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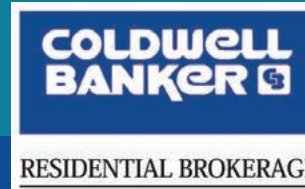
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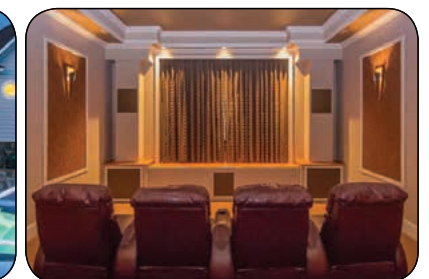
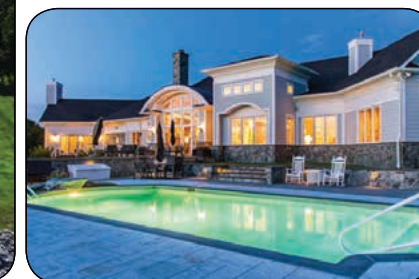
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New Year traditions in our culture involve reflecting on the past year and making wishes for the new year. The song most associated with ringing in the new year, based on a poem by Scottish poet Robert Burns, is about remembering old times and sharing a reunion with friends.

"For Auld Lang Syne," roughly translated, means "for old time's sake." New experiences are made more fun, more memorable by being shared with old friends.

Putting together this issue, I was reminded of a time in high school when our class was obsessed with the movie, "Grease," made in the 1970s (and set in the 1950s) about a group of high school friends. The movie was the theme of our Sadie Hawkins dance in 1996. Here in the dawn of 2019, I am remembering those times and friends with warmth.

In this issue of Shore Monthly, we celebrate the mingling of old with new: young students singing a cappella, a new brewery with a theme of classic movies, and remedies our grandparents used.

We hope that, as you read, you will reminisce about times gone by and take a cup of kindness yet.

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## Harmony singers does it take to form a group?

Story by Daniel Divilio | Photos by Caroline J. Phillips

To call WACappella a musical group falls short. Officially considered a club by Washington College, it is more a tight-knit community, small with between 20 and 25 members, comprising students who share a passion for one thing: singing.

Having formed about 10 years ago, WACappella is a more recent addition to the offerings at the historic liberal arts

college in Chestertown and likely one of the few to include beat-boxing.

Alum Taylor Goss, who grew up in Denton and is now in Portland, Ore., joined WACappella as a freshman in 2009 during the group's early years. He learned about the group while walking home from a dorm and hearing some female members singing outside the campus library.





“So, we’re like, ‘**Why not do this?**  
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College on the map.’”

“I walked up. I thought it was really cool, and I started talking to them. And they needed male voices,” Goss said, noting his love of singing but lack of training. “The only reason I ever got in it in the first place is because I was a dude, and I was willing to sing, and they were willing to work with me.”

Emma Way, now a resident of Charlotte, N.C., also joined her freshman year in 2012. She spoke about how movies like “Pitch Perfect” and television competitions like “The Sing-Off” kept the spotlight on a cappella music when she was growing up, leading her to start a group as a student at Newark High School in Delaware. When she arrived at Washington College, she sought a similar experience.

“I just really wanted to find a new community that I loved as much as that group in high school,” Way said. “And I went to college not knowing anyone and I thought that would be a great way to meet people.”

Goss watched WACappella grow over his four years

at college, doubling from about 10 members to more than 20. He said that put some stress on the leaders of the group.

“An a cappella group is not a choir. We were starting to get too big,” Goss said.

The group has become a selling point for some potential students, including Baltimore resident Tiffany Jackson, now a senior at Washington College and a member of WACappella.

Jackson did not make the cut in auditioning for WACappella in her freshman and sophomore years, but members pushed her to keep at it. She became a member her junior year.

“It was really disappointing the first and second time that I didn’t get in. But everybody in WACapella kept encouraging me to keep trying out and auditioning,” she said. “Everybody just wants the group to be as strong as it can be.”

Senior Reanna Sherman, a resident of Lewes, Del.,





is a current president of WACappella. She said the first round of auditions for potential members is blind, focused solely on a performer's vocal abilities. She said callbacks give members a chance to learn more about the person behind the voice, ensuring they fit in with "this harmonious little family we have."

"In a lot of groups, you can attribute success to one person's effort. In this one, everyone has to be great for it to be great overall. And once you hit it and you hit it well, you get satisfaction for everyone. You can just be proud of everyone and proud to be a part of this group that was able to do something awesome," said current member Will Rotsch, a sophomore from Wilmington, Del.

For alum Obella Obbo, a Frederick resident, WACappella was his favorite group activity at Washington College. What made it so special for him was how its membership included people from all different walks of campus life. He said they all spent lots of time together and got along.

"We just had good energy that we shared," Obbo said.

As its profile rose following those early years, WACappella struck out beyond live performances. The group produced a pair of music videos for the admissions office in 2014. They traveled to North Carolina to record a four-track EP in 2016.

Obbo played a part in both videos. As a student, he worked part time in the admissions office. That led to the first WACappella video "Glad You Chose Us," posted on YouTube in January 2014. He continued working in admissions after graduating that year leading to the second video "Come Join the Family," posted in November 2014.

Current member Shannon Moran, a senior who hails from Baltimore, said she watched the first WACappella video when making her college decision.

"And I was really torn between two schools and one of them was here. And it



sounds really corny but that WACapella video made me want to come here and choose this place, she said.

Way and fellow alum and past president Katie Gordon were involved in recording the first EP.

Gordon said the group was gaining traction through the "Come Join the Family" video. With admissions and the Student Government Association paying more attention to the group, Gordon said they saw an increase in their budget.

"So, we're like, 'Why not do this, put ourselves and Washington College on the map,' Gordon said.

Way said 17 WACappella members took a couple of Washington College vans and a car to Durham, N.C., in October 2015 to record the EP.

**WACappella performs and records a cappella music. The group's YouTube channel can be found by typing "WACapella" in the YouTube search bar.**



"And we spent two nights in a hotel in Durham together, recording pretty much all day. It was frustrating sometimes, it was really fun other times, Way said.

On the four-song EP are "I Want You Back" by the Jackson 5; "La La Latch" by a cappella group the Pentatonix; "Make You Feel My Love," a Bob Dylan track popularized by Adele; and "This is Gospel" by Panic! at the Disco.

The current members of WACappella cut a new four-track EP last fall, this time at the campus' recording studio. The tracks are "Mr. Blue Sky" by Electric Light Orchestra; "Past Lives" by B a mashup of LP's "Into the Wild" and

"Dog Days Are Over" by Florence + The Machine; and "Honeybee" by Steam Powered Giraffe. Look for it this spring.

"It's going to be such a good album to have out in spring," Jackson said. "It's positive, happy."

And positivity and the connection to other members is a big part of what makes WACappella special.


Current member Jeffrey Stoll, a freshman from Alexandria, Va., said there are plenty of times he may not feel like going to class, but he never wants to miss time with his WACappella friends. He said they all appreciate one another, which makes their singing stronger.

"Because when you can't get

along with someone, it's a lot harder to harmonize, Stoll said. The sense of community from the group just makes it so much better. And I'm always excited to come to practice."

Fellow freshman member Delilah Jones from Bear, Del., recommends prospective students give WACappella a try.

If you do choose to come to Washington College and this is for anybody I would check out WACapella. It's a really encouraging environment. And if you love to sing, we have people here who love to sing with you, Jones said.

And if you don't like to sing, it's fun to listen to us, Rotsch added. 





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# The lost art of being a COBBLER

*Caldwell Shoe Repair Service, saving soles since 1935*

Story by Amelia Blades Seward | Photos by Caroline J. Phillips

The first thing I heard from a customer after walking into Caldwell Shoe Repair Service at 15 West Street in Easton was, "The art of shoe repair is a lost art."

Since 1935, Caldwell Shoe Repair has been repairing everything from high heels to wingtips, and from purses to horse saddles. The shop was founded in 1935 by Charles Caldwell after he went to school for

shoe repair in Bordentown, NJ. He operated the shop with his brother Stanley until their deaths in the late 1990s.

The shop, which was originally located on Federal Street in Easton, moved to its current location during the 1960s. Both Charles and Stanley drove school buses, working in the shop in between driving their buses. They were two of 14 children raised





Easton cobblers Stanley and Charles Caldwell.

Photo by Joanne Gelles



on a farm in Wittman. Their parents, the only African Americans to own two farms in the Bay Hundred area, raised turkeys, cows and chickens. The two men took off Wednesday afternoons to help on the farm.

Since 1999, the shop has been managed by Leroy Potter (age 68) with Ricky Caldwell (age 72), a nephew of Charles and Stanley Caldwell. Both men started working in the shop after school to learn the trade.

"We had to learn it all," Caldwell said. "They wouldn't say it was done wrong. They would say 'It doesn't suit me.' That's how we learned."

While each had his own career while also working in the shop, Potter as a custodian at Easton Elementary School for more than 30 years and Caldwell as a school bus driver for Talbot County Public Schools for more than 40 years, they are enjoying their work

in the shoe repair business in their retirement years.

"If your eyesight is good, you can work in this business for a while," Potter said.

The shop has always had a focus on customer service from its beginning.

"If the shoes don't fit, we tell people to bring them back," Caldwell said. "We don't let anything go out of here we aren't proud of."

Caldwell Shoe Repair is owned by Charlene DeShields, a teacher at Easton Elementary School, who is Charles Caldwell's daughter. She took over ownership after Charles died in 1997 and Stanley died in 1999.

"It's not a place that makes a lot of money, but I am holding on to it because it's a family legacy and because it is one of a few shops like this left. We may be the

**Then and now: Stanley and Charles Caldwell operated Caldwell Shoe Repair Service until the late 1990s. Now, Leroy Porter and Ricky Caldwell manage the shop.**

only shoe repair shop on the Mid-Shore. It's like the old local barber shop which has had its customers forever," DeShields said.

The shop does a variety of repairs, including stretching shoes, putting elastic in shoes, putting new soles on shoes and boots, repairing heels of shoes and cutting down heels, sewing horse saddles, bridles, and other leather work (like purses and belts), and building shoes up for customers' orthopedic issues. At one time the shop dyed shoes for formal occasions such as weddings and proms when women wanted their shoes to match their dress.

In 83 years, the shop has

received a number of unusual requests. Once, the shop re-soled a pair of men's boots made from rhinoceros hide. Another customer once requested the shop make a pair of leather moccasins for his labrador retriever. Recently, the shop dyed a jacket for Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot.

On any given day, there is a steady stream of customers in the shop. At first glance, it appears that there are piles of shoes everywhere. Because of a system of tags that has been around since the early days of the business, both men seem to know where everything is.

"A lady came in last week,"

Potter said. "Her shoes had been in here for two years. We have one pair of shoes which have been there since 2009."

"When they come back in, we find them," Caldwell said.

Most shoes find their way back to their owners, but if not, the shop donates abandoned shoes to the Salvation Army when they are not picked up after a period of time.

Even though a lot of people buy shoes they can throw away today, the shop hasn't had a decline in business.

"There are still good brands of shoes being made," Potter said. "If you buy good shoes, they can last





you a long time. We have some shoes that have come in here multiple times for repair.”

The shop’s success is built on its repeat customers. Lisa Wilson Spears of Cordova, who owns Beauty Restoration Treatment Center across the street from Caldwell’s Shoe Shop, brought in some purses for repair.

“I’ve been coming in with whatever I can’t fix myself,” Spears said. “They are entrepreneurs, and I like to support my own, spending my money in my community.”

Sitting by the same oil stove that heated the shop when it was new, Potter and Caldwell

reflect on their favorite parts of their day.

“It’s fun greeting customers with a smile to make their day go well,” Caldwell said. “We always have fun here. We have been happy working together all these years.”

DeShields credits the family’s work ethic in making the family business successful.

“It’s a family affair; together we’re better. My father and uncle were hard workers. They worked hard to achieve and have things for their families.”

She added, “The community has been a blessing to us.” **S**

**Several signs on display in the shop were made by students at Easton Elementary School.**





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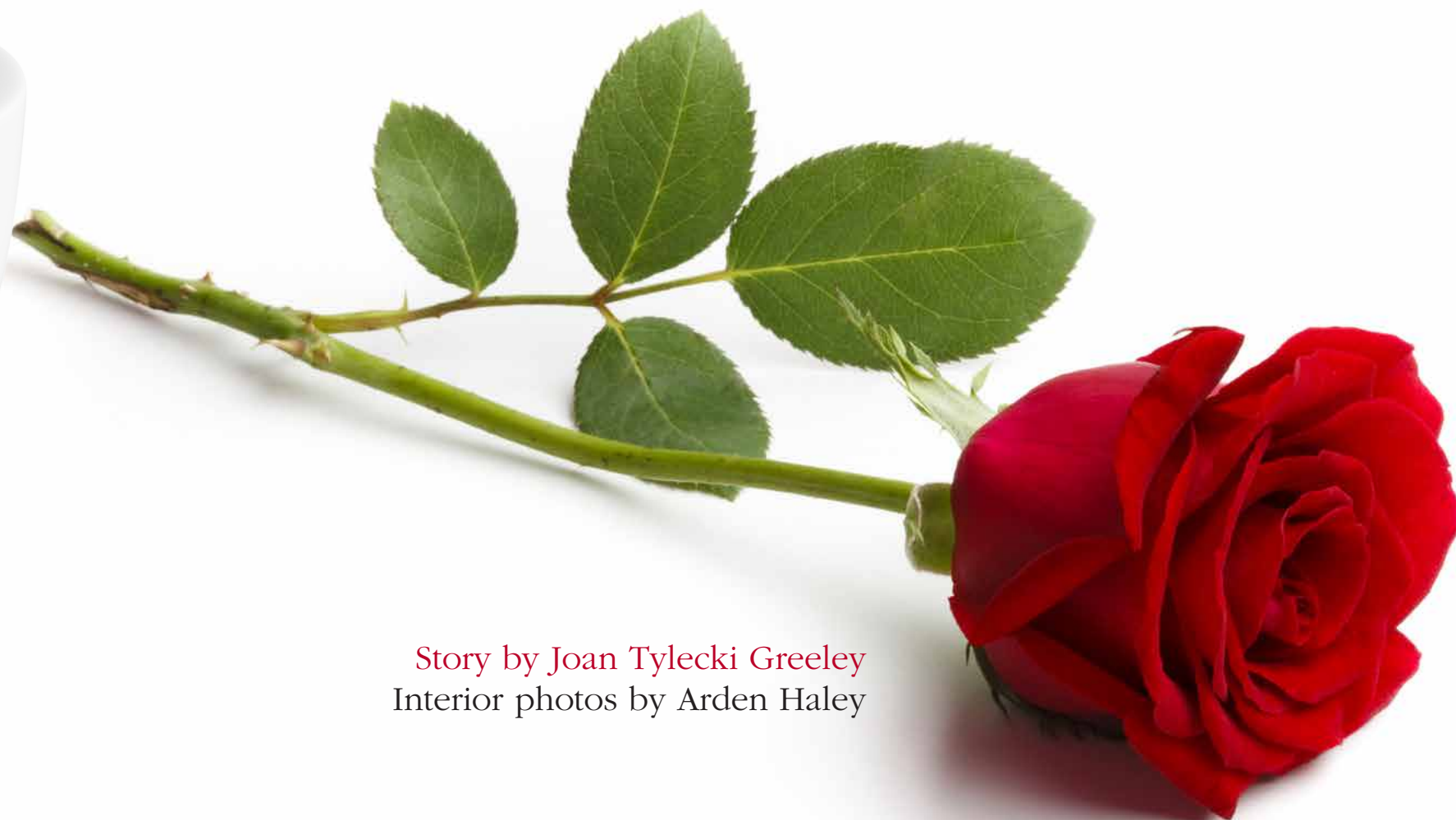
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# A *Rose*

BY ANY OTHER  
GENERATION...



Story by Joan Tylecki Greeley  
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Just a few short generations ago, when life was slower, stopping to smell the roses was easier. The plantings brightening our homesteads and lawns weren't selected by landscaping companies but by millennia of traditional use by our foremothers and -fathers.

Take granny's rosebush for example. She enjoyed a wildly fragrant species, none of this knock-out business of late. She would have known that it's incredibly valuable to have on hand. Truly; it takes about 10,000 pounds of rose petals to distill just one pound of rose oil, which even today wholesales for \$2,000 to \$3,000. Why such a price placed on a plant?

Well, aside from their transportive fragrance and beauty, roses have long been reputed to nourish the heart and encourage the keeping of confidences. And, from a more physical perspective, the mild astringency from their tannin content means they can knit and tighten the skin surface.

Granny might have used roses combined strengths to help with night sweats resulting from depression, such as during a melancholic menopausal sheet-soaking. Then, as now, we might employ a spritz of rose, extracted in a little vinegar, to bring cooling relief.

Rose also was employed traditionally as a vinegar for headache caused by hot sun. In this instance, a rose-vinegar-soaked cloth would be applied to the forehead. Happily, roses astringency can be imparted to honey, making a delicious edible preparation for use on sore throats and mouth ulcerations.

Photos of bottles and equipment taken at Hill's Drug Store on Dover Street in Easton.





When we employ astringency to tone and tighten local tissues, it helps firm them and contain their secretions. Granny would have known that this made rose a lovely facial toner, so she could have washed her face with rose tea. If she preferred, she would have been able to pick it up at the corner drugstore, because commercial rose preparations were commonly available then.

Thanks to their cooling, toning properties, rose water, rose vinegar, rose oil, and other plant oils were actually some of the original cold cream ingredients. Rose's anti-inflammatory properties help reduce redness and soothe abrasions and chapped skin, even inflammatory acne.

Crushed rose petals can even be a great first-aid application for scratches, scrapes, bites and abrasions. These astringent qualities apply to all skin, making rose helpful in tightening and toning the gastrointestinal tissues, too, so a cup of rose tea would have had value in mild cases of loose bowels.

This information might bring new appreciation for a plant you have probably very recently strolled by without a second glance.

Dandelion, a plant folks today work hard to weed out, would have been welcomed in our forefolds yards. This little powerhouse packs a medicinal punch in every part of its body. Their greens high vitamin and mineral content made them a frequent foraging choice for sauté and use in salads. These same properties, when extracted at more medicinal doses, produce a tea capable of acting as a nourishing diuretic, comparable to some pharmaceutical diuretics, with the added benefit, because of the leaves high potassium content, of not diminishing bodily potassium levels, as many pill-based diuretics can.

Because of these fluid-moving properties, dandelions leaves were also traditionally employed to help with rheumatic complaints. The leaves bitterness encourages digestive secretions and can act as a mild laxative. The root is also mildly laxative and supports liver function which enhances the bodys natural detoxification capacity.



Knowing this, granny might have given you this tea to help with your acne. Its bitter root was often roasted along with chicory roots to produce a coffee substitute when necessary. Dandelion roots bitter flavor combined with mild liver/gall-bladder stimulating action and prebiotic fiber content all work together to keep you regular in the morning.

Collect enough of those prolific golden flowers in late spring and you can ferment a delicious seasonal wine. This common weed really offers us a tremendous amount of free medicine right in our own yards. While granny might chuckle as the author does at seeing dandelion leaves for sale in the grocery, she would have been familiar with medicinal dandelion for sale at the pharmacy. A bottle of dandelion root extract bottled according to United States Pharmacopoeia standards and manufactured by Parke, Davis & Co. sold at Marshall & Chipman's Drugstore in Georgetown, Del. between 1906 and 1940 suggests a dose of one-and-a-half teaspoons of dandelion tincture as a laxative tonic, hepatic stimulant and diuretic. You can still harvest and easily use this plant medicine yourself, but you're not likely to find it for sale unless you visit your local community herbalist or health food store. Ah, for the days when our medicines came with fewer side effects.

Yarrow's delicate white umbels have graced kitchen gardens for millennia with good reason it's a phenomenal first-aid plant. It can help staunch bleeding, ease pain, reduce inflammation, prevent infection, and speed skin repair. Quite a nice ally to have nearby. In times of illness, drinking a leaf tea, soaking in an infused bath, or applying tea-soaked compresses can help disperse and cool fevers.

Its bitter qualities can aid in promoting digestive secretions, while its aromatic components can help reduce gas, bloating, and spasm. The general consensus is that it's a wonderful aid in toning overall uterine function, too. Its abilities to regulate and normalize blood flow and help improve spastic or lax muscle tone explain why granny would have used yarrow to both promote scanty and reduce excessive menstrual flow. This plant is native and can be found growing all over Delmarva, even along sandy paths down to the beach.

An ever-growing body of scientific literature suggests there's every reason to believe these plants can work the same way for you as they did for your ancestors. If you plan to use these plants as our forebears did, please inform yourself on proper dosage, use, harvest and preparation techniques from an educated source you trust. Also, be certain to collect from areas not treated with chemical herbicides and pesticides those wouldn't have been on granny's plant medicines and they shouldn't be on yours. **S**



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## CREAM OF CRAB SOUP

### INGREDIENTS

2 or 3 Tbsp. butter	dash of parsley
1/2 c. chopped onion (very fine)	salt and pepper
2 c. milk	pinch of mace
2 c. half and half	1 lb. crabmeat
1 c. chicken broth	

### INSTRUCTIONS

Saute onion in butter. Add flour; add milk. Add chicken broth and half and half, combine. Simmer a little. Stir briskly; add parsley, pepper, mace and crabmeat. Heat thoroughly.

John and Marie Chance bought the country store in Tanyard in 1972 and served good food and great company until they retired in 2012. People in Preston still talk about Miss Marie's sweet tea, which could not be recreated outside the store, even by Miss Marie. John Chance passed away in 2014, but Miss Marie still lives in Tanyard. Here, she shares her cream of crab soup recipe. Consider adding Old Bay to taste.





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During the week of December 3rd, many took time out of their schedules to watch President Bush's casket be escorted onto Special Air Mission 41 (aka Air Force One), his casket positioned in the Capitol, and "Sully" the dog lying in front of his flag draped casket. Many even took time away from work to stand in the long line at the US Capitol, in the 30-degree temperatures, to pay their respects to the 41st president lying in state. Could you imagine if following his death, a news announcement stated that due to it being "too much on the family" there would be no service, no gathering of remembrance and no scheduled time or place to share memories with family and friends? Quite simply, he is gone, and we should honor him on our own. Or, how about the death of Princess Diana in 1997? In her case, if there was to be nothing after her passing, what would the 33 million viewers have done at 6:00 am on September 6, 1997? Her funeral service was found to be the most watched funeral service in history. With both situations we must ask ourselves, if so many of us took time out of our schedules to witness a final tribute to individuals we never personally knew, why would we not provide that same opportunity for the people we do?

Today we are finding more and more people tending to lean towards "doing less and less" when faced with a death. We are even seeing businesses promote the fact that they can have your loved one returned to you in the form of ashes in a box well within 24 hours. Sad right? Others wish to simply get through the services as quickly as possible, perhaps even going directly to the cemetery shortly after a passing occurs. Now perhaps we would want this quick turnaround for our dry cleaning or even a fast process for bats in the attic or mice in the basement, but not a family member, friend, and most definitely not a Princess or US President.

When no scheduled remembrance is planned, there's no telling where the 'visitation' will take place. You might be thinking 'but Ryan, we're not going to have a visitation.' Well, you're not planning a visitation, but it's going to happen. No, not in the traditional fashion with a casket or a gathering with photos and an urn. This 'visitation' will be held at the local grocery store, mall or public venue when a friend of the deceased approaches with a question of "how's your father been, it's been so long since I've seen him?" Unfortunately, right then and there we are now explaining that they passed, ultimately turning a quick trip to pick up bread and milk, to a 'visitation' with Dad's friend sharing how much they meant to them - all the while juggling the chaos of frantic shoppers reaching for items on a shelf behind you. This ill-fated 'visitation' also inadvertently leaves that friend wondering why they were not contacted, why they weren't a part of a final farewell, and worst of all an overall feeling of perhaps Dad didn't feel as closely connected to them as they did to him.

What we realize when a person of inspiration passes away is that we all were touched in our own unique way by what they may have done and what we witnessed through their time of influence. This person by far was not an immediate relative, neighbor or even a distant acquaintance. Instead, they were someone who impacted our life in a way they will never know, and we feel the need to pay tribute to them for doing so. Hence why we turn our attention to the TV for the funeral ceremony, take a day off work to wait in a long line outside in the cold to witness them lying in state, and DVR the tributes and continued media coverage rather than watching our favorite sitcoms. Providing a time and place for others to share memories and tell their stories is an imperative part of the grief process for everyone who has been impacted by the loss.

Some might think that Dad outlived his friends, and it's just 'us' (the immediate family) that is left behind. Therefore, we may tend to feel as if no one will give much thought about his passing. Perhaps it wasn't 'us' that needs this time of reflection, but the next-door neighbor that brought the newspaper to the door every morning, the teller at the bank he shared a laugh with every Friday or even the kids at the senior center who came to visit him for their church outing one Sunday a month. After all, if we take time out of our lives to pay tribute to a complete stranger, why wouldn't we offer the same respect for the ones we love.

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Story by Jennie Burke  
Photos by Caroline J. Phillips

Look! Over there! Across 50 West! It's a taproom! It's a movie theater! It's...it's...The ACME? In most Maryland counties, we can't buy beer in a grocery store. But in the same space where customers once picked up yeasty treats at the bakery counter, Kent Islanders can now enjoy fresh hops and barley.

Cult Classic Brewery and Taproom is housed where the grocery once was, just off U.S. Route 50. The retail pad was the perfect location, according to owners (and brothers) Jesse, 42, and Brooks, 45, McNew. Their twenty years as co-owners of Annapolis Home Brew taught them what to look for, and their list of wants was long. They wanted easy access and plenty of parking. They needed a loading dock, and a flexible landlord that would allow them to change





the space. Most importantly, the brothers wanted room to grow. Although they hail from the western shore, the McNews found everything they wanted in the old Acme on Kent Island. Crossing the bridge to “work” each day seemed like a seemed like a small price to pay for such a prime location.

The vibe is right on Kent Island, too. In the summer months, folks in Route 50 gridlock can stop in for a bite and a brew. When the summer people head back to Baltimore and the dock bars trade raw oysters for raw weather, Cult Classic is a cozy refuge for locals.

The McNews keep fifteen homemade beers on tap. The most popular variety, Strawberry Blonde defies stereotypes. Jesse worried about “guys” buying the fruit-based beer, “but they do.” With an ABV (alcohol by volume) of only 5.3%, it’s not “super strong,” says Jesse. Beer drinkers can enjoy “a few” without

filling up. Comparatively, Cult Classic’s Belgian XX IPA packs a whopping 9.4% ABV, which might leave lightweights (like me) unable to cross the bar to make use of the skee-ball alleys. Strawberry Blonde is so popular that other local bars have requested to carry the brew.

There’s a fresh beer on tap at Cult Classic to quench every kind of thirst. Longing for a light lager? Try the Munich Helles. Dark beer enthusiasts can dig into the richest brew on tap, the Oatmeal Stout. Those with a penchant for nitros beer will enjoy the Irish Red Ale. Pulled from a special tap, nitros beers have reduced carbonation, a creamy texture and a frothy top.

With Cult Classic offering such a broad variety on tap, including seasonal brews, customers will have to make return visits to enjoy all the ale. Or they can order up tasting pours of amber-hued flights







The taproom has a cinema house vibe, which stems from the brothers' love of campy horror-comedy flicks. The walls are lined in bold, mid-century, illustrated movie posters, featuring monsters, zombies, aliens and screaming damsels-in-distress. Behind the bar, long glass cases house cold bottles of neon soda-pops, candy, and of course, popcorn.

in small pilsner glasses. Cult Classic's website includes an up-to-the minute list of beer availability, including a description of each beer and its alcohol content. Customers can enjoy their favorite Cult Classic flavors at home too: bartenders package beers to-go in 32 oz. cans, or 64 oz. growler refills.

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Cult Classic offers local bites, too. The huge parking lot that the brothers coveted has plenty of space for visiting food trucks, which are announced on the taproom's Facebook page. In the off-season the famed Kent Island "Big Owl Tiki Bar" serves up a menu which includes their legendary fish tacos.

Jesse and Brooks hope that patrons will come for the beer but stay for the hospitality. "We'd like for it to be a meeting place," says Jesse. Over-21s and children alike are invited to enjoy Cult Classic's array of throwback board games and cards. There are other diversions too, like basketball, shuffleboard and video games. A sound stage and private venue room are also in the works.

Jesse and Brooks have been business partners for over twenty years. When the house and senate passed legislation that eased some of the restrictions on brewers in 2017, the McNews sold their home brew shop so they could open Cult Classic. Their recipe for entrepreneurship works: they like each other. When the brothers aren't running the business, they love to travel and scuba dive together. Their other favorite pastimes are more obvious: drinking beer and quoting cult movies. So if the adage is true, that the man who does what he loves never works a day in his life, then the Brothers McNew have found an Endless Summer. Even on Kent Island in January. 🍷



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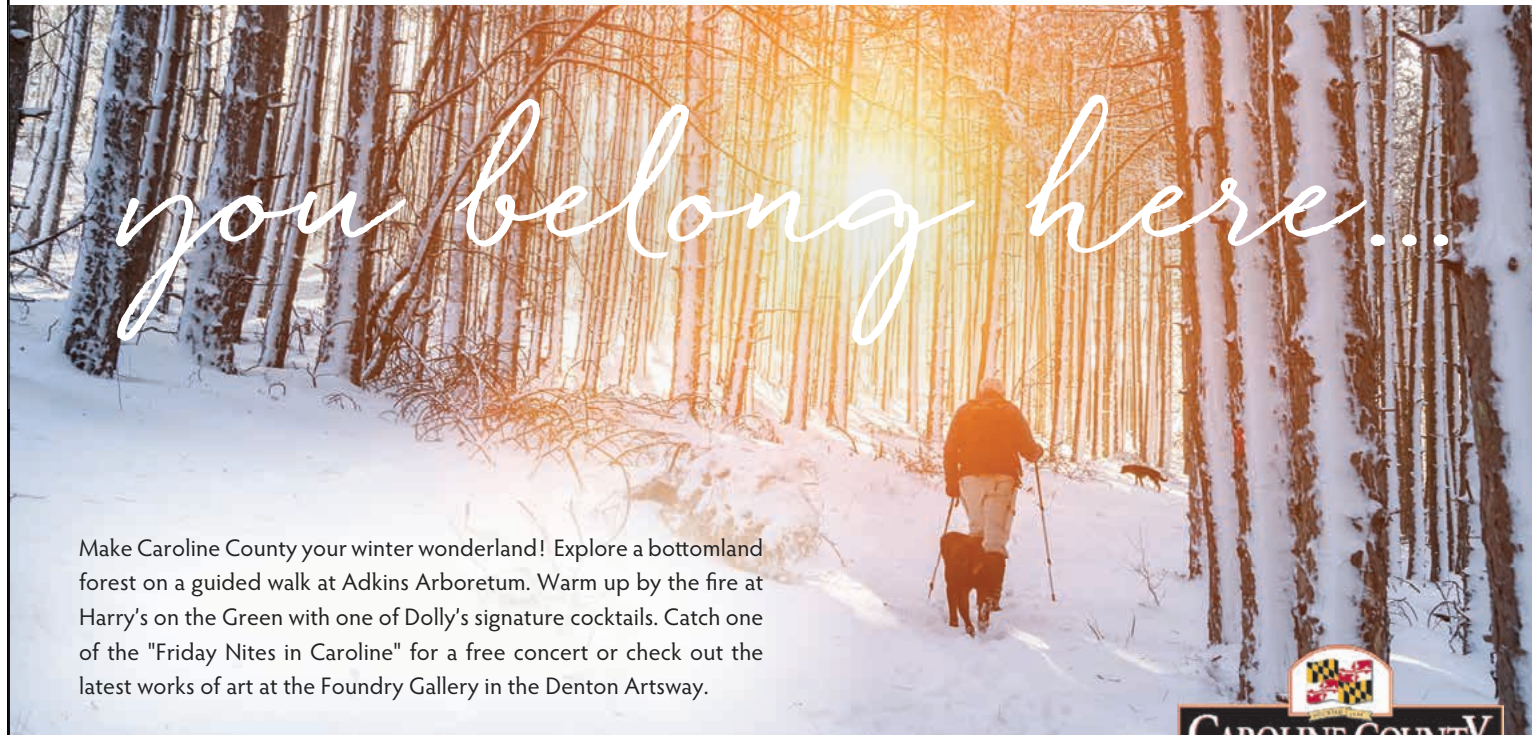
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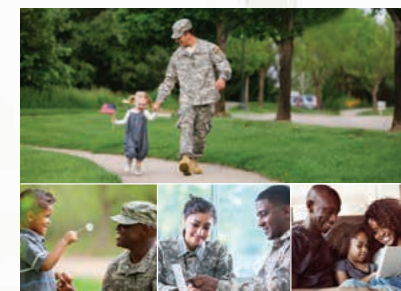
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## ORGOTTEN HALLS

*The forgotten, but not gone remnants  
of Golden Shore Christian School*

By Jeannette Spohn  
Modern photos by Brae Howard







In Cambridge, the grass around a large Victorian-style schoolhouse is neatly trimmed, although the building itself is boarded up and surrounded by a chain-link fence.

But what might seem spooky and forgotten is a place that holds many beloved memories for generations of Cambridge children.

The Dorchester County Board of Education bought the acre land in 1872 and built what was originally known as Academy School, but in 1902, workmen thawing frozen pipes accidentally caught the structure ablaze. It was destroyed.

According to the December 20, 1902, edition of the Democrat and News, “Fully 1,000 persons saw the Cambridge Academy go up in smoke about 1:30 o’clock Monday afternoon. Within two hours the building which has been an ornament to the town was consumed. There were about 300 children in the building, when the fire broke out, but none were injured.”

The school was rebuilt using bricks, and that building remained in use until the mid-1970s when it was sold by the Dorchester County Board of Education. A few years later, it reopened as the Golden Shore Christian School. That school shuttered its doors in the late 1990s, and the

**Alumni of the school enjoy roaming the halls of their youth.**



building has sat unused and abandoned since.

In 2014, the building sold at auction to a company planning to turn it into age-restricted condos. The project fell through and at press time, the building was on the market.

Although the building is abandoned now, alumni memories are of a school bustling with youthful exuberance.

“We had a fun Halloween/Fall party night, many games and a train ride around the neighborhood in the dark,” said alumna Nancy Fox. “It was so much fun. I looked forward to it every year.”



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TOP LEFT: Mrs. Corkran’s 4th grade class pic. ABOVE: Mrs. Holsberg and her husband Mr. Holsberg, a former principal. Photos were shared by Peg Holsberg Hughes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holsberg.



"They buried a time capsule there the last year it was Academy, 74 I think." Said Ellen Borga.

Another alumna, Bonnie Foxwell, said, "I tried to find it. Called the board of ed, and they had no records of it. Nobody seems to know where it got buried at."

It seems the time capsule got lost in the shuffle between the school changing from Academy School to Golden Shore.

"I remember it too," said Micki Vigneri. "If memory serves me, it was to be buried at Sandy Hill Elementary during the last stage of construction. No one seems to know where it is or what happened to it though."

For some, their memories of school are linked with major events.

"I was in I think fourth grade there when [Martin Luther King Jr.] was murdered," alumnus Paul Boisjolie said. "It was very tense between the races during this time. Being in fourth grade, I was not sure how to deal with it."

"I remember that day too," said Maria Fernandez Salatti. "Things were definitely uneasy during those years."

Many students from the 1950s mentioned their principal, Tom Flowers.

"I went to Academy way back in the 1950s," Barbara Tanner Renzi said. "Tom Flowers was principal then. I have good memories of my time there."

"He used to bring the 6th graders to the cafeteria occasionally to listen to ghost stories of Dorchester County," said Dotty Shriver Hackland.

Barbara Marshall added, "He kept us all very busy."

Peg Holsberg Hughes attended the school, her mother taught there, and her father was the principal.

"I was a baton twirler," Hughes said. "Our bandleader teachers were Ms. Corkran and Mrs. Robinson. We would practice what seemed like really tricky maneuvers that would wow the judges in parades."

"The Halloween events really were something. My mother always dressed as a witch and created a haunted library in the basement. And we had hay rides and costume contests and lots of games."








Christmas performances were held as well. Dad had ‘play days’ on Friday afternoons. Each grade participated in fun games, and we had ‘bag lunches’ of hot dogs and chips. Back then, it was such a fun time.

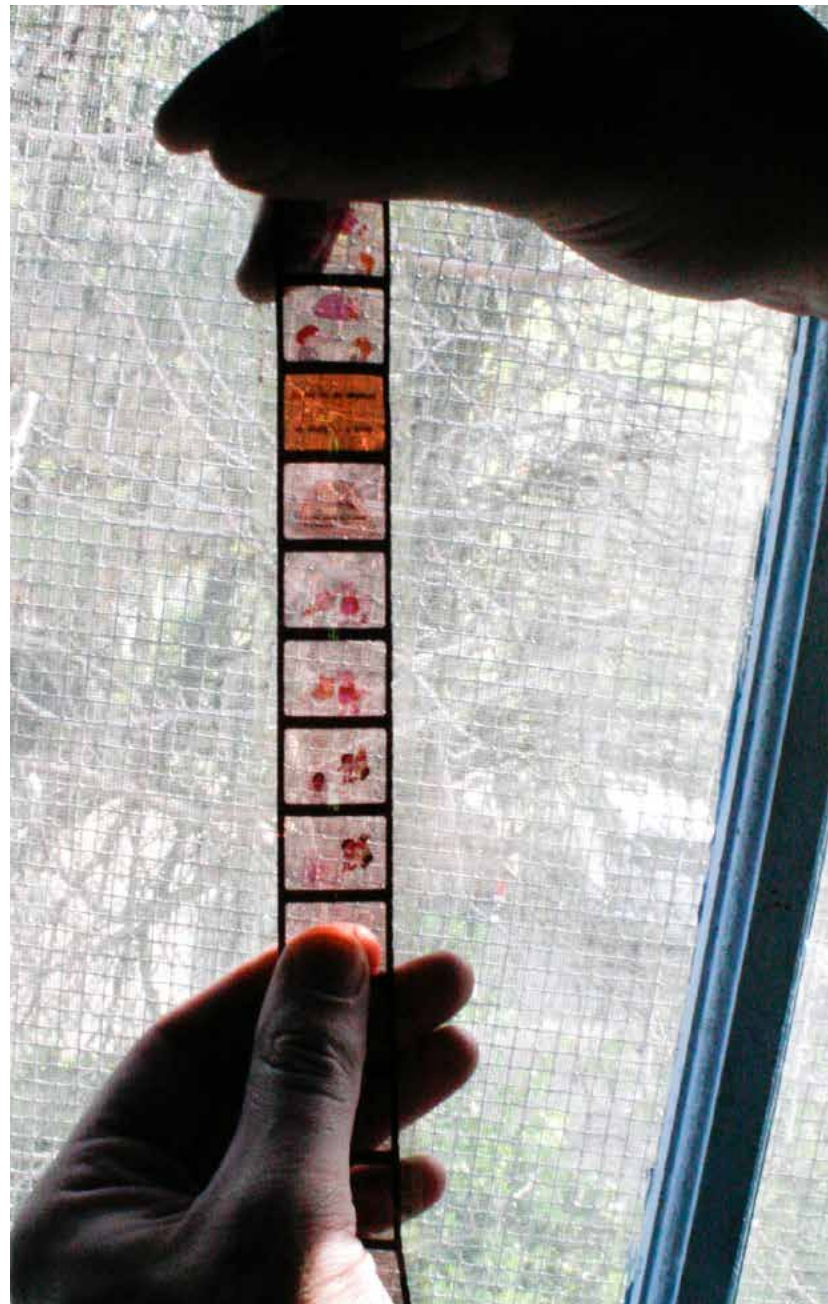
“As a principal’s daughter, I had some special times after school. I was allowed to go into many crooks and crannies of Academy while waiting for mom and dad to finish working and go home. Of course, I’d be in his office and teacher’s lounge, get to write on my mother’s blackboard, get chocolate milk in the kitchen and hang out with the maintenance man, or crawl around or under the stage, play on areas of the playground that were off limits to my grade level.

“We had great swings and monkey bars. And lots of

trees and shady areas to play marbles and jump rope. I remember being a safety patrol with the sash and pins that designated your ‘rank.’

“My favorite teacher was Mrs. Corkran. She was loud and a bit scary at times, but she was fun, and I really learned my multiplication tables from her. I remember the pride we had going to that school. Dad made things fun. His staff loved him. The Academy Band as I mentioned, was a source of pride. We would win a lot of awards. I can still (hear) the flutes playing.”

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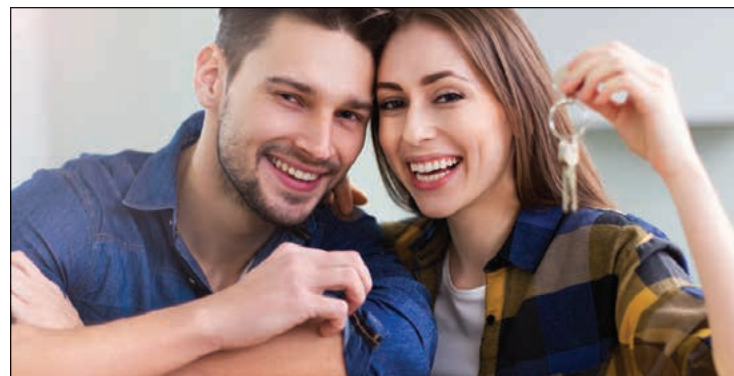




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# Ladies

## & GENTLEMEN

Elvis most certainly has not left the building.

He is alive and well, his music and the era he represented radiating from The Lion's Den Ice Cream Parlor, 508 Kidwell Ave., Centreville.

A replica of a 1950s-era New York City ice cream parlor, owner Joseph Candella and his daughters, Audrey Candella and Stephanie Glowacki, have set their sights on being the place families can frequent for wholesome fun. Open since May 2018, local memorabilia on the walls gives the place an at-home, nostalgic feel.

Joseph Candella, who grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., always wanted to own an ice cream parlor, he said. Although upgraded a bit, he said he tried to stay as close as possible to the style of the places he loved as a child.

"We thought he was going to get an ice cream truck," Audrey Candella said. "He always said he was going to get an ice cream truck when he retired and, essentially, drive around and give away all the ice cream, because that's how my dad is."

This is so much more than an ice cream parlor. It's a place to gather with friends after the big game; a great lunch spot, where you can pick up a reasonably priced meal during your short 30-minute break from the office; a neighborhood after-school hangout where students can finish their homework and parents can feel their children are safe; a place you can feel good about supporting because of its charitable giving; a comfortable spot to take the family for dinner or to celebrate a birthday; and yes, a mecca for your favorite ice cream cone.

"My dad had a vision of a place, a local hangout that was safe, where the people knew you and your parents ... harking back to a simpler time," Stephanie said. "He has fond memories of growing up in that kind of community."

*Shore Monthly* magazine stopped by The Lion's Den recently to have sock-hop-era staples: a milkshake and fries. Of course, these wholesome





parlor essentials are best enjoyed with good friends, so grab yours and make your way to The Lion's Den.

Glowacki makes us The Lion's Den's special vanilla and chocolate milkshake, and shoe-string French fries – both perfect for sharing. The milkshakes are smooth and creamy, and the classic vanilla and rich chocolate flavors are perfect accompaniments to the warm, crispy taste of the French fries.

If there's one thing you need to know about this family-owned and -operated business, the owners are 100 percent devoted to making your experience a memorable one.

*"Our food is put together, it's thoughtful"*

So, they want to make sure each aspect of the ambiance and the food is perfect. That's why, Audrey Candella said, they hired a trained and experienced chef to run the kitchen: Felix Gonzalez. Gonzalez has more than 20 years of local professional cooking experience.

In addition to more than 15 flavors of ice cream, milkshakes,

malted milkshakes, two to four Italian ice choices, sugar-free ice cream options, and more than 12 toppings and sauces, there is a full menu of appetizers, gourmet sandwiches, sides, and salads for lunch or dinner. Specials change weekly and seasonally, and The Lion's

Den serves beer and wine, as well.

The gourmet sandwich favorites include the spicy grilled Buffalo chicken wrap, the turkey bacon panini, the short rib sandwich, and a new special: a Cuban panini. They also serve classic staples like the grilled cheese, Nathan's hot dog, fish and chips,



tuna salad sandwich, and a classic BLT and even a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, when only comfort will do. All sandwiches come with The Lion's Den's signature fries and all items are made to order and customizable.


"Our food is put together, it's thoughtful," Audrey Candella said.

The Lion's Den isn't just about sweet treats and food, either. The family agreed they take their roles as a neighborhood ice cream parlor seriously, and that means giving back to the community, its veterans and first responders, and its children.

The restaurant is veteran-friendly, with special veteran-designated parking spaces and flags for each branch of the military proudly displayed daily. There are bike racks (that spell out the name Will – more on that later) for local kids, an outside patio, '50s-era music, guided crafts on the weekends (call for details), a free meeting/party room located in the back of the restaurant, and a discount of 25 percent for all active and retired veterans, as well as first responders. Queen Anne's County employees and students will receive a 10 percent discount.

One initiative close to the family's heart is the donation of all gratuities to the Will-Power Foundation, in memory of family member Will Glowacki. Will Glowacki lost his 10-year battle with brain cancer in 2017. All gratuities are donated monthly to the foundation, which is set to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, with a mission to end pediatric cancer. Find more information or make your tax-deductible donation at Will-Power.org. The family also participates in local fundraisers, as well.

"We want the kids, the families to have a wholesome, fun place to come ... a home away from home," Stephanie Glowacki said. "To me, the best part of working here is the people and the stories. It's the little baby who's come in and had her first taste of ice cream; the little one who got a good report card; it's the kids who come back from college ... a place to meet and catch up. So, I hope that's the vibe you get when you come in."

"We're a great deal more than an ice cream parlor," Joseph Candella said. 



Open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday (hours are extended during the summer), The Lion's Den is the perfect place to take your family for a unique experience where kids can be kids, and you can reminisce to the time when you were one, too. Find The Lion's Den on Facebook and Instagram.



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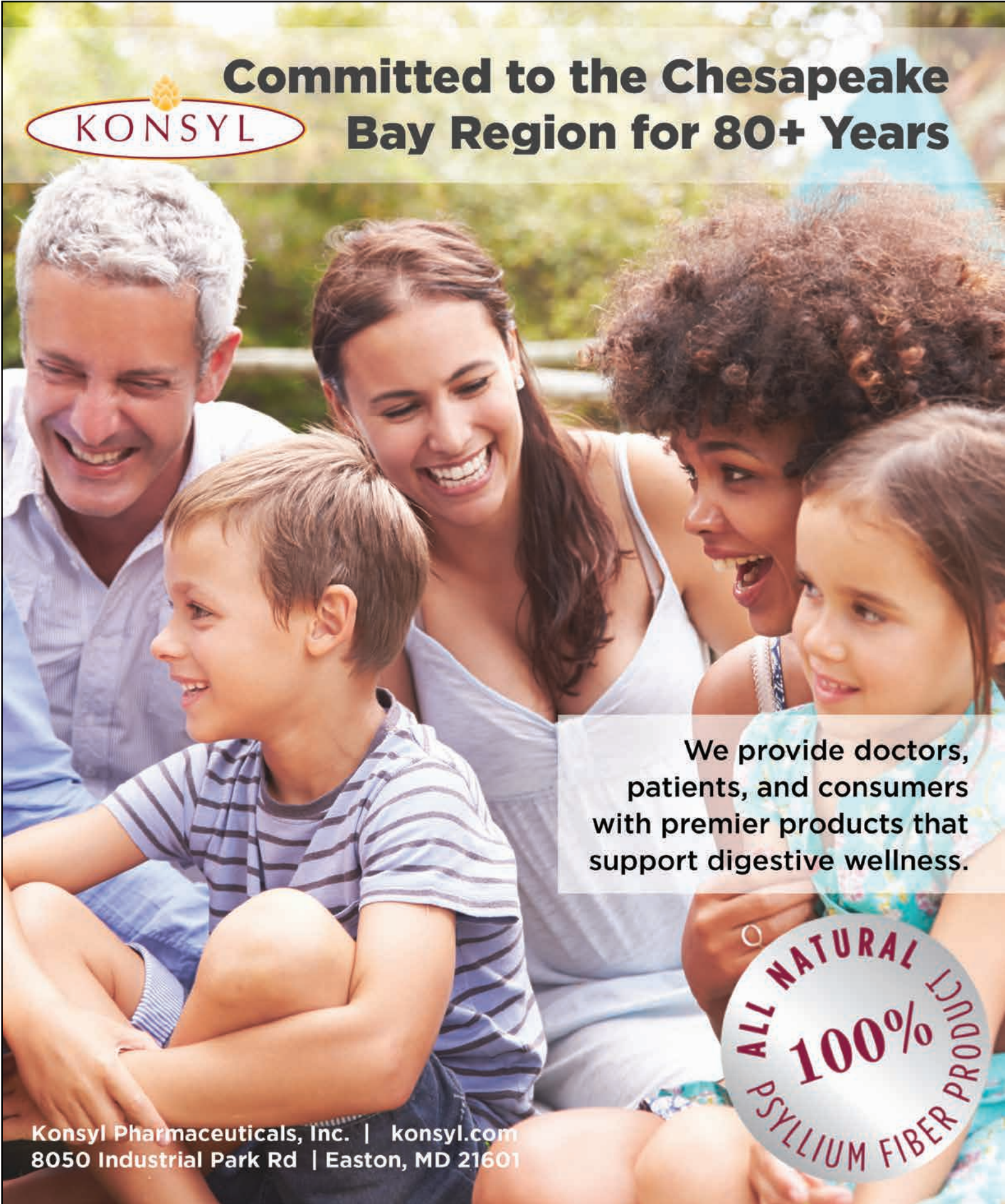
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