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LYRID METEOR SHOWER & PLANETARY ALIGNMENT

During April, we were delighted to see the Lyrid Meteor Shower along with the alignment of four planets on the morning horizon. The Visitor Center hosted a viewing party at Oliver Reservoir for the meteor shower one evening. Plans had been to have the event at the peak of the meteor shower, but weather pushed back the viewing a few days.

Even though there weren't as many meteors as we had hoped for, it was still a great time being out and taking in the view of the heavens. We talked about different constellations, the Milky Way, and astro-photography.

For about a week, an hour before sunrise, you could see Jupiter, Venus, Mars, and Saturn lined up on the eastern horizon. Along with the planets, the crescent moon joined the party and made for a beautiful sight. The clouds hindered some of my view the morning I went out to photograph, but it was still a delight to see.

We plan to have more events like this throughout the year so stay tuned for when to join the fun!



ART SHOW

Kimball Public Schools presented work done by students at the end of March and beginning of April. The show was full of incredible talent in a variety of mediums. There were cardboard and clay sculptures, perspective drawings, paintings, and much more. The students did a great job and the show had a nice turnout. Thank you to the Art teacher Mark Jefferis for all the work you have done with your classes!

We were also excited to receive drawings from the Kimball Public Schools for an upcoming project downtown Kimball. We will be painting four crosswalks along the original Lincoln Highway, along Chestnut Street from 3rd Street to 1st Street.



MURDER MYSTERY TEA & DINNER

The Friends of the Kimball Library put on a murder mystery tea and dinner as a fundraiser for the library this past weekend. "Murder at Moorbourne Manor" was a mystery about who killed Lord Moorbourne after the reading of his last will and testament.

The cast did a fantastic job playing their characters. Sidney Harris, played by Gunnar Oleson from Potter, stole the show with his performance. At the afternoon tea, guests enjoyed a tea service food box created by chef Derek with Paradigm Concepts, which included a scone, smoke salmon mousseline, a chicken korma hand pie, and a chocolate raspberry cake. Each one was paired with a special tea as well. Guests at the dinner enjoyed roast beef with all the trimmings.

At the tea, Douglas Harris, was the guilty party. At the dinner, no one guessed that Neville Moorbourne had committed the crime, so no one won the prize of a year's membership to the Friends of the Library and a makerspace gift, but everyone had a great time nonetheless!

Thank you to the cast, the Friends of the Kimball Library, Amber Sweetland the director of the Kimball Public Library, those who supported the library fundraiser, to Paradigm Concepts for the tea service, and to the workers at the Eagles for a delicious supper!!



PAINT CLASS

In April, Stacey Bolin taught the class how to paint a beautiful starry night sky with comets to play off of the Lyrid Meteor Shower happening during April.

The students did a great job and painted some beautiful Milky Way masterpieces!!!

The next class on May 14th will feature another of Stacey's original sunflower designs. See below for more information on how to get signed up!



“Blooming Sunflower” Paint Class



Event by Painting On The Prairie with Stacey Bolin (check her page out on Facebook)

**Location: Kimball County Visitor Center,
204 S Kimball Blvd, Kimball, NE 69145**

Date: Saturday May 14th

Time: 1 pm – 3 pm

Price: \$35 & includes everything

WONDERFUL VISITORS!

We had another wonderful month of visitors up on the hill. We were pleased to have a couple come from Austria! I am hopeful that this is a good sign for international traffic to come throughout the rest of the summer.

The wind has been pretty horrendous this past month, and thus, we have had many truckers and people driving larger vehicles who have stopped to park in our lot to try to wait out some of the worst gusts. One couple, driving a U-Haul from the west coast to the east coast, had been trying to find a weather app that could actually tell them what the wind speed and direction was across the country. They had little luck until they pulled up their sailing app – and it worked perfectly! Who knew that a sailing app would come in so handy in Western Nebraska!!!

We also had a gentleman come through from Texas to Montana who drove a renovated bus and was hauling horses. We were thrilled to have him use the small corral available at the Visitor Center.

We have enjoyed meeting more people who know a “Kimball” or have family in a town named Kimball in another state. Thank you to everyone who continues to come through our doors and share part of your journey with us!



We were also pleasantly surprised to have one of our AmeriCorps team leaders stop by in April! It was so nice to see Unagh and we hope that her future travels bring her back through often!!



THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

May:

- 1st – Nebraska Passport Starts! (Stop by Nebraska Coffee in Kimball!!!!!!)
- 1st-7th – National Travel & Tourism Week
- 4th – Online – NE City Nature Challenge ID Party: Birds & Insects
- 5th – Online – NE City Nature Challenge ID Party: Plants & Fungi
- 5th – Pine Bluffs, WY – Pine Bluffs Distilling Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
- 5th – Scottsbluff, NE – Cinco de Mayo Celebration downtown Scottsbluff
- 5th – Scottsbluff, NE – Paint Your Own “Jarritos de Barro” at West Nebraska Arts Center
- 5th – Scottsbluff, NE – Community Canvas painting near West Nebraska Arts Center
- 5th-6th – anywhere – Eta Aquarids Meteor Shower
- 6th – Online – NE City Nature Challenge ID Party: Scales, Tails, and Scat
- 7th – Pine Bluffs, WY – Corgi Derby 2022 @ Pine Bluffs Distilling
- 8th – Mother’s Day
- 9th – Kimball, NE – Covertible Wreath Rail Make & Take class at Karen’s Kitchen
- 13th – Potter, NE – End of School/Beginning of Summer Downtown Bash
- 14th – Kimball, NE – “Blooming Sunflower” Paint Class at the Kimball County Visitor Center
- 14th – Scottsbluff, NE – Birds of PLAY: Raptor Discovery at Riverside Discovery Center
- 15th – anywhere – Lunar Eclipse
- 15th – Wildcat Hills (Gering), NE – Lunar Eclipse Viewing Party
- 21st – Chadron, NE – Northwest Nebraska Volksmarch 2022
- 21st – North Platte, NE – National Avocado Launching Championship
- 27th-29th – Alliance, NE – Laing Lake Park Alliance Kite Festival
- 28th – Bayard, NE – Spring Heirloom Market
- 30th – Memorial Day

June:

- 2nd – Potter, NE – Night Out in Potter – Mud County Concert
- 2nd-5th – Bridgeport, NE – Camp Clarke Days
- 3rd-5th – Alliance, NE – 21st Annual Thunder on the Prairie Rod Run
- 11th – Kimball, NE – 13th Annual Kimball Ranch Rodeo
- 18th – Fort Robinson, NE – Ride the Ridge at Fort Robinson
- 24th-25th – Potter, NE – Potter Carbowl 2022 & Barbecue Competition
- 25th – Kimball, NE – Astro Paint Class at Kimball County Visitor Center
- 25th – Kimball, NE – Star Gazing at Oliver Reservoir
- 25th – Potter, NE – Critter Close Ups at Potter Carbowl
- 27th – Pine Bluffs, WY – Winnie Brave at Pine Bluffs Distilling

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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