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NE150 Celebration's "Truckin' Through Nebraska: A Mobile Children's Museum" to visit Kimball June 1st and 2nd

Museum free and open to the public

(Lincoln, Neb.) The Nebraska150 Celebration's "Truckin' Through Nebraska: A Mobile Children's Museum" will be at the Kimball Event Center, 615 E. 3rd Street in Kimball, Thursday, June 1st and Friday, June 2nd.

Hours of operation are as follows:

- Thursday, June 1, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 2, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend. While exhibits in the Mobile Children's Museum are intended for children ages 5-12, audiences of all ages are welcome.

Area schools that are interested in scheduling field trips to the museum should contact Rosie Russell, Kimball City Clerk, or Amy Sapp, Special Projects Coordinator, at 308-235-3639.

The Mobile Children's Museum is on a 26-week, 42-community tour across Nebraska now through October 2017.

First Lady Susanne Shore said, "We created the Mobile Children's Museum to provide a fun, hands-on learning experience for children who may not normally be able to easily access a children's museum. Through play, interactivity and the latest technology, Nebraska's children will explore their heritage and envision their futures. We hope the experience will help power the imagination and create an excitement about learning."

For a full list of communities the Mobile Children's Museum will visit in 2017, visit www.ne150.org/museum/. Hours of operation will vary by location. Follow the mobile museum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TruckinNE Twitter @TruckinNE and Instagram @TruckinNE.

Nebraska150 Celebration Executive Director Regan Anson said, "We want to extend our sincere thanks to the Omaha Children's Museum for partnering with us to build this amazing children's museum experience and all of the communities involved for agreeing to partner with us on this initiative. A project of this magnitude requires a huge commitment on the part of the communities we will visit, including extensive volunteer support. We are grateful to all of our partners for taking on this project and look forward to 'Truckin' Through Nebraska' in 2017!"

The Mobile Children's Museum is contained in a 53-foot, state-of-the-art, custom air-ride, double-expandable trailer that is specially designed and outfitted for traveling museum exhibits. The unit is climate controlled, has GPS tracking, Wi-Fi, its own generator and is ADA accessible.

Interior exhibits include areas where kids will build shelters and test them in a wind chamber or earthquake simulator, design their own 10-acre homestead, test their knowledge of Nebraska, create their own movie, explore toys from the past, craft their own postcards and more. Exhibits also surround the exterior of the trailer, allowing for optimal play and learning space. Those

exhibits will include a timed “chore” challenge obstacle course, foam block invention area, toy creation station and more.

The Mobile Children's Museum is a partnership with the Omaha Children's Museum and is sponsored in part by Cargill, Children's Hospital and Medical Center, First National Bank, Peter Kiewit Foundation, BNSF Railway, Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America – Nebraska Chapter, AGC Nebraska Building Chapter, TransCanada, Nebraska Cattlemen Foundation and Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST 529).

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