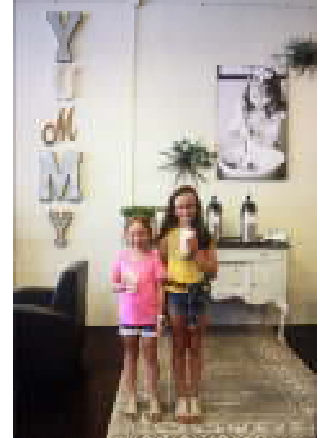
In Banner County, the Banner County Museum and Rocky Hollow Buffalo tours are a great way to spend a few hours. We of course also have a variety of stores and restaurant options available as well, and motels to spend the night if you want to push the day trip into a weekend excursion!

My sister and I recently went on a little road trip around the southern Panhandle to visit a few other small towns. We stopped in Bridgeport, where we enjoyed cookie dough, a bagel, a cupcake, and a yummy drink at Call Me Cupcake, we purused the great gift and food selection at the 385 Meat Market, and had another delicious drink and found fun gifts and coffee at the Tarnished Halo.

From Bridgeport, we drove to Bayard, where we shopped at the amazing Mercantile Co./Heirloom Market. Then, we continued on to Chimney Rock, then the Pink Palace in McGrew, and finally the Pony Express Flea Market in Melbeta. So many fun things nearby that we rarely take time to go to!

Another quick trip that my mom, my son, and I went on, went through Torrington, WY. There is a great place to stop there called the Rock Shop. My son was beyond thrilled to get some carved rock dinosaurs!

So again, don't think your hometown or neck of the woods is boring – there is always something exciting to be found!!



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WONDERFUL VISITORS!

We have seen an increase in visitor numbers this past month, with many travelers going to National Parks and other open spaces to get away from the craziness that is our current normal. We have also had a few people venturing out to the High Point of Nebraska! They have been excited to receive their very own certificate for 'climbing' to the top of Kimball County.

We appreciate all of our regulars who have begun to come back through as well. It is nice to see some familiar faces along with new friends we make every day!



KIMBALL BUSINESS GUIDE

Kimball now has a new High Point of Nebraska Guidebook! Elyse Schlake, the Economic Development Coordinator, recently created this new guidebook and has them available at a variety of locations, including the City of Kimball Offices and the Visitor Center.

She did a great job of listing area businesses – both home-based and brick and mortar locations. Check them out to see what all Kimball has to offer!

You can access a pdf version on the City of Kimball website at www.kimballne.org/departments/economic-development.

OLIVER RESERVOIR

Last month, we saw a surge of visitors to Oliver Reservoir here in Kimball County. The South Platte Natural Resources District, which owns and operates Oliver Reservoir, sent me a report on registrations and where people had travelled from. There were 1,115 guests from May 19 – June 22 who registered, this didn't include all of the people who came just for day use. Out of that number, 421 were from Nebraska, 354 from Wyoming, 224 from Colorado, and the rest came from all over. Four people came from Germany, others were from Texas, Tennessee, Iowa, South Dakota, Indiana, Connecticut, Illinois, Florida, Alaska, California, North Carolina, Missouri, Minnesota, Alabama, Michigan, South Carolina, Oregon, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Hampshire, Maryland, Oklahoma, and Washington.

What a great mix of state representation! I love that our little corner of the world can be visited by so many wonderful people. The oasis that Oliver Reservoir is in the high plains of Nebraska has definitely been found out. We hope to continue being able to welcome travelers from the far reaches of the USA and the world and show them a little bit more of what Nebraska is all about!

RECENT PHOTOS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA



I love our wildlife and flowers in the spring and summer! My little boy appears to love them too!!

THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:

Friends of the
GOODHAND Theatre
Presents

SUMMER MOVIES IN THE PARK

Bring Your Blankets and Chairs and Enjoy The Movie !!!

FREE ADMISSION Refreshment will be available for sale. Movie Begins when it gets dark.
Donations will Be Accepted.

COMING SOON !!!!

JULY 3

FROZEN 2
Disney
Movie Sponsored by Kimball Area Foundation Fund
Located at Gads Park by the outdoor pool

For more information contact us at friendsofthegoodhand@gmail.com or on

GOODHAND Theatre

Friends of the Goodhand Theatre presents:
Jumanji: The Next Level PG-13
Showing at 7 PM
July 10 and 11
Sunday Matinee Showing at 2 PM
July 12
Free Admission!
Movie Sponsored By Kimball County Ag Society

The gang is back but the game has changed. As they return to Jumanji to rescue one of their own, they discover that nothing is as they expect. The players will have to brave parts unknown and unexplored, from the arid deserts to the snowy mountains, in order to escape the world's most dangerous game.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

July: (due to COVID-19, some of the following events may be postponed or cancelled)

- 3rd – Scottsbluff, NE – “Jaw” at the SkyView Drive-In
- 4th – Kimball, NE – Burgers at Oliver Reservoir – VFW Post #2243
- 4th – Kimball, NE – Firetruck rides at Gotte Park
- 4th – Kimball, NE – Fireworks on Horseshoe Hill sponsored by FirstTier Bank
- 4th – Potter, NE – Stars & Stripes Golf Tourney at Prairie Pines Golf Course
- 5th – Scottsbluff, NE – “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” at the SkyView Drive-In
- 5th – Pine Bluffs, WY – Sunday Market at the Pine Bluffs Community Center
- 11th – Kimball, NE – Sunshine Market & Craft Fair at the Sagebrush
- 13th – 18th – Scottsbluff, NE – Kiwanis Crawl 2020
- 18th – Kimball, NE – Glow Ball 4-Person Scramble at Four Winds Golf Course

August: (due to COVID-19, some of the following events may be postponed or cancelled)

- 1st – Kimball, NE – Silent Auction for the Chairs for Charity at the Kimball Public Library
- 1st – Kimball, NE – Kimball Hospital Foundation Golf Classic
- 10th-15th – Scotts Bluff County – Old West Balloon Fest & Balloon Championships
- 15th – Scottsbluff, NE – Saving Abel Live at Shots Bar & Grill
- 21st-22nd – Gering, NE – 99th Annual Oregon Trail Days

Since we are back open, so is our gift shop! We are still offering amazing locally-made items for that perfect gift for the hard to shop for person!! We also have great Nebraska souvenirs!

Some new items in the gift shop include two books by a local author, new rocks, and new stained glass jewelry boxes.



We are still welcoming donations to Kimball Area Tourism to assist in keeping our Visitor Center open. Please contact Jessica for more information on how to donate.

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.

#highpointofnebraska #highpointwelcomecenter #kimballcountyvisitorcenter