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Midland County Historical Society presents:

What: Midland County Historical Society's Fireside Chat
When: April 14 • 2 to 3 pm
**Where: Atrium, Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center
3417 W. Main St., Midland, MI 48640**
Cost: FREE

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

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MIDLAND - Gather round the hearth to feel the warmth of memories shared. Once a month, a group of longtime residents join to share their recollections in the Atrium of the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 3417 W. Main St., Midland. April's topic will be "**Voices from the Past.**" Three local women will "return from the grave" to provide insights and stories from the days that they were alive and well in Midland County. Mary Aurand will portray **Dr. Sylvia Stoesser**, the first female chemist hired by The Dow chemical Company; Dr. Betty Jones will portray **Cora Farmer** a member of one of the first African-American families in Midland; and Randi Kawakita will portray local hotelier **Maggie Cunningham**.

The Fireside Chat is from **2 to 3 pm, Thursday, April 14**. Light refreshments will be served following the discussion. Admission to the presentation is **FREE**. The public is invited to listen, learn and join in with questions or memories of their own. This wonderful series of talks also serves to preserve our past by recording sessions for the oral history collection. For further information, contact Floyd Andrick at (989) 837-0870.

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.

Midland Center for the Arts, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation formed under the laws of the State of Michigan incorporating six groups: Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, Center Stage Theatre, MATRIX:MIDLAND, Midland County Historical Society, Midland Symphony Orchestra, and Music Society – Choral. Activities at Midland Center for the Arts are supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. For the latest Center news, visit our web site at www.mcfta.org.

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