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## WOODBINE BRANCH LIBRARY HOSTS LECTURE ON WOODBINE/BELLEPLAIN AREA

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Woodbine branch of the Cape May County Library will host a lecture on the history of Belleplain State Forest, which lies in part in the Borough of Woodbine.

The presenter will be Tom Champion, who worked at Belleplain State Forest for four decades and is a life-long area resident. The program will be held Tuesday, July 28, starting at 5:30 p.m. The library is located at 800 Monroe Street.

Belleplain State Forest was dedicated in 1928, and has a history that includes construction and planting by the Civilian Conservation Corps. It is comprised of over 21,000 acres and features great camping and recreational opportunities for the public. During his decades there Champion assembled a considerable collection of photographs, stories and artifacts relating to the Forest and its area which he will be sharing at the lecture. He is considered to be a resource for information on this area.

"I recall Leo Buganski and Jerry Racz, both late of Woodbine, describing their time with the CCC, and now look forward to hearing Tom present his long-gathered information about our area," commented Mayor Pikolycky.

For additional information about this event, please call 861-2501 or visit www.cmclibrary.org.