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Kimball Area Tourism

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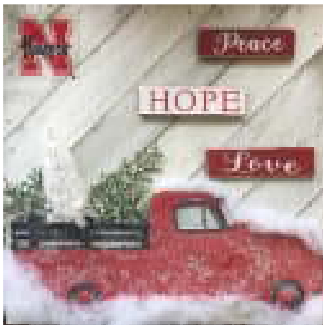


SANTA'S HELPERS

The Visitor Center was honored to host wall hangings and stockings that the Santa's Helpers in Kimball were doing for a fundraiser for their organization. The Santa's Helpers work to create and assist area happenings around Christmas in Kimball. This fundraiser will help fund next year's projects. They asked for local individuals and businesses to decorate boards or stockings that were to be auctioned off in a silent auction during the Jingle Bell Market and Soup Supper

(sponsored by the Kimball Ag Society) at the Eagles on the 30th of November. Everyone did a spectacular job in decorating them and they raised a lot of money for next year!

Unfortunately the weather changed everyone's plans and the events on the 30th were cancelled. But, the wall hangings are on display at Hometown Floral downtown Kimball, and you can bid on them until December 14th at noon.



To see all the wall hangings, go to Hometown Floral or visit our Facebook page!

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

This past month I started a 'Visit Kimball' article in our local newspaper, the Western Nebraska Observer. I was excited to be able to put some notes about what is happening with the Visitor Center in another place where our community can see how much goes on up on the hill! I will start this winter season by writing one article a month, but plan to increase the number of articles in the summer season to keep everyone up to date on area events and visitor numbers.

We appreciate that the Observer is willing to help us spread the word about how important tourism is to Kimball County!

You can check out the newspaper online at www.westernnebraskaobserver.net.

MUFFIN MONDAY

We also just recently started 'Muffin Monday' at the Visitor Center! We would love to have people come in and join us for muffins (or the occasional cupcake or coffee cake) and a cup of coffee every Monday morning at 8:00 AM. There are many locals who have yet to come to the Visitor Center and experience the joy we have every day serving people from all over the world. We are looking forward to continuing to create an inviting atmosphere for everyone, including both locals and out of town visitors. Please come join us!



PARADE OF LIGHTS

The Parade of Lights theme this year was Believe in the Magic of Christmas. As noted previously, all the events on the 30th were cancelled due to the snow and 70-80 mph winds that came through the 29th and 30th. I was looking forward to having an entry in the parade, but we will see what we can do for next year!

PAINTING CLASS

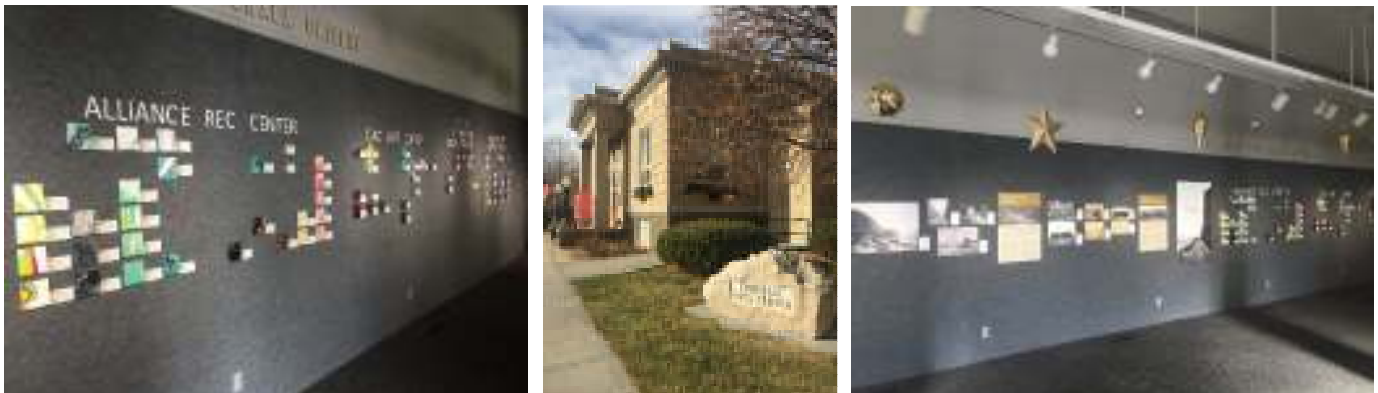
In November, Stacey Bolin instructed a painting class at the Visitor Center. Everyone enjoyed painting a pumpkin and sunflower on a 'barn wood' background. The paintings turned out beautifully! We are excited to have Stacey coming back this month on the 14th to do a Christmas theme painting. Photos from that session to come in the next issue!!



Photos from the November painting class

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!



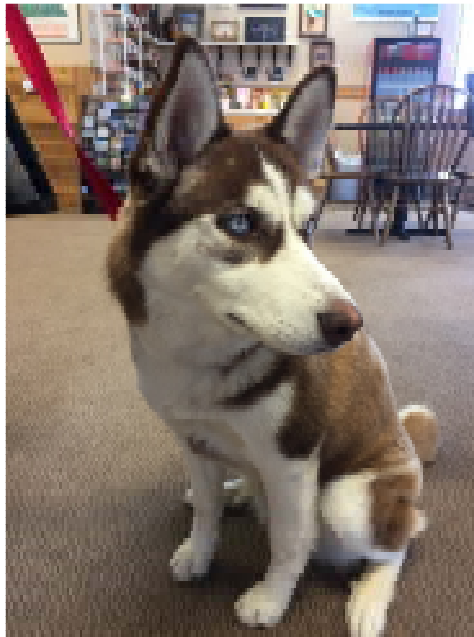
WNTC Meeting in Alliance at the Carnegie Arts Center



The Plains Historical Society museum in the old Kimball High School (along Highway 30 on the East side of Kimball)

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 wonderful family from Germany!

A LOOK AT THE WEATHER

The winter started early this fall!! Here are a few photos of the hoar frost, the snow and blue skies..



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

December:


- 3rd – Alliance, NE – Oh The Places It Will Snow Christmas Parade
- 5th – Pine Bluffs, WY – Business After Hours at Pine Bluffs Distilling
- 5th – Kimball, NE – Christmas Open House at Main Street Market
- 6th-8th – Scottsbluff, NE – ‘Harriet’ at the Midwest Theater
- 6th-8th – Scottsbluff, NE – First State Bank Presents Wild Lights at Riverside Discovery Center
- 7th – Kimball, NE – Breakfast with Santa at 1st English Lutheran Church
- 7th – Kimball, NE – Charity Spaghetti Feed & Bake Sale at 104 S Walnut
- 7th – Hemingford, NE – Kris Kringle Christmas Boutique at Box Butte County Fairgrounds
- 7th – Scottsbluff, NE – Holiday Vendor & Craft Expo at Monument Mall
- 7th – Mitchell, NE – Mitchell United Methodist Women Christmas Bazaar
- 7th – Scottsbluff, NE – ‘Elf’ at the Midwest Theater
- 7th – Scottsbluff, NE – Home-Based Business & Craft Expo at the YMCA
- 7th – Mitchell, NE – Breakfast with Santa & Christmas Party at Marketplace & Company
- 8th – Potter, NE – Christmas Celebration on Chestnut Street
- 8th – Broadwater, NE – Crafty Christmas Sip and Shop at Starr Street Studio
- 8th – Bridgeport, NE – The Holiday Market at Bowl Dog Lanes
- 11th – Sidney, NE – Chalk N Chat at the Sidney Public Library
- 12th – Gering, NE – Scotts Bluff National Monument Officially 100 at Gering Civic Center
- 13th-15th – Scottsbluff, NE – First State Bank Presents Wild Lights at Riverside Discovery Ctr
- 14th – Kimball, NE – Painting class with Stacey Bolin at Kimball County Visitor Center
- 14th – Scottsbluff, NE – Live Reindeer at Murdoch’s
- 14th – Scottsbluff, NE – ‘The Star’ at the Midwest Theater
- 15th – Potter, NE – Holiday Chalk at the Potter Fire Hall
- 16th – Kimball, NE – Holiday Open House at the Kimball County Visitor Center
- 21st – Scottsbluff, NE – ‘A Christmas Story’ at the Midwest Theater
- 28th – Mitchell, NE – Holiday Social Dance – Twin River Band at Scotts Bluff Cty Fairgrounds

January:

- 17th-19th – Kimball, NE – ‘Downton Abbey’ at the Goodhand Theater
- 18th – Scottsbluff, NE – Romantic Six Course Chef Dinner at Cappuccino and Company

THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:





Holiday Open House

*Monday December 16th
5:00 - 7:00 PM at the
Kimball County Visitor Center*

Join us for an evening of holiday cheer.
Enjoy a meet & greet with artists and vendors
featured in our gift shop, light refreshments,
a holiday photo backdrop, and door prizes!

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KIMBALL COUNTY VISITOR CENTER GIFT SHOP:



Some new gift shop items include laser cut keychains, earrings, tea towels, barn wood framed prints, cozy scarves, wooden framed scenes, and more!! These all make wonderful Christmas gifts and are made locally! 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, Cookies & Cream, and Nifty 150 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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