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Elected Officials and Public Confront Storm Damage

*Look for money now and
resiliency going forward*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Municipalities at opposite ends of Route 301 are considering future approaches, urgent repairs and immediate financing as they contend with flood damage from the storms that inundated Putnam County earlier this month, hitting Philipstown particularly hard.

President Joe Biden on July 22 approved a request from Gov. Kathy Hochul for a “major disaster declaration” that will allow federal funds to flow to communities affected by flooding across upstate New York, including those in Dutchess and Putnam counties.

The declaration gives counties access to financial support, including low-interest recovery loans, for debris removal, emergency protective measures and repairs to public buildings, roads, bridges, water and

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BEAT THE HEAT — Preschool and kindergarten students spent the last day of summer camp on July 21 at St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Garrison with the sprinklers on.
Photo by Ross Corsair



A door on Secor Street in Nelsonville showed the flood line. Photo by L.S. Armstrong

Out There

Mount Beacon Brown-Out

*What’s behind those patches
on the mountain?*

By Brian PJ Cronin

I am bad at keeping in touch with people, which partly explains



why I only talk to Clive Jones every seven years. Jones is an ecologist who works at the Cary Institute in Millbrook and a specialist in the gypsy moth. In 2016, when patches of brown appeared on the north side of Mount Beacon, I called Jones to find out why. A year after we published a story, the trees had recovered, as Jones suggested they would.

When brown patches reappeared on Mount Beacon a few weeks ago, I dismissed it as the return of the gypsy moth. But local Facebook groups filled with panicked queries from people who wanted to know why there were suddenly swarms of these strange brown moths flinging themselves against porch lights. Where did they come from? Were they dangerous? I called Jones. Some significant things have changed since the last time we spoke.
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Beacon Firm, Parents Launch Student Exchange Program

School district wrestles with access to ‘signature experiences’

By Jeff Simms

Fifteen rising Beacon High School juniors and seniors returned from Germering, Germany earlier this

month, completing the first year of an exchange program that began when their German counterparts traveled to Beacon last fall. The Beacon students, who came home

July 9, spent two weeks abroad and visited Munich, Süssen and Dachau, the first concentration camp established by the Nazis. Their home base was Max Born Gymnasium, a secondary school in Germering, just west of Munich.
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FIVE QUESTIONS: JOSEPH PRIES



Joseph Pries

By Brian PJ Cronin

Joseph Pries is the state forest ranger for Putnam and Dutchess counties. Earlier this month, he and seven other rangers spent 14 days in Quebec fighting wildfires that have burned 23.7 million acres and sent smoke into the Highlands and across the eastern and central U.S.

What did you do in Canada?

We were sent to an area under the lines that supply power to a lot of Quebec, and even as far south as New York City. A lot of it was chasing smoke in the black [areas that had already burned] to make sure the fires didn't reignite. There were large pockets of unburned fuel. If those took off again, and there was a big wind, they could create spot fires by throwing embers.

You were assigned to the Micoua Fire Complex, which covers 40,600 acres. Is that the biggest fire you've fought?

No, the biggest was a fire that covered a million acres in Alaska in 2009. As in Quebec, there was rain, but rain doesn't do it all. There are still hot spots and smoldering when the



A burned area in Quebec



Pries and the other members of the New York crew

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sun comes out, but it's under the roots. At that point, the fires are underground. When it gets underground, it's not easy to put out unless you're digging with hand tools. In both fires, that's what we were doing.

Besides their size, how did the fires in Quebec compare to ones you fight in New York?

The terrain and vegetation are different. They have steep cliffs that are impassable. We had to use helicopters to get around, because otherwise you're going to be driving for six hours in an ATV. In New York, most of the time the fire is close enough to

a road that we can walk to it.

Why do these fires take so long to put out?

A lot of it is the drought. It was a lot drier than they were expecting. They've had 150 new fires from one thunderstorm. That's astronomical. I've never heard of so many fires starting in one day. They think they'll burn until the snow starts falling. We were trying to put out our fire 100 percent, no smoke, because it was by power lines. They use infrared from helicopters to seek out hot spots and make sure they're completely out, but they can only use infrared in certain conditions. For instance, they can't fly when it's raining, and they can't use infrared when it's too hot or sunny. If they want to keep that fire 100 percent out, they have to find the right time to fly up there and use the infrared. If they find something, they have to send in more crews.

How long does it take a forest to recover from fires like this?

It could take years. But I've seen forests down here — if it's the right time of year, especially spring fires — it'll burn off the top layer of leaf litter and you'll have ferns in two weeks. It depends on how deep the fire burns into the ground. If it gets super-heated, it can ruin the seedbed. In New York, we have these pitch-pine cones that only open up when they're burned. Up there, I'd say it'll be a couple of years before they start getting that regeneration.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

When it's hot and humid, where would you rather be?

In a cool, deep lake, like Lake Valhalla.



Jeff Consaga, Cold Spring

I think I'd rather be in South Korea.



Seol Turner, Beacon

At home, lying in a hammock under a shade tree, reading.



Richard Syrek, Garrison

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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als for Former Prison,” July 21).

The state wants to increase our population through the construction of housing, and our tax-base-growth-loving local governments are bound to comply. But what if we instead look at these properties through the lens of their potential to improve the well-being, financial security and educational opportunities of the people who already live here?

Maybe a trade school that focuses on green-energy technologies, an agricultural research and education hub, or an arts and technology camp? Instead of trying to solve the problems of growth with more growth through the construction of “affordable” housing units, let’s focus on ensuring our neighbors can afford to live where they already are.

Derek Enos, via Instagram

Twenty percent affordable housing? How about 100 percent?

Paul Yeaple, via Instagram

Plant favorite

Bottlebrush buckeye is my favorite shrub and we have a few on our property (“Roots and Shoots: Mid-Season Highlights,” July 21). I always wondered why people do not plant it more often. It grows well here in Philipstown — I’ve spotted a few around Lane Gate

Road and while heading toward Beacon that are quite spectacular. It’s deer resistant but butterflies and other pollinators love it.

Kevin Burke, Philipstown

Haldane members

I appreciate that Derek Graham took the time to review the draft of our campus master plan and I encourage other community members to do the same (*Letters and Comments*, July 21).

In his calculations of the cost per square foot of our plan, Mr. Graham took the cost of Project 1 — listed as \$35,731,676 — and divided it by the increase in square footage to the high school (18,946) to arrive at \$1,886 per square foot.

But it does not appear that Mr. Graham incorporated all elements of Project 1. It includes an addition to the high school but also many renovations to existing space which do not increase the square footage of our buildings. These include renovations to each building’s entry vestibule to ensure secure entry and exit of students and visitors, the renovation of several student support spaces, expanding accessibility in each of our buildings, various site-work improvements to improve vehicular and pedestrian movement throughout our campus and other improvements that are listed in detail in the plan.

These details, including cost estimates per square foot where applicable, escalation

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

	PUTNAM	DUTCHESS
Primary vaccination:	76.7% Philipstown/CS: 88.7% Garrison: 83.4%	72.2% Beacon: 68.7%
Boosted:	21.8% Philipstown/CS: 32.5% Garrison: 25.7%	24.5% Beacon: 20.2%
Positive tests, 7-day average:	↑ 13.0%	↑ 14.5%
Number of deaths:	149 ⁽⁰⁾	751 ⁽⁰⁾
Source: State Health Department, as of July 25 (vaccine data as of July 21). Boosted is the percentage of people eligible for additional shots who are up to date. Numbers in parentheses are changes since June 26. Note: Because of the small incremental changes to the vaccination numbers, we print this chart in the last issue of each month, although updates are made more frequently online.		

estimates and contingencies, are listed in the appendix.

Project 2 and Project 3 are organized in a similar manner and also include building additions and renovations. I believe the renovations and site improvements for these projects also were not factored into Mr. Graham’s analysis and led him to very high cost-per-square-foot figures.

This fall our district will be facilitat-

ing several opportunities for community members to come to understand the proposed projects included in the campus master plan after the Board of Education has formally adopted it.

Philip Benante, Cold Spring
Benante is the Haldane superintendent.


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Mid-Hudson: Board Issues 18 Marijuana Licenses

Raises number to 44 for retail sales in region

The New York State Cannabis Control Board on July 19 issued 212 licenses for recreational marijuana shops, including 18 for the Mid-Hudson region.

The board has issued 463 dispensary licenses to applicants who were convicted of a marijuana-related offense before March 31, 2021, or whose parent, spouse, child, guardian or dependent was convicted. It said it expects to have one more round of “justice-involved” licenses before accepting applications from the general public.

There have been 44 licenses issued in the Mid-Hudson, which includes Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster, Greene, Columbia, Orange and Westchester counties.

The latest round of licensees includes Angel Figueroa, who operates a consulting business in Highland Falls; Andrew Brink, owner of a tree-service company in Brewster; Joan King, owner of the Little Kings & Queens Learning Center in Peekskill; and Troy Benson, owner of Ted Hill Pest Control in Carmel.



Three hikers were cited for leaving chairs on Slide Mountain in Ulster County. DEC

Ulster: Hikers Leave Chairs on Mountain

Ticketed for abandoning property in wilderness

The state Department of Environmental Conservation on July 8 ticketed three New Jersey hikers who carried Adirondack chairs up Slide Mountain in northern Ulster County and refused to remove them.

The hikers said they planned to leave the chairs at the summit “for public use.” A ranger who met the group at the trailhead “explained it is illegal to leave the chairs,”

the DEC said. When they refused to retrieve them, the ranger issued a ticket for abandoning property in a wilderness area and recruited a steward to help bring down the chairs.

Wappingers Falls: Park Tested for Lead

Follows news report about old cables

A Wappingers Falls park was closed last week to test its soil for elevated levels of lead.

The state Department of Health closed Temple Park, near Wappingers Creek, following a *Wall Street Journal* report that said old telecommunication cables may have contaminated the soil with lead. The state agency said it was closing the park “out of an abundance of caution” for testing, according to the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that

lead cables left behind by AT&T, Verizon and other companies have been leaching lead at locations across the country. In Wappingers Falls, a permit showed cables had been installed under the creek bed.

Poughkeepsie: Dutchess Historical Plans Move

Will relocate to larger space in Village of Rhinebeck

The Dutchess County Historical Society plans to move soon from Poughkeepsie to the Village of Rhinebeck.

Founded in 1914, the DCHS has been located at the Clinton House in Poughkeepsie since 1979. Its new location will be on Route 9 in a 5,000-square-foot renovated building formerly occupied by an appliance store.

The new space is about 20 percent larger and its layout will make the society collections more accessible to the public, Bill Jeffway, executive director of the DCHS, told *The Daily Catch*.

On July 18, the Rhinebeck Planning Board approved a special-use permit for DCHS to operate as a library on a parcel zoned for farm market/agricultural.

New Lebanon: Alleged Drunk Driver Had 9 Passengers

Stopped by police going 100 mph

A New York state trooper on Sunday (July 23) pulled over a 2019 Honda Civic that was traveling at more than 100 mph in a 45-mph zone southwest of Syracuse.

A 16-year-old was arrested on four counts of driving while intoxicated. The car also had nine passengers, all minors, including four under age 16. Two were riding in the trunk.

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Closed Sales	12	9	10	6
Days on Market	26	53	66	65
Median Price	\$581,000	\$550,000	\$863,750	\$870,000
% List Received	103.7	99.8	95.4	98.4
Inventory	21	23	41	35

Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (hgar.com). Excludes condos. Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.



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Exchange Program *(from Page 1)*

It was at Max Born that Jürgen Biffar and Thomas Schneck, the founders of DocuWare, a document management firm that celebrated the opening of its North American headquarters in Beacon this month, met as students. While German is not taught at Beacon High School, Kelly Ellenwood, the outgoing president of the parent-teacher-student organization (PTSO) at the high school, said that Schneck approached her in 2018 about setting up an exchange program.

"A lot of European schools, they go all over the place," Ellenwood said this week. "The No. 1 thing they want to do is go to New York."

Ellenwood crafted a proposal for DocuWare, which agreed to fund about 20 percent of the cost of an exchange program for Beacon students for three years. (The company also contributed to the cost of sending German students to Beacon.)

The remainder of the cost was borne by the students' families or generated through fundraising, such as a concessions booth at West Point hockey and basketball games. Some funding also came from the German-American Partnership Program, which helps schools coordinate exchange programs, said Ellenwood, who participated in a "transformative" exchange program with a school in Finland when she was 17 and hosted a German student last fall.

There are plans for Max Born students to again visit Beacon this fall, she said. The PTSO also hopes to organize another Beacon-to-Germering trip next year while Ellenwood drums up local business support. An information session for interested students will be held during the week of Aug. 21. Students or parents can email beaconhighptso@gmail.com for details.

"We've created this great network of families" that hosted students in Beacon and/or sent students to Germany, Ellenwood said. "I feel like it's going to continue to grow if we can keep doing this."

The program operates independently of the Beacon City School District, which cannot contribute financially because it would be unfair to subsidize an optional trip for a handful of students, said Superintendent Matt Landahl. Instead, the district is focused on expanding what it calls "signature experiences" that impact larger numbers of students.

He pointed to a sailing trip on the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater for fourth graders, a longstanding overnight camping trip for fifth graders and a Washington, D.C., trip for eighth-grade students as examples of what the district funds either completely or in part. In addition, every 11th grader had a chance to visit Ellis Island last year — a trip that had been only open to advanced-placement students.

A number of parents and students spoke to the school board about the German exchange program during a board meeting last month.

Josephine Mallon, a rising junior, said she found "lifelong friendship" when her family hosted a Max Born student last fall. "I'm so thankful that I got to meet her through this program," Mallon said.



Beacon students pose with the U.S. flag after their arrival on June 25 in Germering, Germany.

Photos provided

Sarah Lynn Jafaar, who will also be a junior, described learning about another culture through the student her family hosted. "It was amazing to be able to learn that from another person," she said. "I know most people in the program felt that way."

While board members said it was unclear if they were being asked for funding, the parents and students said they hoped the exchange program would continue. Afterward, Landahl acknowledged the challenge of trying to provide equitable access to extracurricular experiences.

"We have many students who have never stepped foot onto a college campus until late into their years in the district," and others who have never been to New York City, he said. "These are things that also concern us, that we want to try as a district to start addressing. That's going to take up an enormous amount of resources."

The district is open to exchange programs for countries where Spanish or Italian is spoken, because both languages are taught at Beacon High School, the superintendent said. But if those opportunities arise, the district would not be able to pay for students to travel internationally.

Karen Decandia, a Rombout Middle School teacher who is the coordinator of the district's world language department, is planning to take about 50 students to Costa Rica next spring. As with the Germany trip, the district will not pay for students who choose to travel with Decandia.



The students visited Landshut, a city that straddles the River Isar in Bavaria.

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Dutchess IDA Approves Tompkins Terrace Credits

Beacon affordable housing complex to undergo renovation

Three weeks after rejecting the proposal, the board of the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) last month approved an agreement with Related Companies that will save the firm \$472,000 in sales taxes on the acquisition and interior and exterior costs associated with its \$14.5 million rehabilitation project at Tompkins Terrace, the 193-unit affordable housing complex in Beacon.

The board initially rejected the tax break at its May 23 meeting, saying it had questions about a financing partner, said Sarah Lee, the IDA executive director. Once those questions were answered, she said, the board agreed that the credit was appropriate.

Putnam County Dropped From Lawsuit

NYC challenges migrant housing bans

A state Supreme Court judge on Wednesday (July 26) dismissed Putnam County from a lawsuit filed by New York City against counties that have banned it from renting hotel rooms to house migrants who are seeking asylum in the U.S.

New York City's plan in May to bus

migrants to hotels north of the city triggered emergency declarations by county executives in dozens of counties. New York City officials, in turn, accused county officials of xenophobia and filed a lawsuit.

The judge dismissed the lawsuit against Putnam because County Executive Kevin Byrne had not extended his executive order. Instead, the county Legislature on July 5 made it illegal for New York City to provide "temporary housing within Putnam, thereby creating a homeless shelter, without first entering into a shared services agreement" with the county.

Byrne called the decision "welcome news," and said "because of the swift resolution of this case, the cost to taxpayers has been minimal."

The judge also ruled that the lawsuit could be moved from state court to Rockland and Orange county courts.

Philipstown Hub Appoints Interim Director

Board says it wants 'honest assessment' of programs

The Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub in Cold Spring said on Tuesday (July 25) that it had appointed Christopher Owens as its interim executive director, succeeding Laurie Sigalos, who left the organization earlier this summer after a year in the job. No reason was given for her departure.

Founded in 2019, the nonprofit Hub provides access to mental health and addiction services.

Alexandra Dubroff, who chairs the Hub board, said it named Owens as interim director because it "wanted somebody who didn't have a stake in the game" to "give us a clear vision of areas for improvement, assess our strengths and come in with a new perspective, without campaigning," for the job.

"We want an honest assessment now, because the Hub is still a relatively young organization," she said.

Owens, who lives in New York City, was most recently chief of the re-entry bureau and director of the Alternatives to Incarceration Programs for the Kings County district attorney in Brooklyn.

Attorney General Opposes PFAS Settlement

Argues it would leave taxpayers liable

New York Attorney General Letitia James on Wednesday (July 26) announced her opposition to a proposed class-action settlement with the 3M Co. over drinking water contaminated with "forever chemicals."

Dutchess County and Newburgh are among the public entities that would be eligible to receive a share of \$11.5 billion that four companies have proposed paying to settle thousands of lawsuits over water supplies contaminated by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, that don't easily break down in the environment and have been linked to cancer, thyroid disease, liver damage and other negative health effects.

"This proposed settlement would allow 3M to skirt responsibility for their pollution and could leave taxpayers on the hook for expensive cleanup efforts," James said in a statement. She joined 22 other state attorneys general in opposing the settlement.

According to the New York Department of Health, PFAS have been detected in nearly 40 percent of public drinking water supplies in the state.

Wikipedia Unblocks Rep. Lawler

Congressman banned for editing personal page

Wikipedia agreed to unblock U.S. Rep. Mike Lawler's username on July 12 after the House member, whose district includes Philipstown, agreed to stop editing his page, which violates the site's conflict-of-interest guidelines.

Lawler's office confirmed to *The Daily Beast* that the username Michaelvlawler belonged to the first-term representative, who narrowly defeated Sean Patrick Maloney in the 2022 general election.

Wikipedia agreed to unban that username after Lawler wrote: "I am Michael Lawler and the edits previously made were strictly biographical and done to populate the page when it was first started over two years ago. I won't be using the account to update the page."

Wikipedia asks that people "avoid editing or creating articles about yourself, your family, friends, colleagues, company, organization or competitors."

Putnam Reorganizes Highway Department

Rebrands agency as Public Works

Putnam County has reorganized its Highway and Facilities Department and rebranded it as the Department of Public Works to "better reflect the diverse scope of work and capabilities of the department and its employees."

The Department of Public Works will include divisions of highways, facilities, engineering and parks.

The county also added a list of upcoming and ongoing DPW projects online at putnam-countyny.com/public-works/projects.

Putnam Launches School Bus Safety Program

Deploys automatic stop-arm enforcement cameras

Putnam County has implemented a program that allows the county's six school districts to install cameras near the stop-arms of their buses.

The technology will be provided by a firm called BusPatrol America, the county said, and will allow districts to record the license plates of vehicles that ignore the stop signs that buses extend when picking up or dropping off students.

The system also includes cameras inside the bus to monitor passengers.

The county signed a five-year deal with BusPatrol. It said the program will be funded by fines issued to violators.



Putnam County has implemented a program that allows the county's six school districts to install cameras on their buses.

Photo provided

Putnam Chorale Names New Conductor

Veteran music director teaches at Seton Hall

The Putnam Chorale announced on July 10 that Jason Tramm will become its new music director and conductor.

Tramm serves as associate professor and director of choral activities at Seton Hall University, where he leads the university's chorus, chamber choir and orchestra. He served as artistic director of the New Jersey State Opera from 2008 to 2012.

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wastewater treatment facilities, critical infrastructure sites, schools and parks. The funding will come primarily through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

New York has also engaged with the U.S. Small Business Administration to pursue low-interest recovery loans for stricken businesses, the governor said. Further assistance to individuals remains under federal review.

“My administration will work directly with FEMA in the coming weeks to ensure our local government partners receive the critical funding they need to begin the recovery and rebuilding process,” Hochul said in a statement.

In the same statement, Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O’Neil said that “we greatly appreciate the assistance from the state and federal government,” and Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said he would “like to thank President Biden for approving the federal major disaster declaration. I’d also like to thank Gov. Hochul, her staff and team at the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services for working jointly with our team at the Bureau of Emergency Services during the storms and recovery efforts.”

According to Byrne, “every representative from Putnam’s state and federal delegation took time to reach out and offer support in the aftermath of the storms and the county is grateful to all, but we also recognize we still have a long way to go before all repairs and mitigation efforts are completed.”

In addition, Hochul deployed staff from the State Department of Financial Services (DFS) to assist residents affected by the flooding in filing insurance claims. (Information is available by calling 800-339-1759. The agency also has resources at dfs.ny.gov/consumers/disaster_flood.)

Locally, deliberations began July 12, when the Cold Spring Village Board discussed the storm damage and repairs. On July 17, the Nelsonville Village Board and residents reviewed the problems created by severe thunderstorms and flooding.

The following evening, July 18, the three members of the county Legislature’s Physical Services Committee unanimously endorsed a request from Byrne to spend \$1 million to repair damaged infrastructure, sending the measure to the full Legislature for consideration on Tuesday (Aug. 1).

On July 20, Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel and the four other Town Board members alerted the public that the south entrance to Old Manitou Road in Garrison is closed pending repairs and five others suffered damage: Old Albany Post Road, Chapman Road, Avery Road, Philipse Brook Road (the eastern end of Snake Hill Road) and the eastern stretch of Indian Brook Road.

Byrne appeared July 21 on a 10-member panel in Mount Vernon organized by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand to discuss recovery efforts in the Hudson Valley.

On Wednesday (July 26), Deputy Mayor Tweeps Phillips Woods, who chaired a meeting for the Cold Spring Village Board, thanked village staff for their work which went “above and beyond” during the



Nelsonville resident Jo Pitkin surveys the stream and wrecked culvert near her house on Secor Street.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

flooding. She also praised the Cold Spring Fire Co., whose volunteers had already responded to 71 calls in July, mainly as a result of the severe weather.

“That is an extraordinarily taxing amount of time spent doing work that most of us could not do,” Woods said of the firefighters. “I want to thank you for doing what you do with such energy and for always being there to answer the call.”

At the Nelsonville meeting on July 17, Mayor Chris Winward said the area reportedly received 10 to 15 inches of rain in about 10 days. It coursed down the mountains, “ripped up the entire streambed” along the Yellow Trail in the Nelsonville Woods, swamped yards, tore up pavement on Healy Road, and forced at least two residents to relocate as brooks in the middle of Nelsonville overflowed when debris clogged culverts, including one on Secor Street that was severely “disturbed, washed away, compromised.”

The owners of historic homes near the Secor culvert described several harrowing hours on July 9 and 10 as water sloshed up to the top of one’s porch steps and filled the other’s ground floor with 3 feet of water, wrecking furnishings.

Jo Pitkin, the resident with the nearly-flooded porch, said it took the Cold Spring Fire Co. about five hours to unclog the culvert. She and her neighbor, Susan Branagan, whose home flooded, told the board that over the years they have removed blockage from the culvert, even during storms. “I can’t even count how many times we’ve cleared that,” Pitkin said.

When Winward cautioned them to avoid do-it-yourself remediation, Branagan responded that village officials must inform residents of whom, or what government agency, to call in such emergencies. “Stop the water from rising in my house and I will not do dangerous things,” she said.

Pitkin said the state Department of Transportation is responsible for the culvert and “should have been maintaining this.”

But the mayor said that when DOT visited Nelsonville, “they did not say it was their responsibility, they did not say it was not their responsibility.” She promised to seek solutions. Overall, she observed, “every time we go out, we see another drain that’s got a big hole next to it.”

Trustee Tom Campanile said that the

flooding likewise destroyed a bridge on the Blue Trail and took out other stream crossings in the Nelsonville Woods and “we’re not putting those back soon.” He advised anyone walking there to prepare for water and mud.

Winward said the county had conferred with village and town supervisors at a post-storm meeting with a consulting firm Putnam hired to assist with applying for federal aid.

On July 19, after more rain, Pitkin and Branagan reiterated their concerns while giving a brief tour of flood-washed areas along Secor Street. That same day, Van Tassel reported, new flooding occurred on Cedar Street, which is near Secor Street, the Haldane school campus and the boundary between Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

The Garrison Fire Department helped pump water there. Town and village representatives “will continue to work together,” Van Tassel said.

At the Physical Services Committee session in Carmel, Legislator Nancy Montgomery, whose district covers Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley, thanked county officials for their outreach and noted the ongoing challenges of climate change.

“Are we keeping in mind what the big fixes will be to manage this going forward?” she asked. “Our [county government] Climate Smart project is not going well.”

Montgomery, who serves on the Physical Services Committee, pointed to resiliency demands at the micro, not just macro, level. “How do we do this with private property owners, on every stream, every brook, every river?” she asked. “It’s impossible.”

Simple improvements, such as installing sturdier, larger culvert pipes, might be feasible now, she said.

John Tully, the county purchasing director, assured her that such foresight “is what we’re incorporating into all our design, extra efforts for resiliency, because FEMA does recognize that and will help fund it.”

County Public Works Director Thomas Feighery said his department’s initial work after — or between — the rain involved attempts “just to make the roadways safe,” including Upper and Lower Station Roads in Garrison. He said Philipstown and other western Putnam towns suffered the most. In Cold Spring and Garrison, “we were lucky the tide went out. It took some of the

water with it. That helped a lot.”

Now, an infusion of \$1 million is crucial, Feighery said. “With back-to-back storms like this, we need that kind of money just to get started.” He said Putnam is still assessing the breadth and price tag of the damage county-wide.

Tully added that more funding will probably be needed in coming months.

In Philipstown, Van Tassel reported July 20 said that the town Highway Department “has been working around the clock to assess the damage and repair the worst-hit roads and flooded areas.”

He encouraged patience. Moreover, he said, with climate change “damaging weather will become more frequent. We are aware that we will have to invest in our infrastructure to increase our community resiliency.”

Rep. Mike Lawler, whose U.S. House district includes Philipstown, conferred July 10 with town and village leaders at Town Hall. He predicted that regional Hudson Valley storm-related costs “will likely be in the tens-of-millions-of-dollars” and promised to “continue working with my colleagues at the federal, state, and local levels to ensure that help arrives as expeditiously as possible.”

The July 9 storm centered on West Point, which suffered extensive damage that could cost more than \$100 million to repair, Sen. Chuck Schumer said on July 17 during a tour of the base with other elected officials who included Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Rep. Pat Ryan, whose district includes Beacon. The Army Corps of Engineers will handle repairs.

The flooding, caused by more than 8 inches of rain, tore into bridges, dams, roads and buildings at the base, along with at least 130 homes, severely damaging about 20.

In Highland Falls, the Bear Mountain State Park remains closed, along with the Trailside Museum and Bear Mountain Zoo and the Popolopen suspension bridge on Route 9W in Fort Montgomery.

The state Transportation Department did not immediately respond to an email asking about the status of repairs to the bridge, but the Associated Press reported contractors hoped to complete them by the end of July. Many Highlands residents use the bridge to reach their jobs at West Point, as do Garrison students who attend O’Neill High School.

Michael Turton and Chip Rowe contributed reporting.



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◀ **CLOWNS IN TOWN** — Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell from the Happenstance Theater, aka Pirot and Augustine, performed at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on July 23.



◀ **RIVER AT DUSK** — A scene on July 22 along the banks at Long Dock Park in Beacon.



▲ **POW WOW** — Native Americans from around the world, including Peru and Mexico, performed at an annual pow wow held on July 22 and 23 at Bear Mountain State Park.

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A fitting suit

By Alison Rooney

If you've walked by Reeves Bespoke Tailors at 494 Main St. in Beacon and wondered if the proprietor has wildly misjudged the market, have no fear.

David Reeves has lived in Beacon for seven years and has no expectations that his endeavor will supplant his original tailoring house in Manhattan. From those quarters in Union Square, he makes 300 suits a year, a number he doesn't envision increasing greatly — "though 350 would be nice" — with the addition of Beacon.

That's about one suit a day; some clients buy three suits a year, some 30. "Often, after a few years, they get more daring," he says.

Before moving from Brooklyn, Reeves had little work-and-home divide. What originated as a desire to raise his three children outside the city mutated with the pandemic to also working from home. "This is almost an evolution, an expansion," he says. "I do four days in the city and two days here."

Of his Beacon outpost, he says he doesn't expect people to walk in and order a suit. "I have no illusions," he says. "This isn't a hobby. There are only about five people in the U.S. who do this. I'm involved with every suit, and each generally takes four months to make."

A bespoke Reeves suit typically costs \$6,000 to \$8,000. The goal is always "a harmonious blend of classic elegance and contemporary aesthetics."

During his 25 years as a tailor, Reeves has made suits for celebrities, of course, including those known for how well they wear suits (Daniel Craig comes to mind),



David Reeves in his New York City shop

for people with disabilities, for a British field marshal and, on occasion, for women.

By his count, Reeves has created at least 7,000 suits, and says the easiest part of the job is the tailoring. "The business part is harder," he says. "So much of it is getting people on your side — smart people know what they're getting. We do well with lawyers and people who work in tech and entertainment."

Reeves also makes suits that are in far more demand in the U.K., such as equestrian wear, morning dress, military uniforms and English hunting and shooting attire. He says his shop complies with all the specifications of Savile Row, the famed London street dedicated to the fine art of tailoring, except for location.

"We make every suit, and each has 40 hours of skilled work behind it," he says.

"We make individual patterns for every suit, designed and constructed from the ground up. We store those patterns forever. We use Victorian processes to make them, but we're not austere, though our work is serious."

Reeves was drawn to the profession by age 19, when he worked at a bespoke men's tailor in London, Gieves and Hawkes, something his family couldn't fathom. "Nobody got it, nobody still gets it," he says. "Even when I was working at Savile Row, people didn't expect me to stay with it, despite my having a talent for it."

Reeves was recruited by a headhunter for a small bespoke tailor in New York City. (The first week he arrived, he met his future wife, Carter Spurrier, an artist.) "I always wanted to do my own thing," he recalls. "I thought 'I could do this myself.' I went back to London for a year and returned to



Trousers with detail

Photos provided

New York in 2008 to work in my own shop. I built a website in internet cafes."

Asked if his British clients differ from those in the U.S., Reeves pauses before answering. "Maybe the British client understands it more, fundamentally," he says. "It's still around more in British culture. There've always been high-end tailors and lower-end ones. If a working-class guy gets a suit made, he knows it'll be a different quality of fabric than an aristocratic one."

What does he wear at home? "I'm not dressing up fancy," he says. "At home I get ice cream thrown at me and the like, so I can't go around wearing a three-piece suit."

Reeves Bespoke Tailors is open by appointment. Call 917-783-2270 or visit reeves-nyc.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see
highlandscurrent.org/calendar.



Rhonda Appleseed, Aug. 5

COMMUNITY

SAT 29 Putnam Country Fest and 4-H Showcase

CARMEL
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Memorial Park
20 Gypsy Trail Road
cceputnamcounty.org

See the projects and animals that 4-H youth have prepared, along with musical performances by David Amram, the NY Cruisers and the Nimham Mountain Singers. There will be food, games, crafts and family activities. Also SUN 30.

SAT 5 Great Newburgh to Beacon Swim

NEWBURGH
8:30 – 10 a.m. Unico Park
70 Front St. | riverpool.org

This 19th annual one-mile swim across the Hudson River ends at the Beacon waterfront. Funds raised support the River Pool in Beacon. Volunteers in kayaks to support the swimmers are needed. Register online. *Cost: \$75 (\$25 ages 10-17), plus minimum \$100 in sponsorship donations*

SAT 5 Putnam County Wine & Food Fest

BREWSTER
11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Wells Park
98 Oak St. | putnamcountywinefest.com

The 12th annual event will showcase brewers, distilleries and cider makers from New York. There also will be food, live music and children's activities. Also SUN 6. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door, \$10 designated driver, ages 15 and younger free)*

KIDS & FAMILY

WED 2 Constellation Craft

BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to create a viewer to see the stars. Registration required.

THURS 3 Ice Cream in a Bag

GARRISON
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Children ages 5 to 12 can

make ice cream and toppings. Registration required.

FRI 4 Yoga Baby

BEACON
10 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Heather Davies will lead a yoga class for caregivers and infants and toddlers ages 1 to 18 months. Pregnant people also welcome. Registration required.

SAT 5 Rhonda Appleseed & The Tree that Learned How to Speak

GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company will perform the story of a girl who follows in the footsteps of her relative, Johnny, to learn from trees what they need.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 29 Flower-Arranging Workshop

WAPPINGERS FALLS
10 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
commongroundfarm.org

Farmer Katie will lead a walk through the fields to gather flowers and demonstrate methods for making bouquets. *Cost: \$40 (\$25 members)*

FRI 4 Sound Meditation

WAPPINGERS FALLS
7 p.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
commongroundfarm.org

Masha Schmidt and Katie Speicher will lead a guided



Peekskill Film Festival, July 29

meditation and soundscape experience. *Cost: \$20 to \$40*

SAT 5 For the Birds: Ecologically Attuned Writing

GARRISON
10 a.m. Constitution Marsh
127 Warren Landing
constitutionmarsh.audubon.org

Poet Mary Newell will present a workshop on how to draft a piece of writing from your field notes and observations at the marsh. Registration required.

SUN 6 Permaculture Principles in Action

BEACON
11 a.m. One Nature
845-440-1167 | onenaturellc.com

Jesse Stacken will host a garden tour demonstrating how he has designed a sustainable and supportive ecosystem to grow food, support pollinators, raise chickens and use natural resources through permaculture. The tour address will be provided upon registration. *Cost: \$25*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 29 Peekskill Film Festival

PEEKSKILL
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The selections include features, shorts, documentaries and animation by emerging filmmakers. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 29 The Prom

GARRISON
3 & 7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Depot Teens will stage this musical about four Broadway actors on a journey to a conservative Indiana town that is banning a lesbian student from attending the prom with her girlfriend. Also SUN 30. *Cost: \$12*

SAT 29 Goonies

BEACON
6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Boats leave dock
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

Visit Bannerman Island for an outdoor screening of the 1985 film about a group of misfit kids in search of lost treasure. *Cost: \$40*



SAT 29 Henry V

GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

HVSF presents the epic tale of King Henry and his war to seize the French crown. Emily Ota plays the lead. Also MON 31, WED 2, SUN 6. Through Aug. 21. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

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SUN 30
Love’s Labor’s Lost
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

Amanda Dehnert directs this production as four young men try to uphold their commitment to their studies and not be tempted by the arrival of four women. Also THURS 3, FRI 4, SAT 5. Through Aug. 27. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

THURS 3
The Muppet Movie
BEACON
8:30 p.m. South Avenue Park
Route 9D and South Avenue
beaconny.myrec.com

Enjoy the 1979 film about Kermit and his pals traveling to Hollywood for the chance of a lifetime. *Free*

SAT 5
It Happened One Night
COLD SPRING
8:30 p.m. Dockside Park
coldspringfilm.org

The Cold Spring Film Society will screen Frank Capra’s 1934 film starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert as a reporter and an heiress who get thrown together. *Free*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 29
NBNY Art Seen
NEWBURGH
1 – 5 p.m. Various
newburghart.org/nbny-artseen

Many galleries and art spaces will be open for an art walk. See website for a list of participants.

FRI 4
Rick Brazill
COLD SPRING
5 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St. | busterlevigallery.com

The painter will share his work. Through Aug. 27.



MUSIC

SAT 29
DizzyFish & The Uptown Horns
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

This cover band performs hits from the 1970s. *Cost: \$45 (\$50 door)*

SUN 30
Thomas Hobson Williams
GARRISON
3 p.m. St. Philip’s Church
1101 Route 9D | stphilipshighlands.org

Williams will perform works by Bach, Lothar Bandermann, Florence Price, Robert Lind and Jon Spong on the church’s Schoenstein organ as part of a summer recital series. Anthony Rispo will play on SUN 6. *Cost: \$20 donation*

SUN 30
KJ Denhert
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The songwriter and her band blend urban folk and jazz. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*



FRI 4
Kat Selman & Q Morrow
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The singer and guitarist will perform Brazilian music. *Cost: \$25*

FRI 4
Bruce Katz
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The keyboardist and band leader will play with Aaron Lieberman (guitar) and Liviu Pop (drums). The Dan Brother Trio opens. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 5
Kieran Kane and Rayna Gellert
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The singers and songwriters will play music from their latest release, *The Flowers that Bloom in Spring*. *Cost: \$20*



SAT 5
Yacht Rock Gold
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The cover band performs hits

from the late 1970s and early ’80s. *Cost: \$25 to \$35*

SAT 5
Bob Baldwin
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The contemporary jazz pianist and composer will play songs from his latest release, *The UrbanSmooth Suite*. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

CIVIC

TUES 1
Putnam Legislature
CARMEL
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountyny.com

WED 2
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

THURS 3
Town Board
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St.
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com







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Shirts and Ties Reborn

Apparel line upcycles men's clothes for women

By Alison Rooney

Sssh — promise you won't tell. Some time ago, when they were supervising their sons during a field trip to a weekend chess tournament, Eugenie Milroy and Bekah Tighe snuck away to hit the thrift stores in Kingston.

The women, who both live in Cold Spring, have been friends since their sons were in preschool. They enjoyed excursions to New York City to explore textile exhibits at venues such as the American wing of the Met and a show on Virgil Abloh, the former creative director at Louis Vuitton, at the Brooklyn Museum.

Or they'd hit the beach or visit Asbury Park, New Jersey, to see the street art.

And all the while, they'd thrift.

Amid the bundles of clothing, an idea was born.

"We'd see all these amazing menswear items, particularly the shirts and ties," Milroy says. "We thought: 'We want these beautiful garments to have a new life.' Vintage ties and shirts in good condition have a lot of life in them. Plus, they are often made of 100 percent cotton, while so much women's cloth-



Eugenie Milroy (left) and Bekah Tighe model Stranded Assets apparel at the launch of their line at Wynono in Cold Spring

ing is not made from natural fibers."

"I suggested men's ties and shirts as something that can easily be made into something else," Tighe adds. "Someone gave us 142 ties. They're a part of a person's history, and the material is so beautiful."

After six months of gathering items, they came up with designs that used the men's staples to create looks for women.

"At this nascent stage we have two core things: a shirt dress, which is two shirts stacked together, and a belt," Milroy says.



The Stranded Assets launch inspired lots of "just try it on" talk.

Photos by A. Rooney

"We also have a one-shirt dress design. Some of our combinations are more neutral, but we like the unexpected, such as incorporating whimsical or traditional silk ties. We like the vibe of traditional menswear and putting it in an unexpected spin.

"Right now, bearing in mind we both have other careers" — Milroy is a fine-arts conservator and Tighe an agent at McCafrey's Real Estate — "we're working on fall plaids, maybe some flannels," she says.

They made their debut on July 21 with six dresses for \$148 each and eight belts for \$58 each at Wynono & Co. on Main Street in Cold

Spring under the name Stranded Assets, which describes items that have suffered from unexpected write-downs, devaluations or conversion to liabilities, e.g., in this case, fabrics. The reception buzzed with shopping pheromone. The women also have launched an Instagram account (@strandedassetsny) that is a work in progress.

The next step will be getting two new designs into production. "Then probably we'll have another idea," Tighe says.

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Small, Good Things

Nothing Fishy Here

By Joe Dizney

There's something, well, fishy about Vitello Tonnato.

How did this classic Italian recipe of chilled, boiled veal, smothered in a sauce made from tuna, come to be in the first place? It's a bit of a mystery, but its reputation is well established.

A friend described her teenage son's first experience with it as an epiphany that converted him into a culinary explorer. On the other hand, another friend said it reminds him of cat food.

I'm not here to pass judgment. But with veal being a justified target of culinary cancellation, I am here to explore the fishier part of the equation: that surprising sauce.

Tonnato is a blender emulsion of canned tuna and olive oil, augmented by lemon juice and mayonnaise, with or without anchovies, capers or garlic. Even without the veal, it is deserving of a place at the table, especially in the summer culinary canon when most of us would prefer not to cook if we can help it.

The decana of classic Italian cuisine,

Marcella Hazan, offers Maiale Tonnato (chilled slices of pork loin in tuna sauce) and further suggests turkey as a substitute; but it still requires hours in a hot kitchen.

Closer to my thinking is Joshua McFadden's Charred Broccoli with Tonnato, Pecorino, Lemon and Chiles, which requires 5 to 7 minutes of flame but seems manageable. Absolutely on point is Melissa Clark's Tomato Tonnato: slabs of tomatoes (coming up any day) with tonnato, basil and black pepper.

Honestly, the first and simplest batch of tonnato I made (two cans of drained tuna, ½ cup of olive oil, 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, 3 tablespoons of mayonnaise) was consumed over a couple of days as a dip for whatever crudités I could find in the refrigerator: celery, fennel, the last snap peas, radishes.

I began a vivid fantasy menu of a deconstructed Greek tuna salad with grilled red bell peppers, red onions, fennel and tomatoes, slathered in tuna sauce; or as a pan bagnat-like pressed sandwich, with tonnato as a spread-melding for layers of tomatoes, basil, greens, red onions, black olives, more olive oil and a splash of balsamic. Or how about a white bean or pasta salad, with any of those same ingredients bound together by tonnato?

The two recipes amended to the tonnato formula are further no-cook extrapolations marrying tuna to tuna and are slightly gratuitous but tasty. Again, this is all just to say that there's still a lot to be done with this fishy little sauce, vitello or no vitello.



Tonno Tonnato (center), flanked by Tonno Tonnato (left) and Tonnato Tartare (right)

Tonno Tonnato Tartare

Serves 2 to 4

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 2 tablespoons tonnato
- 1 scallion, white and green parts minced fine
- 6 ounces fresh sushi-quality tuna (loin), cut
- 1 small, ripe Hass avocado, cut into ¼-inch dice

1. In a measuring cup, whisk together olive oil, lemon zest, lemon juice, Tabasco and tonnato. To prepare the tuna, wrap it in plastic wrap and rest it in the freezer for 30 to 45 minutes, before dicing into ¼-inch pieces. Place tuna in a mixing bowl and proceed with the recipe.

2. Pour tonnato mixture over the tuna; add scallions and mix well. Add avocado and gently mix into the tuna. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour for flavors to meld. Serve on crackers or small toasts.

Salsa Tonnato

Makes about 2 cups

Use it as a dip for crudités, a dressing for grilled vegetables, pork, seafood, or as you would mayonnaise for a dressing for cold pasta or bean salads.

- 2 cans tuna in olive oil, drained
- 2 to 4 oil-cured anchovy filets
- ⅓ cup capers, rinsed and drained
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil

1. Put the tuna, anchovies, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, olive oil and half of the capers into the bowl of a small food processor and process until smooth. Add more olive oil if necessary to achieve the consistency of a stiff sauce.

2. Transfer tonnato into a bowl. Chop the remaining capers roughly and add to the bowl along with the mayonnaise and stir to incorporate. Cover and refrigerate. Tonnato will keep for up to a week.

Tonno Tonnato Salad

Makes about 2 cups

- 2 cans oil-packed tuna, drained
- ¼ cup tonnato
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 stalk celery, diced fine
- 2 tablespoons shallot, minced
- 1 teaspoon pickle relish or gherkins, diced small
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In a medium bowl, combine tuna, tonnato, mustard, celery, pickles, shallot and basil. Mix gently to combine; add salt and pepper to taste. Refrigerate, covered, for up to 3 days. Make a sandwich on some crusty bread with arugula and a couple slices of a great summer tomato, a drizzle of olive oil, salt and pepper.



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Community Day 2023

On Saturday, July 22, Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. (HHFT) hosted their Second Annual Community Day at Dutchess Manor, the future site of the Fjord Trail's Visitor Center. More than 170 people turned out on this gorgeous afternoon for a fun and information-filled community gathering, which featured tie-dyeing with plant-based dyes, music by The Happy Trailers, historic house tours by Architectural Historian Steven Baltsas, free ice cream, a food truck, and more.

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Scan the QR code above for more upcoming opportunities to continue the Fjord Trail dialogue.



Spongy Moth *(from Page 1)*

For starters, they are now called spongy moths, at least among scientists. In 2021 the Entomological Society of America stopped using the name because “gypsy” is a slur against Romani people.

(The Entomological Society of America is also considering a wider renaming of all invasive, destructive insect pests named after races or nationalities, e.g., the Japanese beetle.)

The gypsy name is thought to have been attached because the caterpillars that become moths are migrants. Every May they travel great distances by inching their way up trees, hanging from the high branches by a silk thread and being gently blown by the wind to locations farther away, with their furry bristles helping to slow their descent. (This is known as “ballooning.”) Once they settle, they chomp every leaf they can find, defoliating vast swaths of forest.

Spongy moth was chosen because of the spongy, tan sacs that hold the moth’s eggs for 10 months. The French Canadian name for the moth is *spongieuse*.

Why are they back? In fact, they are always here, but for a notable outbreak to occur — for the caterpillars to have a good year — its two main predators need to have a bad year.

The first of its enemies is a fungus that, like the spongy moth, is native to Asia. The absence of this fungus in North America is one of the reasons the spongy moth population exploded so quickly after a scientist imported them to Massachusetts in the late 19th century. In the 1980s, the fungus mysteriously appeared in the Northeast — clearly an act of human intervention, although no one has claimed responsibility.

The mission was a success. The fungus spread, infecting the caterpillars with spores. When the caterpillars die and decompose, the spores spread from their mummified corpses to infect new caterpillars. Science! Sometimes it’s gross!

The spores can rest in the soil for quite some time but need a warm, wet spring to get going. This year, we had a cooler than



Female spongy moths laying eggs on Mount Beacon

usual May, as well as an unusually dry one. It’s hard to remember after a month of getting hammered by historic storms, but by the end of May there were worries that we were heading into a drought. Usually, the Highlands get 3.5 to 4.5 inches of rain in May; this year we had ½ inch.

The second predator that keeps the moth in check is the white-footed mouse, which feasts on the caterpillars in their pupae form. When I asked Jones where the mice were this year, he discussed acorns.

In 2021, the Highlands went through a heavy “mast” year, when the trees drop an unusually high number of acorns following a few seasons of low activity. One of the side effects of a heavy mast is that the population of animals that eat acorns, including white-footed mice and squirrels, explode, only to crash in the years following when acorns are harder to find. With so few mice around this year, there wasn’t enough to make a dent in the pupae population.

The next time you notice unusually abun-



A tree on Mount Beacon, defoliated by spongy moth caterpillars Photos by B. Cronin

dant acorns, mark your calendar to check the weather in two years. If it’s cool and dry, get ready for a lot of spongy moths.

Once you notice them, it’s too late to do anything about it that year. The damage is done, because the caterpillars are responsible for the defoliation. (The moths are harmless.) Those swarms around your porch light are packs of needy males, waiting for the flightless females to hatch.

You can see the fruits of this romance now on the lower slopes of Mount Beacon, where last week I spotted several females laying spongy sacs for next year’s brood.

Each year, the state Department of Environmental Conservation flies over forests to search for defoliation. Along with Mount Beacon, northeastern Dutchess County, the lower slopes on the Shawanagunks and Bear Mountain have all suffered this year from spongy moth outbreaks.

The 2023 outbreak actually began in the Finger Lakes three years ago and has been spreading every year, taking root in what-

ever microclimates prove amenable due to low mouse and fungal activity, says Jessica Cancelliere of the DEC. “It’s like playing whack-a-mole,” she said. “These outbreaks keep popping up in different areas.”

If you notice egg sacs on your lawn, the DEC has a wealth of information about what to do at dec.ny.gov/animals/83118.html. Wrapping tree trunks with burlap sacks in late winter will stop the caterpillars from reaching the leaves, Cancelliere said. Another option is to encircle the trunk with sticky tape, but Cancelliere cautioned against that approach because the tape will ensnare pollinators, as well.

The DEC policy is typically to let nature take its course. In some areas, they’ll spray vulnerable stands but otherwise trees usually recover. Some of the defoliated trees on Mount Beacon are already sprouting new leaves, and as long as we don’t have a cool, dry spring and a low mouse population in 2024, most of the egg sacs on the mountain won’t survive.

“The moth populations crash eventually,” said Cancelliere. “There are pockets of trees that die here and there, but most of them can withstand even a couple of years of defoliation and they recover. That’s happening right now.”

There’s still much to be learned about spongy moths, but there’s less research being done. Even when there’s an outbreak, it usually doesn’t last long. Scientists tend to focus on species that are in danger of being wiped out or the species that are doing the wiping out.

“We stopped long-term monitoring of the moths in 2010, partly because at that point we understood what was going on,” Jones said. “But also, out of sight, out of mind. Most people think it’s not a problem.”

With climate change, that may change. What if cool, dry springs become the norm in the Highlands? What if masting years get more erratic? “The combination of more droughts due to climate change and continuing defoliation from spongy moths could result in something that we would not like,” said Jones.



STEAM BENDER
— James Murray demonstrated his steam-bending technique at the Garrison Art Center during a weekend exhibit of his sculptures on July 22 and 23 as part of Upstate Art Weekend. Murray utilized a traditional steam-box design that shipbuilders used to bend wood for ships. “I bring [the steam box] up to 225 degrees,” he explained. “We take it out and bend very quickly because as soon as it starts to cool, the material cracks.”

Photos by Erin-Leigh Hoffman



The True Story of Jolene, the Disability Awareness Chicken

Adopted bird helps spread message of acceptance

By Joey Asher

During the early days of the pandemic, a renegade Beacon chicken known as The Mayor became a social media star.

Now, one of The Mayor's chicks — foster chick, actually — is the protagonist of an illustrated children's book titled *Jolene: The Disability Awareness Chicken*.

Written by Karen Finnegan, who lives in Fishkill, the book tells the true story of the short life of a chick born with a deformed leg.

"I wrote the book to process my grief over the loss of a pet that I had fallen in love with," said Finnegan, who adopted The Mayor. "Then it turned into a bigger message about disability awareness and being different."

Over the last year, the author has toured



Karen Finnegan with The Mayor

Photo by J. Asher

the Beacon elementary schools reading the story to students and discussing its message of acceptance of people with differences.

That message is particularly important for Finnegan, who said that of her seven children, "four are in the queer community." Finnegan is also a co-founder of Defense of Democracy, a group that describes itself as "a nonpartisan group advocating an inclusive public education system."

The Mayor makes regular appearances at the Beacon Farmers' Market, where the chicken will perch on your head for a selfie.

Jolene's story began in the spring of 2021, when Finnegan was regularly posting



Jolene

Photo provided

videos and photos of the Rhode Island Red on the Beacon NY Facebook page and on Chickens with Attitude, a webpage created for The Mayor. Finnegan had adopted The Mayor in May 2020, at the beginning of the COVID lockdown, after it was found wandering near Harbor Hill Court and Davies Avenue. (*The Current* profiled The Mayor in September 2020.)

Finnegan decided in March 2021 to add a brood of chicks to The Mayor's family. Rather than getting a rooster involved, she purchased eight fertilized eggs. Seven were brown and white, and one was blue.

The blue egg didn't hatch.

"I knew the chick was alive because I could put it up to my ear and hear it peeping," Finnegan said. She researched the predicament online and learned that a failure to hatch "means there's something wrong" and "you should let it die."

"Not on my watch," she said.

Following instructions in a YouTube video, Finnegan carefully cracked the egg and gently opened its inner membrane while spritzing water and keeping the chick warm under an incubator. Everything was streamed live on YouTube to The Mayor's followers.

"Finally, it burst out of the egg and it was beautiful," she said.

But the chick wouldn't stand up.

"She was awake but she was lying on her stomach," Finnegan said. It turned out the chick had perosis, a common poultry leg deformity.

Finnegan asked her 1,300 followers on the Chickens with Attitude Facebook page to suggest names for the chick. They included Miss Peeps-a-Lot, Jillian Mercado (after the model and actor, who uses a wheelchair), Robirda, Tiny Dancer, Bently and Precious. Finnegan selected Jolene because she likes the Dolly Parton song of the same name and because the chick tended to "lean" to the left because of her bad leg.

Finnegan contacted veterinarians but was told there was not much to do for Jolene. She found a specialist at the Animal Medical Center on 62nd Street in Manhattan who would see the bird, but it was going to be \$800.

After raising the money from her Face-



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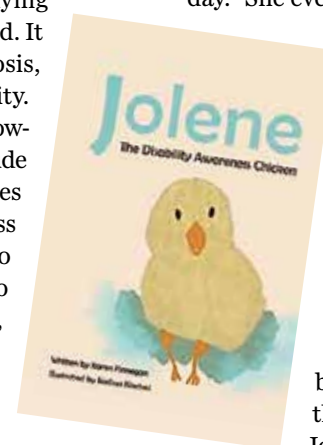
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book followers, Finnegan took The Mayor and Jolene on the train to the city, where the vet explained how to give Jolene physical therapy.

"I would hold her in my hand and her injured leg would dangle down," she said. "I would gently stretch the muscles so it would grow with the leg. Otherwise it would get tighter and tighter. I did it multiple times a day." She even fitted Jolene with a brace.

Finnegan loved Jolene, carrying her around in her shirt pocket. "I would sleep with her on the couch," she said.

All went well until June 2021, when Jolene and one of her siblings were attacked in their cage, probably by a rodent.

There was only a little blood, Finnegan said. While the stronger sibling survived, Jolene died three days later.

"I was devastated," Finnegan said. She buried Jolene in her backyard under a newly planted pink rose bush.

Shortly after Jolene's death, she teamed with Beacon artist Melissa Nastasi to produce the book. "I wanted the book to give parents a jumping off point to let their kids know that not everybody fits the same mold," said Finnegan.



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LOOKING BACK IN BEACON

By Chip Rowe

Editor’s note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

150 Years Ago (July 1873)

The Newburgh Telegraph reported: “A party of young men, eight strong, started yesterday morning in a small boat to have a clam bake. They loaded their boat with two kegs of lager beer and 2,000 clams and rowed across the river” to Fishkill Landing.

J.H. Woolhiser, the new editor of the *Matteawan Enterprise*, took a leave of absence to Delaware County for his health.

Twenty-five shares of capital stock in the First National Bank of Fishkill Landing were sold in lots of five each, for \$136, \$131, \$133, \$133 and \$127. At the same time, the bank declared a semiannual dividend of 4 percent.

The Reformed Church debuted its new organ with a Tuesday night concert.

A 16-year-old Canadian boy employed at Aldrich’s brickyard at Dutchess Junction drowned in the Hudson River.

Dairymen in Dutchess County were complaining about their treatment by New York City buyers. Some of their cans came back full because there was too much milk on the market and others never came back. The farmers were pushing to have the cans included in freight bills so the railroad would be responsible for them.

John Kniffin was awarded a contract to carry the mail between Fishkill and Fishkill Landing.

George Cummings, a cooper from Newburgh, was found by a boy on the tracks at Fishkill Landing with a severe head injury, apparently after being struck by a train.

Henry Smith, who was employed by Josiah Fuller of Matteawan, was driving



Australian golfer Joe Kirkwood, who played in Newburgh in 1923, was known for his trick shots and sense of humor.



Etta Tillman of Matteawan made national headlines in 1898 for refusing to sing a hymn; this image appeared in the *New York World*.

his team through one of Fuller’s meadows when he was startled by a rattlesnake in the road. He attempted to kill it with a stick but the snake struck and narrowly missed him. It slithered into a stone wall but left 6 inches of its tail protruding. Fuller grabbed it, drew the snake out and killed it. He said it was 3½ feet long and had 10 rattles.

A man who said he was pushing a wheelbarrow from New York City to Poughkeepsie to win a bet stopped at the Irving House in Fishkill for a drink. *The Fishkill Standard* reported that the subject was “a little old man, with long gray hair hanging down upon his shoulders and a general rusty appearance.” After this drink, he headed north into the dark. He gave his name as John Paulding. “Quite a number swallowed the whole thing as genuine, but those ‘in the know’ knew it was Mose Green up to another of his tricks,” the *Standard* wrote.

William Yeatman, who grew up in Fishkill Landing but moved to Nashville, donated a letter to the Tennessee State Library that he had received as a teenager from Davy Crockett. It was dated June 15, 1834, and sent from Washington, D.C., where Crockett was a member of the U.S. House. “I now look forward to our adjournment with as much interest as ever did a poor convict in the penitentiary to see his last day come,” Crockett wrote. “If it were not for the Senate, God only

knows what won’t become of the country.”

The wife of Caleb Knapp, a boot and shoe merchant in Fishkill Landing who had gone to New York City to purchase stock, became concerned when she had not heard from him for three days. An employee she dispatched could find no trace.

A reporter for *The Fishkill Standard* noted that an elm about halfway between the taverns of Fishkill Landing and Matteawan had become a popular spot for drunken young men to gather, creating a late-night “tide of blasphemy and obscenity” that disturbed neighbors.

125 Years Ago (July 1898)

Etta Tillman, a choir member at the Presbyterian Church in Matteawan, made national headlines for her patriotism when she refused to sing “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” because she saw in the hymnal it was set to the tune of the “Old Spanish Hymn.” The U.S. was fighting Spain at the time in Cuba. “I will sing no Spanish songs, last of all in church,” Tillman said.

Sidney Scofield, 23, of Matteawan, was killed in combat during the Battle of Santiago de Cuba.

The New York Herald argued that the U.S. had become “an asylum for the cast-off paupers and criminals of the world.” It cited Dr. H.E. Allison, superintendent of the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminally Insane, who praised the state commission on lunacy for its efforts to deport the “dependent alien insane” back to Italy, Germany, England and other nations that he alleged had cleared their prisons.

A jury awarded Ella Kay, a teacher at the Glenham public school, \$40 [about \$1,500 today] after she sued the Board of Education because it claimed she had taught only 40 of the 42 weeks in the academic year. She had refused an offer of \$20 to settle.

The Kain family of Fishkill Landing slept through lightning that tore off part of the roof and overturned furniture. Lightning also struck a can of dynamite on a gravel bank, and the explosion shook the village.

100 Years Ago (July 1923)

For the first time, the Mase Hook and Ladder Co. expelled a member for refusing to obey orders. The assistant foreman said

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that, during a fire on Spy Hill, the unnamed member would not help with a ladder. The firefighter was a no-show at his disciplinary hearing.

To attract more spectators, the Crotona Motorcycle Club added a band concert and aeroplane stunts to its annual hill climb.

A fire started by a cigarette thrown from a Mount Beacon incline railway trolley destroyed 200 feet of wooden trestle and stranded 600 people at the summit. They were rescued by firefighters who led them down a rough trail. The fire department had to use dirt, chemicals and a bucket brigade to extinguish the flames because the nearest hydrant was a mile away.

A group of Boy Scouts from Beacon were camping at Walton Lake near Hopewell on July 4 when their scoutmaster discovered a man sleeping in a nearby shack. He admitted to being an escaped inmate from Westchester and was turned over to the sheriff.

After an argument, the barber John Caruso chased a customer, Peter Lamonica, down Main Street with a shaving razor. The pursuit ended at the Holland Hotel when Lamonica threw a bottle of hair tonic that struck Caruso, who fell and broke his razor. Police arrested Lamonica but said they also would likely pursue assault charges against Caruso.

A state judge issued a temporary restraining order against the Beacon Bus Line following a complaint by the Wappingers Falls Railway, which accused the bus line of picking up passengers along its trolley route.

After a car crash on Beekman Street, several bottles of illegal booze labeled "Gordon Gin" rolled from one vehicle and shattered on the pavement. The driver gathered the remaining bottles and hurried away.

Mildred Boss, 18, of Brooklyn, was said to have regained the use of her paralyzed legs and vocal cords during the annual camp meeting of the Nazarenes. She was brought to the pulpit in a cart and, after the 500 people in attendance prayed, was able to walk and talk. This according to the Nazarenes' district superintendent, who said he was willing to sign an affidavit.

A fire in the dining car of the southbound Buffalo Express was thought to be extinguished but the roof was ablaze by the time the train reached Beacon. The Tompkins Hose Co. put it out.

A block of the business district went without water for a week until the street was dug up to open the pipe, which was blocked by eels.

Walter Hagen, the former British Open golf champ, and Joe Kirkwood, the Australian champion, played with a Beacon pro, Eric Golden, in an exhibition at the Powelton County Club in Newburgh. Kirkwood also gave a trick-shot demonstration.

75 Years Ago (July 1948)

The bodies of four Beacon men killed in combat during World War II were among the 5,374 remains returned to the U.S. aboard the USAT Lawrence Victory after being buried in makeshift cemeteries in the U.K., France and Luxembourg. The men — Tech. Sgt. Frederick Brewer, Staff Sgt. Raymond Detweiler, First Lt. Paul Facticeau and Staff Sgt. Patrick O'Brien — all served in the Air Force.

Harry Thaw, who was sent to the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insane after he shot architect Stanford White in 1906 in the roof garden of the old Madison Square Garden in New York City, left an estate worth \$1.2 million [\$15 million]. His bequests included \$10,000 [\$127,000] to Evelyn Nesbit, his former wife. Thaw said he shot White because of the latter's relations with Nesbit before she and Thaw were married. Thaw escaped Matteawan about a year after being incarcerated and was later declared sane.

Funeral services were held at St. Luke's Church for Pvt. 1st Class Guy Pendleton, 19, who was killed in action in Normandy on June 30, 1944, about three weeks after the allied invasion. His father was the sexton at the church.

Melio Bettina, the Beacon boxer, scored the fourth and fifth straight victories in his comeback after his war service, knocking out Austin Johnson in the second round in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and defeating Shamus O'Brien in the fourth round of a Brooklyn bout. Bettina was hoping for a chance at the heavyweight title held by Joe Louis.

A state judge overturned \$9,000 in damages awarded by a jury to a Newburgh man who said he was beaten by three Beacon police officers, calling the judgment "grossly excessive." The judge noted that the foreman had not revealed that he been arrested by Beacon police several years earlier.

Morris Shimken, 74, who had lived at Camp Beacon for 20 years, was killed by a truck while walking along Route 9D.

50 Years Ago (July 1973)

Although northern Dutchess County was hit hard by a storm and flooding, southern Dutchess fared better, with only a few roads closed. "It wasn't that they were impassable so much as every time a car came through basements would be flooded by the water splashed up," said Lt. George Garrison of the Beacon police. The second annual Beacon Day Parade proceeded as scheduled.

A resident urged the City Council to address chronic flooding in the area of Verplanck Avenue, Ralph Street and Mackin Avenue. He said the problem was caused by runoff from an 18-inch water main at the Southern Dutchess County Club that spilled into a vacant lot on Orchard Place.

A state appeals court upheld the contempt convictions of five officers of the Beacon Teachers Association after they led an illegal strike but reduced their sentences to time served, which had been a few hours each.

Nearly 100 patients at the Beacon Correctional Center for Medical Services, formerly the Matteawan State Hospital, launched a hunger strike to protest the separation of those with emotional handicaps from those with physical handicaps.

The Beacon Environmental Recovery Group led a cleanup of the riverfront where it hoped to construct a public park near the abandoned ferry dock.

By a vote of 868-340, school district residents again rejected a \$4.35 million build-



Harry Thaw

ing plan. The proposal, which would have added classrooms to Forrestal and Glenham elementary schools, converted Rombout Middle School to a high school and converted the high school to a middle school, had been rejected in an earlier vote, 1,204-597. The school board said it was left with two options because of space problems: Schedule double sessions or spend \$1.9 million in savings on piecemeal construction.

A corrections officer and an inmate suffered minor injuries during a 30-minute disturbance at the Correctional Center for Medical Services that involved 230 patients. The director said all the participants were ages 16 to 21 and had IQs of 70 to 85, or "borderline mentality."

A complaint filed with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development alleged that 100 families in the city's urban renewal area were owed \$400,000 in unpaid relocation benefits, such as rental assistance.

Cos Collandrea, of Alan Pontiac, noted that "everybody's buying the small cars and turning in the big cars" because of a gas shortage.

Wappinger won the Dutchess County Little League title with a 4-1 victory over Beacon.

25 Years Ago (July 1998)

Teenagers from the Capuchin Franciscan Youth and Family Ministry Outreach in Garrison teamed up with the Dutchess County Community Action Agency to plant flowers in a vacant lot at Main and Cross streets owned by the city.

Thirty IBM employees spent a day spruc-

ing up the Beacon Community Center, installing new swings, spreading mulch and gravel and washing windows.

The third annual Latin American Festival, organized by Eddie Ramirez of R&M Productions, was held at Riverfront Park.

The Tallix foundry on Route 52 said it planned to build a \$500,000 visitors' center and sculpture garden to boost tourism.


The Dyson Foundation donated \$15,300 to the Martin Luther King Cultural Center on South Avenue to purchase eight computers for its Prepare a Teen program.


The school district launched a camp for fourth and fifth graders called Summer Opportunity for Achieving Results with Physical Education, Science and Technology. On the first day, two relief pitchers for the Hudson Valley Renegades talked about the importance of math in baseball.

The Beacon Arts Coalition was looking for a spot to hang a mural being painted by local teenagers that showed people of various ethnic backgrounds aboard the Newburgh-Beacon ferry that ran from 1743 to 1945.

Gwen Dozier, the owner of Gwen's Signs of the Times II Unisex Salon at 190 Main St., complained that she was tired of asking people on the sidewalk to move along. "I've seen Main Street come a long way," she told the *Poughkeepsie Journal*. "I used to have to sweep marijuana bags from the front of the store in the morning. I just don't think they should be able to loiter in front of businesses." Police Chief Richard Sassi said there wasn't much he could do to stop people from hanging out unless they were breaking the law.

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- ACROSS
1. Satan’s purchase
5. Chest protector
8. Ski lift type
12. Old U.S. gas brand
13. Piercing tool
14. Hindu royal
15. Pub potables
16. King, in Cannes
17. Choir voice
18. New
20. Pal of Pooh
22. Stephen of *Still Crazy*
23. Hobbyist’s abbr.
24. Mineral-hardness scale name
27. Tot’s train
32. Rock’s Brian
33. Science room
34. Klutz
35. Folks from Indiana
38. Garrison
39. Flop

40. Ostrich’s kin
42. Exhibited ennui
45. In a way
49. “Metamorphoses” poet
50. Hosp. hookups
52. Carry on
53. Ms. Rowlands
54. Golf prop
55. Like some vaccines
56. Gross
57. Last letter in London
58. Mr. Disney
10. Pot starter
11. Laugh-a-minute
19. Concerning
21. Altar vow
24. “I’m not impressed”
25. Music’s Yoko
26. Snooker
28. Guffaw syllable
29. Fanatical
30. Rowing need
31. Frequently
36. Half the weekend
37. Chemical suffix
38. Groove
41. Kansas City’s st.
42. Quotable Berra
43. Opposite of “sans”
44. Bubblehead
46. O’Hara estate
47. Cameo shape
48. Fedora fabric
51. Victory sign

- DOWN
1. Line of fashion?
2. Capital on a fjord
3. Secondhand
4. Also-rans
5. Clinging crustacean
6. — Jima
7. Radar dot
8. Dire
9. Hype

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Can you go from BURNT to CUFFS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

BURNT

CUFFS

MICRO
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Home for a honey brunch?
5. Gas leak indicator
6. Prepare coffee beans for brewing
8. Ingrid’s *Casablanca* role
9. Pre-college exams

- DOWN
1. Biker’s Harley, slangily
2. *The Wire* actor ____ Elba
3. “And there you have it!”
4. Dadaism pioneer Max
7. Wagner’s ____ Rheingold

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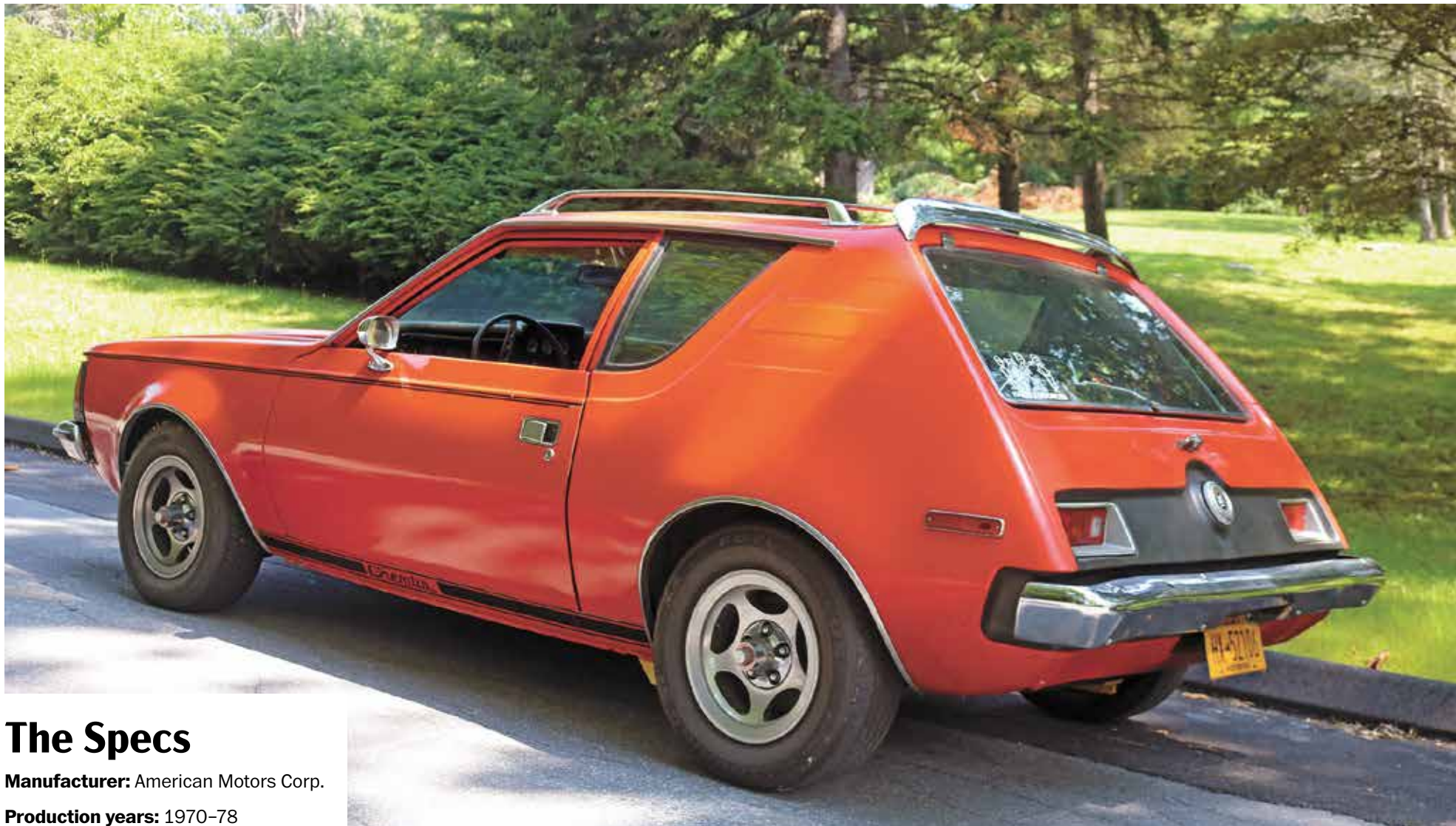


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The Specs

Manufacturer: American Motors Corp.

Production years: 1970–78

Total Made: 671,475

Assembly: Kenosha, Wisconsin;
Brampton, Ontario; Mexico

Class: Subcompact

Body: Two-door hatchback

Engine: 258 cubic-inch inline
six-cylinder; 304 cubic-inch V8;
401 cubic-inch muscle car

Transmission: 3-speed Chrysler Torque-
Flite automatic; 3- or 4-speed manual

Purchase price: \$1,879 to \$2,299
(\$12,912 to \$15,798 today)

A Brief History of American Motors

American Motors Corp. began in 1954 with the merger of the Nash-Kelvinator Corp. and the Hudson Motor Car Co. — the largest corporate marriage in U.S. history at the time. By 1957, the Nash and Hudson brands were replaced by Rambler and Metropolitan. Later AMC models included the Javelin, Hornet, AMX, Pacer, Matador and Ambassador.

AMC purchased Kaiser Jeep in 1970 and in 1980 partnered with Renault to produce the Alliance and Encore. Chrysler purchased AMC in 1990 and it was folded into the Jeep-Eagle division.

Classic Wheels

1973 AMC Gremlin X

By Michael Turton

If any car can claim beauty is in the eye of the beholder, it's the AMC Gremlin, which was built from 1970 to 1978.

In the 1960s the American Motors Corp. sold quite a few cars, including the Rambler, but lagged behind the Big 3 (Ford, General Motors and Chrysler). It needed a subcompact to compete with the Ford Pinto and Chevy Vega, as well as imports such as the Volkswagen Beetle and Toyota Corolla.

AMC lacked the financing to produce a new line of cars, so designer Dick Teague customized the Hornet, creating the Gremlin, with its wedge-shaped rear end.

Philipstown resident Robert Young bought his 1973 Gremlin X on eBay 14 years ago for \$3,999, plus \$1,000 for shipping from California.

He was motivated more by nostalgia than appearance. "I had one as a kid," he said. "They were different, and I wanted another one."

Young said people are not shy with their

comments. "One guy said, 'Where's the rest of your car, toots?'" Young said with a laugh, noting the question was not random — it was used in a Gremlin television ad.

AMC often used humor in its Gremlin commercials and even introduced the car on April Fools' Day in 1970. According to legend, Teague's initial sketch of the car was done on an air sickness bag.

Reviews of the Gremlin have varied greatly. *Business Week* included it in a list of the ugliest cars of the past 50 years and *Time* dubbed it "one of the worst cars of all time."

At the same time, *Consumer Reports* gave the Gremlin the top rating among six subcompacts it tested and *Mechanix Illustrated* said it was "dollar-for-dollar the best American buy of the year."

With its six-cylinder engine, Gremlin had the best fuel economy in its class. That, combined with reliability and sturdy construction, made it popular.

During its nine-year run, drivers in the U.S. and Canada purchased 671,475 Gremlins, with sales peaking at 171,128 in 1974.

Some fans ended up in the Oval Office. Bill Clinton crisscrossed Arkansas in a Gremlin during his 1974 congressional

campaign and George W. Bush drove one as a Harvard student. (He received an MBA in 1975.) His 1973 model had a quirky option: The interior was upholstered in denim, with metal buttons, copper-colored stitching and a red Levi's patch.

In Philipstown, Young says he likes driving the car and fielding comments, including those voiced at the Bear Mountain car show, where a Corvette owner refused to park next to him. "It's just fun to drive," Young said, despite the car having "no power anything."

His Gremlin originally featured a 304 cubic-inch V8, but the previous owner replaced it with a 401 cubic-inch V8 from an AMC Matador.

"It has plenty of power," Young said, noting he's had it up to 100 mph. As for gas mileage, "if it gets 10 to 15 mpg, that would be a lot."

The odometer reads 98,000 miles but Young wonders if the car has actually traveled 198,000 miles. The body, including the original orange paint, has no rust.

Young's Gremlin X is bare-bones; its radio is aftermarket and it has no air conditioning. But it does have a glove box and the rear window opens, which is not true of all models.

