

Kimball County, Nebraska

Kimball Area Tourism

Volume 24

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NEW HOURS

As we kick off the summer season, the Visitor Center will now be open all week long! Hours will be Monday & Tuesday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and Wednesday-Sunday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. We will go to 8:30 am – 4:30 pm all week by the end of May.

We look forward to visiting with you on your travels!



AMERICORPS 2021

Kimball County is blessed to again have an AmeriCorps NCCC team volunteering their time in our community. Oak 1 is scheduled to be here May 7th and will work through July 7th.

Projects this year include assisting the Plains Historical Society prep for the Smithsonian Exhibit “CROSSROADS: Change in Rural America” that will be at the Fraternal Hall in September, as well as painting the antique farm equipment housed on the grounds at the old Kimball High School museum location. While working with the Plains Historical Society, the team will also be interviewing local old-timers to get stories from the days gone by.

The team will also work with the Kimball Community Walking Trail helping plant, water, and mulch trees, as well as working on memorial benches, the shelter at the trail, and helping build picnic tables to be placed around the trail.

Finally, Oak 1 will work at the Visitor Center the end of June and the first week of July. Here, they will be assisting with promotional materials, such as digital stories of area attractions that we can use as commercials to market Kimball Area Tourism. They will also build some picnic tables and a shelter for the Visitor Center property.

We couldn't be more excited to have another team joining our family here in Kimball! We look forward to seeing everything they accomplish!



2021 NEBRASKA PASSPORT

The Visitor Center now has the passport booklets, so stop by and get yours today!

Again, the themes for the 70 stops include Visual Treats, Parking Spots, Aroma Therapy, Now Hear This, Growth Opportunities, Grub & Cuisine, Shoptimum Values, Childish Things, Branching Out, and Time Travel.

The passport program runs from May 1st to September 30th, so you have plenty of time to spend throughout the state visiting each stop. There are a variety of stops in the Panhandle, including Potter, Gering, Scottsbluff, Bayard, Sidney, Alliance, Crawford, and Chadron. To see the entire list of stops or to order a passport, check out www.nebraskapassort.com!



WONDERFUL VISITORS!

Throughout April we continued to see an increase in travelers at the Visitor Center. Everyone has been so happy to be out and about, especially on some of the beautiful spring days we have had!

We have had a few more people who had never been to Nebraska before, which is always a fun experience for us, and hopefully for them as well. We love to share why we think Nebraska is “The Good Life” and tell them about all the fun things to see and do across the state.

The Visitor Center has received book donations in the past that we are able to gift to anyone who wants a book for the road. The kids in the photo to the left were with their family from South Carolina. They were excited to have something new to read and we were ecstatic that we could gift books to them!

CHECK OUT CHERRY COUNTY

One of the many perks of our location, is helping spread the word of all the places people can visit in Nebraska.

We recently hung a new window screen for Cherry County. If you haven't been to Cherry County before, you are missing out! They offer incredible golfing, fishing, hiking, star-gazing, camping, and more.

Smith Falls, found near Valentine, is Nebraska's highest waterfall. The Sandhills, the largest sand dune formation in the Western Hemisphere, is a sight to behold. If you don't know what a 'prairie ocean' looks like, take a drive through the Sandhills and experience the beauty for yourself. You will also see thousands of small ponds and lakes in the low-lying areas because of the Ogallala Aquifer beneath Nebraska. Merritt Reservoir is a great place to take in the night sky. They also offer 73 miles of tree-lined shore, almost 3,000 acres of water, and sandy beaches.





KIMBALL COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The Kimball High School Civics class organized a community cleanup day last week and we were fortunate to be on their list of businesses to help out!

We have great young adults in this area who are willing to put in effort to keep their hometown looking good, and teachers who support their desire to do this. It is great to see students believing they can make a difference and bringing that positivity all around town!!

PHOTOS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA



SO many beautiful birds, sunsets, reflections, and more at Oliver Reservoir this past month.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

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

- 1st – Nebraska – 2021 Nebraska Passport program begins
- 1st – Kimball, NE – Cars & Coffee in the 100 Block of Webster Street
- 1st – Pine Bluffs, WY – 3rd Annual Corgi Derby
- 1st-2nd – virtual – Virtual Panhandle BioBlitz
- 1st-2nd – North Platte, NE – Baby Animal Festival at the Homestead Pumpkin Patch
- 1st-11th – Alliance, NE – I Heart Tourism with the Carnegie Arts Center
- 3rd – Kimball, NE – Patriotic Wreath Make & Take at Karen's Kitchen
- 5th – Scottsbluff, NE – Cinco de Mayo Show & Shine downtown Scottsbluff
- 5th – Wear Red for Tourism Day and Virtual Roadtrip Day #virtualWN
- 2nd-8th – National Travel & Tourism Week
- 7th – Kimball, NE – Class of 2021 Cruise Night
- 7th – Scottsbluff, NE – April Verch & Cody Walters at the Midwest Theater
- 8th – Sidney, NE – Sidney High School's Food Truck Festival
- 8th-9th – North Platte, NE – Baby Animal Festival at the Homestead Pumpkin Patch
- 9th – Mother's Day
- 22nd – Scottsbluff, NE – Bon Jovi Encore Drive-In Nights Concert - Midwest SkyView Drive-In
- 29th – Bayard, NE – Heirloom Market Spring Market

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

- 4th-5th – Chadron, NE – Chadron Home, Sports, & Travel Expo
- 11th – Scottsbluff, NE – Buckcherry performs at Shots Bar & Grill
- 12th – Kimball, NE – 12th Annual Kimball Ranch Rodeo
- 14th-15th – Chadron, NE – 2021 Writing Retreat at Chadron State Park
- 19th – Scottsbluff, NE – 18th Street Farmers' Market Summer Pop-Up Market on Broadway
- 19th-20th – Scottsbluff, NE – Robidoux Quick & Dirty Bike Race
- 24th – Scottsbluff, NE – Bands on Broadway
- 25th – North Platte, NE – NebraskaLand Days
- 25th-26th – Potter, NE – Potter Car Bowl

THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:

Goodhand Theatre

Friends of the Goodhand Theatre presents:

JIM CARREY THE MAJESTIC

Showing at 7PM
May 7 & 8
Sunday Matinee
at 2 PM
May 9

Come Celebrate
Friends of the Goodhand's
5 year anniversary of
running the Goodhand!
Admission
Adult (12-older) \$3.00
Child (2-11) \$2.00
Children under 2 Free

Movie Sponsored By
The Kimball Bridge Club

Jim Carrey stars as Peter Appleton, a Hollywood screenwriter who, in 1951, receives a summons to testify before the feared House Un-American Activities Committee. But Appleton accidentally erases his own savings account and ends up in a small town. His remarkable resemblance to a missing World War II hero, Luke Tramble, saves the residents, including Luke's girlfriend, to rejoice at his "homecoming." The soldier's father happily welcomes his "son," and, together, they rebuild the town's derelict movie theater, The Majestic. But when a film that he wrote goes there, Appleton regains his memory. Now he must choose between the life he left behind and the new one he's given to love.

Goodhand Theatre

Friends of the Goodhand Theatre presents:

Tom & Jerry

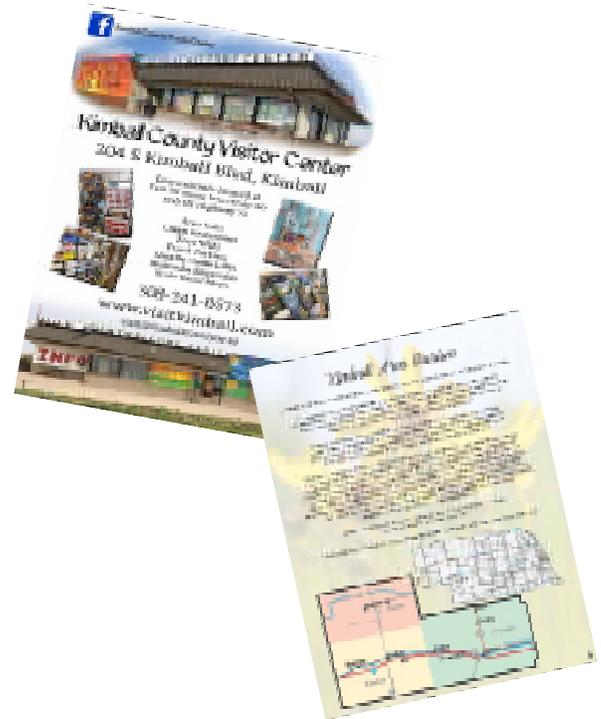
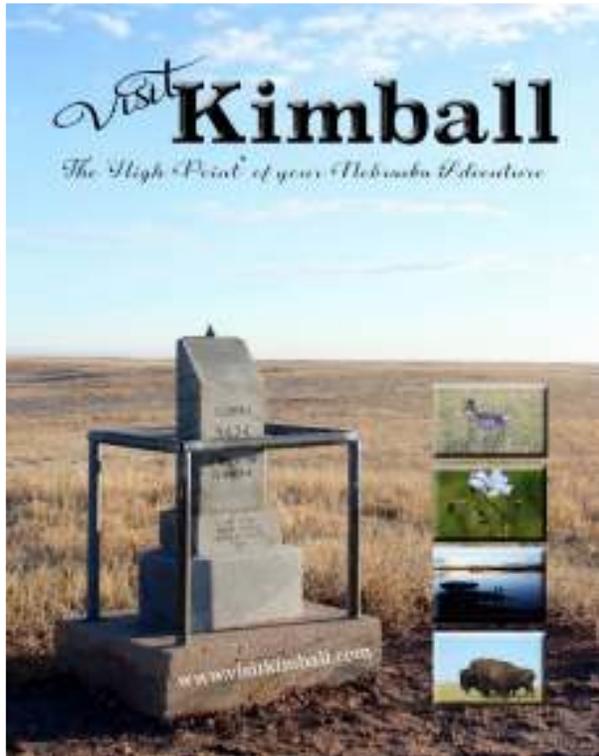
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Movie Sponsored By
The Richard Miller Family

An eye-popping blend of classic animation and live-action, Tom and Jerry's latest adventure stakes new ground for the iconic duo, even forcing them to do the unthinkable: work together to save the day.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A NEW TRAVEL GUIDE FROM KIMBALL AREA TOURISM!



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!



We are still welcoming donations to Kimball Area Tourism to assist in keeping our Visitor Center open and helping with new projects.

We are currently working towards getting a trail made from the main road to the Tri-State Marker where Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado meet. Anything helps! Thank you!

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.

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