

Kimball County, Nebraska

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HONOR FLIGHT & 100,000 VISITORS!

Last month the Visitor Center reached a milestone – 100,000 visitors have come through our doors since we opened in July of 2013! What put us over the edge was an Honor Flight coming through Kimball on their way to Denver airport. A group of Vietnam veterans from the Panhandle drove from Chadron to Denver to fly out to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials and monuments as a perk of their service to our country.

The Honor Flight was made up of 14 veterans, 14 guardians, and 2 sponsors. They were also escorted by a variety of police forces, bikers, and other veterans from across the region. We enjoyed having a small meet and greet with the group, community members, and travelers who happened to stop while the group was here.

For the 100,000 visitor celebration, we had a drawing for a prize package which included a variety of items from our gift shop. The lucky winner was one of the veterans!

We can't thank you all enough for making this milestone happen. Without travelers stopping in, people from the community joining us for open houses, and for groups such as the Honor Flight making us a destination along their journey, we never could have reached 100,000 visitors. Thank you all and we hope to see you come through Nebraska again!



HOSPITAL GROUND-BREAKING



Kimball Health Services had an official ground-breaking ceremony on May 11th for the new hospital and clinic in partnership with Haselden Construction. The new hospital will be located along historic Lincoln Highway at the “north campus” of the current Kimball Health Services, 301 S Howard St, Kimball.

photo courtesy of Kimball Health Services

The goal is to have the new hospital open in the fall of 2023. The single-story hospital will have 61,000 square feet of larger inpatient rooms and bathrooms, wider major corridors, modernized and expanded surgical suites, in-house CT and MRI services, updated electrical, mechanical, and broadband services, as well as additional services such as mammography, chemotherapy infusions, cardiac rehabilitation, expanded surgical options, orthopedic procedures, and expanded physical therapy.

As part of the “Advancing Healthcare for Our Communities” capital campaign, you can do a tax-deductible donation and even get naming rights for different areas/rooms of the new hospital. If you are interested, you can learn more by visiting <https://www.kimballhealth.org/capital-campaign.html>



NEBRASKA PASSPORT

The Nebraska Passport program has been going now for a month. Kimball's own Nebraska Coffee is a passport stop this year, and owner Hannah Snyder has seen good traffic so far and has been happy to have visitors spend time in her business.

If you haven't made plans to go see any or all of the 70 hidden gems around Nebraska, do it today! You can learn more about the stops by visiting www.nebraskapassport.com.

TRI STATE MARKER

The Tri State Marker now has a sign at the entrance!! As tourism season kicks off, visitors wanting to see the point where Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming meet should have an easier time of finding the location now. Thanks to the Kimball Rotary Club, a new sign has been placed and gives some guidelines for the new walking trail to the marker.

Since the marker is on private property, the way to access the marker is now along a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile walking trail across the high plains. It is a beautiful 360-view as you walk along the fence line. You travel past a working windmill and see wind turbines in the pasture, as well as along the entire southern horizon.

There are plans to do a ribbon cutting in the next month or two, so stay tuned for the date to join us!



PAINT CLASS

In May, Stacey Bolin taught the class how to paint a gorgeous blooming sunflower. This was a design created by Stacey and the students did a fantastic job!

The next class on June 25th will feature a moonlit waterfall design. See below for more information on how to get signed up!

That evening, be sure to go out and do some star gazing if your own! You can pick up a goodie bag from the Visitor Center on the 24th or 25th!

"Moonlight Waterfall" 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 June 25th

Time: 1 pm – 3 pm

Price: \$35 & includes everything

WONDERFUL VISITORS!



May brought more and more travelers through Kimball. We were excited to visit with a few couples from Canada this past month. They were wonderful to chat with and we were happy to hear that they were loving their trek through the states!

We have had some sweet four-legged visitors as well. Lots of puppies and a kitty named Clementine brought some snuggles for our staff. We always enjoy meeting the fur babies that are such great travel companions.

PHOTOS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA



We finally made it over to check out the Wyoming Welcome Center south of Cheyenne this past month. They have fantastic displays and tons of information! If you need to find anything in Wyoming, they should have something on it!!



May brought just about every season to Kimball. My son was happy to see snow again, play in puddles, and relax in the sunshine.



As part of National Travel & Tourism Week, I was able to attend a Salute to Tourism Luncheon in Gering. We had a great time hanging out with all the mascots from Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff Schools, Gering Schools, and Mitchell Schools as well as enjoy a great lunch and learn about all the fantastic things that are happening in Scotts Bluff County.



The Visitor Center now has Visit511 books available! This was put together by two college students who decided during Covid to travel to every town in Nebraska. Pick up your copy today! We also found another horny toad out by the storefronts and had some fun taking pictures with my little boy around the property.

THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:



UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

June:

- 2nd – Potter, NE – Night Out in Potter – Mud County Concert
- 2nd-5th – Bridgeport, NE – Camp Clarke Days
- 3rd-5th – Kimball, NE – “Dr. Strange In The Multiverse of Madness” at Goodhand Theatre
- 3rd-5th – Alliance, NE – 21st Annual Thunder on the Prairie Rod Run
- 3rd-5th – Alliance, NE – Alliance Annual City Wide Garage Sale
- 4th – Harrisburg, NE – Banner County Historical Days
- 4th – Pine Bluffs, WY – Pine Bluffs Community Garage Sale
- 5th – Gering, NE – Legacy of the Plains Farmer’s Market
- 5th – Chadron, NE – Garden Party for Smithsonian CROSSROADS: Change in America exhibit
- 11th – Kimball, NE – Wildflower Tour/Hike at EJE Ranch
- 11th – Kimball, NE – 13th Annual Kimball Ranch Rodeo
- 11th – Chappell, NE – Chappell City Wide Garage Sales
- 18th – Fort Robinson, NE – Ride the Ridge at Fort Robinson
- 24th-25th – Potter, NE – Potter Carbowl 2022 & Barbecue Competition
- 25th – Kimball, NE – 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

July:

- 1st – Hay Springs, NE – The 43rd Army Band presented by the NE National Guard
- 4th – Independence Day
- 15th – Scottsbluff, NE – Summer Day Camp: Night Life at Riverside Discovery Center
- 24th-29th – Valentine, NE – Nebraska Star Party at Merritt Reservoir
- 28th-29th – Oliver Reservoir, NE – Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower

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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