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Midland County Historical Society presents:

What: Heritage Series: The CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and Reforestation of Michigan

When: November 12 – 7:30 pm

Where: Whitman Room, Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 3417 W. Main St., Midland, MI 48640

Cost: \$5; FREE for MCHS members

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

MIDLAND - The Midland County Historical Society's **Heritage Series** hosts Rob Burg, Site Historian for Hartwick Pines Logging Museum and the Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, on November 12 at 7:30 pm. in the Whitman Room of the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 3417 W. Main Street in Midland, MI. Mr. Burg will explore one of the most popular programs of the Great Depression: The CCC and the Reforestation of Michigan. Admission is \$5 for the public and FREE for MCHS members. Tickets and information are available by calling the Ticket Office at 989-631-8250 or 800-523-7649 or online at www.mcfta.org.

Lumbering was the most important industry in Michigan in the nineteenth century, making more money than the gold industry of California. From 1840 to 1910, Michigan's "Green Gold" helped make the United States a world leader in economic and industrial power. Financially, this industry was very beneficial for Michigan, but the environmental impact was devastating and is still being felt today, almost a century after its end.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a federal works program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in the midst of the Great Depression. From 1933-1942, over 100,000 young men between 17 and 25 years of age were enlisted in Michigan. Along with the CCC's other efforts, "Roosevelt's Tree Army" planted 484 million trees in Michigan to reforest its two peninsulas. Michigan now has as much forest as it once did.

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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