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TEAMWORK CREATES A MASTERPIECE
On display at Midland County Historical Society
September 16 – October 29, 2011

MIDLAND – The Midland County Historical Society presents *Teamwork Creates a Masterpiece*, on display through October 29 at the Herbert D. Doan Midland County History Center, 3417 W. Main St., Midland. Viewing hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 11 am – 4 pm. Admission is FREE.

Fred Berg, and his apprentice, Keith Lumbert, both members of the Max Carey Blacksmith Guild, participated in the Michigan Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program at Michigan State University in 2010. Their project, a copper-and-steel weathervane, required over 100 man hours of work. Fred and Keith sought out the expertise and talents of Jack Speaker, a Midland "tin knocker" and fellow Guild member, for lessons in the necessary skills for creating the anvil and hammer adorning the weathervane. The exhibition includes the finished weathervane as well as unique items created by Jack Speaker, generously lent by his family. Fred Berg and Keith Lumbert dedicate the apprenticeship program's weathervane project to Jack Speaker, who passed away three weeks after the completion of the copper anvil.

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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