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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky announced at his swearing-in ceremony on January 6 that the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine History and the Borough of Woodbine have been selected by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities to host the Smithsonian Institute's traveling exhibit of agricultural history, titled "Key Ingredients", which will be in New Jersey in 2008. Site locations in the Borough will be the Azeez Museum and the new community/school library complex.

The exhibition and its web site were developed by Museum on Main Street, a partnership of the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils in service to museums and citizens of rural America.

Key Ingredients: America by Food explores the connections between Americans and the foods they produce, prepare, preserve, and present at the table – a provocative and thoughtful look at the historical, regional, and social. Through a selection of artifacts, photographs, and illustrations, *Key Ingredients* examines the evolution of the American kitchen and how food industries have responded to the technological innovations that have enabled Americans to choose an ever-wider variety of frozen, prepared, and fresh foods. *Key Ingredients* also looks beyond the home to restaurants, diners, and celebrations that help build a sense of community through food.

Key Ingredients stimulates comparisons of "back then" and "right now," "over there" and "right here." The exhibition will engage audiences everywhere, creating conversations and inspiring community recollection and celebration.

Each of the 150 venues throughout the country hosting the exhibition is planning events, programs, and local exhibitions to link their own collections and local food specialties to the national story told in the exhibition.

More information about the exhibit is available at www.keyingredients.org.

"Woodbine is a perfect fit for this exhibit given both our agriculture roots and in particular the agricultural college that was once located here and where the Developmental Center now stands. All of us can take great pride in having had Woodbine chosen as a venue for this exhibit. The Museum and the Borough look forward to working closely with many community groups to create additional programming that will accompany the exhibit and that will highlight the richness and diversity that is Woodbine today, as well as our continuing rural presence and identity," concluded Mayor Pikolycky.