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Historical Elkhart Hill and Chapel Tours – Saturday, July 17, 2010

Elkhart, IL—Enjoy a tour of historical, beautiful Elkhart Hill on Saturday, July 17. Then spend the day in Elkhart's quaint village dining, shopping or touring the historic chapel on Elkhart Hill.

For the Historical Elkhart Hill tour, participants will be riding in the Elkhart Historical Society's tour wagon. The tour includes Indian, pioneer, historical, and political sites. A stop is planned at the "Looking for Lincoln Wayside Exhibit" located near the Elkhart cemetery. This exhibit covers the Lincoln connection with Illinois Governor Richard J. Oglesby, who is buried in the cemetery.

Tours will depart from downtown Elkhart at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required for all tours. Each outing will last approximately 90 minutes, and tours are limited to 16 people. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors (60 and over), and \$5 for children (12 and under). Registration closes on July 12. For more information and the online, printable reservation form, see www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org. The rain date is Sunday, July 18.

In addition, tours of the historic St. John the Baptist Chapel on Elkhart Hill will be offered at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Episcopalian Chapel was built in 1890 and is the only privately owned and operated church in Illinois. Constructed by the Culver Stone and Marble Company of Springfield, it is one of the few remaining Culver buildings in the area. Designed in Gothic Revival style, it houses one of the three oldest working pipe organs in the state (built by Hook and Hasting Company out of Boston). The tour includes a demonstration played on the organ. Beautiful Tiffany-style stained-glass windows grace the interior of this historic chapel. The tour will begin at the chapel. Reservations are not required but are recommended. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors (60 and over), and \$5 for children (12 and under). For more information and the online, printable reservation form, go to www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org.

A special recital on the chapel organ is scheduled for 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17. Organist Marcy Brooks, formerly from Broadwell and currently residing in Liberty, Kentucky, will play the historic organ. The recital is by reservation only and space is limited. A tour of the chapel is not included in the recital. The cost is \$5 per person. The online, printable reservation form is at www.elkharthistoricalsociety.org

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PHOTOS OF THE ELKHART HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HILL TOUR AND THE CHAPEL ARE AVAILABLE. Contact name: Peggy Lee – 217-947-2046 or peg.lee1@gmail.com