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Smithsonian Exhibit Comes To Atchison (KAIR)--Sports, and how they shape our lives.

That's the theme of an exhibit from the Smithsonian that is set to be on display until August at the Atchison County Historical Society Museum.

Historical Society Executive Director Chris Taylor says the exhibit was something he really wanted to bring to the area. "As soon as I saw it, I said this is something unique, different, it's something we need to bring to Atchison, and we put together an application. We looked at some of the unique stories about Atchison, whether it was the Lincoln Kittens, the African-American basketball team that played as an Atchison High segregated team, all the way back to 1866 when we had Wild Bill Hickok was the only person that could umpire a baseball game between the Kansas City team and the Atchison team. There was such a wild atmosphere, you had to have someone like Wild Bill Hickok as the umpire."

Taylor says the exhibit will grab your attention right from the beginning. The "first thing you are going to see is a set of bleachers. That's something anyone who has ever been to a sporting event has seen and sat on. That kind of sets the atmosphere...you go throughout it, it's got interactive, there is video in it that kind of helps set the tone for what is going to be in the exhibit, and it looks at that whole range of sports from the competition that we start as youngsters, all the way to those sports like skateboarding and things like that that people participate in just for the pure enjoyment of it."

The museum will be hosting the exhibit through August 9th. For more information, you can go to atchisonhistory.org or visit the Historical Society on Facebook at facebook.com/atchisonhistory.

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