



Ocean Pines Association Election Committee members go through ballots one by one on Friday to rectify problems with the vote count in the Ocean Pines Board of Directors election. The vote count validated during the association's August annual meeting was greater than it should have been.

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Burrell wins in Berlin's only contest

Knerr reelected, Green gets nod in uncontested races for seats on Town Council

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) On a wet, dreary day that turned out less than 75 voters in a district with more than 700, incumbent Berlin Town Councilmember Dean Burrell fended off challenger Tony Weeg by just two votes.

The remnants of a nor'easter that spun off from Hurricane Ian, having pounded the mid-Atlantic coast for the better part of a week, could have had something to do with the low turnout. Delayed school and flooding around Berlin and Ocean City may have bumped the election from the forefront of many voters' minds.

When the votes were all tallied up Tuesday night, Burrell had edged Weeg 37 to 35.

Burrell and Weeg greeted those who came out to the Berlin Police Department on Decatur Street, chatting with each other all the while. They had been there since 7 in the morning, they said in the late afternoon.

While their contest was good-natured in spirit, Burrell and Weeg were true opposites on one issue: how town government functions. Weeg has called for changes in transparency and how the mayor and Town Council interact with each other, while Burrell has said talk of

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Dean Burrell



Jay Knerr



Steve Green

Vote total changes, not results

OP election outcome sticks as hand recount eliminates hundreds from final tally

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) One week later, nothing has changed.

The Ocean Pines Association's hand recount of ballots and votes in the 2022 board of directors election yielded plenty of drama in recent weeks but in the end, directors Stephen Jacobs, Stuart Lakernick and Monica Rakowski retained their seats.

The recount Friday by the Elections Committee was necessitated after the directors learned last Saturday that the number of votes counted

and accepted at the association's annual meeting in August far exceeded what was possible, given the number of ballots counted.

After the last paper ballot was hand-counted, the Elections Committee came away with 940 fewer votes than what was validated at the annual meeting — a variance of 10.7 percent.

While Lakernick lost votes in the recount, he maintained a healthy margin over his opponents and Jacobs gained votes from the over-counted original. Rakowski, however, had to sweat out the recount but stayed ahead of first runner-up, Amy Peck, but by 15 votes.

Peck has also been one of the loudest voices calling attention to the issue. She was in attendance when

	NEW TOTAL	OLD TOTAL	the+ / (-)
Jacobs	1,894	1,86727
Lakernick..	1,682	1,802(120)
Rakowski ..	1,363	1,603(240)
Peck	1,348	1,451(103)
Wheatley	990	1,303(313)
Gray	836	1,027(191)
Totals	8,113	9,053(940)

the recount got underway Friday morning.

"I give all the credit to the Elections Committee (for taking up the

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Berlin's District 4 residents headed to the polls on the cold, windy and rainy Tuesday to decide the race between incumbent Dean Burrell, right, and challenger Tony Weeg for the district's town council seat.

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Burrell over Weeg by 2 votes in 4th District competition

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more transparency worries him.

“When folks talk about transparency and making things more transparent, I get concerned, because if the opposite of transparency is things being unclear, hazy, just not the way it should be, but I know for my involvement with the mayor and council of the town of Berlin, those folks, we are a council that are people who would not stand for things not being done right,” Burrell said.

“Sometimes our decisions in the town and the council come into question but I believe each person on that council, when they cast a vote, they’re doing what they feel is best for the town of Berlin.”

“No, we don’t always agree but that is expected because we’re all different — from different backgrounds and life experiences. I would be suspicious of a council that always agreed and always had those discussions but I know that folks on that council make decisions on what they feel is in the best interest of the town of Berlin and that is expected.”

Burrell will be sworn in alongside incumbent Jay Knerr and newcomer Steve Green for the at-large and District 1 seats, respectively, during Monday’s Berlin and Town Council

meeting. The latter two ran unopposed.

Knerr, who owns the Kite Loft in Ocean City, has said he intends to keep pushing for new infrastructure, stabilizing the police force with better pay and controlling the town’s growth.

“In the past two years we’ve done a lot of good things,” Knerr said of his first half-term after taking over for Thom Gulyas, who gave up his seat when he moved out of Berlin. “Stormwater issues, we’ve stabilized the town’s finances — we have brought new businesses into Berlin. Just a lot of good things have happened and it’s why people are moving here. They want to live in Berlin.”

Green, who comes from a newspaper background, ran on a platform of being committed and informed from the unique position of his professional experience — both as a media observer and businessman.

As a small-business owner for the last 25 years, Green said he’s “very aware and feels it” when budget and tax changes are made.

“As a councilperson, I’m informed, assessable (and) committed,” he said in an interview last month. “Berlin is small enough that anyone can call me or approach me and I’ll listen to their concerns.”

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Recount removes hundreds of votes from Pines election

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recount),” Peck said during the recount. She had maintained at the outset that she did not expect the results to change and she was correct. Nevertheless, she said, “I’m glad it’s happening. I hope it calms down the drama.”

The drama, apparently, is the product of ballot weighting, which essentially means association members have as many opportunities to vote as they have lots. Owning three lots, for instance, would mean a homeowner in this year’s election could vote up to nine times — one vote for each of the three open seats.

But Peck said she’s talked to multi-lot members who found the protocol confusing. Some people assumed one ballot would be counted multiple times, some assumed they could put multiple ballots in one envelope and others submitted subsequent ballots with no envelope at all.

“Here’s how I understand it,” Peck explained after the recount. “If you own multiple lots, if you voted electronically, your votes were weighted. If you voted by paper ... you were told you had to come get extra ballots. That was not made clear in the instructions. I know of people that owned multiple lots and their votes

were weighted.

“(Where others are coming from is) the extra ballot thing (which) is just a mess. I asked for confirmation on the number of lots. I did not get that. I asked for confirmation of the number of envelopes. I didn’t get that either.”

Despite the lack of clarity and the fact that many in the community would certainly support Peck if she pursued a new election, she said there is “no way” she would contest it further.

“We had a candidate sue last election,” she said. “I think it’d be terrible for Ocean Pines to have two elections in a row where a candidate has to sue. This is a volunteer service.”

Peck pointed to another concern about the unpaid director positions.

“This is something future candidates will have to consider,” she said. “This candidate that won had extensive signage, mailers, very expensive mailing. If that’s what it’s going to take to get elected, I find that troubling.”

“(As for the recount) the only good that can come from this is policies and reporting put into place to ensure this never happens again.”

OPA President Doug Parks and Elections Committee Chair Carol Ludwig did not return requests for comments for this story.



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OP keeping tabs on financial fallout from rake head issue

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) The Ocean Pines Board of Directors last Saturday grappled with the fallout from a misplaced rake head at the Ocean Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant that caused the county hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Earlier this year, a county employee at the plant neglected to report that the head of a rake had broken off in the process of clearing floating debris. The rake head clogged a pipe, causing the plant to miss the state of Maryland’s discharge permit limits for the release of nitrogen.

In turn, roughly \$540,000 in fees racked up against Worcester County before the problem was discovered and resolved.

Last month, the Worcester County Commissioners approved a \$540,000 intergovernmental grant for the Public Works Department to pay fees levied against the county by the state because of the issue. The money had been earmarked for

Ocean Pines to pay fees to the state.

Commissioners Chip Bertino and Jim Bunting, who represent Ocean Pines, were the only opponents in the 5-2 decision. They argued that the money should come from the county’s general fund.

“Since March, meetings and discussions have been taking place at the county level to see OPA compensated for processing of trucking in sewage,” Director Monica Rakowski said. “More details will be available in the coming months but at this point, no further discussion is warranted until we get that additional information.”


Director Colette Horn asked how the deficit would be paid for, and Rakowski responded that, at the least, there won’t be any quarterly rate increase for homeowners.

General Manager John Viola said that, to his understanding, the county has a plan on how to cover the cost.

“I’d prefer that the commissioners ... did say it wouldn’t be a part of a rate increase, which Monica heard. I

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Hartman and Carozza look
at new laws in Worcester Co.

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) When the calendar turns to October, many new laws go into effect in Maryland. Del. Wayne Hartman and Sen. Mary Beth Carozza talked with Bayside Gazette about the laws — both good and bad — that they have their eyes on.

Hartman started with a trio of bills that affect condominiums and homeowners associations — especially smaller ones in Worcester County. The first — titled Co-operative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations — requires those entities to have a professional engineer at their disposal to evaluate the life and replacement costs of community elements and amenities such as pools, signage, roofs or whatever else for which they are responsible. The evaluations are to occur every five years.

“That’s going to have a huge impact on condo fees and such depending on the outcome,” Hartman said.

Hartman did not support the bill, though he said that the “intent was

good.” His chief concern is the smaller associations whom the bill could impact greater.

“I have concerns over the mandated cost of the evaluation,” he said. “The number of qualified people to make those assessments, some associations may have the right number of properties to qualify but simply need a sign (and no other improvements or additions). That’s an overburdened regulation to me.”

Another bill, HB40, prohibits homeowners associations from entering into nondisclosure agreements, something that Hartman described as a “small bill.”

The last, HB615, sets guidelines for how a homeowners association settles a dispute with an alleged violator under the Maryland Condominium Act.

Moving on from private to public properties, Hartman hailed the passage of HB1300, the Beach Erosion Control District which allows the Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum to carry out much-needed ren-



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HOA regulations, move-over expansion among new laws

ovations and additions without exposing nearby property owners to other risks.

“A lot of locals weighed in on this and it affected the outcome of that bill,” Hartman said.

The bill addresses previous restrictions on all renovations or additions on ocean-side properties in downtown Ocean City. It allows the museum to do what it needs to do while continuing to bar other properties from undergoing any construction that could affect the view from nearby properties, and thus their property value.

“There was a lot of back and forth between the needs of Ocean City and the concerns of the property owners and what I think came out of that was a great piece of legislation,” Hartman said.

Hartman wants local watermen to be aware of another bill he supports, the Maryland Watermen’s Microloan Program, which gives career and beginning watermen alike a loan from \$7,000 up to \$15,000.

“It’s a small loan to help them get started or for if a longtime waterman needs help,” he said. “I think it’s important they know about that availability.”

Another bill prohibits the govern-

ment from charging for the death certificate for a first responder killed in the line of duty.

Carozza focused on one bill — the expanded “Move Over” law. The original law required motorists to move over at least one lane, if possible when an emergency or law enforcement vehicle is in the breakdown lane. The new bill requires motorists to move over for all vehicles in the breakdown lane.

“(This could) increase public safety and save lives in Worcester County, given the number of special events featuring motor vehicles and motorcycles in Ocean City and the (Eastern) Shore region,” Carozza said in an email. “With Gov. Hogan declaring October as Move Over Awareness Month and with the Endless Summer Cruisers in Ocean City this week, the new law is another public safety tool that can help protect both residents and visitors alike on our local roads and throughout Maryland.”

Carozza added that in 2020, the Maryland Department of Transportation recorded 10 pedestrian fatalities on roadways due to disabled vehicles.

“The new law will help reach the goal of zero roadway fatalities in Maryland,” she said.



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The Ocean Pines Communications Committee is working on putting together a presentation for the board of directors on its proposal for replacing the analog sign at the North Gate entrance with an electric sign. Supporters say it'd be a big improvement for emergency messaging and staff safety while others are skeptical that it might be a frivolous desire.

OPA discussing North Gate electronic signage purchase

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) On the recommendation of the Ocean Pines Communications Committee, the Ocean Pines Association Board of Directors last Saturday began discussing the installation of an electronic sign at North Gate.

Committee liaison Steve Jacobs said that the committee has fielded two similar bids that differ only on some specifications and the price, with both hovering around \$20,000 and one about \$1,000 more than the other.

“This would be the only sign involved at the time,” Jacobs told his colleagues. “If you recall, the sign at the north entrance currently has a map on the left side and information on the right. This would flip it.”

The committee, he said, is prepared to arrange for a presentation with a manufacturer for the board.

“The communications committee

does have an interest in at least getting this on the radar for the upcoming budget, which is why we have the charging document today,” Jacobs said.

Opinions from the board were split on the matter.

“In the past, the committee has said (such a sign) could be used for emergency notifications, but that didn’t work out,” Director Frank Daly said. “It looks like it’s nothing more than ‘We don’t like the old and we want something new,’ which I perfectly understand. I go through that in my house all the time.

“It would take years to recover the \$21,000 we’re going to spend to change, to get the same message to people. So I don’t see it as timely.”

Daly also suggested that the email messaging system the association uses for emergencies should still be sufficient.

“There are other things we don’t
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OP watching county’s reaction

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believe what I heard ... is about charging for the work (the Ocean Pines plant) is doing for Glen Riddle,” Viola said, adding he needs to confirm the last detail.”

“They did mention some ideas. One was the waste that they’ve caught over from Glen Riddle, that would replace it, by billing for that.”

Seeking clarification, Director Steve Jacobs asked how they knew all this if the meetings were strictly at the county level. Viola responded that he, Rakowski, and a couple of staff members tuned in remotely from the General Manager’s office.

“In the future, if you’re going to have these sorts of meetings, I’d like to know,” Jacobs said.

Jacobs added that everyone must understand that the board has nothing to do with the operation of the wastewater plant.

“If something happens like losing a rake inside a piece of operating equipment and it causes something to go south, whether we like it or not up here or as ratepayers, we can do nothing about it,” he said. “Our commissioners (Bertino and Bunting) did exactly what, in my opinion, as a voter, they should have done. They went to bat for us and said look, nobody in Ocean Pines caused this problem and they shouldn’t (be held responsible.) The other commissioners said that ‘Yes but outside of Ocean Pines nobody in the county should pay for it.’

“I think it’s important to understand that this is one deal that it’s kind of like what goes on in Snow Hill stays down there. It’s out of our lane. ... I don’t want anyone leaving thinking the board is thinking of telling the commissioners to do anything because that ends up in a canyon with a rockslide falling on us.”

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Pines purse still growing in 2022

Budget and Finance report no financial setbacks as final quarter of year begins

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) Ocean Pines’s finances continue to outperform expectations.

After reviewing the numbers at its Sept. 26 meeting, the Ocean Pines Budget and Finance Committee found no cause for concern as the association enters the final quarter of the calendar year.

“We have a positive operating variance of \$161,000 (for the last month) and \$693,000 on the year to date,” committee Chair Harold Dick Keiling said. “By and large, these results are really good. A lot of the questions were answered on the favorable side. There’s not a lot to pick at.”

Every amenity and department reported outperformed its budget.

The Department of Public Works is \$103,000 favorable to its budget, which is partially explained by the department searching to fill open positions, Keiling said.

Tennis on the year is “slightly” favorable as well as pickleball, Keiling said. Platform tennis is \$8,000 favorable to the budget while pickleball is favorable at \$16,000 with a positive variance of \$49,000.

“Pickleball membership has really taken off,” Keiling said. “It’s 33 percent over last year and continues to lead racquet sports. They all look good for the month and year to date.”

Golf is exceeding the monthly budget numbers by \$36,000, compared to an operating budget of \$3,000.

“Of course, golf is tied to good weather, but the course is in great shape and people are playing there,” Keiling said. “A lot of outside factors are going very well, along with the clubhouse, which kind of goes along with it. It’s really busy as well — positive operating variance for the month.”

The Beach Club finished the season with a net positive of \$225,000 versus a budget of \$152,000, even topping last year’s bottom line of \$203,000.

Parking is performing at \$448,000 over its \$430,000 budget. The prior year was at \$412,000.

The Yacht Club revenues has a positive variance of \$171,000 — \$718,000 over \$548,000.

“It’s good activity (at the Yacht Club) as far as food and beverage, banquets,” Keiling said. “What did come out of the meeting is that it’s a busy banquet season — there are 18 booked. So you’ll see more positive results moving forward.”

Perhaps the most surprising posi-

tive performer on the year to date is the marina, which has dealt with gas line leaks that shut down some of its pumps for repairs recently.

“Even with that, the marina finished up \$268,000 year-to-date versus a budget of \$251,000,” Keiling said. “So, a favorable variance there, keeping good margins in the guest sales. It’s all there.”

Keiling also endorsed the successful request General Manager John Viola made last month for a transfer of surplus funds to the association’s reserves — \$150,000 for mailbox maintenance and replacement, \$75,000 for renovating existing pickleball courts and \$350,000 for the roads reserve.

“(Our committee) has been pretty consistent in wanting to build reserves up to \$1 million,” he said. “I think with this \$350,000 and next year’s casino funds coming in, it’ll be at or above that. That’s something (we are) always pushing for and the board is supporting us in that regard.”

Next month, Keiling said he hopes to start digging into the beginnings of the budget review process. The committee, which will meet next on Oct. 26, is also expecting to confer with representatives from the Ocean Pines Volunteer Fire Department to look at its operating results for the year to date.

Daly: E-sign is a ‘want’ not a ‘need’

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do that we can spend \$21,000 on. That’s the bottom line for this,” he said.

Director Colette Horn was more concerned about staff safety.

“The process of changing that message involves a staff member opening up the front of that case, which weighs who knows how many pounds and propping it up with a two-by-four to swap out those letters,” she said.

“I don’t like seeing our staff members out there with the traffic, going back and forth, wrestling with a two-by-four to make it possible to put that message up. I think (this one sign) is a good field test (for all the other

signs) they’re wrestling with in this old-fashioned messaging approach.”

Director Stuart Lakernick backed Daly in describing this as a want, not a need, and suggested they look into simply improving the analog signage.

“If safety is a concern, why not have Public Works put a hinge on the lid and fix that?” he asked.

The discussion circled back to Jacobs, who said he respects everyone’s opinions but reminded them that the discussion is about the need for an organized presentation, not a decision — something on which Daly, Horn and Lakernick all agreed.

“At this point, all the committee is seeking is the opportunity to make a suitable presentation with the appro-

prate expertise to the board,” he said. “It may not change opinions one way or the other. But my understanding is this sort of presentation has not been done.”

Daly added that he wants all avenues explored by the committee.

“The Communications Committee should understand, from my point of view, when we’re talking about \$21,000 — and I appreciate the safety concern — somebody better be prepared to tell me what it would cost to retrofit the signs to make them safe compared to \$21,000,” he said.

At the end of the discussion, General Manager John Viola said he and his staff would look into the safety concerns.

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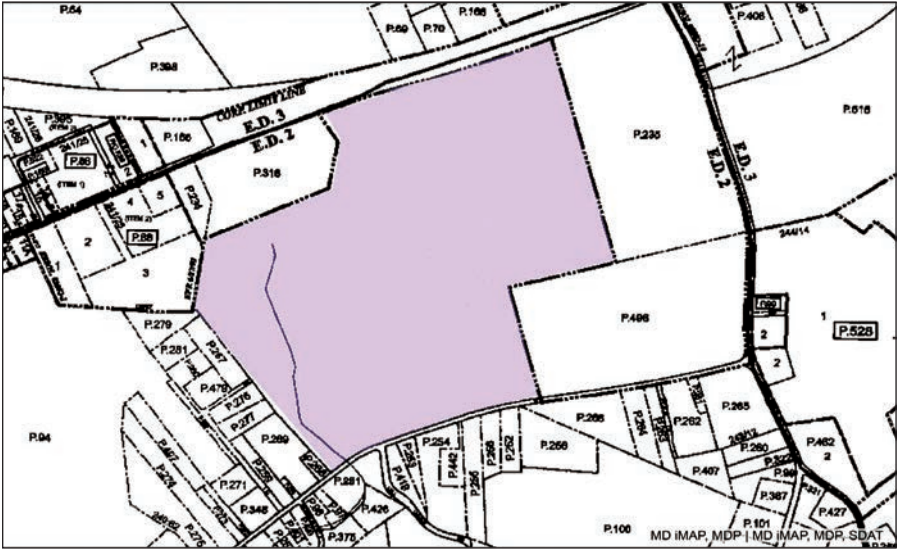


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The Worcester County Commissioners voted 4-3 to push the closing date of a nearly 100-acre parcel just west of Stephen Decatur High School to January 2023, to allow the county to find a funding source for the \$7.15 million purchase. Commissioners Chip Bertino, Jim Bunting and Ted Elder voted in opposition.

Sportsplex land deal pushed back to find source of funds

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) The Worcester County Commissioners and the owners of the possible sports complex property on Route 50 near Stephen Decatur High School have agreed to push the closing date on the purchase of the 94.5-acre parcel for \$7.15 million to allow the county to find a fund-

ing source.

Although the closing was originally slated for Sept. 29, the sellers Helen F. Faucette, Hale Harrison, and John Henry Harrison have agreed to extend that date to Jan. 31, 2023.

On April 19, the Worcester County Commissioners voted to buy the land for the complex. Originally, the

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Harrison Senior Living turns 50 years old, celebrates run

By Jack Chavez
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) Harrison Senior Living, an assisted-living community with four locations, has been celebrating its 50th anniversary this year as it looks toward the future of its brand.

“It’s amazing,” CEO Harrison Saunders said of making it to 50 years. “It’s an amazing moment for our company, our employees and our family.”

The company, which began with its first location in Christiana, Pennsylvania, has been on the lower Eastern Shore area for 45 years, ever since setting up shop in Snow Hill.

Over the years, there have been “significant changes” in what consumers want from assist-living communities and as such, how the industry serves its markets has also changed, Saunders said.

“(The professional) skill of nursing, we’re now doing primarily sub-acute (or short-term) rehabilitation services

rather than long-term care for seniors,” he said. “What we have now are essentially skilled nursing homes (acting as) small rehabilitation hospitals rather than the nursing homes people typically think of.”

“On the living and assisted living side, people come much later in life — 80s, even 90s — with greater frequency, so I think the commitments have changed in terms of what level of service or health-care are provided at both those industry segments.”

To celebrate 50 years, the company has been marking the occasion at each of its four locations — Snow Hill, Salisbury, Georgetown as well as one in Pennsylvania.

Last month in Snow Hill, the company held a community day in which it invited members of the community, business leaders, local officials and town management.

“We had an upscale picnic, essentially, to thank everyone for their support



PHOTO COURTESY HARRISON SENIOR LIVING
Harrison Senior Living, a senior-care company with four locations including one in Snow Hill, is celebrating 50 years of service this year. The company has been in Snow Hill for over four decades.

over the last 50 years,” Saunders said.

Employees were also recognized for years of service.

A similar event was held in Salisbury last week.

“(All year we are) thanking all of our

employees,” Saunders added. “We are immensely proud of them because they’re who have allowed us to get to this point of this golden anniversary and we certainly couldn’t be here providing such great care without them.”



Participating in an anniversary event, from left, are Ellen Saunders, board chair; Snow Hill Mayor Michael Pruitt; Harrison House of Snow Hill team member Shelia Morris; and Harrison Saunders, president and CEO of Harrison Senior Living.

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Closing to take place in January

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money was to come from the sale of \$11.2 million in bonds earmarked for financing a portion of the costs of designing, engineering, construction, equipping, and furnishing the facility.

The decision to push the date back to January comes just three months after County Chief Administrative Officer Weston Young revealed that the bond money earmarked for the purchase could not be used.

Commissioner Chip Bertino, who has opposed the development of a sport complex with taxpayer money, questioned Commissioner Joe Mitrecic about the procedure for applying for funds from the Maryland Stadium Authority and was told it could be comprised of grants, loans, or if the authority finds it feasible, it may even pay for the whole facility.

Mitrecic also told Bertino when a study being paid for by Ocean City of-

ficials is completed, the stadium authority will have a better idea of how much money to put toward the project.

Ocean City requested a study that looks into possibilities of constructing an indoor facility at the sportsplex.

According to Mitrecic, Worcester County will put together the concept of the sportsplex and Ocean City, who wants to partner in the project, wants to put an indoor facility their.

Mitrecic also said the county was accused of rushing the project, then suddenly nothing happens, and people wonder why it is not moving.

To clear things up, he added, the county is continuing with studies like the traffic study, to ensure due diligence is done.

The deciding vote to push the date back to January was 4-3 with Commissioners Bertino, Ted Elder, and Jim Bunting voting in opposition.

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DOUBLETREE ON 33RD

Worcester Tech offers pupils agricultural science classes

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) Worcester County Board of Education members were given some insight into a program that helps prepare students for careers in agricultural science and farming.

Jessica Flores, the agricultural science teacher at Worcester Technical High School, told board members the goal of the program, and for her as an educator, is to promote and encourage self-learning through personal growth by developing each student's potential and skills for career success through agricultural sciences

"Once reason I came to Worcester Public Schools is because in my previous job, I saw a need that when students came into college, they were lacking in certain skills," she said.

Flores has a background working at the University of Maryland and helping farmers on the lower Eastern Shore to make their operations successful and prepared for the future.

Today, she helps students in acquiring those skills as well.

One way Flores has helped is by setting up a Future Farmers of America Student Organization at the school. To participate, students must

be enrolled in the agriculture program and pay \$30 in annual dues.

With that membership, though, students get the opportunity to participate in career development events and network.

When she first started the program, Flores was only able to retain three students the following year. Today, she has 55 students enrolled, one-fifth of whom have no experience in farming but show an interest in the field.

The program also has about five agreements with Maryland and Delaware universities, which give students the chance to earn between three and 18 college credits.

Some of the things students get the chance to do is use technology to conduct soil samples to determine things like moisture content and PH, while also utilizing GIS maps as overlays.

The students also use Apple TVs, iPads, and other agricultural technologies.

By way of a program advisory committee, Flores can find out what the industry needs of students when they enter the workforce, allowing her to mold her program accordingly.

The advisory committee consists

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Worcester Technical High School students have the option of taking agricultural science courses that prepare them to become future farmers of America, training them with the skills required to take farming to the next level of profitability using the latest technology. PHOTO COURTESY WORCESTER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA PACKET

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Chief Financial Officer Vince Tolbert requested \$391,000 to replace tracks at the Pocomoke and Steven Decatur high schools.

As part of the request, Tolbert asked to use surplus money from FY22.

In a letter to the commissioner, school Superintendent Lou Taylor said the tracks need to be replaced as

they continue to age and degrade because of ultraviolet light and other factors.

"If left unaddressed, these factors could pose safety concerns in the future," Taylor wrote. "Also, prices continue to rise, and we would like to lock in pricing for these two projects as soon as possible."

The request was approved unanimously.

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DONATION

Members of Bikers Without Borders Foundation recently presented a donation of \$1,500 to the Maryland Special Olympics program. The group provides year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons 8 years of age and older with intellectual disabilities.



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RECOGNITION

Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President Tim Lund, right, presented the “Kiwanian of the Month” honor for August to Ed Ahlquist. He is a behind-the-scenes hard worker and a member of the club’s “Dawg Team,” which prepares and serves concessions at many of the Ocean Pines events.



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SHORE CLEANUP

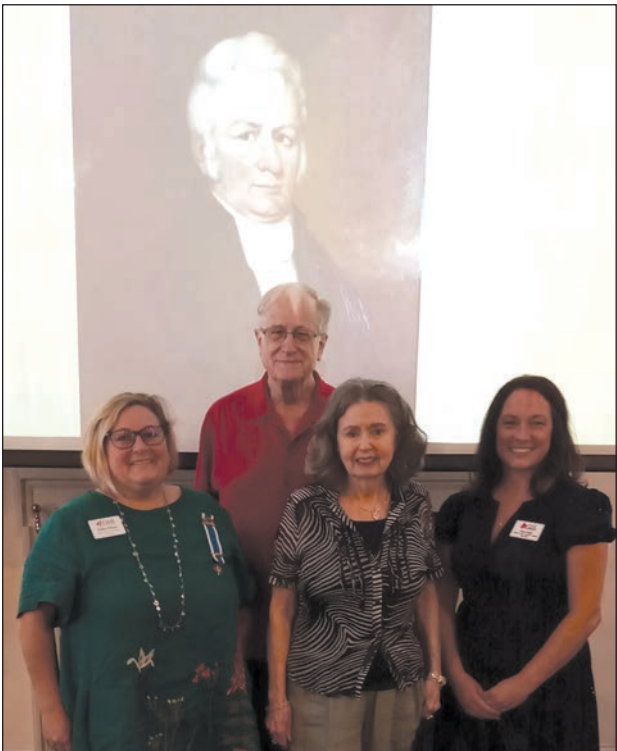
Worcester Preparatory School students and volunteers helped clean areas of Assateague Island National Seashore on Sept. 24. Teacher Amanda Netting, in partnership with the Volunteer Club, gathered a crew of students and families to help clean campgrounds, trails, picnic areas and the parking lots at Assateague Island. Pictured, from left, are Mike DePalma, Caitlyn Hoen, Summer Vent, Jenna Hess, Ava Conaway, Sydney Tingle, Vanessa Hall and Assistant Head of School/Head of Upper School Mike Grosso. (Right) Reed and Vivi Grinestaff are pictured with classmate Isabella Rice during the cleanup.



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COMMENDED STUDENTS

Worcester Preparatory School seniors Sajiv Satyal, Morgan Schoch and Sophia Spadaro have been named Commended Students in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized. Although they will not continue in the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2023 competition by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). They are pictured with WPS Director of College Counseling Vickie Garner and Head of School Dr. John McDonald.



WINDER FAMILY PRESENTATION

A presentation by G. Ray Thompson, PhD, on the Winder family of the Eastern Shore was recently given to members of the General Levin Winder Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). He covered four generations of the family with primary emphasis on Levin Winder for whom the chapter is named. A Winder descendant, member Mary Wilson White Riva, was in attendance. Pictured, from left, are Chapter Regent Talley Hann, Thompson, Riva, Chapter Vice Regent and Program Chair Sara Pugh.

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New film festival takes place at Burley Oak

Inaugural Wild Child event offers movies, animals and activities at Berlin brewery

(Oct. 6, 2022) Assateague Coastal Trust (ACT), the Coast Kids program, and Assateague Coastkeeper will bring the inaugural Wild Child Youth Film Festival to Burley Oak Brewing Company in Berlin, this Sunday.

Get tickets in advance at www.actforbays.org/wildchild or purchase at Burley Oak, located at 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd. the day of the event.

Films start at 6:30 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

This is an outdoor event, so bring a chair and/or blanket. In case of inclement weather, the location for this event will be moved to Mac Mullin Hall at Assateague Coastal Trust's office building on 10959 Worcester Hwy in Berlin.

Other activities will include building a bird feeder with Coast Kids, live animals provided by Scales and Tales, a Lucky Chance auction with gift baskets and goodies from numerous local businesses, and raffle items.

The Street Kitchen food truck will sell tacos and other items.

Tickets cost \$5 for one, or \$25 for a bundle of six, plus one free 30-ounce eco-friendly water bottle.

"We are so excited to expand this film festival event and make it a special family event for everyone," said ACT Director Brenda Davis. "Wild Child is a natural extension of the Coast Kids program to inspire children to learn about the local fauna and flora and become environmental stewards."

Additionally, the 12th Wild and Scenic Film Festival will be held on

Nov. 17 in Morley Hall at Seacrets, on 49th Street in Ocean City. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and films start at 7 p.m.

Ticket cost \$25 each, or get five for \$100, plus one free 16-ounce stainless steel beer cup.

For more information, visit www.actforbays.org/wsff.

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Worcester BOE approves CIP plan for FY24

Multiple projects totalling \$142 million include roofs and building renovations

By Greg Wehner
Staff Writer

(Oct. 6, 2022) The Worcester County Board of Education unanimously approved several capital improvements projects last week, along with a \$142.5 million capital improvement plan (CIP) for FY24.

Looking down the road, the district is looking to replace the roof at Worcester Technical High School and Pocomoke Elementary School, along with renovating or replacing Snow Hill Elementary School.

The big project down the road, though, will be either renovating or replacing Buckingham Elementary School.

The school was built in 1978 and serves students from pre-k to fourth grade.

ceeded their life expectancy, according to district officials.

The cost to replace the nearly 107,175-square-foot roof is estimated to be \$4 million, comprising \$2 million from local funds, and nearly \$2 million from state funding.

The Pocomoke Elementary School roof is expected to cost \$2 million, and the Worcester Technical High School roof is expected to cost \$5.5 million.

Like Buckingham Elementary School, Snow Hill Elementary School

is being looked at for renovations, additions, or complete replacement. A feasibility study is planned for 2026 to investigate the its current circumstances and site conditions, as well as construction options.

The projected costs for Snow Hill Elementary are expected to exceed \$56 million.

The Board of Education unanimously approved the CIP, which will now be submitted to the Maryland Interagency Commission on School Construction, as required annually.

The CIP is a six-year strategic plan that identifies capital improvement needs across the district, while attaching to each project a timeline and a budget.

The district's CIP includes planning and designing requests for Buckingham Elementary School and a design funding request to replace the roof at Snow Hill Middle School/Cedar Chapel Special School.

The plan does not include any construction funding requests.

The district in January finished work on a new roof at Pocomoke Middle School and is now in the process of constructing a 24,800 square foot addition at Stephen Decatur Middle School.

According to district officials, work is proceeding on time and on budget for a December completion.

No renovations or additions have been made to the building in the school's 44 years of existence, and last year, the school operated at 120 percent. This year, the school is using five portable classrooms to accommodate students and classes.

Officials also said additional space is needed for existing and future programs, the cafeteria, media center, and for support needs.

A feasibility study that began in July will be completed in December.

The district expects to spend \$75 million on the project, with \$58 million coming from local funds and \$17 million from the state.

The roof at the Snow Hill Middle School was last replaced in 1994. Just six years earlier, the Cedar Chapel School was added to the middle school, and today, both roofs have ex-



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Students acquire skills for careers

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of community and business members and meets at least twice a year, Flores explained to board members.

The program also provides students with several opportunities each year — The Worcester County Fair, Burly Oak Farm Bureau event and Christmas parades — to show off what they have done.



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Burrell, Green, Knerr deserve appreciation

The Town of Berlin’s election Tuesday, such as it was, did end up being a squeaker in the only contest on the ballot, as 4th District incumbent Dean Burrell edged out challenger Tony Weeg by a mere two votes.

Burrell, who has run uncontested numerous times, took 51.3 percent of the total tally to gain another four years in office after facing an actual challenge to his incumbency.

To put that 51.3 percent margin of victory in perspective, the district’s total turnout in this year’s election was just 72 voters, or about 10 percent of the people who could have cast ballots had they wanted to participate.

This sorry voter response is no reflection on Burrell, who’s faithfully represented his constituency for many years, but it does say something about the conscious decision of citizens to disengage themselves from municipal affairs.

And it’s not just the 4th District. The two other names on the ballot this year, Steve Green and Jay Knerr, faced no challengers and therefore walked into office by default.

Again, this has nothing to do with their abilities, qualifications, or desire to serve the public, but it does suggest that, aside from the volunteers who serve on the town’s boards and commissions, civic engagement by many others is limited to those instances when someone either wants or is mad about something.

This situation isn’t peculiar to Berlin, of course, as small towns everywhere have trouble finding people willing to serve for a variety of reasons. One of those would be that many people don’t have the time, while another is citizens’ unwillingness to endure the frequent criticism that comes with the job.

That being said, hats off to Burrell, Green and Knerr for stepping up to accept these posts in spite of the demands on their time and, perhaps, their patience.

As for the citizens who prefer disengagement from local politics and government, you are entitled to your choice, but you also must appreciate the irony when government takes actions with which you vociferously disagree.



The Ocean Pines Association has hired an outside Consultant, an expert in counting, to aid in the counting of ballots.

Arts Council seeks grant applicants

(Oct. 6, 2022) The Worcester County Arts Council Grants Review Committee is seeking applicants for local art events and projects to be held in Worcester County for the period of Jan. 1 to June 30, 2023.

The Worcester County Arts Council’s Community Arts Development Grants program is designed to assist local, non-profit community-based groups in producing and presenting art projects and activities in Worcester County and is funded and supported by the Maryland State Arts Council.

This program aims to foster excellence, diversity, and vitality in arts offerings for Worcester County residents and to broaden opportunities for Worcester County audiences, artists, and arts organizations.

izations.

The deadline for application submission is Oct. 15.

Grant projects are evaluated based on the overall quality of cultural excellence, community outreach and public impact, and financial/administrative merit.

In the first six-month grant cycle, the Worcester County Arts Council has awarded \$23,440 in the Community Arts Development Grants program to 12 art projects and events to be presented by local nonprofit organizations in Worcester County.

The grant application form and guidelines are available on the Arts Council’s website: www.worcestercountycouncil.org.

For grant technical assistance, contact Anna Mullis,

executive director at

anna@worcestercountycouncil.org.

The Worcester County Arts Council is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support, promote, and encourage visual, performing, and literary arts in Worcester County. As designated by the Maryland State Arts Council County arts agency, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to fostering the excellence, diversity, and vitality of arts, artists, and arts organizations and increasing access to the arts for all members of our community.

The Worcester County Arts Council is funded by a Maryland State Arts Council grant and supported by memberships, donations, and local sponsorships.

OPA conducting fire station study

(Oct. 6, 2022) The Ocean Pines Association is searching for an independent consulting firm to lead a feasibility study for a capital campaign to raise money for a new South Fire Station.

The goal of the study is to understand the association’s potential for a fundraising campaign and to gauge the level of support for this project in the community.

Questions from potential consultants will be accepted

through Oct. 14. Proposals are due by Oct. 31.

To download the request for proposals, visit <https://www.oceanpines.org/documents/10184/89280/Feasibility+Study+RFP+9.26.2022.pdf>.

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Blood Bank of Delmarva in need of blood donations

(Oct. 6, 2022) Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) is seeking donations amid a catastrophic hurricane hitting the coast of Florida.

Donations are needed locally and in anticipation of humanitarian efforts that will be necessary to support BBD's southern neighbors.

These donations are essential to maintaining a stable supply of blood and platelets in impacted regions, which can help save lives and ensure patient needs continue to be met throughout this difficult time.

Last Tuesday, Hurricane Ian made landfall along the southwestern coast of Florida as a powerful Category 4 storm. Experts say it is one of the strongest hurricanes to make landfall on the west coast of Florida.

"The AABB Interorganizational Task Force on Domestic Disasters and Acts of Terrorism strongly urges eligible individuals in unaffected areas throughout the United States to schedule a blood or platelet donation appointment as soon as possible," according to a statement by America's Blood Centers.

Blood is perishable and according to AABB, blood collection organizations nationwide on average had only 1-2 days' blood supply heading into the storm.

At BBD, the inventory as of Thursday morning was three days, whereas the goal is to ideally have a seven-day supply.

Anticipated disruptions in blood collections and transportation challenges in Florida and the southeast throughout the next several days are likely to exacerbate already low inventories, particularly in the affected areas.

"Delmarva residents always step up for each other and now we must help Florida and the southeast, a region that desperately needs our support," said Patricia Killeen, senior vice president at Blood Bank of Delmarva. "Now is a critical time to help those in need by making a blood donation. It's easy and only takes one hour. This is a dire situation and every donation counts."

To make an appointment at a nearby blood drive, donors can call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8 or visit www.DelmarvaBlood.org. Can't donate blood? Support BBD's mission by texting BBD to 20222 to give \$25.

Founded in 1954, Blood Bank of Delmarva is a nonprofit community service organization that provides blood and blood products to 19 hospitals on the Delmarva Peninsula.

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Temple Bat Yam to commemorate 25 years

(Oct. 6, 2022) Temple Bat Yam will present a community celebration to honor the 25th anniversary of its permanent house of worship on Oct. 8 from 6-9 p.m. at The BLU Mezzanine overlooking the bay on 24th Street and Coastal Highway in Ocean City.

The temple has invited its members and the surrounding Eastern Shore communities to join the celebration, which will also serve as a fundraiser for the nonprofit temple. The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, gifts from the organization's supporting sponsors, silent and live auctions, a treasure chest of jewelry, and a wingspan 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$50 per person.

Temple Bat Yam has served the growing Jewish population on the Delmarva Peninsula since 1992. Prior to the construction of its permanent building in 1997 on Old Worcester Highway in Berlin, members congregated in various locations in Ocean City for more than five years.

This fundraiser will help cover the cost of interior renovations of its sanctuary, the addition of stained glass to the memorial foyer, as well as other much-needed refreshing.

Temple Bat Yam is a Reform Jewish congregation committed to the ideals and eternal truths of Judaism.

Its intent is to maintain the traditions and lessons of the rich Jewish heritage while respecting the realities and integrity of interfaith marriages and interfaith families.

Temple Bat Yam is 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Tickets to the event and more information are available at www.templebatyam-oc.org, by emailing Temple Bat Yam at TempleBatYam97@aol.com, or by calling 410-641-4311.

Harbor Day at the Docks planned for Oct. 15

(Oct. 6, 2022) Celebrate with Worcester County Recreation and Parks at Harbor Day at the Docks on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. along Sunset Avenue in the West Ocean City commercial harbor.

Entrance to this family friendly, maritime heritage festival is free, and complimentary bus service will be available to shuttle patrons to and from the Park N' Ride facility to the event parking lot.

Festivities kick off at 10 a.m. with the Blessing of the Fleet, followed by a performance from Trinidad and Tobago. At noon there will be a crabcake eating contest sponsored by Captain's Galley Crab Shack. The first 12 individuals to sign up will be invited to partake in the contest.

Then, the Permilla Project will take the stage from 1-3 p.m.

Other highlights of the day will include local fisherman displays, vendor demonstrations, nautical artisans, educational exhibits, and activities galore for children.

There will be vendors selling food and beverages, and those seeking a unique water experience will have opportunities to tour the harbor on the Sail Alyosha catamaran or the OC Bay Hopper.

Harbor Day at the Docks is an annual festival that celebrates the rich history, culture, and heritage of both the sport and commercial fishing industries.

For more event information, visit www.harbordayoc.com, social media pages @harbordayoc, or contact Tyler Keiser at 410-632-2144, ext. 2505 or tkeiser@marylandscoast.org.

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Blood donations sought after Ian

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More than 79,000 blood donations are needed in this area each year for about 20,000 patients across the Delmarva Peninsula.

Blood Bank of Delmarva merged with New York Blood Center in August 2019. BBD is a member of America's Blood Centers, AABB and Blood Centers of America.

Book talk set for Oct. 12 in Berlin

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artist and the design, the first of its kind.

Today, it represents one of the most powerful memorials in history.

"Art reflects our culture and the library hopes to bring people together to discuss art and its impact on the public," Adult Program Manager Elena Coelho, said. "If there is interest in this topic, the library would love to continue the series."

To register, visit worcesterlibrary.org and click on "Events," or call Coelho at 443-783-6164.

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Cuisine

Suplee enjoys preparing chicken picatta

I do an awful lot of driving between the two restaurants, the Marlin Club and UMES in Princess Anne.



By Paul Suplee,
MBA, CEC, PC-3

I decided to get rid of my big redneck rig and downsize to a Toyota Tacoma and thank goodness that I did.

It gets twice the mileage, which is a god-send at this point.

For me, the worst part of driving this much is that I just sit... and think... and think. And, the way that my brain works, that can be a dangerous thing.

It is so easy for me to live inside my head a little too long, and, boy, it's safe to say that I'm more than a little nuts.

With that being said, I constantly reference my favorite quote from Charles Bukowski, that radical maniac from the days of yore, as he wrote, "Some people never go crazy. What truly horrible lives they must lead."

Even the music is starting to get a little stale, despite the fact that I have thousands of songs in my playlist. I can't believe that I'm about to say this, but I may be at an age when audio books might be a thing. I shudder to think.

When my father passed in 1995, I took a semester off college and worked with my mother doing traveling jewelry shows. We went as far west as Tucson, and as far south as Dallas and New Orleans.

On Bourbon Street, I took my own mother into a gentlemen's club for the first time in her 69 years. She was curious so I thought what the hell?

We spent all of three minutes in there (the bouncer thought it was funny and let us in for free). Needless to say, I do believe that this was a one-and-done for the old girl.

She made it to 87 years of age, but I'm pretty sure she never set foot in another club like that.

But I digress. The point of that story was that we drove thousands of miles and she had a massive collection of books on tape. And that's all we listened to.

I felt like my ears were bleeding, and here I am thinking that audio books may find their way into my life again. I'm getting old and I may as well add those to my AARP magazine collection.

It's tragic, but the alternative to aging, the finality to which none of us



are immune, is something I'd like to wait as long as I can to experience.

There are certainly days when my mind goes blank and I stare into the lane ahead of me and the trip goes much faster, and it is usually in moments like these that I get cravings for random dishes.

And I usually get these cravings when I am nowhere near a restaurant that serves it.

One day, I'll get a hankering for prime rib, and the next day I'm yearning Sello's Fiocchi alla Vodka and that sausage and broccolini appetizer.

Today, though, I had an insatiable craving for Chicken Picatta.

I was on my way to school and I called the Italian restaurant in town, but they only serve it as a random special, so I was out of luck. Alas, I had to resort to what most old chefs hate more than anything — cooking my own meal.

Now you may say that this is crazy talk, but the adage that the cobbler's children have no shoes is certainly true with overworked chefs and cooks. My favorite meal is anything I don't have to cook.

Alas, I had to cook this myself, and

honestly it was nice to go through the process as I haven't cooked this in a good while.

It was delicious, and I was content. I just wonder what craving I'll get today in my collective three-hour drive.

Chicken Picatta

serves 4

1 stick unsalted irish butter
Juice of 2 lemons
4 garlic cloves
2# Chicken breast, sliced thin
1 c. AP Flour
1 tsp. Trimix seasoning
Oil for sauteeing, as needed
1 c. White wine
1 c. Chicken stock
1/2 c. Heavy cream (optional)
2 Tbsp. Capers
Parsley, minced for garnish

1. Melt the butter on low heat.
2. Place the melted butter, garlic and lemon juice in a cup and puree together with a stick blender.
3. On a plate, mix together the flour and trimix.
4. Place the chicken on a cutting

board and cover with plastic wrap.

5. Using a mallet or tenderizer hammer, smack it down to make it tender

6. Heat a saute pan and add a little oil.

7. Saute the chicken in batches until golden. It's OK if it is not cooked all the way through. We will add it later to the sauce as it cooks down.

8. When the chicken is cooked, you will have a fond, or scrapings in the pan. Deglaze this on a high heat with the wine and allow to cook halfway down.

9. Add chicken stock and the lemon concoction from earlier and cook for a few minutes.

10. Add the chicken and cook on medium until you start to see the sauce thickening. Add the cream and capers and remove when you have a delicious sauce. *The cream is optional, and many cooks don't use it. However, I like to use it because it settles down the acids from the lemon juice and wine.

— Paul Suplee is the owner of
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boxcar crafted events and
sportfish catering.
www.boxcarrestaurants.com

Calendar

Thurs., Oct. 6

25TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN'
Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Also takes place in the Inlet Parking Lot and various citywide locations. Featuring hot rods, customs, street machines, classics, etc. <https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin>, 410-798-6304

CPAP MASK FITTING
Atlantic General Hospital's Sleep Disorders Diagnostic Center, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin. Free mask fitting clinic for patients who are having trouble adjusting to their CPAP equipment. By appointment only: Robin Rohlfing, 410-641-9726.

RIGAMAJIG THURSDAYS
Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Drop in any time during the day to use your imagination and build using the rigamajig STEM building kit. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'TEDDY BEAR PICNIC'
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

MERRY MAKERS 'CANDLES TO ILLUMINATE THE NIGHT'
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. Bring ideas for spooky or lovely candles with a Halloween theme. All materials provided. Limite 10. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events" or call 410-208-4014.

READER'S THEATER
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 2 p.m. Kelley Rouse teaches reading/acting skills for Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure" while also providing context for the play. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

POCOMOKE BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'LIGHT YEARS FROM HOME' BY MIKE CHEN
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 2 p.m. Mostly discussion. Books available at the branch. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ZUMBA FOR ALL
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 4:30-5:30 p.m. Join certified Zumba instructor Joyce Landsman for an hour of movement. These classes uplift and improve mood. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org under "Events." 410-632-2600

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FREE COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC
Ocean Pines Community Center (Drive Up), 235 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m.-noon. Open to those 13 years and older. No appointment is required. Atlantic General Hospital, 410-641-9FLU (9358), www.agh.care/flu

INTERACTIVE STORY TIME ‘FIRE SAFETY’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10:30 a.m. It’s Fire Prevention Month! Join the group for a fun and interactive story time all about fire safety. Stay after for a fun craft. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

HOBBIES CLUB “DIY PROJECTS”
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 1 p.m. Come buy and create your own graphic novel and picture book. For ages 6 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MOBILE UNIT
The Republican Women of Worcester County’s mobile unit will be in Snow Hill on First Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Offering information on Republican candidates and campaign signs and materials. gopwomenofworcester.org

FREE FIRST FRIDAY OPENING
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-8 p.m. Building-wide art show with the theme “Assemblage Required.” Offsite exhibits held at Coffee Beanery and the Princess Royale in Ocean City. www.ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org, 410-524-9433

‘STIGMA HIGHLIGHTED: PORTRAITS OF RECOVERY’ ART EXHIBIT
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 5-8 p.m. Local artists created portraits influenced by the stories of 12 survivors in various stages of recovery. Free and open to the public. www.StigmaHighlighted.com, ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org, 410-524-9433

WORCESTER COUNTY GOLD’S 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA
Ocean City Fontainebleau Resort, 10100 Coastal Highway, 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$125 and include a cocktail hour with open bar, passed hors d’oeuvres, three-course plated meal and silent auction. Tickets:

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WSW 21ST ANNUAL WALK FOR AWARENESS
Christian Community Center, 408 Gordy Road, Salisbury, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Survivor Group Photo at 9:30 AM and Walk at 10:00 AM. Fee is \$30 per person and \$5 per dog. Children 10 and Under - Free. <http://www.womensupportingwomen.org>, 410-548-7880

OCEAN PINES ANGLERS CLUB MEETING
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 9:30 a.m. Dean Looked from OC Kayak will talk about the kayak lifestyle and its endless bounties. Club members will provide updates on fishing regulations, charter trips and more. All welcome.

FAMILY LIBRARY DAY “PUZZLES AND GAMES”
Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10 a.m. Bring your family and play a variety of board games and puzzles. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CRAFTY SATURDAY ‘CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!’
Worcester County Library - Ocean Pines Branch, 11107 Cathell Road, 10 a.m. Celebrate with some amazing crafts from South and Central America. For ages 4 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

ASSATEAGUE ADVENTURES
Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. A ranger-led adventure featuring crafts, puppets, stories, cool props and live animals from Assateague Island National Seashore. A different adventure each week. For all ages. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

DOWNTOWN POCOMOKE’S ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL
Downtown Pocomoke City, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring hay rides, kids’ activities, petting farm, bounce house, live entertainment, food, sidewalk vendors and more. Trick-or-treating and costume contest. Rain date: Oct. 15. DowntownPocomoke.com, 410-957-1333, ext. 111

SATURDAY MATINEE
Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 11 a.m. Join the group for this ‘80s supernatural comedy starring Dan Aykroyd. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CHICKEN & DUMPLING CARRYOUT

Bishopville Volunteer Fire, 10709 Bishopville Road, 12-2 p.m. Dinner costs \$14 and includes chicken, dumplings, green beans and sweet potatoes. Extra pints of Dumplings cost \$7. Reserve dinner and pints at 619-922-9950. <https://bishopville900.com>

FRIEND OR FOE?
Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 12:30 p.m. Learn about the history of native Delmarva animals and how people have viewed them throughout history. Free with paid admission. <https://www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org/event>

HOMECOMING HARVEST
Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 2-5 p.m. Guests will celebrate local history, record their own oral history. Opening ceremony for the new Mary Humphreys Arboretum. Food, music, photo ops. Free event. <https://www.taylorhousemuseum.org/events>

14TH ANNUAL BASKETS, BAGS & BUCKS BINGO
Willards Lions Community Center, Hearn Street. Doors open at 4 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets: 410-726-1583 or 410-835-2285.

TEMPLE BAT YAM OF BERLIN CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY
BLU Crabhouse & Raw Bar, 2305 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 6-9 p.m. Featuring heavy hors d’oeuvres, a cash bar, silent and live auctions, a treasure chest of jewelry and a wingspan 50/50 raffle. Tickets: www.templebatyam-oc.org, TempleBatYam97@aol.com, 410-641-4311.

FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
Saturdays - White Horse Park, 239 Ocean Parkway, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shop for everything from fresh local produce to unique handmade artisan goods. Open to the public.

FREE PLATFORM TENNIS LESSONS
Saturdays - Ocean Pines Racquet Center, 11443 Manklin Creek Road, 9:30 a.m. All abilities welcome and equipment will be provided. oppaddle2020@gmail.com or 516-508-0313.

FREE KIDS CRAFTS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
Saturdays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 11 a.m. Each week provides a different project to complete. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

Sun., Oct. 9
25TH ANNUAL ENDLESS SUMMER CRUISIN’
Hugh T. Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, 809 S. Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Featuring hot rods, customs, street machines, classics, etc. <https://specialeventpro.com/endless-summer-cruisin>, 410-798-6304

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Delmarva Discovery Museum, 2 Market St., Pocomoke City, 12:30 p.m. Learn about the history of native Delmarva animals and how people have viewed them throughout history. Free with paid admission. <https://www.delmarvadiscoverycenter.org/event>

BARKS & BOARDS
Coconuts Beach Bar & Grill, 3701 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City, 1-4 p.m. A \$25 registration fee to the OC Surf Club includes photos of your dog on a surf board (either in water or on beach), some lite bites and two Tito’s drink tickets. Register before 3 p.m. 443-366-5885

‘SUNDAY SOIRÉE’ FUNDRAISER’
Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 2-5 p.m. Open bar, Bloody Mary bar, craft beer, wine bar, a variety of food stations, dancing, live music, an art project and silent auction. Tickets cost \$125 at ArtLeagueofOceanCity.org or 410-524-9433.

INAUGURAL ‘WILD CHILD’ YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL
Burley Oak Brewing Company, 10016 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin, 5:30 p.m. Youth film fest featuring 16 inspiring films, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Auctions, raffles, giveaways, kids activities, food and beverage options. Tickets cost \$5 each or 6 or \$25: www.actforbays.org/wildchild. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to Mac Mullin Hall at Assateague Coastal Trust’s office building, 10959 Worcester Highway, Berlin.

JEHOVAH’S WITNESSES MEETING
Sundays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 10 a.m. www.jw.org

FREE TOURS AT THE ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY
Sundays through Sept. 3 - Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th Street, 1 p.m. Learn about exhibiting artists as well as the programs and activities at the Art League. www.artleagueofoceancity.org

BERLIN FARMERS MARKET
Sundays - Main St., Pitt St., Commerce St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Live music. TheBerlinFarmersMarket.com

Mon., Oct. 10
HISTORY COMES TO LIFE
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1-4 p.m. Watch the Ocean Pines Players theater group represent figures from Ocean City’s past. Free event. www.ocmuseum.org/history-month

HISTORY OF OUR SURFMAN
Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Meet Keeper Allan and learn about life as an Ocean City Storm Warrior. Free with paid admission. <https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month>

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TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY OF BERLIN - GROUP #169

Atlantic General Hospital - Conference Room 1, 9733 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 5-6:30 p.m. T.O.P.S. is a weekly support and educational group promoting weight loss and living a healthy lifestyle. Rose Campion, 410-641-0157

DELMARVA WOMEN'S A CAPELLA CHORUS

Mondays - Ocean Pines Community Center, 239 Ocean Parkway, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All ladies who love to sing invited. Mary, 410-629-9383 or Carol, 302-242-7062.

Tues., Oct. 11

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 10:30 a.m. Dance and play rhythmic instruments. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'STORIES BY LAURA NUMEROFF'

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and finger-plays. A take-home activity will be included. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

OC KNITTING GROUP

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Bring whatever project you happen to be working on. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

BOOK SIGNING WITH MARIA GROSSKETTLER

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Maria Grosskettler signing copies of her newest book, "Tracks," reading a section from her book and sharing her experience researching Berlin's history. Free event. www.ocmuseum.org/history-month

HISTORY & MYSTERY OF THE AMERICAN EEL

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Delve into the mysterious life of eels. Tuesdays during October. Free with paid admission. https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month

LET'S COOK!

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 2 p.m. Chef Oppmann will demonstrate autumn dishes with seasonal produce. Samples offered. Registration required: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 410-632-2600

AUTUMN SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

Worcester County Library - Pocomoke Branch, 301 Market St., 3:30 p.m. Explore the scientific method with these autumn

themed experiments. For ages 10 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

'STIGMA HIGHLIGHTED: PORTRAITS OF RECOVERY' TALK

Art League of Ocean City, 502 94th St., 6 p.m. Debbie Smullen, Worcester Connects and Worcester Goes Purple, will speak about her work with people who are dealing with addictions. Free and open to the public. www.StigmaHighlighted.com, 410-524-9433

MARYLAND BASIC BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Held virtually, Oct. 11, 12 and 13, 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$20 for all three evenings. Register: Barry Cohen, 410-935-4807, CGAUXOC@gmail.com.

ATLANTIC COAST SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING

American Legion Synepuxent Post 166, 2308 Philadelphia Ave., Ocean City, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jake Evans, custom tackle maker from Rumblefishing Tackle Co. Public is cordially invited. Food and refreshments available.

BEACH HEROES-OC

Tuesdays - Volunteer beach clean-up group meets from 9-10 a.m., year-round. Trash bags, grippers and gloves provided. Check the Facebook page "Beach Heroes-OC" for weekly meeting locations. All are welcome.

DELMARVA DANCING

Tuesdays - Selbyville Elks Lodge 2173, 13324 Worcester Highway, Bishopville, 5:30-9 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the '50s, '60s, '70s and more. A \$5 donation benefits Veterans and local charities. All are welcome. Charlie, 410-465-0445

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES MEETING

Tuesdays - Berlin Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, 212 West St., Berlin, 7 p.m. www.jw.org

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

Tuesdays - Worcester County Health Department, 9730 Healthway Drive, Berlin, 3:30-4:30 p.m. TOPS is a weekly support and education group promoting weight loss and a healthy lifestyle. 410-289-4725

OC KNITTING CLUB

Tuesdays - Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m.

ARGENTINE TANGO PRACTICE

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Wed., Oct. 12

BARIATRIC SUPPORT GROUP

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AARP CHAPTER 1917 MEETING

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 10 a.m. Arrive early at 9:30 a.m. for a social half-hour and refreshments. Guest speaker

provided by Tidal Health. New members welcome. Bob McCluskey, 410-250-0980

EASTERN SHORE SEWISTS

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 10 a.m. Promoting the needle arts through sewing education, activities and textile crafts. For artisans of all skill levels. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STORY TIME 'THE VERY BUSY SPIDER'

Worcester County Library - Ocean City Branch, 10003 Coastal Highway, 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs full of all things spiders and creepy crawlies. For ages 2-5 years. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

PAGE TO SCREEN BOOK CLUB

Oct 12 — Worcester County. . , Held via Zoom, 1 p.m. Join the group as they continue their discussion/reading of "Holes" by Louis Sachar. Recommended for ages 9-12 years. Books available at the library and Libby. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

STATION 4 HISTORIC TOUR

Ocean City Life-Saving Museum, 813 S. Atlantic Ave., 1 p.m. Walk through Ocean City's once-active 1891 Life Saving Station and take a trip back through time. Wednesdays during October. Free with paid admission. https://www.ocmuseum.org/history-month

OCEAN CITY BOOK OF THE MONTH: 'WHAT'S MINE AND YOURS' BY NAIMA COSTER

Ocean City 50plus Center, 104 41st St., 2 p.m. Stop by the library to pick up a free copy of the book, or show up at the Ocean City 50Plus Center. Facilitated by Michael Hayes. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

LEGO PLAYDATE

Worcester County Library - Snow Hill Branch, 307 N. Washington St., 3:30 p.m. Bring your LEGO bricks and build alongside other kids. We'll provide challenges and other actives. For ages 5 years and older. www.worcesterlibrary.org, 410-632-2600

CLOTHING & COSTUME TOUR

Calvin B. Taylor House, 208 N. Main St., Berlin, 5-6 p.m. Take a closer look at the museum's archival collection of textiles from Berlin families. View an 1870s wedding gown and more. Free event. www.taylorhousemuseum.org/event

LOW-COST RABIES CLINIC

Worcester County Animal Control, 6207 Timmons Road, Snow Hill, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 for Worcester County residents and \$10 for non-residents. A previous vaccination certificate must be provided for a 3-year shot. Appointments required: WCHD, 410-352-3234.

THE ART OF READING BOOK CLUB

Worcester County Library - Berlin Branch, 13 Harrison Ave., 6 p.m. The discussion will focus on James Reston Jr.'s "A Rift in the Earth: Art, Memory, and the Fight for the Vietnam War Memorial." Books are available at the library. Register: www.worcesterlibrary.org. 443-783-6164

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Saturday, 12-2pm	1406 Chicago Avenue, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$375,000	Cindy Delzoppo/Northrop Realty
Saturday, 11:30am-1:30pm	305 S. Heron Gull Ct., Ocean City	6BR/6BA/2HBA	Single Family	\$2,499,000	Nancy Reither-Smith/Coldwell Banker Realty
Saturday, 2-4pm	105 120th St. #98, Ocean City	2BR/2BA	Condo	\$324,900	Nancy Reither-Smith/Coldwell Banker Realty
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