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STINK  
BUGS



A stink bug colony at the Cornell University Hudson Valley Lab. AMY WU/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

Growers using  
Samurai wasps  
to combat  
insects that  
destroy crops

Amy Wu  
Poughkeepsie Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Sometimes even carefully planned warfare can face curveballs, as is the case with stink bugs — the dirt-colored, red-eyed insects named after the smell they emit when they feel threatened.

Brown marmorated stink bugs can seriously damage crops including peaches and apples, the latter the largest crop in New York state. The insects suck the juices out of fruit leaving a black dent that runs deep inside. The damage is primarily cosmetic but means a financial loss for growers since they are rejected on the market. The result can be a loss of tens of millions of dollars in revenue.

They are also a pest to houses too, nestling in attics and air conditioning vents during winter months and emerging in the spring and summer.

The bad news is stink bugs also are on the rise across the U.S. including in agriculture-centric states. To date, most growers have combated the pest with pesticides and bug traps.

With a trend toward food safety, organic and green, growers are seeking ways to tackle the stink bug in the most cost-effective and ecological way.

“We are trying to assist the growers and right now growers have to spray late in the season by



The “Pink Lady” apple, a variety that is often the last to be harvested, is especially susceptible to stink bug feedings. COURTESY PHOTO

Circling back

Through the end of the year, reporters will be looking back at and following up on stories and topics that were the most popular with our readers in 2017, according to metrics on poughkeepsiejournal.com. This story is part of that series.

reducing the population, and there hasn't been really good natural controls,” said Peter Jentsch, director of the Hudson Valley Research Laboratory in Highland. Jentsch leads the team handling stink-bug research.

Enter the Samurai wasp, the stink bug's enemy.

Samurai wasps kill stink bugs by laying their eggs inside stink bug eggs. The wasp eggs feed off the stink bug nymphs and from that emerges an adult wasp.

“You have a predator-prey relationship,” Jentsch explains.

Building an army

To be sure, it made sense for scientists to ramp up the army of Samurai wasps.

Last spring Jentsch and his team planned to rear Samurai wasps and deploy as many as an estimated 20,000 parasitized eggs at some 200 farms, mostly apple orchards, throughout New York state including the mid-Hudson Valley — where stink bugs were most frequently reported. The goal was to put it on every apple orchard in the state in June.

But the scientists were delayed by unexpected hitches.

Given it was the first year for the project, the scientists reached out to the state's Department of Environmental Conservation asking if Samurai wasp breeding required a permit. The DEC responded by mid-July confirming the wasp, which isn't on the endangered

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Local Naval  
aircrewman  
home for  
the holidays

For 27-year-old Rhineback native, it's all about the 'simple stuff'

Abbott Brant  
Poughkeepsie Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

For most, a Christmas tree is a highlight, if not the star, of the holiday season.

But hanging ornaments and piling up presents doesn't happen when you're thousands of miles away from home, serving in foreign countries — and on a ship. Tens of thousands of service members will spend Christmas far from home at bases in foreign lands or on a ship at sea.

So Navy Aircrewman 2nd Class Connor Murray said it's that festive decor he's most excited to see when he comes home this weekend to Dutchess County, right in time for Christmas.

“Just the decorations — my mom always goes over the top,” he said. “You don't get over the top over there, especially on a ship... unless you brought a Christmas tree with you.”

The 27-year-old Rhinebeck native came up from Norfolk, Virginia, to spend the holiday with his loved ones.

“Seeing snow, being able to come home to the tree and decorations... I know Rhinebeck always decorates the town this time of year,” he said. “It's crazy, but that's what it really is about. It's the simple stuff.”

Murray considers himself lucky, only missing two Christmases since he joined the Navy in April 2013. Each time he makes it home, his presence is his mother's favorite present.

“I think my mom is usually the happiest person in the world when I come home,” he said. “I'm the baby (of the family).”

A collegiate swimmer at Stony Brook University, Murray said he graduated with a history degree and was coaching swimming, but “wasn't really finding anything.”

“I was at a dead end. I always wanted to join the military. I just never thought of it as an option, but it became an option,” he said, adding that he walked into a recruiter's office, and the rest was history. “It seems so nonchalant, but it's something I've always talked about. And both my grandfathers were in the military, so there was some family history.”

As a Naval aircrewman, Murray was quick to list the numerous responsibilities the role entails.

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# HELPING SHAPE YOUNG PEOPLE’S LIVES

## Mahal Burr gives students tools to work for social change

**David Waters**  
Memphis Commercial Appeal  
USA TODAY NETWORK – TENNESSEE

*Each week, this series has introduced you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit [onenation.usatoday.com](http://onenation.usatoday.com).*

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Mahal Burr had trouble distinguishing right from left. Her mother put mismatched socks on her to help her learn.

Several years later, Burr, whose mother is white and father Filipino, started wearing different colored socks again for another reason.

“I didn’t want to be known as the white girl or the Chinese girl or the Filipina girl,” Burr said. “I wanted to choose my identity. So I became known as the mismatched socks girl.”

Today, Burr helps seemingly mismatched young people in Memphis choose their own identities and understand and value those of others.

Burr, 27, is community action coordinator for BRIDGES, a nonprofit youth leadership program that helps students build relationships and work for social change across racial, ethnic and income divides.

Burr was building bridges long before she began working for an organization named for them in a Mississippi River city defined by them.

Her given name is a sort of bridge. Mahal means “love” in Tagalog, a language spoken by her Filipino father. It’s also short for Mahalia, as in Mahalia Jackson, her Mississippi-born mother’s favorite gospel singer.

Burr’s families span two continents and multiple faiths, including Muslim, Jewish, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic and Quaker, as well as atheist and agnostic.

“I often see myself as a bridge,” Burr said. “I believe there is God, good and love in everyone.”

Everyone includes juveniles who are in jail awaiting trial on charges such as possession of drugs or firearms, assault, rape or murder.

At BRIDGES, Burr and her colleague, Evan Morrison, organized a new and unconventional leadership program called Incarcerated Youth Speaking Out for Change.

The program puts youth detainees in front of police officers, political leaders, church groups, students and others to help them understand the root and systemic causes of youth violence.

“We have to listen to the people who are experiencing those problems firsthand, and involve them in repairing the systems that failed them,” Burr said.



**Mahal Burr, 27, works for a Memphis, Tenn., nonprofit that helps students build relationships and work for social change.** JIM WEBER/THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL

It’s a lesson she learned as a college intern working with struggling single mothers in Chicago, and as a college graduate working with abused teen mothers in Memphis.

“The solutions isn’t what we bring,” she said. “It’s what we find.”

### MAHAL BURR

**Location:** Memphis, Tenn.

**Age:** 27

**Profession:** Community organizer

**Mission:** To involve youth in solving systemic problems that affect their lives and futures

### ONE NATION

#### Nominate an American

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### Q&A WITH MAHAL BURR

#### What does it mean to you to be an American?

When I think of being American, I think of shame, struggle and conflict within our country. I think of our country, our government, our identity that claims “American” to mean only the United States and our celebrated patriotic history of white supremacy, genocide and enslavement. And I think of the many people I know, admire and link arms with in fighting systemic racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, anti-Semitism, ableism as well as other forms of oppression. I think America is still struggling to accept all that it is, and I wonder what American would mean if we embraced Fannie Lou Hamer’s quote, “Nobody’s free until everybody’s free.”

#### What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I know the precise moment. For an hour, the chief jailer had been listening to 18 incarcerated youth share their insights regarding the causes of youth violence and then brainstorm their own solutions. Then the chief jailer spoke. He said to the group, “I have just learned things from you all that I never would have even thought about otherwise.” It was in this moment that everyone in the room realized that not only do these young men have insightful knowledge, but also that their knowledge and insights are necessary to strengthen the systems that failed them.

#### What gives you hope or what concerns you?

The more I know, the more concerns I have and the more I realize how much needs to be done, if we hope to dismantle systemic oppression that causes so much brokenness in our country: youth being kicked out of schools into prisons; racial hatred and violence; sexual objectification, abuse and discrimination. All of these and more are supported by systems in our society, and we have the responsibility to dismantle them to build something better. What gives me hope is when people come together across experiences, age, socioeconomic class, race and even jails bars and begin listening, valuing and acting on their combined knowledge for a collective good.

#### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

My hope is to create a mechanism by which we get the insight of firsthand experience at the table to crafting solutions to systems that are oppressing marginalized people in our society. Right now, those in charge of our government, jails, law enforcement and schools are like doctors who do not listen to the voices of their patients. In the words of one of the incarcerated young men as he spoke to the youth of our city, “We need solutions that include the insights and knowledge of people who have experienced the problem firsthand.” In my dream world, we would expand the idea of Incarcerated Youth Speaking Out for Change across the country and begin a wave of stronger, more informed and more just government, jails, law enforcement and school systems.

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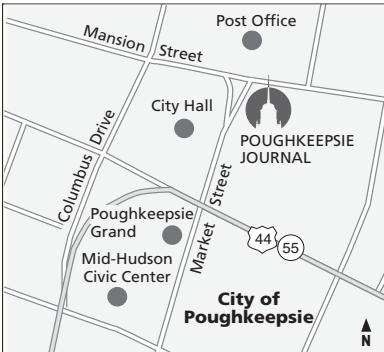
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# Mid-Hudson



The train tracks, along with the third rails of the Metro North Harlem Line, just north of the Commerce Street crossing in Valhalla. FILE PHOTO BY SETH HARRISON/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

## What is the ‘positive train control’ system?

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Poughkeepsie Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Officials have said that an Amtrak train that derailed this week in Washington state, leaving three people dead, was traveling 50 mph over the speed limit, and that the line did not have “positive train control” installed.

PTC is a system designed to stop train derailments and collisions. The system is capable of controlling train speeds and movements that would have, according to the National Transportation Safety Board, prevented Metro North Railroad’s 2013 Spuyten Duyvil derailment, in which four people were killed.

PTC will not prevent accidents related to track equipment failure, trespassing on train tracks or vehicular movement through a grade crossing — such as in the 2015 Valhalla train crash — according to the Association of American Railroads, a research and advocacy or-

ganization.

PTC is a system of train-safety technology that relies on equipment installed on trains and alongside tracks, plus available radio spectrum to facilitate communication to control train speeds and movements.

A PTC system consists of three basic components:

- On-board controls that directly manage the speed of a train.

- “Wayside systems” on tracks and at switches that communicate with the train and authorize movement and speed.

- A server that collects, stores and transmits the information and communication between the trains and the wayside systems.

PTC was mandated by Congress in 2008, after a train-on-train collision in Los Angeles killed 25 people and injured more than 100. An extension until 2018 was granted late last year, with the possibility for additional extensions.

In April 2015, the Metropolitan

Transportation Authority, the parent agency of both Metro-North and the Long Island Rail Road, received a nearly \$1 billion loan from the Federal Railroad Administration to pay for PTC.

Despite more than \$1 billion in loans and grants handed out since the system was mandated in 2008, and a three-year extension in 2015, Metro-North and some of the country’s other largest railroads are lagging as the Dec. 31, 2018, deadline looms.

A Poughkeepsie Journal/Journal News analysis of the reports that railroads are required to submit to the FRA highlighting PTC implementation shows that, if current progress holds, the region’s three commuter railroads — Metro-North, NJ Transit and the LIRR — won’t meet the deadline.

And it appears that two of the next three busiest railroads, Metra in Chicago and Boston’s Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, are also behind.

## White Christmas ahead for Dutchess County

Amy Wu  
Poughkeepsie Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

A white Christmas remains in the forecast for the mid-Hudson Valley area.

According to the National Weather Service in Albany, a winter storm is expected to start Christmas Eve during the evening hours for both Dutchess and Ulster counties and continue overnight through Christmas morning.

Snow is expected to begin during the evening of Christmas Eve and will dump anywhere from 2 to 4 inches of snow by Christmas mid-day.

Parts of the valley with a higher elevation, especially in the ski areas, could see over 4 inches.

“This is a rather quick-moving winter storm primarily between Christmas Eve night into noon Christmas Day,” said Christina Speciale, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Albany. “It looks like a white Christmas is possible this year.”

Temperatures are expected to hover in the upper 20s on the night of Christmas Eve and fall between 30 to 32 degrees on Christmas morning.

“For people traveling Christmas morning we recommend them using caution to their destination to wherever it may be, snow could be ongoing during the morning hours,” Speciale said.

Snow is expected to taper off mid-day but the winter wonderland could turn windy.

“We will have to watch the winds. It could turn breezy behind the system, then it could lead to blowing and drifting,” said Speciale, noting that plowed roads could become messy again and visibility could fall.

On Friday, higher temperatures turned expected snow into rain and sleet in Dutchess County and Ulster County. The high was 35 degrees in Poughkeepsie.

Roads could continue to be slick as temperatures on Monday night are expected to fall in the upper teens and 20s with highs in the upper 20s on Tuesday.

On Tuesday morning commuters should allow extra time for travel.

“If there are any untreated wet surfaces they could become icy,” Speciale said.

Reporter Jack Howland contributed to this report.



Winter is a good time for bird watching, as this cardinal stands out. JOHN MIZEL/COURTESY PHOTO

## Holiday Helping Hand brings Hickey Dinners to thousands

Geoffrey Wilson  
Poughkeepsie Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, the Eileen Hickey Holiday Dinners will feed thousands in the mid-Hudson Valley.

Turkey, mashed potatoes and many of the dishes associated with the holidays are made available to those in need through events held at the Family Partnership Center in the City of Poughkeepsie.

And it is Holiday Helping Hand that ensures these dinners are able to run year after year.

The Eileen Hickey Holiday Dinners received \$2,000 through Holiday Helping Hand in 2017.

Holiday Helping Hand is a collaboration between the Poughkeepsie Journal and United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region. It takes donations from the community to benefit programs assisting Dutchess County residents.

“The community reaction through Holiday Helping Hand goes a long way to feeding the hungry on Christmas,” said organizer Daniel Hickey. The dinners were named after Hickey’s late wife.

The program raised \$33,650 in 2016-17. This year’s program is funding more than 30 charitable programs, including holiday dinners, gift giveaways



Volunteers serve food and drinks during the Eileen Hickey Thanksgiving dinner at The Lunch Box in the City of Poughkeepsie. ALEX H. WAGNER/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

### More inside

For information on how to donate and a list of donors, see **4A**

and assistance with paying everyday necessities like utility bills.

In addition to the hundreds served dinner directly at the Family Partnership, the Hickey meals are also packed and delivered directly to many more in

the surrounding area.

Through the dinner, Hickey helps to provide a sense of community for people who would not be able to celebrate the season otherwise.

“Donations to Holiday Helping Hand have a direct impact on our ability to help the needy during the holiday,” Hickey said.

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### LOCAL BRIEF

#### Marbletown man charged with driving intoxicated with a child

A Marbletown man faces a felony charge after police said he drove while intoxicated with a child in the vehicle.

Ralph Filipowicz, 36, was charged with aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child, according to New York State Police.

State troopers responded to a crash in Rhinebeck Wednesday and found that Filipowicz was driving the vehicle while intoxicated with a passenger under 15 years old.

He was taken to MidHudson Regional Hospital and arraigned in Town of Hyde Park Court after his release. He is scheduled to appear in Town of Rhinebeck Court on Jan. 4.



HOLIDAY HELPING HAND

How to Donate

Holiday Helping Hand is a joint project from the Poughkeepsie Journal and the United Way of the Dutchess County-Orange Region that raises money for local charities and organizations that, in turn, host events like holiday dinners, children’s programs and gift card distributions to those in need.

To donate online, go to [www.uw-dor.org/donate-hhh2017](http://www.uw-dor.org/donate-hhh2017) or mail a check to Holiday Helping Hand, United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region, 75 Market St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Checks should be made payable to Holiday Helping Hand. All donations will benefit Dutchess County residents.

As of Dec. 21, 241 donations have been made to the 2017-18 Holiday Helping Hand campaign, totaling \$20,960.44. Between Dec. 15-21, \$5,517 was donated from:

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In memory of Mary and Richard W. Booth and Rachel Cusher Vittone, from Jerry and Linda Vittone, \$150

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Anonymous, \$50

Anonymous, \$30

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In memory of Ray Thiede, from Gertrude Thiede, \$50

Anonymous, \$25

Diane and Joe Fiscina, \$100

Anonymous, \$100

Paul and Iona Vaccaro, \$100

Angela and Peter Fatzinger, \$50

David and Joan Posner, \$125

Anonymous, \$100

In memory of the Ballas Family, from Virginia Marcus, \$25

Joseph and Francine Incononato, \$30

Anonymous, \$50

Pat and Jim Waters, \$100

Harold E. Veeder, \$50

Stink bugs

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species or invasive species list, doesn’t require a permit.

As a result, they didn’t begin rearing the Samurai wasps until mid-July and didn’t have a colony of adult wasps until September. The peak season for deployment is June through mid-September, and by September the weather began cooling.

Because the wasps were deployed late in the season some froze to death. An estimated 38 percent of the eggs emerged as adult wasps whereas they initially predicted it would be 60 percent.

“Last season, we got a really late start. We hoped we were going to do more but the eggs started to freeze in the fields,” said Jentsch. “Had we started in June we could have easily got to 200 farms.”

By Sept. 15, Jentsch and his team had “a strong enough colony,” said Jentsch, noting there were fewer than 100 adult Samurai wasps. The team released 2,300 parasitized eggs placing them on seven different types of trees over 28 farms in six counties in the Hudson Valley and western New York, including Fishkill Farms and Poughkeepsie Farm Project in Dutchess County.

To his dismay, other adult wasps drowned in the honey that the scientists fed them. Jentsch said lessons learned for the coming year.

Moving forward

Looking ahead, the scientists are now prepping for round two.

They want to deploy more wasps and deploy them earlier.

In a separate room Petri dishes with the various stages of Samurai wasp growth occupy the refrigerator; adult wasps — the size of a pencil head — scurry inside the dishes.

The stink bug initiative isn’t cheap either and costs Jentsch roughly \$100,000 a year to run. Three technicians work 60 hours a week to keep the stink bugs alive. Growth chambers are \$12,000 apiece and then there’s stink bug food — a buffet of sunflowers and jalapeno or Habanero peppers.

The scientists will adjust the amount of honey droplet to feed the wasps. The goal is to breed 10 generations of wasps and deploy 6,000 stink bugs throughout the season with the aim of 180,000 eggs.

“That’s a very ambitious goal,” Jentsch said.

Growers await

Jentsch and his team have been



**Peter Jentsch, senior extension associate at the Cornell University Hudson Valley Lab, examines the stink bug colonies.** AMY WU/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

working closely with the apple growers here in the mid-Hudson Valley. At stake are crop damage and financial loss.

In 2010 Mid-Atlantic apple growers were hit with an 18 percent loss equating to a \$37 million hit, according to the New York Apple Association. Peach growers in New Jersey saw an estimated 60 percent loss to their crops in 2011, according to a Rutgers University study.

Josh Morgenthau, the owner of Fishkill Farms Apple Orchard in Hopewell Junction, said the orchard saw as much as 40 percent crop damage — including peaches, nectarines and blocks of apple orchards — due to the pests including for the first time the stink bug in 2014. The orchard has been working closely with Jentsch.

Since scientists deployed stink bug traps and wasp eggs at Fishkill Farms the number of stink bugs has dropped, said Morgenthau.

“They are doing amazing things and Peter is doing some phenomenal work, rearing and releasing the Samurai wasps, which is the beneficial predator,” said Morgenthau. “It seems like it hasn’t been a major issue for us in the past few years.”

Jennifer Crist Kohn at Crist Brothers

Orchards also works with scientists to combat stink bugs. The business, which includes 550 acres of land in Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties, suffered significant loss from the stink bugs in 2012.

Stink bug-infested apples means a financial loss for the orchard, with an estimated \$15 a bushel difference for a box of good apples compared to imperfect apples that are often turned into cider.

“We are on high alert after 2012 and the more we learn the more efficiently we can manage it,” said Crist Kohn, who also sits on the board of the research lab. “To some extent, it’s a little bit of hope as well because it’s so unpredictable, and we have limited tools.”

The Samurai wasps are promising, said Crist Kohn.

“I am really excited about the wasps. It just gives us something else in our toolbox.”

Citizen scientists wanted

Jentsch’s lab is also helping citizens combat stink bugs. In 2010 they launched a national citizen science program to help identify where stink bugs are located.

Stink bug factoids

■ Brown marmorated stink bugs are confirmed in 9 states including Washington, D.C., and Oregon

■ Stink bugs have been found in all but six counties in New York state

■ Except for emitting a smell when they are squashed, they are not harmful

■ Stink bugs are especially active in the fall or spring

■ When they infest crops including apples they leave a dent and corking. The infested fruits can’t easily be sold on the wholesale market, leading to financial loss for the grower

■ Kim Hoelmer, an entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture based in Delaware, found Samurai wasp parasitized eggs on his visits to Asia in 2006 and brought them back to the U.S.; in Asia it has been known. In 2014 the wasps were discovered in the wild in the U.S. In 2016 in New York Peter Jentsch and his team found the first Samurai wasps in Marlborough in Ulster County.

Citizen science project

For more information on the citizen science project, go to:

■ [blogs.cornell.edu/jentsch/a-national-march-madness-citizen-science-project-to-find-the-brown-marmorated-stink-bug-2017](http://blogs.cornell.edu/jentsch/a-national-march-madness-citizen-science-project-to-find-the-brown-marmorated-stink-bug-2017)

■ [generosity.com/education-fundraising/support-new-york-farms-through-bio-control/x/16335251](http://generosity.com/education-fundraising/support-new-york-farms-through-bio-control/x/16335251)

■ [eddmaps.org/bmsb/report](http://eddmaps.org/bmsb/report)

Under the program, participants report stink bug sightings. To date, there are 10,000 participants, of which 2,500 are New Yorkers.

“They are huge urban nuisance pests,” said Jentsch, noting his lab wants to eliminate stink bugs in communities where they are invading people’s homes, which include the City of Poughkeepsie and Newburgh that are seeing especially high infestations.

Those who donate money to the project can also receive infested eggs to place in their community.

For now, the primary focus is gearing up for the next season — spring and summer when the scientists have a second chance to engage in warfare against the stink bugs.

Jentsch said, “Last year was the first run and the stars had to line up.” He is hopeful the stars will align this year.

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# Q&A: Can I prepay my property taxes?

**Jon Campbell**  
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle  
USA TODAY NETWORK

ALBANY - Can I pay my property taxes early?

It's a question tax collectors across New York aren't used to being asked.

But with the newly passed federal tax-reform law capping the state and local tax deduction at \$10,000, some residents of New York and other high-tax states are racing to pay their 2018 property-tax bill before the current year comes to a close.

Why?  
The theory goes like this: If you pay your 2018 property taxes in 2017, you may be able to deduct them from your 2017 federal income taxes — before the new cap goes into effect.

The prepayment plan could allow property owners who itemize their returns to save some money if their annual state and local taxes are more than \$10,000.

Ultimately, however, it will be up to the IRS to decide whether it's allowed.

## Q: Can I pay early in New York?

**A: Yes, legally speaking. But it depends on how quickly your local officials move.**

In New York, counties are required under state law to approve a warrant "on or before December 31" authorizing local tax collectors to accept property taxes for the coming year.

Once that warrant is issued, local tax collectors can send out bills. Property owners have from Jan. 1 through Jan. 31 to pay their county and town taxes to avoid paying interest.

But there's nothing in state law that prevents tax collectors from accepting early payments — so long as their county has issued its tax warrant, according to the state Comptroller's Office.

Only counties and towns will likely have a shot at getting their property-tax bills out before the end of the year.

Most schools, villages and cities are generally on a different fiscal year, which means their budgets won't be approved until after the new federal tax rules take effect.

One possible exception: If you live in

one of the state's "Big 5" urban school districts — including Rochester, Buffalo and Yonkers — you may be able to pay your remaining tax installments before the end of the year, state Budget Director Robert Mujica said Friday.

Another thing to remember: The last day of the year is a Sunday. So the final business day is Friday, Dec. 29.

## Q: Are tax collectors required to accept early payments?

**A: Nope, though Gov. Andrew Cuomo is urging them to.**

There's nothing in the law preventing local governments from accepting early payments before Jan. 1.

But there's nothing requiring them to, either.

Basically, it's up to the local tax collector to decide whether to accept payments before Jan. 1 if the county issues its tax warrant before then, according to the state Association of Towns.

Say a county delivers the warrant on Dec. 26. At that point, a local tax collector can begin accepting early payments. But they don't have to — it's up to them until Jan. 1, when they are legally required to begin accepting payments.

"It is their discretion," the association wrote in a bulletin Thursday.

Cuomo, however, said he would sign an executive order Friday temporarily waiving a state law preventing property taxpayers from prepaying certain partial amounts.

That way, his office said, property taxpayers can choose to pay any amount without having to get a tax bill from their local collector — as long as it's postmarked before Dec. 31 and the county issued the tax warrant.

"This takes away that complication so you wouldn't have to wait (for a bill)," Mujica, a Cuomo appointee, said Friday. "Once the county has issued their tax warrant, you could then pay any amount because we're suspending that law."

## Q: Are counties scrambling to get it done?

**A: Some are.**

Across the state, some counties are rushing to get their tax warrant ap-

proved to allow bills to go out early.

In Monroe County, town-county tax bills will be going out no later than 9 a.m. Dec. 29, according to County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo.

That's the last business day of the year, so property taxpayers would have to act quickly to squeeze in their payment in 2017.

"I am happy to say that Monroe County is expediting the posting of property tax bills on our website to help taxpayers make their payment before the end of the business year, if they choose," Dinolfo said in a statement Friday.

In the Hudson Valley, Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro said his county's tax warrant went out Friday, clearing the way for local governments to begin collecting if they so choose.

Curious whether your county and local government have acted? Try contacting your tax collector directly, but be forewarned: They've been getting a lot of calls about this.

## Q: So will this plan work?

**A: It's going to be up to the IRS.**

The federal tax reform plan, which will go into effect in 2018, places a \$10,000 annual cap on the amount of state and local property and sales or income tax that can be deducted from your federal income tax.

It explicitly prohibits prepaying your 2018 state income or sales tax and claiming it as a deduction in 2017, before the cap takes effect.

But it's silent on prepaying and claiming your property taxes, according to the state Association of Counties.

"Ultimately, it will be up to the IRS to determine if the prepayment of 2018 property taxes are deductible for the 2017 tax year," Stephen Acquario, executive director of the association, said in a statement.

The IRS did not respond to a request for comment.

Cuomo, on the other hand, took a more certain stance: He said the prepayments will ultimately be deductible.

A Democrat, Cuomo has railed against the GOP tax plan for weeks.



**Rhinebeck Naval Aircrewman 2nd Class Connor Murray.** COURTESY PHOTO

## Murray

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"You name it and a helicopter does it, we do it," he said, noting aircrewmen "support the needs of the fleet" as well as "tactical missions, missile shoots, and rescues." Equipped with his strong swimming skills, Murray is also a helicopter rescue swimmer.

When Hurricane Harvey hit Houston, Murray said he was sent to Texas to support the relief efforts.

His service has brought him not only across the country, but across the globe. Italy, Spain, Abu Dhabi, France, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Latvia, and Switzerland are on the extensive list of countries to which Murray has been deployed.

"They'll put on the spread, they'll do a ham, all those fixings," Murray said of Christmas dinner during deployments. "Usually we do some sort of green bean casserole — it's not like they don't lay it out. But it's just not the same."

But when he reflects back on those Christmases away from home, Murray still is grateful. Because one thing Murray has had every Christmas, he said, is a family — even if it's not the one he was born into.

"The two words I think of are sacrifice, and family. You're obviously not with your family, but the family you make in the military, you go through everything together. It's like you build your own family. I've met guys who are going to be the groomsmen at my wedding," he said. "It's hard to explain, and I don't think you get that anywhere else than in a profession like this."

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5-DAY FORECAST FOR MID-HUDSON VALLEY

Today

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Turning cloudy; snow at night

39° 30°

A.M. snow, 3-6 inches total

38° 18°

Cold with periods of sun

29° 12°

Mostly sunny and cold

25° 7°

Mostly sunny and very cold

20° 3°

FORECAST TODAY

Temperature high/low 39°/30°

RealFeel Temp high/low 41°/24°

Chance of precipitation 0%

Relative humidity (4 p.m.) 51%

Wind chill (4 p.m.) 34°

Wind (4 p.m.) NE at 4 mph

Barometric pressure (4 p.m.) 30.13"

Visibility (4 p.m.) 10 miles

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TODAY

Sun and Moon

rise

set

Sun 7:20 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Moon 11:16 a.m. 10:38 p.m.

Tides

first

second

High 4:28 a.m. 4:25 p.m.

Low 10:21 a.m. 11:13 p.m.

Temperature records

High: 72° (2015)

Low: -14° (1989)

SATURDAY

(Dutchess Airport through 5 p.m.)

Temperatures

High/Low 37°/32°

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 5 p.m. Sat. 0.54"

Month to date 1.24"

Year to date 36.78"

ENVIRONMENT

Air Quality Today: 39

0 50 100 150 200 300 500

Air Quality yesterday: 35 (Good)

0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

Source: NY Dept. of Environ. Conservation

Rain Acidity (pH of last rainfall): NA

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

pH of previous rainfall December 14: 4.84

The pH is a measure of acidity or alkalinity. On a scale of 0 to 14, vinegar has a pH of 3; neutral is 7. Normal rain is a bit acidic at 5.

Source: Cary Inst. of Ecosystem Studies

http://www.caryinstitute.org/emp.html

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REGIONAL, STATE & NATIONAL FORECAST

Woodstock 38/26

Rhinebeck 39/28

Millerton 37/27

Kingston 39/28

Millbrook 37/29

Sharon 38/29

New Paltz 39/29

Poughkeepsie 39/30

Pawling 39/30

Newburgh 38/30

Beacon 38/31

Carmel 38/30

Watertown 27/19

Utica 30/22

Glens Falls 31/17

Middletown 38/28

Niagara Falls 33/26

Rochester 32/26

Syracuse 32/26

Albany 34/23

Buffalo 31/22

Geneva 33/27

Ithaca 33/27

Binghamton 32/25

Catskill 38/26

Jamestown 30/19

Poughkeepsie 40/31

White Plains 40/31

New York City 43/34

Today

Mon.

Hi/Low/W

Hi/Low/W

Albany 34/23/pc 32/16/sn

Beacon 38/31/pc 38/19/sf

Binghamton 32/25/pc 27/12/sf

Buffalo 31/22/sn 26/10/sf

Carmel 38/30/pc 36/18/sn

Catskill 38/26/pc 37/16/sn

Catskill 33/27/pc 29/12/sf

Kingston 39/28/pc 39/19/sn

Middletown 38/28/pc 36/17/sf

Millerton 37/27/pc 36/16/sn

New Paltz 39/29/pc 39/18/sn

New York City 43/34/pc 40/25/pc

Newburgh 38/30/pc 37/19/sf

Pawling 39/30/pc 38/19/sn

Poughkeepsie 39/30/pc 38/18/sn

Rhinebeck 39/28/pc 39/19/sn

Rochester 32/26/c 28/11/sf

Stewart Airport 38/28/pc 35/19/sf

Syracuse 32/26/pc 29/11/sn

Utica 30/22/pc 27/11/sn

White Plains 40/31/pc 38/22/pc

Woodstock 38/26/pc 36/16/sn

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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63/34

Washington 46/37

46/37

Atlanta 55/30

55/30

Miami 62/65

62/65

Houston 69/36

69/36

San Francisco 55/44

55/44

Los Angeles 73/49

73/49

El Paso 63/36

63/36

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

-10s

-0s

0s

10s

20s

30s

40s

50s

60s

70s

80s

90s

100s

110s

Cold Front

Warm Front

Stationary Front

T-Storms

Rain

Showers

Snow

Flurries

Ice

Today

Mon.

Hi/Low/W

Hi/Low/W

Albuquerque 51/31/pc 58/31/pc

Anchorage 26/24/c 29/18/sf

Atlanta 55/30/pc 43/31/pc

Atlantic City 47/38/pc 42/25/pc

Baltimore 44/34/pc 40/23/pc

Boston 38/33/pc 38/22/sn

Buffalo 31/22/sn 26/10/sf

Burlington, VT 28/19/pc 25/15/sn

Charleston, SC 70/42/sh 56/34/pc

Chattanooga 51/27/pc 41/28/pc

Charlotte 57/35/c 47/27/s

Chicago 27/17/sn 25/4/pc

Cincinnati 38/21/sn 32/19/sf

Cleveland 34/20/sn 25/13/pc

Dallas 50/27/s 50/38/s

Denver 35/15/pc 38/12/c

Des Moines 28/12/c 21/2/c

Detroit 29/20/sn 26/10/sf

Ft. Lauderdale 80/64/pc 80/68/pc

Grand Rapids 26/16/sn 24/8/sn

Helena 13/-1/c 5/-4/sn

Honolulu 81/67/s 82/69/pc

Houston 65/36/pc 57/47/s

Indianapolis 34/17/sn 30/15/pc

Jackson, MS 61/30/pc 52/32/s

Jacksonville 79/49/c 62/43/pc

Kansas City 32/17/pc 35/9/s

Las Vegas 62/43/pc 65/46/pc

Little Rock 49/24/s 44/27/s

Los Angeles 73/49/pc 69/48/pc

Louisville 38/25/sn 37/26/pc

Memphis 46/25/s 42/28/pc

Miami 82/65/pc 83/67/s

Milwaukee 26/17/sn 21/0/pc

Minneapolis 20/-1/c 21/0/pc

Nashville 46/24/pc 39/27/pc

New Orleans 65/42/pc 54/45/pc

Norfolk 47/41/r 46/29/pc

Omaha 28/12/pc 20/3/c

Orlando 82/58/pc 70/52/sh

Philadelphia 44/38/pc 40/26/pc

Phoenix 70/45/s 72/44/s

Pittsburgh 40/24/sn 31/19/sf

Portland, OR 36/34/i 43/30/r

Providence 41/33/pc 40/21/sn

Raleigh 50/33/r 45/26/pc

Reno 51/28/c 53/26/pc

Richmond 47/35/c 46/25/pc

St. Louis 32/19/sn 38/19/pc

Salt Lake City 38/31/pc 43/28/s

San Diego 68/47/pc 67/46/pc

San Francisco 55/44/c 59/45/pc

Savannah 71/41/sh 57/36/pc

Seattle 37/32/c 40/30/c

Syracuse 32/26/pc 29/11/sn

Tampa 80/60/pc 73/54/sh

Trenton 44/37/pc 39/23/pc

Washington, DC 46/37/pc 42/29/pc

W. Palm Beach 81/62/pc 79/66/pc

Wilmington, DE 45/34/pc 41/24/pc

## Obituaries

TODAY'S OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Name

Age

Town, State

Death Date

Arrangements

\*Campbell, John Francis

89

Millerton

21-Dec

Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home

\*Carter, Patricia L. (née Shortell)

-

-

14-Sep

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home

\*Chamberlain, William W. "Butch"

62

Bacoor, Philippines

24-Nov

-

\*D'Antoni, Janice

62

Hopewell Junction

22-Dec

McHoul Funeral Home, Inc.

\*Di Giacomo, Catherine

72

Fishkill

20-Dec

McHoul Funeral Home

\*Dietz, Lillian

83

Red Hook

21-Dec

Burnett & White Funeral Home

\*Dyal, Jr., Thomas L.

62

Eagle Bay

21-Dec

Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home

Econom, John

90

Hyde Park

20-Dec

Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc.

\*Gibb, Mazie

93

Hopewell Junction

22-Dec

McHoul Funeral Home, Inc.

Gordon, Marlene Stewart

84

Hyde Park

21-Dec

Sweet's Funeral Home

\*Gorman, Stemi

95

Poughkeepsie

21-Dec

Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home

\*Herodes, Constance Dorland

77

Poughkeepsie

27-Oct

Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home

\*Jones, Diana Louise

56

Hyde Park

20-Dec

Joseph J. Darrow Sr. Funeral Home Inc.

\*Jones, Nathaniel Earl

85

Verbank

17-Dec

Allen Funeral Home

Lindstrom, Elizabeth "Betsy"

78

Pawling

21-Dec

Horn & Thomes, Inc. Funeral Home

Nilsson, Robert K. "Bob"

64

Poughkeepsie

21-Dec

Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home

Panetta, Grace

88

Mt. Kisco

22-Dec

Cassidy-Flynn Funeral Home

Poole, Donald

85

Hyde Park

20-Dec

Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc.

\*Stone, Jr., James R.

92

Rhinebeck

21-Dec

Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home

\*Walker, Ronald J.

71

Durham, NC

21-Nov

American Cremation Services

Stryjewski, Caroline S.

87

Bronx

22-Dec

Cassidy-Flynn Funeral Home

\*White, Michael A.

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Poughkeepsie

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### John Francis Campbell

MILLERTON – John F. Campbell, 89, a lifelong resident of Millerton, NY passed away peacefully on December 21, 2017 at Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon, CT from complications of a stroke. He was a passionate outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He was proud of his family's history on Rudd Pond in Millerton.

John was born in Manhattan on October 25, 1928. He graduated from Millerton High School and attended Springfield College. He worked with his father, John Henry as an electrician and appliance salesman and took over the business and operated John F. Campbell Appliances until 1980. He was the Assessor for the Town of North East and the Town of Clinton. He was on the Board of Assessment Review, a member of the Republican Committee and the Republican Election Coordinator for the Town of North East. His past and present organizations included the Salisbury Rotary Club, Past President of the Millerton Gun Club, a 70 year member of Mt. Riga Upper Camp, a 65 year member of the Webutuck Masonic Lodge, an Honorary Member of the Millerton Fire Department and Director of North East Historical Society. He was a member of the Millerton United Methodist Church.

Loving husband of the late Angelina Maiorani for 43 years. He is survived by his children John Peter and wife, Gwen Campbell of Indianapolis, Jean Campbell and husband Andy Winfrey of Brooklyn, NY and Robert Bourgeois of Newtown, Ct. He was pre-deceased by his daughter, JoAnn Bourgeois in 2008. Mary Hoysradt was his longtime companion.

Devoted brother to Jayne Condra of East Earl, PA and James Campbell of Millerton, NY. John was the proud grandfather of Jay and Billy Campbell, Lila Winfrey and Nicholas Bourgeois. He has four great grandchildren Jacob, Grayson, Ryley and Payton Campbell and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, December 29, 2017 from 4-7pm at the Scott D. Conklin Funeral Home, 37 Park Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546. Funeral services will take place on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 11am at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the family plot at Campbell Family Cemetery on Merwin Road in Millerton, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to the Millerton Fire Company, P.O. Box 733, Millerton, NY 12546 or to the Millerton Historical Society, P.O. Box 727, Millerton, NY 12546. To send an online condolence please visit www.conklinfuneralhome.com

### Mazie Gibb

HOPEWELL JUNCTION – Mazie Doris Gibb, 93, an area resident since 1955, died peacefully on December 22, 2017 at the Wingate at Dutchess.

Born in Otis, MA on May 14, 1924, she was the daughter of Philip and Phoebe (Champagne) Bernier. She grew up in Pleasant Valley, CT. Mazie had been employed as a payroll clerk at the US Military Academy at West Point. She was a parishioner of St. Columba Church in Hopewell Junction.

On April 6, 1947 at St. Patrick's Church in Newburgh, Mazie married James Joseph Gibb who predeceased her on October 13, 1993. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Carol and Vincent Maiello of Hopewell Junction, Neil and Frances Gibb of Staatsburg, Patricia and Joseph Baroody of Bath, and Mary "Cookie" and David DeLuca of Beacon; her sister, Neva Keene of Wilmington, DE; her sister-in-law, Marion Raab of Port Orange, FL; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 1 great, great-grandchild. She was predeceased by her son, John J. "Jackie" Gibb on October 2, 1975.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Wingate at Fishkill and Hudson Valley Hospice for their care and support of Mazie.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 4-7pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday at 11:30am at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by interment in St. Denis Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or to a charity of your choice. Please visit Mazie's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

## In Memoriams

Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven

Adonis Shakar McKinney

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We miss that smiling face.

My, how time just keeps flying!

You are always on our minds,

with tears in our eyes,

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Miss you,

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### Patricia L. (née Shortell) Carter

- - Born August 17, 1938. Died September 14, 2017. Our dearest beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother & friend now lives in the glory of God's house for a life of consummate service to others, respect for all life, perseverance & enduring love.

A graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing in New York City, Pat was a licensed registered nurse who held hospital clinical and executive leadership positions during her healthcare career.

In all endeavors, Pat fully embraced and used her God-given talents in the service of others. Blessed be Pat's radiant and perpetual light that shines upon us.

### Nathaniel Earl Jones

VERBANK – Nathaniel Earl Jones, 85 of Verbank, passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at his residence. Born in Ossining, NY on August 16, 1932, he was the son of Eugene and Virginia Cheatham Jones. On December 23, 1950 in Ossining, he married Ruth Lee Smith. Mrs. Jones predeceased him on November 16, 2006.

Nathaniel was employed as a truck driver for Anchor Motor Freight in Tarrytown, NY for many years until his retirement. Nathaniel is survived by his 3 children; Earl Jones of Verbank, Margo Jones of Ossining, and Mark Jones of White Plains; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services will be held 10 am on Wednesday, December 27 at Verbank Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, Millbrook.

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# Obituaries

## Janice D’Antoni

**HOPEWELL JUNCTION** – On December 22, 2017, Janice Marie (Jarocki) D’Antoni, beloved wife and mother, peacefully passed away in her home surrounded by her family.

Janice was born on May 20, 1955 in Warwick, the daughter of the late Frank Jarocki and Martha (Shuback) Jarocki who died on December 19, 2017. Janice was the second of four children, predeceased by her sister Susan Frances in April 1955. In addition to her husband Peter, she is survived by her three daughters, Jennifer, Michelle, and Deanna; her sister Kathy Jarocki and her children Gabriel and Victoria; and her brother Mark Jarocki, his wife Lisette and their children Christian and Isabelle. She also has a large extended family of sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins – all of whom she loved dearly and cherished spending holidays, vacations, and family gatherings with as often as possible.

Janice lived a full and celebratory life. She graduated from Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh in 1977 and went on to a successful career as a Paralegal with Van DeWater and Van DeWater Law Offices in Poughkeepsie.

On May 31, 1981, she married the love of her life, Peter D’Antoni, in Vassar Chapel, Poughkeepsie and spent most of her life thereafter in Hopewell Junction. She was active in her community, a member of the Junior League, and continuously engaged with her daughters’ educational programs and interests.

In addition to her already full life, she went on to receive her Master’s Degree in Education from Marist College and became an Elementary School Teacher with the Pawling Central Schools from 2000-2015. There she was well loved, respected and has been greatly missed.

Janice enjoyed many hobbies and interests. She delighted in entertaining family and friends as she cooked up her favorite recipes full of love. She was a loyal and constant friend to all who were fortunate enough to be in her circle. Her infectious laugh, sparkling eyes, and warm heart will always be remembered. It has been a true honor, for all who knew her, to have shared in her wonderful life.

Janice’s family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Julia Schaefer-Cuttillo and her wonderful staff, as well as all the kind and caring Home Health Aides and Hudson Valley Hospice staff and volunteers. These amazing people assisted Janice in living comfortably with dignity at home with her family throughout the final months of her illness.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9pm at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday at 10am at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by entombment in the Community Mausoleum at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Foundation, Inc., 374 Violet Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please visit Janice’s Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).



## James R. Stone, Jr.

**RHINEBECK** – James R. Stone, Jr., 92, passed away Thursday, December 21, 2017, at the Northern Dutchess Hospital.

Jim was a lifelong Rhinebeck resident. The son of James R. Stone, Sr. and Lula White Stone, he was born October 28, 1925 in Rhinebeck.

He attended Rhinebeck Central Schools and entered the Marine Corps in 1943. He served from 1943 to 1946 with the 5th Artillery Battalion where he along with many other’s fought in the battle for Okinawa.

After the War he returned to Rhinebeck and worked for Shroeder & Gunther Music Publishing for 13 years; following that time he worked 23 years for Western Printing in Poughkeepsie. Jim also spent many years buying and restoring homes with his brother-in-law Gordon Cotting.

He is a life member of the American Legion Post #429 where he served as 2nd Vice Commander, 1st Vice Commander, and Commander of the Legion Post #429. He also served as a chairman of many committees such as Children and Youth, Boys State, Boy Scouts, the American Legion Scholarship Committee and Building committees. For 40 years, he was a color guard commander and sergeant-at-arms and the last 25 years Post Service Officer.

Jim also served the Dutchess County American Legion as Vice Commander, Treasurer, the Children and Youth chairman, and many other committees. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post # 9255 where he was Post Service Officer. He is also a life member of the Rhinecliff Volunteer Fire Department where he was a member of many committees. Additionally, Jim helped whenever possible with the local Boy Scout Troops.

On February 22, 1947 he married his high school sweetheart Evelyn Thatcher in Rhinebeck; during their 70 years of marriage they raised three children, and enjoyed traveling, camping and hosting backyard parties at their home with family and friends.

In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his daughter Jayne Stone of Lebanon, NH; two grandsons, James (Susan) Stone of Woodbridge, VA and Timothy Stone of Hamburg, Germany; two great grandchildren Mackenzie and Finn; a sister Dolores, and her husband Anthony Putorti of Rhinebeck; a sister Irene Callaghan of Rhinebeck as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sons James R. Stone, III and John T. Stone; and his sister Janet Cotting Gordon; and his brother in law Norman Callaghan.

Calling hours are Wednesday, December 27, 2017, 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Dapson-Chestney Funeral Home, 51 W. Market St., Rhinebeck, NY. The Rhinecliff Fire Dept. will offer services at 5:45 PM and the Montgomery Post #429 will offer services at 6 PM.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, December 28th, at 11: 00 AM at the funeral home.

Burial with Military Honors presented by the Montgomery Post #429 Honor Guard and the Marine Corps Honor Guard will follow in the Rhinebeck Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in honor of Jim can be made to the American Legion Post #429, PO Box 429, Rhinebeck, NY 12572.

To sign the online register please visit [www.dapsonchestney.com](http://www.dapsonchestney.com)



## Lillian Dietz

**RED HOOK** – Lillian M Dietz, 83, of Red Hook, NY and formerly of Monroe, NY, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, NY with her loving family by her side.

Born as a twin on January 4, 1934, in Jersey City, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Rosario and Mildred (Siano) Garippa. On September 11, 1954 Lillian married the love of her life, Charles E. Dietz, Jr in Jersey City, NJ. Her loving husband of 62 years predeceased her on November 22, 2016.

Family and friends were Lillian’s passion and joy. Lillian devoted her life to her husband Charlie and to raising her three loving children; later also enjoying her loving granddaughters.

She enjoyed her many years in Monroe, NY and Toms River, NJ and made many lifelong friends along the way. In addition to raising her family, Lillian was a long-time award- winning Avon sales representative. Lillian had such a loving heart and beautiful soul, and she will be dearly missed.

Lillian was very devoted to her Roman Catholic faith, she was a communicant of St. Christopher’s Church in Red Hook. Lillian previously was an active member of St. Anastasia Church in Harriman, NY and was an active member of the Catholic Daughters of Monroe, where she performed many charitable acts of kindness to people in need.

Lillian is survived by her three children; Donna (Bill) Downs of Howell, MI, Lisa (Jim) Obrizok of Red Hook, NY, and Charles (Veronica) Dietz, III of Cos Cob, CT; her siblings, Dominic Garippa of Jersey City, NJ, twin sister, Frances Muldoon of Toms River, NJ, Rose Tesaro of Jersey City, NJ.; two granddaughters, Jill and Jenna Obrizok of Red Hook; along with many step grandchildren, step great grandchildren, extended family, and friends.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Phyllis Garippa, Louise Gaffey, and Grace Heim.

The family wishes to thank all of those who cared for Lillian during her latest illness, including her devoted caregivers, Shelby Wilson and Nicole Lawrence, and all the nursing staff and doctors in the ICU and CT Step Down at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Friends may call at the Burnett & White Funeral Homes on Wednesday, December 27th, 2017 from 4 to 7 pm and Thursday from 9 to 10:30 am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 28th, 2017 at St. Christopher’s Church, Red Hook, NY. Interment will be private at St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery, Red Hook.

Memorial donations may be made in Lillian’s memory to: St. Christopher’s Church, 7411 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY 12571; the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Margaret Mary #768 Road 2 Box 45 Shepard Drive, Monroe, NY 10950 or the American Heart Association, 301 Manchester Rd. Suite 105, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Arrangements are under the direction of Burnett & White Funeral Homes 7461 S. Broadway, Red Hook, NY.

For directions, or to sign the online guest book, please visit [www.Burnett-White.com](http://www.Burnett-White.com).



## Thomas L. Dyal, Jr.

**EAGLE BAY** – Thomas L. Dyal, Jr., age 62, of Eagle Bay, NY formerly of LaGrangeville, NY, passed on December 21, 2017 at the Westchester Medical Center, after a prolonged illness.

He was born October 26, 1955 in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina to Thomas L. and Jane (Nebergall) Dyal, Sr., also of LaGrangeville.

A 1973 graduate of Arlington High School, he married his high school sweetheart Deborah Smith on August 9, 1975.

Tom started his 47 year long career in the industrial gas and welding industry at age 15 working for his father’s company Cryo Dyne Corp in Poughkeepsie. In 1993 Tom and Debbie began Cryo Weld Corp with an old pick up and few cylinders, and grew it into two locations with a fleet of trucks serving the Hudson Valley Region. A true family business, Tom eventually turned Cryo Weld over to his children.

Tom’s lifelong passion for machinery and the outdoors led him and his family to the Old Forge area of the Adirondacks where they spent their time snowmobiling and boating. He recently retired and became a full time resident of Eagle Bay, NY.

Tom was predeceased by is only son Thomas L. Dyal, III on December 13, 2013. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children Rebecca (Nicholas) Centorani of Wappingers Falls and Michelle Dyal of Hyde Park, along with his three granddaughters Bailey, Julia, and Hannah Centorani of Wappingers Falls. In addition to his parents, he is also survived by his siblings Lisa (Richard) Farmer of Troutville, VA, Gary (Ann) Dyal of Rhinebeck, Sandra O’Connor of Westfield, MA, Catherine Oswald of Hyde Park, Christopher Dyal of Albany, David (Cynthia) Dyal of Red Hook, Andrew (Melissa) Dyal of LaGrangeville. He also leaves many well-loved nieces and nephews.

Tom also leaves behind his lifelong neighborhood friends “The Barmore Rd Brawling Bastards” with whom he enjoyed decades of Turkey Bowl, Tug of War, and Wiffle Ball, as well as his amigo and right hand man, Sergio Lavariega.

Tom’s tremendous passion for making life fun will be missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. Not bad for an enigma.

The family is extremely grateful to the Westchester Medical Center MICU for their compassionate and loving care of Tom these few weeks, especially the nursing staff.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Church, 15 North Avenue in Millbrook.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Tom’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. To send a personal condolence, please visit our website at [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).





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### Catherine Di Giacomo

**FISHKILL** – Catherine Ann Di Giacomo, a local area resident for 44 years, died on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla. She was 72.

Daughter of the late Edward L. and Catherine (Merrill) Dowling, she was born in the Bronx on March 31, 1945. Cathy worked for the Town of East Fishkill Police Department for 20 years, where she served as Chief Secretary. She retired in 2007. She enjoyed travel and loved spending time with family and friends. More than anything else, she cherished spending time with her grandchildren.

On September 25, 1993, she married Donald Di Giacomo in Beacon. Donald survives at home in Fishkill.

Cathy is also survived by her son, Edward Heagney of Wappingers Falls; her daughter, Donna Sciamatore of Wappingers Falls; her stepchildren, Donna Briggs & her husband Travis of New Hampshire, Richard Di Giacomo of Massachusetts, and Cristina Di Giacomo of New York City; her grandchildren, Brett Sciamatore & his wife Jhoselyn, Collin Sciamatore, Aiden Sciamatore, Melinda Edwards & her husband Jason, T.J. Briggs, Rachel Di Giacomo, and Grace Di Giacomo; and many other loving relatives & friends.

She was predeceased by her parents as well as her sister, Catherine Suda, and her brothers, Jerry & Jack Sheehan.

Calling hours will be held from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, December 27 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 28 at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 5028, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5028 ([www.giving.mskcc.org](http://www.giving.mskcc.org)).

For directions and online tributes, you can visit Cathy's Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

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### William W. "Butch" Chamberlain

**BACOR, PHILIPPINES** – William W. "Butch" Chamberlain, age 62, of the City of Bacoor, Philippines died Friday November 24, 2017. Butch was born August 30, 1955, the son of the late William W. and Joan (O'Keefe) Chamberlain. He was a veteran of the USAF, retiring as captain, and a graduate of Rutgers University and Carmel High School. He had recently returned to the Philippines from Florida with his wife Maria (Brillo), married July 28, 2010. He is survived by his daughters Meagan (Nicolas) and Catherine with former wife Deborah Bocchicchio, step-children Lory, Rose, Denise and Adrian and three step grand-children. He is also survived by his brother Chip, his children Craig and Kelly, sister Cindy and her husband Bill Jones, their children Billy and Shaina, sister in law Sally (Milo) Chamberlain and her daughters Brenna and Lea. In addition to his parents who predeceased him, Butch was also predeceased by his brother Scott and sister in law Lynn (Muir) Chamberlain.

A funeral and cremation were held in the Philippines with a memorial service to be planned in NY early in the new year.



### Diana Louise Jones

**HYDE PARK** – Diana Louise Jones went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 20, 2017. Diana was born on May 26, 1961 in Mount Vernon, NY, the daughter of Joan Elizabeth (Hutner) Jones and James Henry Jones. She was predeceased by her mother, Joan Elizabeth (Hutner) Jones in October, 2004 and her father, James Henry Jones in August, 1988.

Diana was educated in the Wappinger's Central School District, where she graduated Roy C. Ketcham High School in June of 1979. Diana was an avid sports enthusiast and an excellent basketball player, and she played basketball on the Roy C. Ketcham girl's basketball team. She then attended Dutchess Community College, where she was recruited and received a basketball scholarship to play at Marist College, in Poughkeepsie, NY, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications.

Diana was a woman of faith, and after completing her degree at Marist College, she was chosen to play semi-professional basketball in Europe, this was before the days of the WNBA and she was a coach for a woman's basketball team in Ireland.

Diana had various successful careers and was employed at Verizon Wireless as a Business Sales Coordinator. She was an excellent employee and won numerous awards for selling the most accessories and was recognized many times as employee of the month.

Diana is survived by her best friend, of over 25 years Jacqueline Reilly, the daughters she raised Tiffany Lawrence and Clavia Jourdan. Her four sisters, Carolyn Jones, Joanne Jones, Laura Virginia Lee Jones, and Naomi Jones, nieces Alexa Griffin and Elizabeth Nelson and her godson Andrew Parker.

On Thursday, December 28, 2017, the viewing will be held at 10 a.m. followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 15 Smith Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. The Interment follows immediately after at Union Cemetery, 1076 Violet Avenue, Hyde Park, NY 12538. Arrangements are entrusted with Joseph J. Darrow Sr. Funeral Home Inc. 39 So Hamilton St Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-452-1840. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.darrowfuneralhome.org](http://www.darrowfuneralhome.org)



### Ronald J. Walker

**DURHAM, NC** – Ronald J. Walker, son of the late Andrew Walker, Sr. and Catherine Walker, departed this life for eternal rest after a short illness on December 21, 2017 at the VA Medial Center, Durham, NC. He was predeceased by two brothers, Andrew Walker and Michael Walker; sister, Toni Walker.

Ronald retired from great Eastern Lithograph and relocated to North Carolina and started a new career with Veteran's Administration in Durham, NC. He is survived by his wife, Earlene Walker; Daughter, Rhonda Crenshaw (NY); two stepdaughters, Priscilla Brown (NC) and Selena Nesbitt; stepsons, Demond Brown, George Nelson and Brian Nelson; several grandchildren, great Grandchildren, one sister, Yvonne Walker, aunt, Louise Morgan, several nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. There will be a memorial service for Mr. Walker at a later date.

### Marlene Stewart Gordon

**HYDE PARK** – Marlene Stewart Gordon, 84, a longtime resident of Hyde Park and formerly of Whitehall, NY, passed away on December 21, 2017 at the Lutheran Care Center in Poughkeepsie following a long illness.

Marlene was born on April 10, 1933 in Whitehall, the daughter of the late Henry and Olive Lawrence Stewart.

A graduate of Whitehall High School and the Hudson River State Hospital School of Nursing, she went on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree at Oneonta State University and a Master's degree at the University at Bridgeport Connecticut. She worked for 30 years at the Haviland Middle School in Hyde Park.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mahwenawasigh Chapter, as well as the Hyde Park Historical Society.

On December 4, 1953, she married her high school sweetheart, Charles D. Gordon. They built their dream home in Hyde Park, where they raised three sons. Marlene is survived by her sons: Charles Gordon and his wife, Colleen, of Lake George, James Henry Gordon of New York City, Steven Gordon and his wife, Mary Anne, of Ilion, NY; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by three sisters, Kay Styles and Jean Stewart, both of Whitehall; and Joan Sovetts of Queensbury, NY.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be no calling hours and burial will take place at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, Marlene's family respectfully requests memorial donations be made to The ALS Association, PO Box 37022, Boone, IA 50037-0022 ([www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org)), or, Dutchess County BOCES, 5 BOCES Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 ([www.dcboces.org](http://www.dcboces.org)), or, the Hospice Foundation, 374 Violet Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 ([www.hvhospice.org](http://www.hvhospice.org)).


Local arrangements are under the direction of Sweet's Funeral Home, Inc., Rte. 9, Hyde Park. To send an online condolence, please visit [www.sweetsfuneralhome.com](http://www.sweetsfuneralhome.com).



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**On Your First Christmas in Heaven**  
3/31/1940 - 8/17/2017



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*Thinking of you on your first Christmas in Heaven,  
Wishing you were here.*  
*A light from our lives is gone, A voice we loved is still,  
A place is vacant in our hearts, it never can be filled.*  
*We hold you close within our hearts  
and there you will remain, to walk with us  
throughout our lives until we meet again.*

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Constance Dorland Herodes

**POUGHKEEPSIE** – MEMORIAL SERVICES ANNOUNCED-Constance Dorland Herodes (1940-2017) passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving husband and sons. She was grateful during her final days to be able to say an individual goodbye to all her grandchildren, sons, daughters-in-law and husband and to be able to share personal recollections of a life well lived.

Connie was born April 10, 1940, the daughter of Howard L. Dorland and Florence Sauer Dorland in Oceanside, Long Island. She graduated from SUNY Albany with a BS degree in Biology and taught High School Biology and Science before starting her family of three sons. She gave up her teaching career to focus completely on raising her family and was very proud to be a stay-at-home Mom. Family was always her priority and passion. After the children were in school she worked at the Vassar College Biology Department as a laboratory technician.

Connie is survived by her husband Richard at home, three sons and two daughters-in-law: Richard, Jr (Wanda), Howard(Julie) and David and her grandchildren Alden and Logan Herodes of Falmouth, Maine and Richard, Madeline and Peter Herodes of Manlius, NY. She is also survived by five nephews and nieces and their families.

During her over two year battle with cancer Connie received constant support from her extended family, Church Family and her many, many friends. The cards, prayers and well wishes were countless and deeply appreciated.



Connie felt privileged to have lived in Paris, France for 6 years and traveled to many different countries to experience their cultures and customs. Many lifelong friendships were formed during that special period of her life.

She had two special hobby passions – gardening and singing. She was a 30 year Master Gardener Emeritus with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Millbrook and volunteered at the Locust Grove gardens for many years. She also taught numerous gardening courses for the Marist College CLS program as well as Shade Gardening courses in the community. She most recently sang with her beloved Cappella Festiva Choir. She also sang with the Poughkeepsie Reformed Church Choir, American Church of Paris Choir, Berkshire Festival Choirs, Camerata Chorale at Carnegie Hall and a number of choral events in France. She felt privileged to have sung with some of the best choral conductors in the world.

She will be buried at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery overlooking the Hudson River, with a beautiful view of water, a rock outcrop and trees.

Family will receive their friends on Friday, December 29, 2017 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. A memorial celebratory service will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at 11 a.m. at The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Connie’s name to Capella Festiva, P.O. Box 2111, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 or The Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, 70 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

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Stemi Gorman

**POUGHKEEPSIE** – Our wonderful mother and grandmother, Stemi Gorman, passed away peacefully on December 21, 2017 at Vassar Hospital, at the age of 95. Right up to the end, Stemi uttered her favorite saying, “nobody has it better than Stemi”, exemplifying her sincere appreciation of her many blessings and her thankfulness to God. Stemi was born in Poughkeepsie on June 17, 1922 as the oldest of four children to Constantine (Gus) and Erasimia Arniotou Antonakos.

Stemi was a 1940 graduate of Poughkeepsie High School and the Barbizon School of Fashion in New York City. She was a life-long member of the Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church.

Stemi had many work experiences including being a candy dipper, a jewelry buyer for Lord & Taylor, a clerk for the Town of Poughkeepsie, a secretary at Graymoor Monastery, and later in life, a beloved hostess at the Dutchess and Palace Diners.


Life handed Stemi many difficulties, including two previous marriages before her humility, thankfulness, and positive attitude led her to meet and marry her soulmate, Bernard James Gorman, in 1972, who passed away in 1983. Their too short love affair was legendary.

Stemi was known for her renowned cheesecake recipe, love of dancing with Bernard, and creating needlepoints for her family. She was involved with the American Red Cross, Ladies Philoptochos Society, and the Bardavon Opera House, as well as many other community organizations.

Stemi was pre-deceased by her parents, her siblings, George Antonakos, Maria Stratos, and Joanna Papastrat; son-in-law Philip Polanchik; and second husband George Pagones. She is survived by her devoted and loving daughter, Mia Polanchik, her son, Lee Pagones, her “rock,” and his most cherished and compassionate wife, Judie (Stemi’s other daughter); and being Nana to the loves of her life, her grandchildren, Nicholas Polanchik, Amelia Santoro and her husband, Rob, Greg Pagones and his fiancée, Tarren Manfredi, Alex and Tim Pagones; and her precious great-grandchildren Landon and Parker Santoro. Stemi is also survived by James Pagones, his wife Joan, and their children Jordan Pagones and his wife, Ann Marie, and Julia Pagones; and nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Stemi’s greatest joy was her children and grandchildren, and was grateful for their love and respect. She leaves this world with the love and respect by all who knew her. Those left behind know “there was no one better than Stemi.”

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm at the Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home, Inc. 371 Hooker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Funeral Services are on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at 11:30am at Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church, 140 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Burial is to follow at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church. To send an online condolence, please visit our website at [www.doylefuneralhome.com](http://www.doylefuneralhome.com)

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Michael A. White

**POUGHKEEPSIE** – Michael Anthony White, a life-long resident of the City of Poughkeepsie, passed away peacefully on Wednesday the 20th of December.

Michael was a vibrant, kind and passionate artist who treasured and held dear the city of Poughkeepsie and all it’s artistic possibilities. He shared his art freely and always wanted to be able to have children use art to express their character and feelings. Becoming an artist starts not by taking a pen or a paintbrush, in hand. With Michael, it started when he began to tune into his young childlike world and found the inspiration that nurtured his story, no matter the form it took. He saw all of Poughkeepsie and its people as his subjects and canvas. His community held endless possibilities for him to create.

He was the son of Katherine White (Poughkeepsie) and the late Norman White (St. Louis.) He was born in Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie, NY on August 3, 1984. He was baptized at St. Mary’s Church, Poughkeepsie, NY. He started school in the City of Poughkeepsie school district at Morse School, moved onto Smith School, Poughkeepsie Middle School and then graduated from Poughkeepsie High School on June 2002. He attended Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, RI and completed his master’s degree at SUNY New Paltz. He was certified in NYS as a Visual Arts teacher. He taught art in Poughkeepsie and Newburgh school districts.

He was very involved in creating community art throughout Poughkeepsie. He painted numerous murals around the city and often in collaboration with his mentor Nestor Madealengoitia. Michael was most proud of his mural at the Poughkeepsie High School football field.

In addition, his involvement in the art community included membership in the Barrett Art Center, where he began taking art lessons at age 5. He always participated in the 100 for 100 Barrett Art Center Gala fundraiser. He was involved in the Dutchess County Arts Council and participated in the Mural Square Project. He was a frequent exhibitor at the Howland Art Center for African American Artists in the Hudson Valley. Michael was the first recipient of the Dutchess County Executive Art Award for Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts .

Michael is survived by his mother, Katherine and his beloved brother Patrick. In addition, he is survived by his aunt Nancy Melilli, Uncle Tony Melilli, Grandmother Betty White, Aunt Marvina White, Uncle Arnold Rampersad, Aunt Vanessa Hare and his cousins, Felicia, Brianna, and Olivia Melilli, Sarah and Diane Hare, Luke Rampersad and Anikah McLaren. His Grandmother Marie Hare, Aunt Susan Hare and Uncle Bob Hare predeceased Michael.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of William G. Miller & Son Funeral Home, 371 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Calling hours will be on Wednesday, December 27 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM. The funeral mass will be held Thursday, December 28 at 10:00 am at St. Mary’s Church. If desired, donations may be made in Michael’s memory to the Barrett House: Barrett Art Center, 55 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie, New York, 12601, 845.471.2550 [www.BARRETTARTCENTER.ORG](http://www.BARRETTARTCENTER.ORG) . For directions or to send online condolences, please visit our website at [www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.wmgmillerfuneralhome.com)



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## EDITORIAL

# Ex-Texaco center can be developed with care

Once the site of a thriving business that employed about 1,200 people, the former Texaco Beacon Research Center has been dormant for far too long and certainly should be redeveloped. What form that takes is subject to interpretation and considerable debate. But, as those discussions press forward, it's worth remembering the property is one of too many in Dutchess County that have been abandoned — places where once big businesses or state-run facilities were located, places where new life makes abundant sense, places where development should be viewed as a better alternative than seeing growth come at the expense of more Hudson Valley farms and open space being stripped away.

Texaco purchased the property in 1931, renovating what was once a textile mill and converting it into a crude oil refining research facility. It operated that way until 2001 when Chevron Corp. acquired Texaco and closed the center two years later. The Fishkill Creek flows through the 153-acre property on Old Glenham Road in the Town of Fishkill.

Chevron is considering reuse ideas and, particularly of late, has involved the community in these discussions, a process that must continue. The latest proposal involves a mixed-use develop-

## More online

To find out more about Chevron's plans for the property, visit [glenhammills.com](http://glenhammills.com).

ment called Glenham Mills, which could include housing, artist studios, restaurants, small businesses and parks and green space. While that holds promise, it faces pockets of resistance and skepticism, and key questions do have to be answered.

For starters, redevelopment plans at such sprawling locales don't always pan out as intended. At one point, developers suggested creating a small village center here, including housing. And as far back as the late 1990s, the town considered obtaining 93 acres to convert into a town park. That part of the land was used by Texaco employees as a recreational center. But neither the development proposal nor the town park ever came to fruition. As these proposals take shape, retaining open space ought to be a part of the equation. Nearby residents also have expressed legitimate concerns, ranging from possible impacts on traffic congestion to school enrollment. As it is, neighboring Beacon has put a hold on certain residential de-



An aerial photo of the former Texaco research facility in Glenham on Thursday.

PATRICK OEHLER/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

velopment until the city can get a better handle on growth and, specifically, identify an additional water source to handle more growth.

In recent years, Chevron has made good, strategic strides by demolishing dozens of buildings on the site, though that work isn't completed. Groundwater and soil contaminated by petroleum have been identified; cleanups have been undertaken, including removing polluted soils and old storage tanks. But the company still has to work with the state Department of Environmental Conservation on monitoring and completing human and environmental risk assessment reports.

Fishkill officials will have a big say in what comes next, as the land is zoned industrial, a designation that will have to be changed for a mixed use or any other type of realistic redevelopment. Community involvement is imperative to ensure any proposed project isn't out of scale. This property should be redeveloped, but the town should insist that whatever materializes actually can be viewed as thoughtful progress.

*Opinion Engagement Editor John Penney wrote this editorial on behalf of The Poughkeepsie Journal Editorial Board. Email him at [jpenney@gannett.com](mailto:jpenney@gannett.com); follow him on Twitter at @johnpenneynews.*

## LETTERS

### Clean energy will help economy and environment

"Cricket Valley Energy is a costly and unnecessary project" (Dec. 4) gets it right. The cost of fossil fuels is just too high, and the economic benefits of clean energy are enormous.

Climate change has cost the U.S. economy at least \$240 billion annually over the past decade and is projected to average over \$360 billion annually in the next decade: "Burning fossil fuels comes at a giant price tag which the U.S. economy cannot afford and not sustain" (National Geographic).

Clean energy already provides more jobs for Americans than the entire U.S. fossil fuel industry. It's projected to create over five million good-paying, permanent, local jobs in the U.S., about 275,000 in New York state (Google Stanford University's Solutions Project 50 States). That's if we don't wait until climate disasters have caused "global economic collapse" (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, IPCC).

Using "carbon fee-and-dividend," we can transition to clean energy fast enough to avert climate disaster while increasing our GDP over \$75 billion annually. Carbon fee-and-dividend has worked successfully in British Columbia for eight years, lowering taxes and energy bills, creating jobs and slashing emissions (The Economist). All fossil fuel corporations pay an annually-increasing carbon pollution fee with all the money given to every taxpayer in equal monthly "dividend" checks ([citizenscli](http://citizenscli)



[matelobby.org](http://matelobby.org)).

As the fee makes oil, gas and coal steadily more expensive, solar/wind will continue to drop dramatically in price, including energy storage costs (Scientific American) putting fossil fuels out of business at no cost to taxpayers or consumers. They'll even make a profit switching to clean energy.

**Pete Kuntz**  
Lancaster, Pa.

### Initiate trade with North Korea to start a better relationship

President Donald Trump's responses

to North Korea's missile tests have been threats and economic sanctions.

These responses might have been effective in different circumstances, but North Korea's dictator, Kim Jong-un, is so determined to demonstrate his toughness that Mr. Trump's behavior will probably just stiffen Mr. Kim's resistance. Thus, as tensions mount and pose the risk of nuclear war, there doesn't seem to be a clear path to negotiations.

In this precarious situation, I wish our leadership would try a new way of initiating diplomatic talks: Offering North Korea trade it badly needs. We

could show an interest in North Korean products like clothing articles and restaurant foods, and we could offer North Korea items like grains and delivery trucks at favorable prices.

Initiating trade won't be easy, but it could open dialogue and start a better relationship.

**Bill Crain**  
Poughquag

### Hold Trump accountable for all his comments

President Donald Trump's supporters do not seem to care if he says one thing now and another directly opposite several minutes later.

They are convinced he speaks the truth.

The real problem is that he spouts whatever he wants when he wants without consequence or being held accountable for what he says.

Now he is calling former CIA director James Comey and former national security adviser Michael Flynn and others liars when they say things against him. The problem is they spoke while under oath with the penalty of perjury hanging over their heads.

Trump is never under oath and feels that there is no reason to tell the truth. Put him under oath and ask him about his pronouncements and actions. Will we get the truth then or is he above the truth and the penalties of possible perjury?

It might be interesting to see.  
**Frank Bergman**  
Stormville

# Tree's plight, growth fuel holiday reflections



## Taking It Personally

John Rolfe  
Guest columnist

The blue spruce stands on our lawn, a reminder of a Christmas past and the kindness of a neighbor. My wife and I bought it about 15 years ago when it was a robust sapling with a burlap-covered root ball. Our plan was to install it in our living room as our Christmas tree and plant it after the holidays (weather permitting), an appealing, ecologically friendly alternative to simply buying and discarding a Tannenbaum.

Mother Nature ironically had other ideas.

After purchasing the spruce, we stored it outside long enough for steady rain to fall and the temperature to drop sharply. The sogged root ball froze, adding weight that proved impossible for my wheezing physique to hoist up the steps onto our porch. Christmas was less than a week away. My neighbor

Mike, a swarthy man of virtue, offered to help me get the recalcitrant evergreen inside the house and brought over a wheeled dolly to make it easier to move.

We huffed and we puffed, and an hour and a painfully tweaked back (his) later, we surrendered to Mother Nature's handiwork. I ended up making a mad dash to a mall parking lot in Kingston, where I grabbed a pre-cut tree. We planted the spruce the following spring and it has grown, along with its legend, to a height of more than 25 feet.

Whenever I look at it, I think about that wacky time and Mike's game efforts. I felt bad about his back, as I'm sure he did, but his cheerful generosity remained intact.

The holiday season is a natural time for counting one's blessings, and my family has been blessed with gracious neighbors like Mike. Through the years, they've helped us with their time, their muscle, their tools, or some sage advice, contributed their fallen leaves to our mulch pile, and given us cow manure for our garden. In these often divisive times

when it's easy for people to isolate themselves and narrow their focus and beliefs, it helps to be reminded of the good things that come from getting to know each other and working together.

During the year that I've been writing this column, it's been heartening to meet many people in the Hudson Valley community and exchange our sometimes widely differing views and experiences.

In March, I attended an event in Fishkill hosted by the Mid-Hudson Islamic Association where people of different faiths and backgrounds spoke out for understanding and acceptance. I've spent a good deal of time talking to folks on both sides of the gun control issue who were willing to have a civil, thoughtful dialogue on a very emotional topic. I've seen people working hard to help others navigate the daunting and continually changing new economic landscape.

I've also heard from many readers who wrote to express their opinions on an array of subjects I've wrassled with

in this space. We haven't always agreed, but our back-and-forth has been enlightening and I appreciate their thoughts and comments.

These people are all your neighbors in a wider sense, a reflection of what makes this area so special beyond its exceptional natural beauty. The problems and challenges we face are many, but there is a spirit of engagement and co-operation out there that offers great hope for the future despite our differences and the frustration and pain that can come with trying to put plans in motion.

I wish you a moment of peace and happy contemplation of the good things in your life. Like that ol' spruce on my lawn, some may have started out small with unforeseen difficulties and delays before growing into something big, beautiful and lasting. Chances are you had help with them along the way. 'Tis one more reason to be grateful.

*Columnist John Rolfe lives in Red Hook. Write to him at [PersonallyPojo@gmail.com](mailto:PersonallyPojo@gmail.com).*



# Freelancing is a force — and must be reckoned with



**Valley Views**  
Scott Tillitt  
Guest columnist

Within 10 years, at its current growth rate, the majority of the U.S. workforce will be freelancers. Think about that for a second: It has major ramifications for our economy, politics, culture.

This startling stat comes from “Freelancing in America: 2017” (FIA), a comprehensive study from freelancing website Upwork and Freelancers Union, the labor group representing the independent workforce.

FIA estimates that already more than one-third of the U.S. workforce are currently freelancing (57 million Americans) and contribute approximately \$1.4 trillion annually to the economy — a nearly 30 percent jump since last year. This includes almost half of all working millennials, more than any other generation.

The freelance workforce grew at a rate 3 times faster than the U.S. workforce overall since 2014 — and 59 percent of them started freelancing within just the last 3 years.

This coincides with a growing corporate trend of converting traditional full-time jobs into freelance gigs. According to a recent survey by the global HR services company Randstad, “More than half of global human capital leaders expect to transfer one-third of their permanent positions to contingent roles in the near future.”

SCORE, a nonprofit partner of the Small Business Administration that provides free mentoring and education, sees a similar trend for small businesses. From its own recent report: “While the number of firms that employ full-time workers has remained relatively flat, non-employer businesses (also called ‘solopreneurs’) have been increasing. There has also been a marked increase in the ‘gig economy,’ which describes the use of contractors and part-time workers to fill roles within businesses.” Nearly 20 percent of businesses surveyed reported replacing employees (of any type) with contractors over the previous six months.

As you might imagine these trends are a major factor contributing to the explosion of coworking in recent years. Coworking is a worldwide movement in which people work mostly independently but alongside others in a shared space. By some estimates there are roughly 14,000 coworking spaces in at least 100 countries. Membership in my own coworking venture, BEAHIVE, has grown since I opened in Beacon in 2009 — steadily at first and more briskly in the last couple of years, mirroring both these global workforce shifts and local demographic shifts.

“We are in the Fourth Industrial Revolution — a period of rapid change in work driven by increasing automation,

but we have a unique opportunity to guide the future of work and freelancers will play more of a key role than people realize,” says Stephane Kasriel, CEO of Upwork and co-chair of the World Economic Forum’s Council on the Future of Gender, Education and Work.

And yet policies, budget decisions and economic development initiatives aren’t typically considering freelancers and solopreneurs. A majority of them work from home, isolated. In exurban areas like our Mid-Hudson Valley, there’s a noticeable lack of resources catering to them — mentoring, training, networking and social support (which I try to address through BEAHIVE).

Other findings from the FIA report: ■ 54 percent of the U.S. workforce is not very confident that the work they do today is likely to exist in 20 years.

■ Freelancers update their skills more often and believe they’re better prepared for the future. 65 percent of full-time freelancers say they’re updating their skills as jobs evolve, versus only 45 percent of full-time employees.

■ Main drivers of freelancing for full-time freelancers are freedom and flexibility, with part-time freelancers driven by earning extra money as well as flexibility.

■ Freelancers increasingly think having a diversified portfolio of clients is more secure than one employer (63 percent agree, up 10 points since 2016) and have an average 4.5 clients per month.

■ Freelancers and non-freelancers share most of the same list of top concerns, which includes access to affordable health care, debt and ability to save.

■ That said, freelancers have a unique top concern — income predictability. Freelancers therefore dip into their savings more often, with 63 percent of full-time freelancers dipping into savings at least once per month versus only 20 percent of full-time non-freelancers.

■ Freelancers are seeking a voice, beyond political affiliation — 72 percent are open to crossing party lines if a candidate indicated that they supported freelancer interests.

We need our leaders to adapt to this changing landscape. We need to rethink outdated approaches to economic development, which often focus on attracting and retaining large out-of-region businesses and giving them tax breaks. Politicians like to herald these projects — and the often-elusive (or low-paying) jobs and tax revenues that will follow — with photo ops and press releases. While such projects may help their careers, they do little for the communities they serve.

*Scott Tillitt is the founder of BEAHIVE and Antidote Collective, projects and consulting for social impact, and a co-founder of the nonprofit Re>Think Local.*

## ONLINE OPINIONS

*Readers using the Facebook comment section on the Poughkeepsie Journal’s website are talking about a Journal story that noted President Donald Trump’s name has been temporarily removed from an Adopt-A-Highway sign in New York City after a vandal splashed black paint on it. The sign will be replaced, according to the city.*

**John Teahan:** “One does not have to be a Liberal to know that he is a hot mess. It only requires some knowledge of the past and the ability to understand that his words and actions are congruent to many dictators both past and present. It is not your Republican or Conservative philosophy that compelled you to favor him — it is your misguided Nationalism.”

**Bill Badner:** “No, it’s my desire to have a stable economy, a safe country and for MY social, economic and national security needs met. No way I was getting that the last two terms or with Hillary. That’s why I voted for Trump ...”

**Steven Saltzman:** “The Trump supporters are a cult. Nothing more to really be said.”

**Kevin Sullwold:** “How exactly does vandalizing the sign prove anything or progress a movement towards change? Pointless, ineffective, sorry excuse for a ‘protest’ for which the only effect is taxpayer cost for a new sign plus the labor to switch them out. Not a fan of President Trump but also not a fan of ridiculously useless dissidence.”

**Hillary Amster Delango:** “Make it bigger and better this time.”

**Bill Badner:** “Proof that no matter what he does, the left will find fault.”

**Pauline Darrow Snyder:** “Throw

him out along with the sign!”

*Online readers are talking about a Poughkeepsie Journal story detailing items that have been removed from headstones at St. Peter’s Cemetery in Poughkeepsie. There are posted rules on-site in regard to leaving behind items, with a note that reads: “These rules will be strongly enforced.”*

**Denis Morgan:** “I worked at a cemetery. Trying to mow & trim is a nightmare with too much stuff. There are rules. ... You know the rules when you bury your loved ones. I know. Both of my parents are buried at a cemetery with similar rules. It seems heartless but people leave flowers that die, items that deteriorate. ... We always got compliments on how good the cemetery we worked at looked. People didn’t complain.”

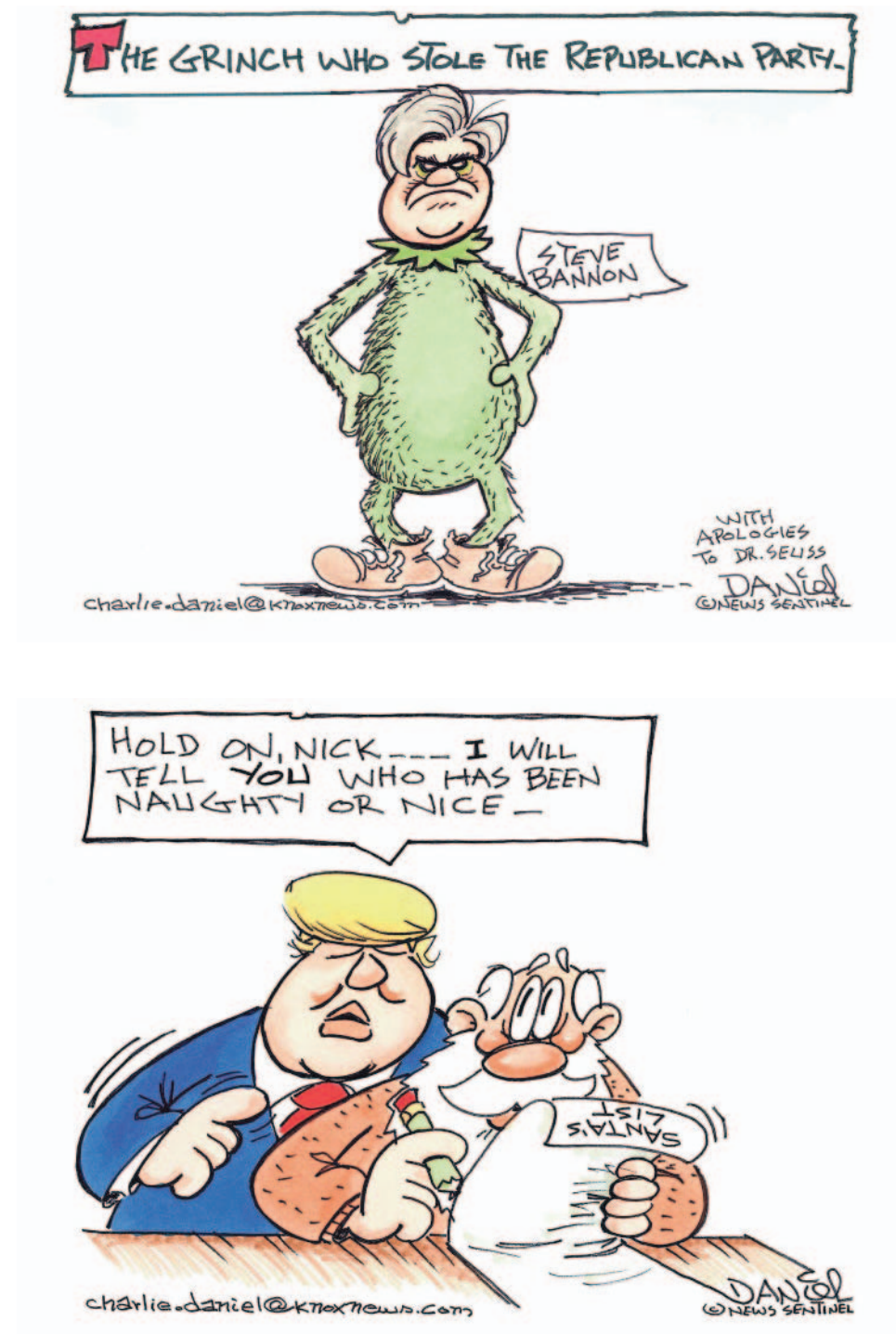
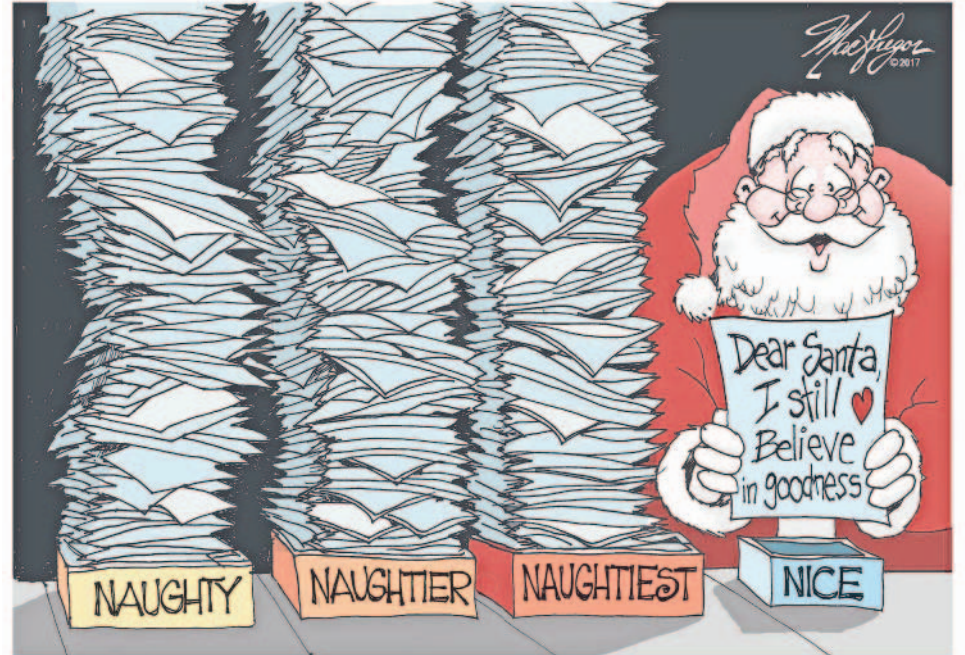
**Rachel Evans:** “This ‘church’ should be ashamed. Something tells me their Lord and Savior might have handled this a little differently — like with compassion and respect. Rules are rules but jerks are also jerks.”

**Katrina Ann:** “Had the same issues with St. Peter’s Cemetery taking down things from my grandparents’ grave that have been fine for years! My calls went unanswered. Disgraceful!”

**Jess Burke:** “What an absolute disgrace this is. Just take a ride through and you can see that some headstones were cleaned bare and others are smothered with decorations ...”

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