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**VA250 Mobile Museum Brings Virginia's Revolutionary Story to
Nelson County, Oct. 22–24**

Free, hands-on "Out of Many, One" exhibit parks at Oakland Museum in Arrington and kicks off a fall return of the Founding Foragers trail

The VA250 Mobile Museum Experience, "Out of Many, One," is coming to Nelson County. The traveling exhibit will be at Oakland Museum, 5365 Thomas Nelson Highway in Arrington, Thursday, Oct. 22 through Saturday, Oct. 24. Admission is free and open to the public from 10am-4pm.

Housed in a custom 53-foot tractor-trailer that expands into an immersive gallery, the museum uses high-tech displays, interactive exhibits and artifacts to trace the events, ideas and people behind America's founding. It highlights Virginia's central role as the birthplace of the nation. The exhibit is part of Virginia's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. It has traveled the Commonwealth since January 2025 and has been popular enough that VA250 added a second unit.

The visit has special meaning here. Nelson County was named for Thomas Nelson Jr., a signer of the Declaration of Independence and Virginia's third governor. The museum will sit on the highway that bears his name.

"Nelson County carries Thomas Nelson Jr.'s name, so hosting the VA250 Mobile Museum feels like bringing the story home," said Brittany Niemeyer, Assistant Director of Economic Development and Tourism for Nelson County. "We want every student, family and visitor to walk through that trailer, see Virginia's role in the nation's founding, and then go out and experience the orchards, farms and makers that still define this county today."

The late-October dates fall during apple harvest and peak fall color in the Blue Ridge. That makes it an ideal weekend to pair history with a drive along Nelson 151 or Nelson 29, a visit to the Blue Ridge Tunnel, along with a stay at one of the county's inns and cabins.

For more information, visitnelsoncounty.com or va250.org/mobile-museum.