

Kimball County, Nebraska

Kimball Area Tourism

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MAPLE 8 MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN KIMBALL COUNTY

Words cannot describe how thankful we are for everything AmeriCorps NCCC team Maple 8 did for our community. We enjoyed getting to know the team and it is difficult knowing they won't be living in Bushnell anymore.

While the team was here, they completed so many projects that will help each of the sponsor groups well into the future. At the Plains Historical Society, the team documented and organized three rooms worth of artifacts, cleaned the Fraternal Hall and old Kimball High School building from top to bottom, set up new surveillance at both locations, placed antique farm equipment on blocks to be painted, did oral history interviews with locals, and so much more. The work they did has significantly assisted in prepping the museum locations for the upcoming Smithsonian Exhibit, Crossroads: Change in Rural America, which will be at the Fraternal Hall in September.

When the team worked with the Kimball Community Walking Trail, they stained the picnic shelter, pulled weeds, mulched and watered trees, built a picnic table, and built a shelter over one of the memorial benches at the trail. The Kimball Area Foundation Fund has been working on the trail project for a few years now and the work the team did has helped them to be just a few steps away from completion of their project.



Maple 8 built a picnic table, built flower planter boxes (and filled them with beautiful flowers!!), worked on a grain bin picnic shelter, and toured around the area with me so that I could get more photos for future promotional material. It was a pleasure to show off many of our unique attractions, including the High Point and Tri-State Marker, a buffalo tour at Rocky Hollow Buffalo Company, a look at the short grass prairie with Shaun Evertson's Prairie Adventure Tours, and Duckpin Bowling and Tin Roof Sundaes in Potter. We also had a great time fishing and making supper over a campfire at Oliver Reservoir.

Thank you again to everyone who helped out with these projects and to the community for being so inviting. I appreciate the City of Kimball giving the

team pool passes while they were here, to the Goodhand Theatre for treating them to a movie, to Kimball Fitness Center for getting them passes to the gym, to Calvary United Methodist Church for allowing them to stay in the parsonage, to Roger Gillming for being their housing contact and for the supper you provided for them, to Jowain Sherman for volunteering your time above and beyond helping with each sponsor group, to Tim & Deb Nolting for a couple lovely evenings of campfire cookouts and providing farm fresh eggs to the team, to Juan Rocha for being my construction handyman at the Visitor Center, to Z&S Construction for drilling holes and donating pipes for the grain bin shelter, to the Anderson family for donating the grain bin, to Clean Harbors for donating pallets, to the Kimball Rotary Club for inviting the team to supper, to Hometown Hardware for getting all the materials we needed, to Mr. J's Greenhouse for the beautiful flowers, to all of the locals who worked with the

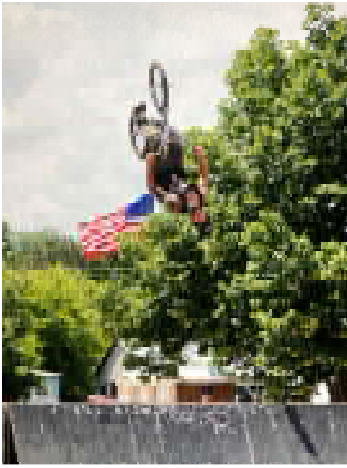


team on Individual Service Projects, and to the local businesses for offering wonderful food and products to the team. I couldn't have made their stay as enjoyable as it was for them without everyone who pitched in and helped in one way or another. Also, another thank you to Adrian Smith and Val Jansante for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet the team and see what amazing work they do and also for touring the Plains Historical Society Museum!

If you haven't heard of AmeriCorps, it is a federally funded program that allows young adults to serve on a team and make an impact in communities across the country while gaining valuable leadership skills. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the program, visit www.americorps.gov.



(To see more photos of AmeriCorps in Kimball County, check out our Facebook page!)



POTTER CARBOWL

This year's Carbowl in Potter was one for the books! What a fun-filled day it was! We enjoyed seeing well over 100 cars, a BMX stunt show, eating yummy food at the BBQ competition, shopping in the craft vendor area, and playing at the bouncy houses! There was also a Duckpin Bowling competition, bands, beer & wine tasting, tin roof sundaes, and museum touring.

If you haven't been to Potter, be sure to check it out! There are wonderful things to see and do on any given day, but if you want to experience all the fun previously mentioned, keep a watch out for next year's Carbowl or Potter Days coming up in September!!



WONDERFUL VISITORS!

June brought in another incredible amount of visitors!! We had multiple days with at or near 100 people who came through the Visitor Center. It is great to see so many people enjoying family time with a roadtrip across America.

We were excited to meet one woman who was traveling with her fur-baby. They had been to the High Point and came in to request a certificate for climbing to the top of Nebraska. What a joy it was to meet them and share in their enthusiasm for life!



We also had the pleasure of meeting a sweet couple who had a connection with Kimball. Her last name and the name of our town were identical!! They enjoyed checking out the souvenirs as well as getting a photo with our beautiful mural.

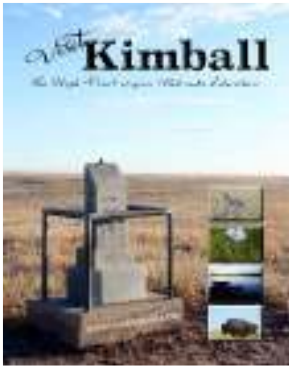
Thank you to all of our faithful regulars as well as our newly found friends for coming to the Visitor Center!!

QUILT RAFFLE

The Plains Historical Society is selling raffle tickets for this gorgeous quilt made by Jan Sears. The drawing will be held on Farmers Day September 25th. The Plains Historical Society will also have their Annual Gun Raffle Tickets available for \$50 each. Money from these raffles will help fund projects at both museum locations.

Plains Historical Society members have tickets or you can get your quilt raffle tickets at the Visitor Center soon!



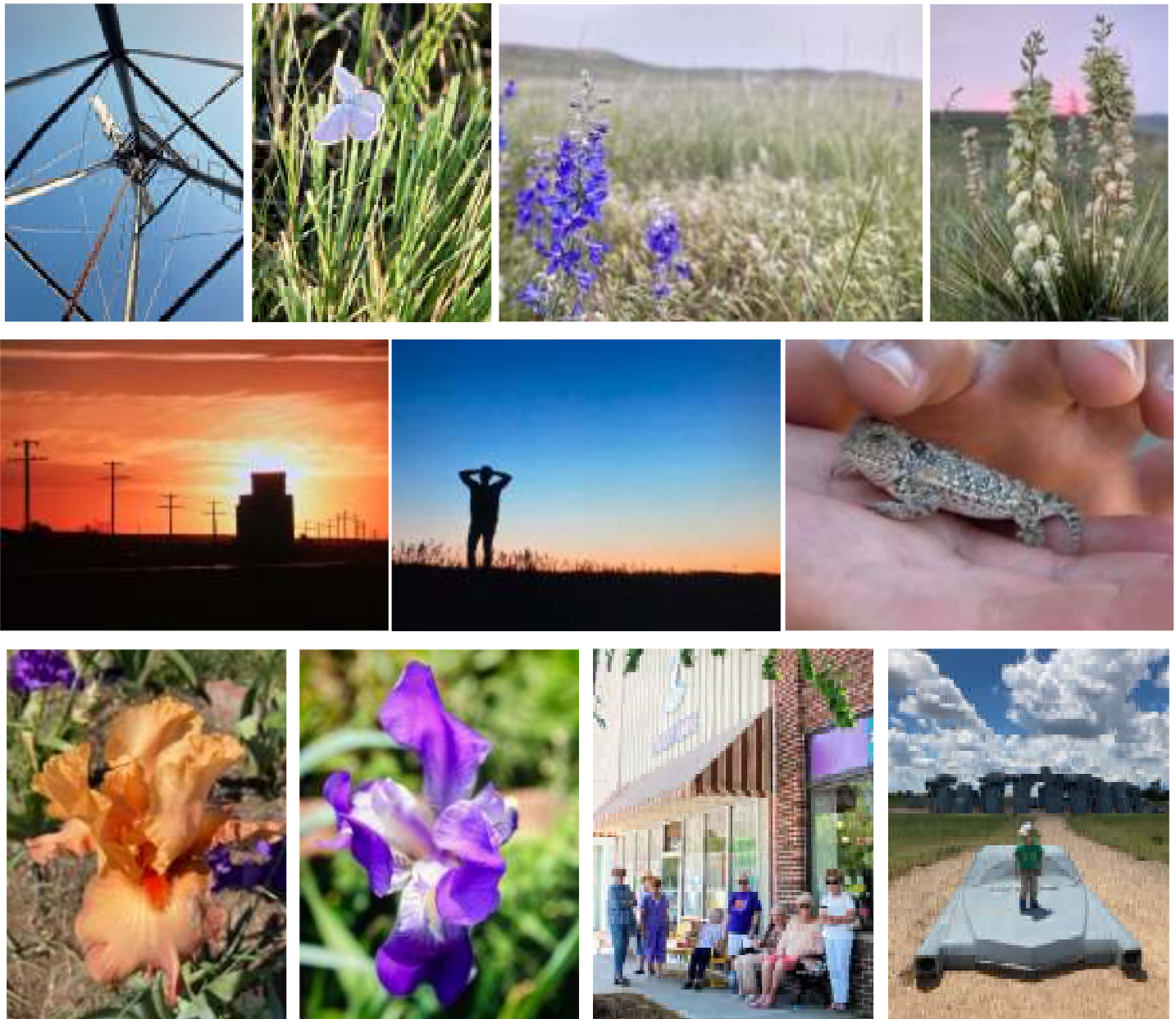


TRAVEL GUIDE!

The new Visit Kimball travel guide is still available!! You can get your copy at the Visitor Center or at multiple locations around Kimball and west-bound rest areas along Interstate 80.

Again, a huge thank you to Country Printer out of Dix, NE for working with me and getting this printed so beautifully. If you have any printing jobs you are looking to do, I definitely recommend them! High quality work and a fantastic family who are celebrating 50 years of being in business!

PHOTOS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA



We enjoyed beautiful sunsets, sunrises, wildflowers, and hybridized iris this past month, as well as finding lizards, butterflies, a sweet group of ladies who were out on the town in Potter, and made a quick stop at Carhenge too!

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

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

- 3rd – Kimball, NE – Movie in the Park: *Leap* @ Gotte Park
- 3rd – Dix, NE – Hamburger Feed @ the Dix Fire Hall
- 3rd – Crawford, NE – White River 5K Run/Walk @ Fort Robinson Post Playhouse
- 3rd – Chappell, NE – Chamber's Patriotic Cruise Night
- 4th – Kimball, NE – Fun on the Fourth with Connect Kimball & Pool Party @ Kimball Pool
- 4th – Kimball, NE – Fireworks show on Horseshoe Hill (Kimball High School)
- 8th – Chadron, NE – Bands on Bordeaux Summer Concert Series – Bar Flies
- 8th-11th – Gering, NE – Oregon Trail Days @ Five Rocks Amphitheater
- 8th & 11th – Chadron, NE – Chadron Fur Trade Days Primitive Rendezvous
- 16th-17th – Gering, NE – Wildcat Hills Bioblitz
- 17th – Scottsbluff, NE – 18th Street Farmers' Market Summer Pop-Up Market on Broadway
- 17th – online – Spectacular Stars, Magnificent Moths with Nebraska Game & Parks
- 18th – Gering, NE – Truck Show at the Hi Way 92 Raceway Park
- 31st – Kimball, NE – 3rd Annual Kimball Community Yard Sale

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

- 2nd-9th – Kimball, NE – Kimball-Banner County Fair
- 9th-14th – Scottsbluff/Gering/Mitchell, NE – Old West Balloon Fest
- 13th – Scottsbluff, NE – 10th Annual Best of the West Beer & Wine Fest
- 13th-14th – Crawford, NE – White River Wacipi – A Native American Experience
- 14th – Kimball, NE – Perseid Meteor Shower Party @ Rocky Hollow Buffalo Company
- 21st – Bushnell, NE – Bushnell Day – antique tractor show, parade, vendors, and more!

THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:



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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