



Elkhart County Historical Museum



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Smithsonian Exhibit 2-1 to 3-15-2020

Part of Indiana Humanities' INseparable initiative, the Smithsonian exhibit: Change in Rural America will be at the Elkhart County Historical Museum in Bristol from Feb. 1 to March 15. The interactive display tracks the national ebb and flow of rural America from farming to industrialization to the digital age. The Grand Opening will coincide with the Elkhart County Parks Photo Contest. Local components prepared for the Smithsonian exhibit will include profiles of the county's changing agricultural landscape, from the memories of a former Waterford resident in his 90s to the introduction of hemp on a modern farm. Nearly 100 years ago, the 1920 census revealed that for the first time, more Americans lived in urban environments than in rural communities. Since 1900, the percentage of Americans living in rural areas dropped from 60 percent to 17 percent, yet the vast majority of America's physical landscape remains rural. "Conversations about change in our rural communities are vital to the future of Indiana," said Keira Amstutz, president and CEO of Indiana Humanities. "We are excited to be able to utilize the 'Crossroads' exhibition as a catalyst for dialogue around the past, present and future of rural Indiana."

Just the Facts:

The Elkhart County Historical Museum is located in the Rush Memorial Center, 304 W.Vistula St., Bristol Indiana

For tours and info:

574-848-4322

Open all year

Hours:

Tues.-Sat. 9am-5pm

Closed Sunday except for special programs.

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