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WOODBINE LIBRARY HOSTS HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Woodbine Branch of the Cape May County library, 800 Monroe Street, Woodbine, will be the location for an historical presentation on Saturday, July 8, 2017, from 2-3:30 p.m.

The presentation, entitled "Images of America: Dennis Township" will be given by Thomas Champion and Ray Rebmann, co-authors of "Images of America: Dennis Township". Lifetime Belleplainer Thomas Champion has served his community in countless ways over 80-plus years. Former newspaperman Ray Rebmann currently serves as curator of Dennisville's Old School House Museum.

Dennis Township is more than a swampy, desolate locale tourists drive through to reach the beach at the Jersey Shore. It is actually eight unique communities, stretching from the Garden State Parkway to the east to Delaware Bay and Cumberland County to the west. Dennis is farmland and forests of oak and pine. Meadows teem with wildlife, all just minutes away from busy beaches. Dennis Township is also about people, many of whom trace their roots back to before the American Revolution. It has a population of determined individualists, mixed with just enough "new blood" to sustain a vibrant community. Geography and people invigorate the township's eight hamlets, including Dennisville, Belleplain, and South Seaville, which were formerly independent towns but are now more regarded as signposts along the traveler's way. People have lived there for generations and will be living there still long after the tourists have moved on. This book tells more than one story, but all of the stories equally make Dennis Township the special place it long has been.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

"We are pleased to have this presentation of local history at our library," added Mayor Pikolycky. "Baron DeHirsch purchased 5300 acres from Dennis Township 126 years ago which eventually incorporated as the Borough of Woodbine."



