

Hoisington's 'touch-a-truck' expands with mobile dairy classroom

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Labor Day weekend in Hoisington has a wealth of activities for the younger set, with pageants, turtle races, fireworks and their own children's parade just before the main event on Monday.

There's always room, as they say, for a little more.

The Touch-a-Truck event has grown some in the past two years, as students have the opportunity to gawk at, climb on and learn about the some three-dozen myriad vehicles in the Hoisington Activity Center parking lot. Everything from fire trucks to big-

tired farm vehicles.

Sponsors the City of Hoisington and USD 431 are going one better for Saturday's event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sept. 5.

A mobile dairy classroom of the Southwest Dairy Museum and Education Center in Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be on site Saturday. The Museum, a 10,000 sq. ft. dairy farm-style building, is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the Southwestern dairy industry. The Museum also has a five-story silo on-site that houses a conference room, where the history of dairy farming is presented from before electricity came

to rural America.

The mobile dairy classroom takes the history on the road, serving not only school classrooms and organizations in Texas, but to Oklahoma, Missouri, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia.

The classroom is a traveling milking parlor, complete with a live cow. It's funded by a division of the Museum as a non-profit, educational program through the contributions of dairymen across the Southwest.

On Saturday, students and others interested in the dairy industry will be treated to three live presentations: at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.



HAVE COW, WILL TRAVEL – The Southwest Dairy Museum's mobile classroom will be bringing information and a milking demonstration to Hoisington's Touch-a-Truck event Saturday at the Hoisington Activity Center. (courtesy photo)


In the presentations, trained classroom instructors will teach on the characteristics and anatomy of dairy cows; the importance of dairy foods for good health; explain the modern milking process with a live demonstration; and modern environmental and food safety practices.

During 2013, the mobile dairy classrooms informed more than 690,000 people at fairs, festivals, livestock shows and school settings. The main focus of the program is students from second to eighth grade.


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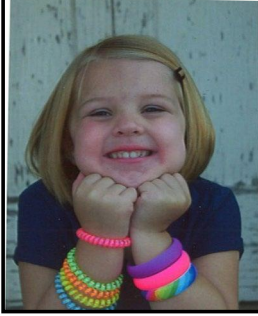
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