

# *Kimball County, Nebraska*

Kimball Area Tourism

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

## **2020 IN REVIEW**

Even though 2020 brought plenty of hardships, we have so much to look back on and be thankful for. We gained a new perspective of just how important family and friends are, as well as getting out and traveling. How amazing will it be when we can again go out to eat with friends, give hugs to our loved ones, and fly around the world without COVID looming over us? I know that day is still a little way into the future, but we can start making plans for what we will do when it is safe to do so.

The Visitor Center was fortunate to be able to host Maple 50, an AmeriCorps NCCC team, here this summer. They were an amazing group of hardworking individuals that brought so much light and laughter to our community. We will never forget Andre, one of the team members who passed away during his time here in Kimball County. We look forward to seeing his memorial tree at Oliver Reservoir grow and provide shade for picnics, a home for birds, and a little extra life for our world.

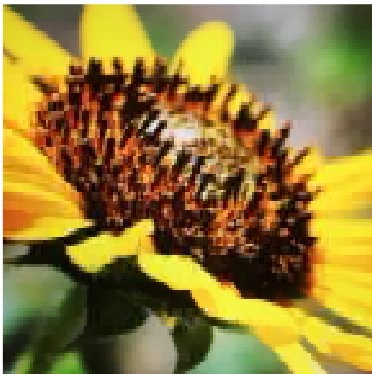
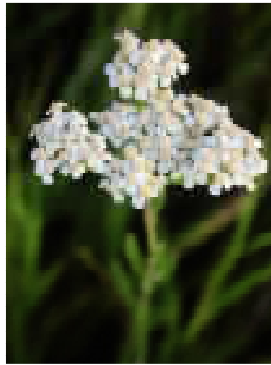
Visitor numbers stayed low throughout the year, but we were thankful to see regulars continue to come in and share smiles and hope for the future.

We lost some of our local legends, but our community banded together to stand against the difficult days. We will continue to keep moving forward, no matter how slowly we have to go.

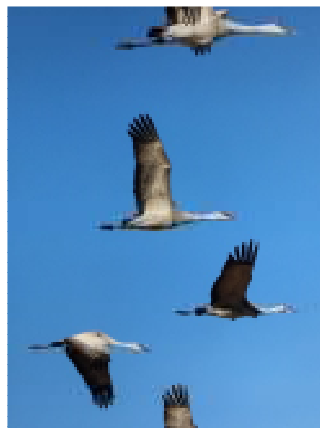
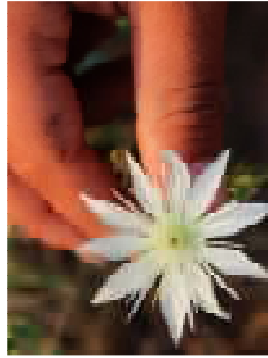
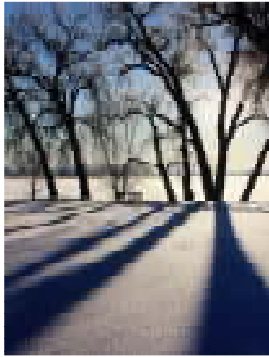
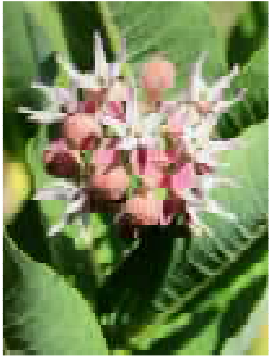
Thank you to everyone who was a glimmer of sunshine during this dark year. We appreciate every single person who stepped through our doors, called, emailed, or liked or commented on social media posts. We look forward to brighter days and being able to put 2020 behind us!!!

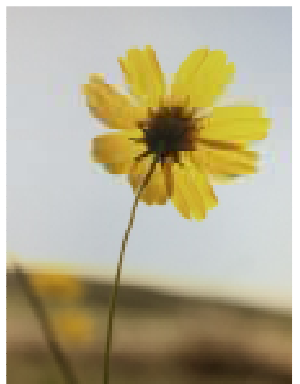
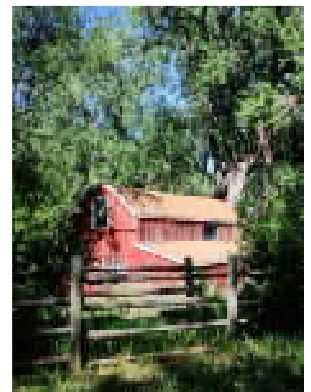
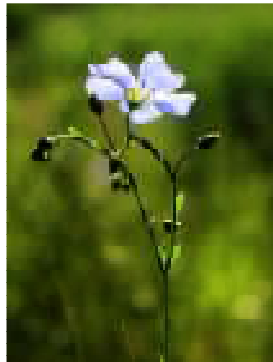
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# PHOTO REVIEW OF 2020











## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The Visitor Center was able to host two virtual Ugly Sweater parties in December. One was more geared towards children, one more towards adults. The afternoon party was a great celebration with four local classrooms joining in the fun! We learned what the students asked Santa for Christmas presents and sang Christmas carols. The evening party was a laid back gathering where we enjoyed visiting about the upcoming holidays.

We also had a Facebook Live “Christmas Eve Jingle” event on Christmas Eve. It was wonderful to hear some sleigh bells ringing and know that we could help Santa fly his sleigh this year! Tim Nolting read “Twas the Night Before Christmas” for us after the bell ringing, which was a nice addition to the evening.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities and we hope that we can do some of these in person in 2021!!



## WONDERFUL VISITORS!

We continue to be amazed at how blessed we are to be here to serve travelers. It is always a joy to be able to help people, and we love that we have gotten to know some pretty incredible people who pass by here frequently.

Just recently, a couple from Colorado who visit family in Nebraska stopped in. Last year around this time, they had been traveling with their grandson, and we had a chocolate Santa on a candy sleigh that we were able to gift to the boy. This year, the couple were on their way to see their grandson and he asked if “they were stopping at that place again!” We happened to have a Christmas Eve Jingle packet just for him! How wonderful is it to be able to bring happiness to a child at Christmas?!



## QUILT RAFFLE

Congratulations to Sondra Larson from Montana for winning the beautiful dog quilt! We appreciate everyone who bought tickets to help raise money for the High Point K-9 Park here in Kimball!!



## PHOTO CONTEST

The winner of the Fall Photo Contest was Kimberly Sharples! She will receive a \$25 gift certificate to spend at our gift shop! Thank you for this great submission!!

## THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:

**Goodhand Theatre**

Friends of the Goodhand Theatre presents:

**The Croods: A New Age** PG **THE FUTURE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE**

**Showing at 7PM**  
**January 1 & 2**  
**Sunday Matinee**  
**At 2 PM**  
**January 3**

**Admission**

Adult (12-older) \$3.00  
Child (2-11) \$2.00  
Children under 2 Free

**Movie Sponsored By Kimball Family Dentistry**

The prehistoric family the Croods set out for a new home, they stumble upon an ideal paradise inhabited by the Bettermans — a family that is, well, better (or at least more modern) in every way. The Bettermans take on the Croods as the world's first houseguests, and they're quickly entranced by the Bettermans' elaborate treehouse abode. However, tensions soon escalate between the two families over their differences, and a new threat must force them to work together in order to save paradise.

**Goodhand Theatre**

Friends of the Goodhand Theatre presents:

**The War** PG **With Grandpa**

**Showing at 7 pm**  
**January 15 & 16**  
**Sunday Matinee**  
**at 2 pm**  
**January 17**

**Admission**

Adult (12-older) \$3.00  
Child (2-11) \$2.00  
Children under 2 Free

**Movie Sponsored By The Mohr Family**

Jack moves in with the family, Peter is forced to give up his most prized possession: his bedroom. Peter will stop at nothing to get his room back, scheming with friends to devise a series of pranks to drive him out. However, grandpa doesn't give up easily, and it turns into an all-out war between the two.



## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

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

- Happy New Year!!!
- 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> – Kimball, NE – “The Croods: A New Age” at the Goodhand Theatre
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Whitney, NE – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Whitney Ice Fishing Tournament at Whitney Lake
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – Make & Take Valentine’s Wreath Class at Karen’s Kitchen
- 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – “The War with Grandpa” at the Goodhand Theatre
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Scottsbluff, NE – Yoga & Beer at Flyover Brewing Company

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

- 7<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends of the Library Puzzle Contest at the Sagebrush
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine’s Day!

Our gift shop is open and full of amazing locally-made items for that perfect gift for the hard to shop for person!! We also have great Nebraska souvenirs!



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*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.*

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**Please check out our Facebook page to see more events. [www.facebook.com/KimballCountyVisitorCenter](http://www.facebook.com/KimballCountyVisitorCenter)**

**You can also look at our website to get more information about Kimball County: [www.visitkimball.com](http://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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