

(Neb.)-Kearney Archway Museum To Reopen Saturday

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KEARNEY, Neb. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - After a two-month closure, the archway museum over Interstate 80 in Kearney is scheduled to open on Saturday. The Archway will be unveiling its revamped gift shop and the Frank Morrison Theater.

Officials say visitors will be able to start their tour in the theater, viewing a video highlighting the establishment of The Archway. Known since its opening as the Great Platte River Road Archway, the monument has been renamed The Archway.

The museum has struggled with disappointing attendance since its opening. Nearly 250,000 people visited in 2001, for example, but last year's attendance was 49,960. The Archway emerged from bankruptcy in September.

The museum has exhibits that commemorate the Oregon, Mormon and California pioneer trails and honors the nation's highway systems and railroads.