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Midland County Historical Society presents:

What: Victorian Funeral and Cemetery Tour, and Funeral Tea with Cemetery Tour

When: September 26, 2009

Cemetery Tours depart at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Funeral Tea with Cemetery Tour lasts 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Heritage Park, 3417 W. Main St., Midland, MI 48640

Cost: Cemetery Tour: \$15 general admission; \$12 MCHS members

Funeral Tea and Cemetery Tour: \$30 general admission; \$26 MCHS

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Information: Call Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250 or (800) 523-7649 or www.mcfta.org

Cemetery Tour: Step back in time and discover a century of fascinating true stories during this year's **Victorian Funeral and Cemetery Tour** on **Saturday, September 26**. Run-ins with the law is the focus of this year's event, using information gleaned from the recently acquired Midland Circuit Court records. The Fairview Inn's double-decker bus will transport participants from Midland's Heritage Park, 3417 W. Main St., to the Midland Cemetery where they will encounter actors portraying personalities who lived in Midland County during the past 100 years and were in situations that brought them into contact with the Midland Circuit Court. Prior to the visit to the cemetery, guests will visit the 1874 Bradley Home for an opportunity to learn about funerary customs from the past with our own local expert, MCHS chairman Floyd Andrick. There will also be a headstone carving demonstration and more! Tickets for the Cemetery Tour are available through the MCFTA Ticket Office at (989) 631-8250. **Cemetery Tours depart at 4:00, 5:00 and 6:00 p.m.** and last approximately two hours. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$12 MCHS members. Advance purchase is strongly recommended as this event often sells out.

Funeral Tea: Every culture in every society around the world has established certain foods that hold meaning for them when they experience a loss. During the MCHS's Funeral Tea, you will taste these traditions in a 4-course tea, each course consisting of two or more foods. Hear fascinating stories about the foods and customs that you try. The Funeral Tea and Cemetery Tour make an afternoon outing sure to be remembered. **Funeral Tea with Cemetery Tour lasts**

1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the Funeral Tea with Cemetery Tour are \$30 general admission, \$26 MCHS members.

The Midland County Historical Society maintains Heritage Park, which includes the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 1874 Bradley Home Museum and Carriage House and the Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum. The Historical Society was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to fostering the understanding, appreciation and preservation of Midland County's heritage.

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