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**Area museums announce holiday “food fight”**

Kearney, Neb. – The Archway and the Nebraska Firefighter’s Museum in Kearney will be competing against Stuhr Museum in Grand Island and Hastings Museum in Hastings to see which organization and community can collect the most canned food items to give to local food pantries.

"It's a lighthearted competition that puts a fun twist on giving back to three communities that give so much to us," said Becky Matticks, director of the Hastings Museum.

“We’re teaming up with the Nebraska Firefighter’s Museum to make sure Kearney wins bragging rights, but also to make sure we can help Kearney’s Jubilee Center stock its food pantry. We’re honored to be a part of this friendly rivalry again, and hope Kearney can help us make sure everyone has enough food on their tables,” said Jace Robinson, Archway marketing coordinator.

Kearney area residents can drop off their items during normal operating hours at both museums. The Archway is open Monday-Saturday from 9am to 5pm and Sunday from Noon-5pm. Hours for the Firefighter’s Museum are Monday-Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from 1pm-5pm. A list of items needed by the Jubilee Center can be found at [www.kearneyjubilee.org/food-pantry.html](http://www.kearneyjubilee.org/food-pantry.html), however neither museum is able to accept items needing to be frozen or refrigerated.

In 2014, the food drive collected nearly 3000 pounds of food items with only Stuhr and Hastings Museums participating. This year’s goal is to reach 5000 pounds of food donated to local pantries.

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