

# Kimball County, Nebraska

Kimball Area Tourism

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## SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY & THE PARADE OF LIGHTS

Kimball celebrated Small Business Saturday all around town. The Sagebrush housed the Craft-aganza full of local craft items, the Kimball Public Library had a book sale and craft show, Sandhills Boutique had some great deals on their boutique items along the Lincoln Highway, and a handful of the downtown



businesses were open late to be a part of the Parade of Lights celebration. Many of the downtown businesses also had perfect holiday window

displays, and volunteers decorated light posts downtown to brighten up the street as well!

The Kimball Bakery/Merrycakes offered free cinnamon rolls, Chute #7 had chili and cinnamon rolls with entertainment by Jesse Cornett, Larsen's Jewelry Store was open late and gave away some beautiful poinsettias, Bemis Drug was also open late for holiday shoppers, the Goodhand Theatre had popcorn available, and Nebraska Coffee had Santa and Mrs. Claus available for photos with the little ones, along with cookies and beverages!



Connect Kimball hosted a Graham Cracker House Decorating at the Eagles as well. Miss Kimball PRCA Rodeo Queen Nevaeh Laeger and Princess Danielle Jo Forster did a spectacular job of helping prep houses and assisting the kids with anything they needed. We loved to see the creativity that each child showed off and hopefully we started a new tradition! Thank you especially to Jamie Bright with Connect Kimball for putting this together!!

The Parade of Lights was wonderful as well. A good number of entries lit up downtown as everyone watched. It was a beautiful evening, without too much wind and it wasn't even too cold! Tom O'Brien

treated the crowd with Christmas carols before the parade and did a great job announcing the entries during the parade. Thank you to everyone who made it such a great day – Chelsie Autrey, Laura Perry, and Santa's Helpers – Kimball couldn't do this without you!!



## TRI STATE MARKER

Progress continues at the Tri State Marker! At the entrance to the path to where Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming meet, a new large parking area has been made and plans are being made for a new “V” gate and sign to be installed soon. There will also be a gravel path that goes around the windmill and tanks to allow visitors to have a nice trail to the marker. We look forward to a ribbon cutting of sorts in the spring to kick off tourism season.



The path will now be a walking trail about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from the main road to the marker. Visitors will be able to see the short grass prairie in all its glory, along with a picture-perfect windmill, windturbines, cattle, and a breathtaking view of the sky above.

A huge thank you goes out to the land owner, Dennis, for allowing all of this work to be done so that people can still be able to visit such a unique attraction.

## OLIVER RESERVOIR

The South Platte Natural Resources District and the Oliver Reservoir board decided last month to limit overnight camping at Oliver to March 1<sup>st</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup>. They made this decision based on the possibility of a large snow storm coming through and not having equipment to get campers out safely. The reservoir is still open through the winter for day use. With the unseasonably warm temperatures for November and going into December, there are still opportunities to fish and hunt in the area. You can visit [www.spnrd.org/oliverreservoir](http://www.spnrd.org/oliverreservoir) for more information.



## WONDERFUL VISITORS!

We were thrilled to have three of our AmeriCorps team members come visit in November! Ethan and Vak, from Maple 50 who worked with us in 2020, visited early in the month and were able to see the renovations done at the Plains Historical Society since they had been there. They also came to see their murals at the Visitor Center and went to see the tree planted at Oliver Reservoir in memory of their teammate Andre. It was nice to hear

them tell stories and share happy memories about Andre by candlelight at the lake.

Jason, from Maple 8, who worked with us this summer, visited later in the month. He just recently graduated from the AmeriCorps program and is planning to go back to school. He would like to go into some type of architecture thanks to inspiration from the members of the Plains Historical Society!

We love to see and hear from the AmeriCorps teams and wish them all the best in their futures!!!



## THANK YOU!!

We would like to give a shoutout to one of our Visitor Center gift shop vendors, Carol Carlson. She went above and beyond and made nearly one hundred hand-beaded bracelets to give to Kimball's nursing home residents for Christmas gifts, and also to cancer patients we know. Thank you Carol for these amazing gifts!!!!

## PHOTOS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREA



During November, I was able to venture to Valentine, NE for a Western Nebraska Tourism Coalition meeting. We met at Bolo Beer Co. and enjoyed a wonderful brat lunch! Valentine is in the process of redesigning their downtown as part of a Main Street project. I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with for the updates. We can all gain inspiration from each other!!



Above are some more photos from the festivities on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November in Kimball.

## UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:

### December:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sidney, NE – Candle Light Tours at the Fort Sidney Museum Commander's Home
- 3-4<sup>th</sup> – Chadron, NE – Mari Sandoz Holiday Art Show and Sale
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – “No Time to Die” at the Goodhand Theatre
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – Breakfast with Santa at the Kimball Public Library
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Chadron, NE – Kris Kringle Christmas Boutique at Dawes County Fairgrounds
- 10-12<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – “Ron's Gone Wrong” at the Goodhand Theatre
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – Holiday Open House at the Kimball County Visitor Center
- 16-17<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – Home/Business Christmas Decorating Contest
- 21<sup>st</sup> – First Day of Winter
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas
- 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve

### January:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- 7-9<sup>th</sup> – Kimball, NE – “Ghostbusters: Afterlife” at the Goodhand Theatre
- 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> – Kimball, NE – “Encanto” at the Goodhand Theatre



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- Help at the concession stand
- Help distribute fliers
- Help with cleaning the theatre



THE GOODHAND THEATER PRESENTS:



**GOODHAND Theatre**  
Friends of the Goodhand Theatre presents:  
**NO TIME TO DIE** PG-13  
**SHOWING AT 7PM**  
**December 3 & 4**  
**Sunday Matinee**  
**at 2 PM**  
**December 5**  
**Admission**  
Adult (12-older) \$3.00  
Child (2-11) \$2.00  
Children under 2 Free  
**MOVIE SPONSORED BY GRI**

Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life in Jamaica. His peace is short-lived when his old friend Felix Leiter from the CIA turns up asking for help. The mission to rescue a kidnapped scientist turns out to be far more treacherous than expected, leading Bond onto the trail of a mysterious villain armed with dangerous new technology.



**GOODHAND Theatre**  
Friends of the Goodhand Theatre presents:  
**Ron's Gone Wrong**  
**Showing a 7 PM**  
**December 10 & 11**  
**Sunday Matinee**  
**at 2 PM**  
**December 12**  
**Admission**  
Adult (12-older) \$3.00  
Child (2-11) \$2.00  
Children under 2 Free  
**MOVIE SPONSORED BY SANTA'S HELPERS**

"Ron's Gone Wrong" is the story of Barner, a socially awkward middle-schooler and Ron, his new walking, talking, digitally-connected device, which is supposed to be his "Best Friend out of the Box." Ron's hilarious malfunctions set against the backdrop of the social media age, launch them into an action-packed journey in which boy and robot come to terms with the wonderful messiness of true friendship.



# Holiday Open House

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**  
**2:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**Kimball County Visitor Center**  
**204 S Kimball Blvd, Kimball, NE**

Enjoy hot chocolate, snacks, FREE holiday photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus from 2:30-4:30, and find that last minute gift you've been looking for!

Please check out our Facebook page to see more events. [www.facebook.com/KimballCountyVisitorCenter](http://www.facebook.com/KimballCountyVisitorCenter)

You can also look at our website to get more information about Kimball County: [www.visitkimball.com](http://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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