

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.

Covering Main Street and Beyond.

VOLUME 10.

HURLEYVILLE, SULLIVAN COUNTY, N.Y. | MAY 2025

NUMBER 5.

CCHS Senior Participates in Kennedy Center Theater Festival

by Emmett Schwalb

HURLEYVILLE – Ayana Banks, a senior at the Collaborative Collage High School (CCHS) in Hurleyville, recently participated in a theater festival at the Kennedy Center called “Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival” (KCACTF). The festival is a national theater program involving 18,000 students annually from across the country. More than 400,000 students have participated since the program’s inception.

Ayana and her cast mates were nominated for the theater festival for a play called “Carburetor: A Ghost Sonata,” about an Autistic person, how they see the world, and how they experience love and grief. This production was originally performed at SUNY Sullivan. Before this production, no SUNY Sullivan play had ever been nominated for this theater festival.

“It did catch me by surprise that ‘Ghost Sonata’ got nominated because the playwright and I made a joke saying, ‘What if you make it?’ and plays that happened at SUNY Sullivan have never been nominated to compete for the Kennedy Center, so it was definitely a complete surprise for all of us,” Ms. Banks said. “Playing Keisha and then getting nominated was honestly a proud

moment for me and my cast mates because, like ‘Carburetor,’ I didn’t think I would be nominated for anything, so it is for sure a memorable moment for me.”

Ms. Banks was also nominated for an Irene Ryan Scholarship offered by the Kennedy Center, for a play called “Fairview” in which she played the role of Keisha. The Irene Ryan Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship within KCACTF.

“It’s a very competitive competition where you or your scene partner cannot make any mistakes in your performance, but also need to tell a story in under four minutes!” Ms. Banks said, while also mentioning that if she gets nominated again, she’ll be ready.

Ms. Banks noted that overall, her experience at the Kennedy Center was “inspirational and very supportive to be among theater people and people who really care about the arts and the importance of performing and telling stories. Being a part of ‘Fairview’ and ‘Carburetor,’ working with my cast mates, Jessica López-Barkl and Nick López, has just been an unforgettable adventure I wish I could continue to have.”

Ms. Banks moat recently performed in a play called “Shakespeare Shakedown” on May 2 and 3 at the Seelig Theater at SUNY Sullivan.



From left to right, Aidan Quinn, Actor; Dr. Terry Hamlin, President & CEO of The Center for Discovery; Robert De Niro, Actor; Susie Essman, Actor and Stand-up Comedian; Nelly Bly Arougheti, Gala Honoree; and Mikhail Baryshnikov, Actor, dancer, and choreographer, at The Center for Discovery’s 25th Annual Evening of Discovery Gala on April 29 at Cipriani 42nd street.

PHOTO PROVIDED

EVENING OF DISCOVERY

TCFD Honors Nelly Bly Arougheti

Event Raises Over Four Million Dollars to Support The Center’s Transformative Work.

NEW YORK – On Tuesday, April 29, The Center for Discovery® (TCFD, The Center) honored Nelly Bly Arougheti at the 25th Annual Evening of Discovery Gala - raising an historic \$4.2 million, the most in the event’s history. Held at Cipriani 42nd Street in New York City, the Gala marked a milestone moment in support of The Center’s groundbreaking programs and services. An internationally recognized research and innovation organization, The Center serves nearly 1,200 children and adults annually who have complex disabilities, medical frailties, and Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Gayle King, renowned broadcast journalist, author, and co-host of CBS

Mornings, served as the evening’s host, bringing her signature warmth and generosity of spirit to the stage. She was joined by actress and comedian Susie Essman, best known for her role on Curb Your Enthusiasm and a longtime supporter of The Center, who added her humor and heartfelt enthusiasm to the celebration. Together, they helped facilitate generous contributions throughout the night and spoke powerfully about the impact of The Center’s model. Gayle shared moving, firsthand stories about the remarkable progress of individuals living at The Center - stories that illustrated just how transformative the work there truly is. Their presence made the Evening of Discovery both inspiring and unforgettable for all in attendance.

Nelly Bly Arougheti was honored for her extraordinary dedication to The Center for Discovery and the profound impact she has made on countless lives. Ms. Arougheti joined The Center’s Board in 2008, inspired by the exceptional care her brother, Billy, a current resident at TCFD, received. Through the years, her leadership, vision, and personal connection have helped shape The Center’s growth and legacy.

During her acceptance speech, Ms. Arougheti remarked on what TCFD means to her. “The times we are in demand innovation, and The Center is answering the challenge with game-changing solutions. Their model illumi-

nates a path for us all to walk along, whether an individual with disabilities, or a senior struggling with dementia, or any one of us in the room tonight. The Center shows us how to thrive through anything – as long as we have that spirit of possibility.” She also announced that she and her husband, Michael Arougheti are contributing one million dollars “in support of The Center’s new project for adults with complex conditions - an initiative that will provide individuals with access to state-of-the-art medical services and specialized care, even into their later and final years.”

“It was my honor to recognize Nelly as someone whose passion and commitment truly embody everything The Center stands for,” said Dr. Theresa Hamlin, President and CEO of The Center for Discovery. “Nelly is more than a supporter - she’s family. Her deeply personal connection to The Center has inspired transformative projects like the Discovery Dreams Play Park, the magical accessible treehouse, and the Michael Ritchie Big Barn for Environmental Health and Education. Ms. Arougheti’s brother, Billy, has been a resident at The Center for over 30 years.

The Gala, attended by nearly 580 guests, began with a lively cocktail reception followed by a formal dinner, Text-to-Pledge®, and a silent auction. Notable attendees included Lorraine Bracco, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Robert De Niro, Susie Essman, Gayle King, Dr. Jon LaPook, Eric Mangini, and more.

Proceeds from this fundraising event were directed towards TCFD’s most transformative programs including organic farming and nutrition, the Animal Assisted Intervention and Education program, the Integrated Arts program including recreation and music therapy, assistive technology, and capital improvements across TCFD’s campuses.

DO YOU LIKE PUZZLES?

New Children’s Book Highlights History and Mystery

by John Conway

SULLIVAN COUNTY – Nancy Bachana has lived an interesting life, and the children’s book she has just authored reflects many of the varied aspects of it, most notably her fascination with waterways, especially the Delaware & Hudson Canal, which transformed Sullivan County in the 19th century.

“The Key to Puzzler’s Lock” is the story of two fifth-graders, Vivian and Aiden, best friends who use their knowledge of the history of the D&H Canal and their puzzling skills to solve a mystery. It was published in March by 40story Books. The timing of the book’s release is impeccable, as 2025 marks the bicentennial of the groundbreaking for the D&H, as well as the 200th anniversary of the opening of the Erie Canal.

Ms. Bachana grew up in Jacksonville, FL, and spent her childhood cultivating an affection for the water, playing on the St. John’s River and in the Atlantic Ocean, building sand castles on the beach, and riding the ferry back and forth across the intercoastal waterway. She moved to New York City, working first in book and magazine publishing, and as a transportation planner in the Mayor’s Office and for the Department of Transportation. When she began vacationing in Sullivan County with her family, she discovered the remains of the D&H Canal, and her dual interests of water and transportation made for an immediate attraction.

Discovering that her family had ties to the county—one of her ancestors is buried in Glen Wild—hooked her on the history of the area, and she has been involved in various history related projects ever since. She spearheaded the creation of walking trails at the long abandoned Hackledam settlement on the Neversink River, and currently leads walking tours there on a regular basis. And, she works as an educator at the D&H Canal Museum in High Falls.

“I am still giddy about joining the staff,” she said. “It’s a beautiful facility—once the 1797 Deputy tavern, and a popular restaurant until just a few years ago. I love how man-made canals cut quiet new paths through the most scenic countryside. Those rights-of-way still exist in many cases, and like Vivian and Aiden in my book, I love to imagine the canal being “wet” again so we could kayak miles along the Shawangunk Mountains.”

The book was years in the making, but looking back, seemed inevitable. It is

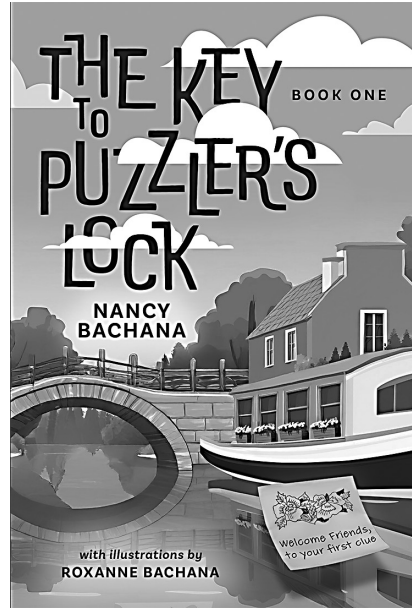


PHOTO PROVIDED

made even more special by the fact that Ms. Bachana’s daughter, Roxanne, is the illustrator.

“The year I wrote the first draft, I was working in a government job I enjoyed, but I wouldn’t say it unitized all my creative energies,” Ms. Bachana said. “I also had young kids, and I read to them a lot. The Magic Treehouse series was a favorite, and I loved how it taught history through kid-driven mysteries. At the same time, I was reading ‘The DaVinci Code’ by Dan Brown, which was full of puzzles that kept me turning the pages. I decided to write a puzzle mystery for kids that I’d want to read myself. All my kids were doodlers and sketch artists, which makes me very happy, since my talents stop at wordsmithing. My middle child, Roxanne, is famous for the amazing artwork she creates for birthday and other greetings to family and friends. She is currently in college, and I really hope she finds a way to keep making art going forward.”

Ms. Bachana says the story told in “The Key to Puzzler’s Lock” is not yet complete, and a second and third book are already in the works.

“This book introduces the main characters, and I consider the D&H Canal to be a character. Future volumes will have new puzzle mysteries, deeper history, and new characters — one of which has a secret to keep, even if it means destroying the canal,” she said.

The most direct way for the public to purchase the book is through Shopify, <https://nancybachana.myshopify.com/>. The book can also be found at a growing list of museums and gift shops, including the Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville, the Canal Museum in High Falls, and the Sullivan County Historical Society in Hurleyville.

“I even got an order from the Erie Canal Museum,” Ms. Bachana said.

“Ms. Bachana will also have ‘The Key to Puzzler’s Lock’ for sale at the upcoming book fair sponsored by the Sullivan County Historical Society on June 7.



PHOTO PROVIDED
CCHD Senior
Ayana Banks

Tango Café Reopens

HURLEYVILLE – The Tango Café at HPAC held its grand re-opening on Thursday, May 1, inviting the community to experience its modernized space, vibrant atmosphere, and refreshed menu, and introducing Matt Lare as its new executive chef.

Chef Lare brings a wealth of culinary expertise and creativity to the heart of Hurleyville. With an impressive background in local catering and professional catering for major movie productions both domesti-

cally and internationally, he adds a unique depth of experience to the café’s kitchen. Known for his bold, regional flavors and innovative approach, he is poised to transform the dining experience at Tango Café. His passion for community-driven cuisine aligns perfectly with the café’s mission, ensuring every dish celebrates local ingredients and artistry. Chef Lare’s vision will make Tango Café a destination where food nurtures connection and inspires creativity.

An extension of the Hurleyville Performing Arts Centre (HPAC), Tango Café transforms dining into a cultural experience with live weekend performances, a welcoming atmosphere, and a dedication to fostering community and inclusivity.

The Tango Café will be open Thursdays thru Saturdays, from 4 to 10 p.m. in May, with expanded hours to be implemented in June.

See the June edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel for full coverage of the re-opening.

Hamlet Happenings

by Kathleen Sullivan



HURLEYVILLE-SULLIVAN FIRST (HSF)

The members of Hurleyville-Sullivan First continue to work with local community groups and businesses on plans that contribute to the ongoing revitalization of “the liveliest little hamlet in the mountains”.

Everyone is invited to come out and help plant annuals and perennials in the barrels on Main Street and in the stone planters at the entrances to Hurleyville and at the firehouse on Saturday, June 7. The group will meet at the firehouse at 9 a.m.

HSF members continue to work on the care and improvement of projects completed by the group:

- the signs and stone planters at the entrances to Hurleyville
- the stone planter at the Hurleyville Firehouse
- the Little Free Library at the Hurleyville Firemen’s Park

Visit www.hurlevilleny.com for more information about Hurleyville-Sullivan First. You can also visit Hurleyville-Sullivan First on Facebook.

HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Bread of Life food pantry will be open on Thursday, May 22, and on Thursday, May 29, from 3 until 4:45 p.m. More than 75 families are served by the volunteers at the food pantry each week. Donations of clothing, household items and personal care items are always welcome.

The volunteers at the church will host a “DOLLAR A DIP DINNER” fundraiser at the church on Saturday, May 10. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m., and will continue until the food is gone. Questions? Call 845-434-5097.

Sunday services are held at the church at 9 a.m. Children of all ages can attend Sunday school at the church during services.

Pastor Wendy delivers sermons on the church’s page on Facebook at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

All are invited to pray with others over the phone on the church’s prayer line on Sundays from 7 – 8 p.m. The prayer line phone number is 605-472-5491 and the access code is 251678.

Donations of diapers, new socks, new underwear and new t-shirts for children in foster care are being collected at the church. The volunteers



Please join Hurleyville-Sullivan First in making Hurleyville more beautiful!

Planting Day

Saturday, June 7th at 9:00am

We'll meet at the Hurleyville Firehouse.

Don't forget to bring your gloves and garden tools.

Visit us at www.hurlevilleny.com or on Facebook.

at the church also collect new t-shirts and new underwear for veterans along with new clothes for women who have escaped from domestic violence. Please contact Cookie at 845-428-5871 or Goldie at 845-467-1641 for more information.

Please call Lonnie at 845-798-4809 for more information on the Bread of Life food pantry and other activities at the church. You can also visit the church on Facebook.

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Sullivan County Historical will hold a BOOK FAIR at the museum on Saturday, June 7 from 12 until 4 p.m. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Participating authors and illustrators all have a connection to Sullivan County. They include John Conway, Nancy Bachana, Lily Barrish Levner, Nancy Bilyeau, Nancy Hackett, Pedro Tweed, Hope Blechner, Mark Kramer, Kim Simons, Roslyn Bernstein, Bizzy Coy, Gordon Gilbert, Diane Houghtaling, Kristin Kandibo, Ken Shaw and William and Julie Rozar. Authors and illustrators who would like to participate in the book fair can contact Suzanne Cecil at scecil@scnyhistory.org for a registration form.

Photos of landscapes and wildlife presented by the Sullivan County Parks & Recreation Department will be on display at the Museum throughout the summer.

Displays, archives and historical rooms at the Museum are designed, constructed, decorated and maintained by volunteers

Volunteers also maintain the Frederick A. Cook collection and exhibit at the Museum.

The historical and genealogical archives at the Sullivan County Museum are open for exploration on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

Guided tours of the Museum...behind the scenes and regular exhibits...are available. There is no charge for the hour-long tours but registration is required. Please call 845-434-8044 to make a reservation.

Sullivan County memorabilia and books describing the history of Sullivan County are always available at the Museum gift shop.

Anyone interested in exploring genealogy and the history of life in Sullivan County can contact the Museum for information on volunteering.

The Museum, located at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, is open on Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations to meet the increasing cost of operating the Museum are always appreciated.

Please visit www.scnyhistory.org for more information on the Sullivan County Historical Society and the Sullivan County Museum. You can also visit the Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum on Facebook.

COLUMBIA HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (CHNA)

The status of the proposed Gan Eden Estates project on Columbia Hill and other proposed developments that will have harmful effects on our community continue to be on the agenda of the monthly meetings of CHNA.

The volunteers in CHNA are dedicated to the preservation of the very special rural character of our community, the protection of our natural resources and the encouragement of smart growth in our community.

Visit CHNA at www.columbiahill.org and on Facebook to learn how you can help to protect your environment and your community by demanding responsible and sustainable development.

Poetry by Mimi

A WALK IN THE CITY

Taking a walk in the city
Can be a special time
There are wonderful sights all over
One is walking along the High Line

Other “must sees” are the museums
And the gardens in Central Park
Or climbing the Empire State Building stairs
What a challenge, even a lark!

In addition, treat your taste buds to
Foods from different lands
First, have some New York pizza
Then try a Mexican taco or Jamaican patty
You can eat holding in your hand

Take a rest before going to dinner
Make your choice from Restaurant Row
Buy tickets for a play on Broadway
Join the audience as they yell out “Bravo”

Buses and taxis abound to take you
where you want to go
But the one thing you really must have
Is a neighborhood awareness, you know
Be wary of the cyclists
and the scooters as they whiz by
Often zooming in the wrong direction
Missing you by a hair, oh my!

New Yorkers would like them to be licensed
Perhaps they would ride with more care
So, if you plan to visit Manhattan
Remember what I have said here

Mimi
May, 2025

FROM THE WEATHER CENTER

by John Simon



THE WEATHER AHEAD: FORECASTING OUR SUMMER

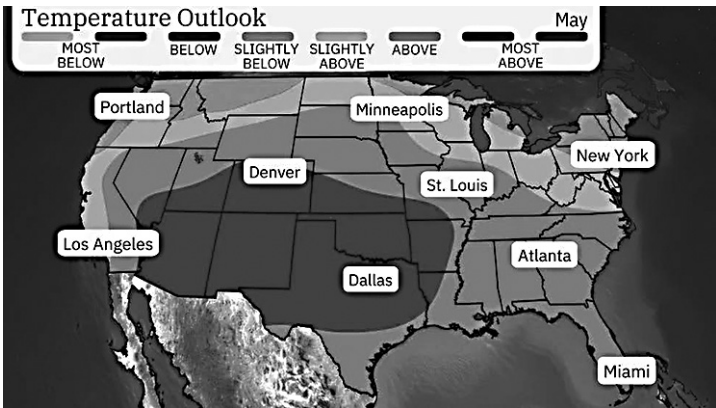


PHOTO PROVIDED

According to the Weather.com website, our summer weather forecast for the Northeastern United States is showing both temperatures and precipitation trending UP.

Parts of the Northeast may not see as much unusual weather by early summer as in many years. Parts of New York will see slightly below temperatures in early summer. Also, our precipitation in the Northeast will be average.

The outlook for the next three months will see pe-

riods of warmer or colder temperatures in each region of the country, including the Northeast. The Southern Plains and the Southwest are expected to have hotter than usual spring and summer months.

Personally, I am hoping that the summer forecast here will be warm, but not too hot, and that the precipitation will be normal, or not much more than usual.

John “the Weatherman” Simon writes a regular column on weather for *The Sentinel*. He lives in Hurleyville.

Primetimers Sponsoring Bus Trips

MONTICELLO – The Primetimers of Temple Sholom of Monticello are planning several trips this summer, including two “on your own” day trips to New York City and a bus trip to Wind Creek Casino/Outlets in Bethlehem, PA.

The New York City trips are via Leprechaun Lines on Wednesday, June 25, and Wednesday, August 13. Donation is \$55 round trip, including gratuity. The bus leaves the Temple parking lot on East Dillon Road at 8:15 a.m., and will leave

the City at approximately 5 p.m. Reservations must be received by May 25 for the June 25 bus trip.

The Wind Creek Casino/Outlets trip is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27. Enjoy an exciting day of gaming, dining and shopping for \$50 per person, with \$25 free play. Reservations must be received by July 25.

Checks should be made out to Primetimers. Call Paula for further information and reservations at 561-504-7192.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Ethelbert B. Crawford Library Director Mary Paige Lang-Clouse(seated on left) with Aktion Club members, advisors and library staff.

SULLIVAN COUNTY AKTION CLUB BUSY WITH EASTER ACTIVITES

The Sullivan County Aktion Club continued their tradition of donating “Busy Bags” to the Liberty, Monticello and Fallsburg Libraries. The bags were distributed to children visiting the libraries during Easter Break and were filled with crayons, activity books, stickers, jump ropes, stencils and

other item assortments. The children were delighted to receive them.

The following week, the club held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt at New Hope Community in Loch Sheldrake where members, friends, staff and family enjoyed an egg hunt, story time and crafts activities.

The Aktion Club is spon-

sored by the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs and is comprised of members with various physical or developmental disabilities who are affiliated with Arc Greater Hudson Valley, Center for Discovery and New Hope Community. They very much enjoy giving back to the community.

Sullivan Hires Human Rights Executive Director

Ramone Wilson Brings Wealth of Experiences to Role

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek has announced his appointment of Ramone E. Wilson as the new Executive Director of the Sullivan County Human Rights Commission.

“Ramone is very experienced in ‘meeting people where they’re at,’ by providing both services and an open ear to those in need,” Mr. Potosek related. “Our search for Sullivan County’s first full-time Human Rights Executive Director dovetailed with his quest to constantly make a meaningful difference in people’s lives, and I’m excited to see how he and the commissioners will revitalize this department, not just with human rights but also with consumer affairs.”

“I’m grateful the County Manager has placed his trust and confidence in me, and I look forward to getting to meet people from all over Sullivan County in the weeks and months to come,” Mr. Wilson shared. “I want to listen to what the community needs and wants, to be compassionate, to make them feel valued.”

A native of Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Wilson grew up in a community where life wasn’t always easy, but it was also where he discovered the transformative power of music. He found his passion in the Baptist church his family attended, where music became both a refuge and a source of strength. By the age of 18, he had already become the church’s Music Director, and by then was also a classically trained pianist.

That early connection to music not only shaped his identity but also ignited a lifelong commitment to giving back. It opened his eyes to the inequalities around him and inspired



PHOTO PROVIDED
Ramone Wilson

him to advocate for those whose opportunities looked different from his own. Music became more than a talent – it became a way to serve, uplift, and fight for others.

“I still volunteer to play at churches near my home in Orange County,” he related – and sometimes he doesn’t even have to offer, as pastors who know him will approach the moment he walks in the door on a Sunday morning.

That’s not surprising if you know his background. Mr. Wilson attended Arts High School in Newark, studying music in the same rooms where talent like Sarah Vaughan, Michael B. Jordan, and Tisha Campbell found inspiration. Immediately after graduating from Weequahic High School in New Jersey, he dove into his musical passion as a career, and ultimately became a studio and touring pianist for such world-class artists as Wyclef Jean, Mary J. Blige, Toni Braxton and Mariah Carey.

“I’ve played on albums that have sold millions of copies, along with some co-production and composition,” he said. “Music has always been very therapeutic for me, and I still have great relationships with several of those celebrities.”

As the music industry shifted from analog to digital, opportunities for mu-

sicians began to evolve. Recognizing the changing landscape, Mr. Wilson made a thoughtful decision to pursue a new path – one that would allow him to continue making a meaningful impact.

“I began working professionally with children and adults, helping give a voice to those who felt unheard,” he explained. “There was a real sense of purpose in being that person who could listen, support, and empower. It gave me a deeper kind of fulfillment.”

This new chapter also deepened his commitment to human rights advocacy. By supporting individuals who often faced systemic barriers, he found a way to use his voice not just artistically, but to stand up for the dignity and rights of others.

Mr. Wilson earned a bachelor’s in liberal studies and management from the University of Maine at Presque Isle and kicked off his new career as a community compliance officer with a Newark property management company. He gained an in-depth understanding of mediation, fairness, regulatory reporting, and proactive monitoring.

He followed that with a six-year tenure as New England Community Services’ Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, coordinating programs targeting systemic disparities in housing, education, healthcare and employment in Brookline, MA. Most recently, he was the Support Coordinator Supervisor for A Simple Leap in Cherry Hill, NJ, where he supervised five support coordinators to ensure the agency adhered to state and federal regulations while serving those with intellectual and

NEW CATSKILLS BOOK WAS DECADES IN THE MAKING

by Lily Barrish Levner

tyrs.”

THE CATSKILLS-- Joyce Wadler’s latest book, “The Satyr in Bungalow D,” hit bookstore shelves on May 1.

Ms. Wadler is an award-winning journalist. Before, she had a column in the New York Times; now, you can find her on Substack. I had the pleasure of receiving an advanced reader copy of her latest book, a unique story set in a part of the Catskills I was familiar with because of its proximity to Roxbury, Margaretville, and Belleayre Mountain. But prior to reading the book, I knew very little about the satyr, the half-man, half-horse creatures she writes about. After I finished the book, I was surprised how much the make-believe world captivated me. Learning about satyrs was fun. Of course, I particularly loved the scene where they travel to the Concord Hotel in our neck of the woods.

Ms. Wadler’s novel is the most creative book I’ve read recently—her rich descriptions of the lush forest and imaginative narrative set her apart. The romance storyline kept me hooked until the end. The story was so innovative, I just had to find out more...

“The resorts in the Catskill Mountains are Struggling in 1963, but the town of Fleischmanns has a secret that keeps the tourists coming back: A hidden colony of sa-

Lily Barrish Levner: I understand you’re a native of the Catskills -- and that your family had a small hotel here?

Joyce Wadler: Yes. I grew up in a farm community called Halcott Center, just outside Fleischmanns, which is about an hour north of Hurleyville. It was in the late ‘50s, early ‘60s. It’s a stretch to call our place, The Maplewood House, a hotel; it had been a dairy farm/boarding house that expanded into a hotel, like a lot of places in the mountains. Only in our area, the hotels started dying first. Usually, they went up in flames at the end of the season. This was explained as spontaneous combustion which occurred when the mortgage papers rubbed up against the insurance papers.

LBL: How long have you had the idea for this book?

JW: Twenty or thirty years – I’m not kidding. When my agent told an editor that I had written a book about a secret colony of satyrs living in a Catskills resort town, seducing the guests from New York City, he said, “Joyce told me about that idea years ago.” It was so long ago I couldn’t remember meeting him. And this guy was a terrific editor, he was the guy I wanted to work with. He was my idol Gary Shteyngart’s editor.

But I was working as a

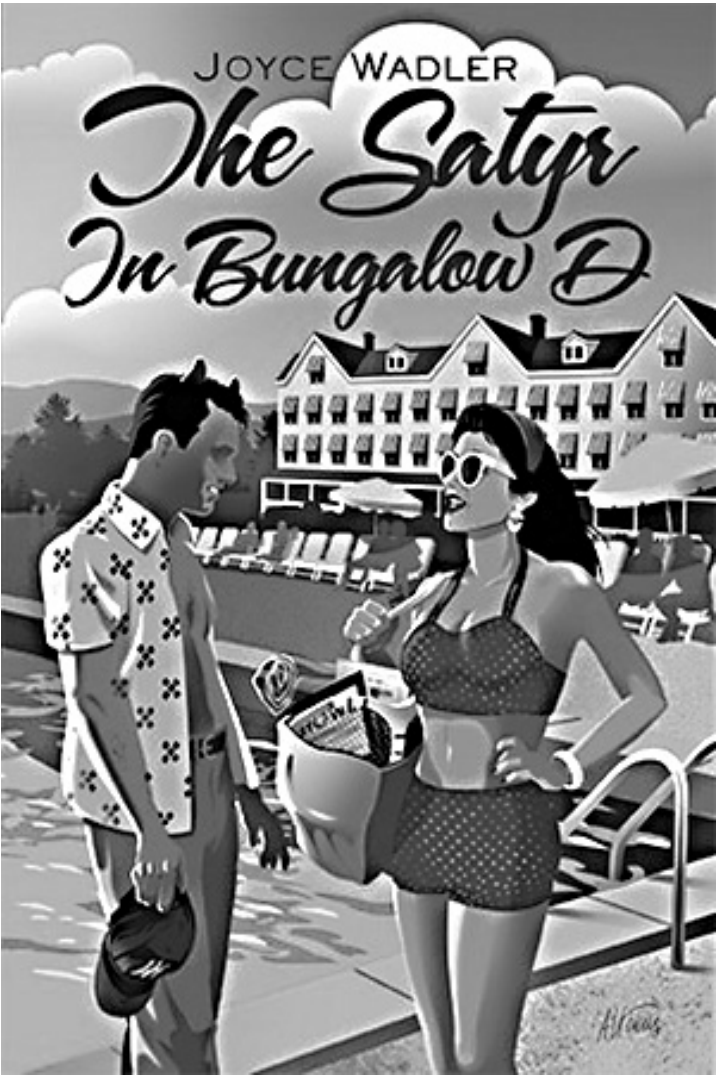


PHOTO PROVIDED

magazine writer and reporter when I had the idea for the book, there was no time to do anything else. And I couldn’t figure out how to come at the story. I knew I wanted it to be about a young satyr who falls in love with a human girl, but I didn’t know whether to tell it third person or from his point of view; I wasn’t sure who he was. Smart-ass – which is always more fun to write – or an innocent. I got to have it both ways by

making him an innocents, surrounds by a lot of smart-ass people. There was never a shortage of smart-ass people in the Catskills.

LBL: How long did it take you to write the book?

JW: I started it during Covid, when all I had was time. It took me about a year to get the first draft down, then a few more months to polish it. I spent two more years rewriting. I was rewriting as the copyeditor was editing. So huge sec-

tions had to be edited all over again.

LBL: Did you believe satyrs existed when you were younger? Is it something your family talked about?

JW: No, there were never stories about satyrs in the mountains. I just always liked paintings of the peaceable kingdom; everyone stretched out in harmonious nature, naked, which never hurts. As I grew up, I found I liked paintings of satyrs and ladies, too. And there was always such an air of sexual possibility and excitement when summer came to the resort towns. So, I just combined the two: mythical satyrs and the real anything-is-possible romance of summer in the mountains. And of course, certain ex-boyfriends, who came up from the city to be waiters in the hotels, were inspirational.

The story of the big Indian who fell in love with a white girl in the 1700s, was hunted down and shot by her family, which I tell in the book, is real – at least it’s a real legend. The Indian escaped into the woods, where it’s said he died and was never found. There is a large totem pole of the Indian on Route 28, up Olivera Road from Hurleyville – Route 47. It’s a nice tribute to love. Depressing but sweet.

LBL: Do you ever visit the area of the Catskills where your family owned their hotel?

JW: Of course. I have a

lot of family there. My cousins run Wadler Bros. Building Supplies, just outside Fleischmanns. It was started by our fathers and our uncle after they got out of the hotel business. Or the hotel business got out of them. Those place were going under fast.

LBL: You mentioned to me that you had heard the legend of gangsters burying money somewhere outside of Phoenicia. Do you think the money was ever found?

JW: If some gangster found the money decades ago, I’m sure he was smart enough not to open his mouth.

LBL: Are you working on another book?

JW: No. This was the book I wanted to write for years. It’s my – I hate to say tribute, that sounds stuffy, but it’s my love letter to my family; to my grandmother, who was widowed young, and to her sons, who managed to keep this little Jewish boarding house/hotel going through the Depression. To the gentle farmers who were our neighbors and had taught my grandfather, a tailor from Poland, how to milk a cow. To the refugees from Hitler who came up in the summer and were starting new lives. Often new families. It was a time that won’t come again, this rich, heart-breaking, mambo-dancing time in these insanely beautiful mountains that tear your heart out. I hope I captured it. I tried.

Child Care Providers Needed

MONTICELLO – If you have ever considered working with or teaching young children, there is no better time to start! Sullivan County needs childcare throughout the county!

According to The U.S. Census Bureau, the population estimate as of July 1, 2023, is 79,920 people in Sullivan County. 6.1% of the county’s population are children under the age of five (US Census Bureau, 2010), making the under-five population in Sullivan County, 4,795 children. The current number of infant / toddler childcare spots available in Sullivan County is 1,129. The bottom line is Sullivan County children and current providers NEED your assistance as childcare is filled with waiting lists.

Consider working from home and teaching children. You can run your own small business from home while contributing to and supporting the working families in Sullivan County!

If you’re worried about start-up cost, there may be help available to assist in supply costs through

grant programs facilitated through the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. and ALL required training is free to anyone opening a program in Sullivan County. Please contact the Sullivan County Child Care Council for step-by-step assistance with the application process, business aspect of your program, as well as the programs and resources available when your program is established.

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. has determined an immediate need for Infant and Toddler childcare based on our referral services:

- County wide - of 44 inquiries 31 were for Infant and Toddler care
- Requests for Infant and Toddler care through our agency have been made mainly for Fallsburg, Liberty and Monticello
- Most of our providers have no infant or toddler spots available

For more information please visit our website: scchildcare.com, the Office of Children and Family Services at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/childcare/becomeaprovider.asp>, or call at (845) 292-7166.

Fallsburg Hires New Assistant Principal

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Junior-Senior High School is excited to announce its newest assistant principal, Samantha Lefberg.

After graduating from Pine Bush High School, Ms. Lefberg earned her undergraduate degree in Creative Writing and Spanish from SUNY Oswego. She went on to pursue a master’s degree in Adolescent Education in Spanish at Brooklyn College. She soon began her career as a Spanish teacher at Brooklyn College Acad-



PHOTO PROVIDED
Samantha Lefberg

emy, where she was a valued and active faculty member for over a decade.

Among her top priorities, Ms. Lefberg aims to foster a strong school culture, maintain high morale, and create a positive, energetic environment for both students and staff. “I’m just excited to become a part of the family, it seems very welcoming already,” she said. “I’m eager to get to know the students and faculty.”

Behan's Garage
24 Hr. Towing, Repairs, NYS Inspection
Peder Behan Sr.
Peder Behan Jr.



307 Main Street
Hurleyville, NY 12747

845-434-7650
Fax 845-434-7185
Heavy Duty Towing
Flatbed Service

**Russell's Garage**

• 24 Hour Towing & Flatbed Service •
• Complete Automotive Repair •

738 Loch Sheldrake Hurleyville Rd
Loch Sheldrake, NY 12759
(845)436-0037



★ MAIN STREET ★
BARBER AND BEAUTY SHOPPE





206 Main Street
Hurleyville, NY 12747

914-799-0098

The Birdhouse
FOR SERIOUS WILDLIFE ENTHUSIASTS!
HIGH-QUALITY FEEDERS, HOUSES & NEST BOXES



• OWLS • BATS
• SONGBIRDS • AND MORE!

CALL FOR INFO/DETAILS:
845-418-8793

**shula's fountain of youth family hair salon**
all hair services and beyond
270 main st hurleyville NY
845-901-1062-845-647-8852

**morgan outdoors**
845-693-4181
234 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747

footwear, clothing, books, nature games!
Merrell - Keen - Kuhl - Life Is Good - Darn Tough

OPEN ALL 4 SEASONS   www.morgan-outdoors.com



Out Divine Corners Way
by Jonathan Shimkin

I was reading “The Chill,” one of Ross Macdonald’s detective novels, and came upon this sentence, at the beginning of Chapter 9: “An owl flew low over our heads, silent as a traveling piece of fog.” That made me pause and savor its qualities: so keenly observed, so precisely rendered — a poetics of exactitude.

I was reminded of a story about the novelist William Maxwell. He was once approached by a student, who asked, “Do you think I could become a writer?” Maxwell replied, “Well, I don’t know. Do you like sentences?”

Macdonald was clearly a man who liked sentences. A lean, functional prose propels his plots forward (“A man loomed up above us. He had on a topcoat and a snap-brim hat.”). But sentences such as the one about the owl run through his books like a lode of ore. The owl glides across the story imparting a clue of its own: it identifies Archer, the detective-narrator, as a man of marked sensibility, a man who notices things. Archer’s ability to notice things, and make connections between the things he notices, is the essential element in solving the case at hand, more crucial than the material clues, which mislead as often as they reveal.

There’s an etymological link between the words sentence and sentence. Both derive from the Latin — *sententia* — which can refer to a feeling or sense impression as well as to the expression in words of a feeling or thought, e.g., an epigram.

A sentence, then, is a unit of sentence, of perception and cognition — a unit of thought. Robert Frost referred to the principal element of poetic composition as “sentence sounds,” a complex of verbal and syntactical qualities that fuse into a wholeness exceeding any of its elements — “the sentence as a sound in itself apart from the word-sounds,” is how he put it.

When observation is graced by accuracy, precision, and nuance, and aptly rendered in the form of a sentence, something incandescent happens. “An owl flew low over our heads, silent as a traveling piece of fog.” There is descriptive clarity and simple diction (one can’t imagine Ross Macdonald writing with a thesaurus in hand, seeking elegant variations to buff up his prose). And there is that syntactical pivot around the comma, which gives us two near-even clauses, like the two wings of the low-flying owl. A sentence is built of words but is not always defined by them.

The larger one’s pool of words, the freer one is to play with the generation of meaning, and the livelier the sensibility that can be expressed. When that word-pool shrinks, so does thought and liveliness. Sentences demand freedom. Syntax must be free to swing with all the flexibility it needs to represent our perceptions, the nuanced nature of our complicating human consciousness.

William Maxwell, as he neared 90, wrote an article in which he admitted that he “seemed to have lost touch with the place that stories and novels come from,” but added, “I still like making sentences,” sentences untethered from any narrative context, but true to, perhaps demanded by, the scrupulous attention he paid to the world.

Such a singular sentence often arrives with all the terse formality of an aphorism or epigram. Or it might be glimpsed among the free-floating phrases that fill the pages of notebooks and journals. Or both: Simone Weil’s “Absolutely unmixed attention is prayer” started out as a notebook entry, and when her notebooks were mined by the editor who compiled “Gravity and Grace,” it found its place in that book’s aphoristic design.

I don’t know what types of sentences William Maxwell liked writing at 90. He was a writer gifted with the capacity for “unmixed attention,” a state of consciousness intimately connected to the words he chose and the order in which he chose to put them. In the concluding words of his essay on aging, he honored the relation of sentences to *sentience*: “I still like making sentences. Every now and then, in my waking moments, I stand and look hard at everything.”


Jonathan Shimkin, writer and editor, may be contacted at jonathanshimkin@gmail.com, or via his website: jonathanshimkin.weebly.com.

PHILIP HOLLAND
GOAWAY TRAVEL, INC.
845-353-3447
GOAWAYMORE@GMAIL.COM

YOUR TRAVEL AGENT FOR ESCORTED TOURS AND PREMIUM/BUSINESS/FIRST CLASS TRAVEL AROUND THE WORLD.

MAKING TRAVEL DREAMS COME TRUE SINCE 1982.

CALL GOAWAY, TO GETAWAY!



From the Firehouse

by Jack Halchak, Past Chief H.F.D.



The Hurleyville Fire Department is always looking for help, to fight fire or support those that do. We even supply all the gear and provide all of the training needed, for free. Stop by any Monday night and find out how you can help.

At the Fire Department’s April monthly meeting, we had a surprise visitor. Ruth Joy, a Girl Scout from Troop 3590, showed up with a basket of snacks for the members. Ruth, a sophomore at Fallsburg High School has collected donations of snacks from various businesses in the Township to donate them to the different fire departments in the Town of Fallsburg. Ruth is a Senior Girl Scout and has been doing this for several years. The members did enjoy the basket of goodies after the meeting. In addition to the basket of snacks, she handed out homemade key chains made of red, white and blue beads to each member at the meeting. Thank you, Ruth and keep up the good work.

In the beginning of April, I had the opportunity to travel with members of the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire to the State Fire Coordinators Conference in Watkins Glen. State Fire Administrator James Cable gave the members a number of updates. One was that the State Fire Training Academy in Montour Falls was getting a complete makeover. There were a couple of presentations on Fire District consolidation and County Fire Department consolidation. We also received an overview of the Jennings Creek brush fire, in which 435 fire departments were involved along with over 1,300 firefighters. One disturbing bit of information presented was that more firefighters died



(Left to right) Hurleyville Chief Charlie Payne, Vice President Denise Lombardi, Ruth Joy and President Jim Kaufman

last year from cancer and suicide than the last five years combined of Line Of Duty Deaths (LODD). There was also discussed that years ago when the siren went off (we did not have pagers then) we knew that we were going to work at an incident. There were no activated alarms in those days. Today we never know what type of incident there will be and must be prepared.

To be prepared we must train, train and train some more. Six members of the Hurleyville Fire Department attended a Large Animal Rescue class. They were Chief Charlie Payne, Lieutenants Ron Besimer and Benjamin (Bunk), Rob and Denise Lombardi and Tom Becrril. The class was held at Maplewood Farms in Loch Sheldrake, and taught by Amy Carey. This type of class was never thought of years ago. But what happens when there is an accident involving a horse trailer or cattle trailer? We now have some guidance on what to do and how the animals may behave.

Rob Lombardi and I just completed a class on Lightweight Construction. Years ago, this type of construction

did not exist. Chief Charlie Payne and Captain Josh Colon are taking a series of Officer Development classes.

Just recently I taught a radio usage class to my Battalion. More than 60 firefighters showed up. We discussed why we use the radio the way we do, and the history of the County’s Radio system. This gave them an insight into why we have the radio channels set up the way they are.

There are several awareness classes coming up. Water Rescue- Awareness, Terrorism Awareness and Suspicious Activity Reporting for Fire & EMS, and Trench Rescue Awareness. Again, years ago these classes did not exist.

The New York State BURN BAN is set to expire on May 14. If it is windy and dry, PLEASE DO NOT BURN. The beginning of the Spring was dry and windy and there were numerous brush fires. Then our spring turned wet and wetter and the brush fires calmed down. We are starting to green up and that should prevent the spread of brush fire.

Think Spring and Be Safe Out There

by Lily Barrish Levner

MONTICELLO — The world famous Monticello Motor Club played host in April to the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce for the group’s monthly networking breakfast.

Ashley Leavitt, the Chamber’s President and CEO, opened the breakfast by thanking the sponsors. Then, Derek Leonard, the Motor Club’s director of Experience, gave a presentation, telling the crowd that the Motor Club was founded in 2006 as an automotive country club, and nobody knew what that was back then. He explained it’s a full country club with a racetrack and service center. The 4.1-mile course is a legitimate Formula One-grade race-track.

The Motor Club is still growing today; the season lasts from April to November. They have approximately 700 members, and almost 800 cars in storage. Only 24 Aston Martin Vulcans exist in the world, and one of them is right there on site.

The crowd, business owners and professionals in the area, listened closely. Most people in attendance had never been there

before, as was evident by the larger-than-usual turnout.

Next, a team activity took place. Each table had to build a little wooden car to race against each other. The mood was festive, and the breakfast buffet was abundant. Everyone had a chance to pitch their business to the entire room in a 20-second allotment. When Lisa Lyons, owner of the Morgan Outdoor Store in Hurleyville, said she just entered her 20th year in business in Sullivan County, the room cheered.

Suzanne Cecil, president of the Sullivan County Historical Society, used the opportunity to announce the group’s book fair on June 7, and then won a t-shirt in the day’s raffle. Barry Lewis, Senior Public Affairs Officer of the Regional Food Bank, was the big winner—taking home the prize of “an experience” at the Motor Club.

[Geri Neumann, membership and operations coordinator at the Chamber of Commerce, Marie Smith, board member at the Chamber, and Amy Janzen, head of sales and business development at the River Reporter.]



Barry Lewis (left) and Cris Spinner

McCarthy's

845.434.5343

CATSKILL AMUSEMENTS

SINCE 1949

COIN-OPERATED
JUKEBOXES*TOUCHSCREEN*VIDEO*PINBALLS
POOL TABLES*ELECTRONIC DARTS*LEAGUES

P.O. BOX 204, 231 MAIN ST.
HURLEYVILLE, NY 12747

CUTTING EDGE FUN

DJs - INFLATABLES
PHOTO BOOTHS
SOUND - LIGHTS & MORE!

Party MASTER

PERRY GIPS - COREY GIPS

(845) 434-6210
partymaster.us

FORAGE GATHER

MARKET & CAFE

234 MAIN STREET, HURLEYVILLE, NY

FROM THE FILES OF...

THE HURLEYVILLE SENTINEL.
The Only Newspaper Published in the Town of Fallsburg.
COMPILED BY Sullivan County Historian John Conway

May 6, 1933
County Seat Crowd Starts Riot When Red Speaker Uses U.S. Flag for Handkerchief Throng Shouting for Lynching Pursues Offender

Isadore Katzowitz, a Woodridge grocer who came to Monticello Monday night to be one of the speakers at a May day mass meeting in front of Village Hall, caused turmoil on Broadway by rather ostentatious use of the American flag as a handkerchief.

Katzowitz was a target for a shower of eggs. He used the flag to wipe the results from his face and an assemblage which previously had been good-naturedly heckling the group of radical speakers at once gave way to wrath. The speakers’ stand collapsed. Katzowitz fled amid cries of “Lynch him!”

Hurleyville Teachers Sign Contracts for Next Year

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education April 24, the question of hiring teachers for next year at Hurleyville was presented for consideration, and contracts were awarded. In awarding contracts, the Board set up a minimum salary below which no cuts were made and above which reductions of one hundred dollars per teacher become effective. This cut with other reductions will result in a total saving to the school district of nearly \$900.00 in salaries next year. This saving was made necessary by reductions in state aid to public schools during the current year.

Fireman’s Dance a Wow!!!

The dance given by the Hurleyville and Loch Sheldrake firemen last Wednesday night at the Morning-side Casino proved to be one of the largest affairs of the season. Music by the Honesdale Bachelors orchestra was all that could be desired.

Moe Kove, in his usual breezy manner, was master of ceremonies. The street singer has nothing on our singing garage man Irving Cohen, who entertained the crowd with a number of songs. “Stretch Rubin displayed unusual talent in the rendition of “I Got a Right to Sing the Blues.” The silver loving cup, offered to the fire company best represented at the dance was awarded to Chief Ed Glickman and

his firemen of South Fallsburg. Judge Fox, of Monticello was awarded the lucky number prize.

May 27, 1933
Waxy Gordon, Racketeer and Bootlegger, Captured at White Lake by State Troopers

White Lake, Sullivan County, again comes into the spotlight with the capture of the notorious “Waxy Gordon,” racketeer rated by Uncle Sam as Public Enemy No. 1. Federal agents have been searching the county for him since April 27, and he felt much chagrined, as he expressed it, “to be taken by a couple of hick cops.” He will probably have a better opinion of Sergeant Thomas Mangan and Sergeant Jack Hopkins of the State Police in the future. Gordon was held on \$100,000 bail in New York City for appearance June 5.

May 2017
TCFD Expands Green Initiatives

The Center for Discovery consumes more energy annually than the entire hamlet of Hurleyville. It’s a fact that comes with size and 24-hour facilities. This year, for the first time, all that power will come from renewable sources.

The Center has been trying for years to make the

switch to solely renewable power, Assistant Vice President for Environmental Policy and Development Tom Burnham said. The Center purchases its energy through bulk annual contracts, and every year, it seeks to obtain that energy from renewable sources, Mr. Burnham said. This January, it finally became cost effective to make the switch. The Center’s energy this year will be fully wind-powered, and it even saved the non-profit 2 percent in costs.

It is a testament to how far renewable energy has come, Mr. Burnham said, and it is a sustainability milestone The Center for Discovery is pleased to have reached.

“It speaks to who we are,” Mr. Burnham said. “We’re trying to be good stewards of the environment. We know that impacts the people we serve [and] our staff.”

The Center’s underpinning environmental philosophy centers on taking care of the Earth, and providing people with an environment and food that is free from toxins, Mr. Burnham said. From toxin-free paint to organic food, The Center tries to provide a safe and healthy environment for its residents, staff and the surrounding community.

Sullivan to Enforce Flow Control Law

Garbage Collected in County Must Be Disposed in County

MONTICELLO – Sullivan County legislators have agreed to more rigorously enforce the County’s existing “flow control” law, which mandates that trash generated locally must be brought to a local disposal location.

“Haulers who collect garbage in Sullivan County but then transport it outside Sullivan’s boundaries are breaking the law, and we’re stepping up efforts to monitor, ticket and fine any professional hauling companies which permit their drivers to illegally ship trash to out-of-County locations,” explained District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, Chair of the Legislature’s Public Works Committee, and Vice Chair of the Legislature.

“A primary reason for flow control is due to our contract with the upstate landfill to which we send our garbage: Seneca Meadows,” he added. “If we don’t make our tonnage obligations, our rates can increase.”

Article IV, Section 171-6, Part B of the Sullivan County Administrative Code mandates that “unless authorized by the rules or by an order of the Commissioner of Public Works, no person shall pick up or haul solid waste and/or recyclables generated inside the County to a solid waste management facility located outside of the County.”

“That rule has been in place for decades, but recently, we’ve discovered that some garbage hauling companies are taking trash to Orange County or Pennsylvania, where tipping fees are cheaper,” Mr. Perrello stated.

Late last year, legislators authorized the increase of 2025 tipping fees for trash removal companies bringing waste to Sullivan County-operated transfer stations, upping the fee from \$120 to \$136.50 for municipal solid waste (MSW) and to \$150 a ton for construction & demolition debris (C&D).

“We were forced to raise rates because of our rising exportation costs,” Mr. Perrello explained. “So we decided to spread the cost of the system more fairly across actual users instead of taxpayers, who have for decades subsidized the solid waste system. As a result, haulers who bypass our facilities cheat the taxpayers of Sullivan County. We are going to put a stop to that.”

Any commercial user or solid waste collector or hauler convicted of violating the County’s flow control law could be charged with a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500 for the first offense, \$1,000 for the second offense and \$1,500 for each subsequent offense, and/or being jailed for up to six months.

FALLSBURG CSD ANNOUNCES VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

FALLSBURG – The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce the Class of 2025 valedictorian, Hannah Johnson, and salutatorian, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval. Hannah and Rachel will graduate with overall grade point averages of 101.06 and 99.54, respectively.

Upon graduation, Hannah plans to study biology at Syracuse University, with the goal of becoming a physician assistant. At Fallsburg, she is a member of the varsity volleyball team, as well as the indoor and



PHOTO PROVIDED

outdoor track & field teams. Additionally, she participated in the National Honor Society and senior band. In her spare time, she enjoys roller skating and reading.

Rachel is an active member of the art club, National Honor Society, Comet Chronicles, ecology club, and Key Club. Although she has not yet finalized her college decision, she is considering attending Nazareth College. She plans to study nursing with a focus on prenatal and postnatal care. In her free time, she enjoys baking and reading.

The Fallsburg Central School District congratulates Ms. Johnson and Ms. Montenegro Sandoval on their outstanding achievements and wishes them continued success in all their future endeavors.

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY



Thursday, May 22nd
Thursday, May 29th
3:00pm - 4:45pm

Hurleyville United Methodist Church
263 Main Street
Hurleyville

THE GENTLE LIFE PART II

A Short Story by Henry Van Dyke

The Gentle Life is a short story originally published by Henry Van Dyke in 1901, and is currently in the public domain. In commemoration of the opening of trout fishing season in New York State n April, we are offering it in four installments. In the opening chapter, our narrator, a serious fisherman, disclosed that he had arranged to meet his friend, Ned Mason, at Contentment Corner on the Neversink River for a noontide lunch and smoke and talk, “he fishing down Biscuit Brook, and I down the West Branch, until we came together at the rendezvous...” but Ned Mason is running late, and instead, an old man, a stranger, yet somehow familiar, appears out of nowhere. That’s where we pick up the story...

“You seem a stranger in this part of the country, sir,” said I; “but unless I am mistaken you are no stranger to me. Did you not use to go a-fishing in the New

River, with honest Nat. and R. Roe, many years ago? And did they not call you Izaak Walton?”

His eyes smiled pleasantly at me and a little curve of merriment played around his lips. “It is a secret which I thought not to have been discovered here,” he said; “but since you have lit upon it, I will not deny it.”

Now how it came to pass that I was not astonished nor dismayed at this, I cannot explain. But so it was; and the only feeling of which I was conscious was a strong desire to detain this visitor as long as possible, and have some talk with him. So I grasped at the only expedient that flashed into my mind.

“Well, then, sir,” I said, “you are most heartily welcome, and I trust you will not despise the only hospitality I have to offer. If you will sit down here among these birch trees in Contentment Corner, I will give you half of a fisherman’s luncheon, and will cook your char for you

on a board before an open wood-fire, if you are not in a hurry. Though I belong to a nation which is reported to be curious, I will promise to trouble you with no inquisitive questions; and if you will but talk to me at your will, you shall find me a ready listener.”

So we made ourselves comfortable on the shady bank, and while I busied myself in splitting the fish and pinning it open on a bit of board that I had found in a pile of driftwood, and setting it up before the fire to broil, my new companion entertained me with the sweetest and friendliest talk that I had ever heard.

“To speak without offence, sir,” he began, “there was a word in your discourse a moment ago that seemed strange to me. You spoke of being ‘in a hurry’; and that is an expression which is unfamiliar to my ears; but if it mean the same as being in haste, then I must tell you that this is a thing which, in my judgment, honest anglers should learn to forget, and



ILLUSTRATION PROVIDED

have no dealings with it. To be in haste is to be in anxiety and distress of mind; it is to mistrust Providence,

and put overmuch confidence in the importance of our own endeavours.

“For how much of the evil that is in the world cometh from this plaguy habit of being in haste! The haste to get riches, the haste to climb upon some pinnacle of worldly renown, the haste to resolve mysteries--from these various kinds of haste are begotten no small part of the miseries and afflictions whereby the children of men are tormented: such as quarrels and strifes among those who would over-reach one another in business; envyings and jealousies among those who would outshine one another in rich apparel and costly equipage; bloody rebellions and cruel wars among those who would obtain power over their fellow-men; cloudy disputations and bitter controversies among those who would fain leave no room for modest ignorance and lowly faith among the secrets of religion; and by all these miseries of haste the heart grows weary, and

is made weak and dull, or else hard and angry, while it dwelleth in the midst of them.

“But let me tell you that an angler’s occupation is a good cure for these evils, if for no other reason, because it gently dissuadeth us from haste and leadeth us away from feverish anxieties into those ways which are pleasantness and those paths which are peace. For an angler cannot force his fortune by eagerness, nor better it by discontent. He must wait upon the weather, and the height of the water, and the hunger of the fish, and many other accidents of which he has no control. If he would angle well, he must not be in haste. And if he be in haste, he will do well to unlearn it by angling, for I think there is no surer method.

“This fair tree that shades us from the sun hath grown many years in its place without more unhappiness than the loss of its leaves in winter, which the succeeding season doth generously repair; and

shall we be less contented in the place where God hath planted us? or shall there go less time to the making of a man than to the growth of a tree? This stream floweth wimpling and laughing down to the great sea which it knoweth not; yet it doth not fret because the future is hidden; and doubtless it were wise in us to accept the mysteries of life as cheerfully and go forward with a merry heart, considering that we know enough to make us happy and keep us honest for to-day. A man should be well content if he can see so far ahead of him as the next bend in the stream. What lies beyond, let him trust in the hand of God.

The conversation between our narrator and his strange visitor is becoming much more engrossing than even fishing the wild and abundant Neversink could be. Where is it heading? Find out in Part III of our story, only in the June edition of The Hurleyville Sentinel!

SULLIVAN HIRES HUMAN RIGHTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM PAGE 2

developmental disabilities. A key role at both organizations was advocacy for the vulnerable and marginalized.

“As someone who was the victim of racial discrimination, human rights interest me greatly,” he noted.

Having just completed his Master’s in Business Administration (with a concentration in healthcare management) from Western Governors University,

Mr. Wilson joined Sullivan County this week.

“I want to be a leader, particularly in government, because it’s the foundation of how we live. And I want to continue advocating for those being discriminated against,” he explained. “I like the fact that Sullivan County is small enough to allow one to focus on individual issues, issues that really matter. I can see that the Legislature takes pride in having a Human Rights Commission, and I’ve im-

mediately felt welcomed by Josh and his deputy, Michelle Huck.”

Mr. Wilson is committed to engaging with the Sullivan County community by visiting a diverse range of agencies, schools, police departments, businesses, organizations, faith-based institutions, and other local spaces. Through these, he aims to foster meaningful connections and better support the community’s priorities and concerns.

“I’m looking to take a proactive, not reactive, approach,” he affirmed, noting that he’ll only forward an issue for investigation to the State in the most egregious of situations. “My goal is to mediate as much as possible, to resolve and bring people together.”

If you’re wondering, he’ll

still be pursuing his other passion.

“I love playing and composing music,” he acknowledged. “I have a recording studio set up in my home!”

He’s also a football fan (or “fanatic,” as he puts it), a volunteer with the Urban League of Morris County, NJ, and the proud father of three – adults E’layah and Ramia, and teenager Yahshir. Just over a year ago, in fact, he became a grandfather, too – to Desmond.

In the meantime, Mr. Wilson welcomes anyone to visit him at his new office on the second floor of the Government Center in Monticello, or to contact him at 845-807-0189 or Ramone.wilson@sullivanny.gov.

“People should feel very free to walk into my office and work it out,” he nodded.

Legislature Appoints Members to Human Rights Commission

MONTICELLO – A majority of Sullivan County legislators this month approved naming the following members to the Human Rights Commission:

- Joel Santiago, a small business owner from Monticello, former vice president of La Llave del Futuro and advocate through PathStone
- Ari Mir-Pontier, a Barryville resident and former executive director of the Commission (having also served as a commissioner)
- Amanda Ward, District 8 Legislator and South Fallsburg native
- Charles Wade, a local DJ and resident of Wurtsboro
- Margaret Gans, an energy management consultant from Cochetcon with a law degree and 30 years’ experience managing affordable housing properties
- Bill Liblick, a prior member of the Commission (chairing the Outreach Committee) and longtime advocate for and defender of the rights of the most vulnerable populations (including on national TV), who lives in Swan Lake
- Ricardo Nieves, a local business owner from Wodridge

Miranda Behan, a longtime Hurleyville resident and Fallsburg Town Councilperson

Alex Portugal, a Jewish community leader from Monticello

These appointments come on the heels of County Manager Joshua Potossek’s appointment of Ramone E. Wilson as the first full-time executive director of the Human Rights Commission.

“The Legislature is intent on having a Human Rights Commission that is relevant and responsive to our community,” Legislature Chair Nadia Rajsz said. “Our commitment is reflected by the fact that we aren’t required by law to have such a Commission, but we would prefer citizens, nonprofits and businesses have someone local to reach out to – so we’ve made the necessary investment.”

“I am immensely pleased and honored to both serve on the Human Rights Commission and to have spearheaded its rejuvenation,” stated District 8 Legislator Amanda Ward. “My father served on the Commission

formerly, and its mission is deeply important to me. It is imperative that we offer a conscientious and caring hand to anyone in our community who feels they have been discriminated against, to listen to their concerns, and to address them promptly.”

Formed by the Legislature in October 2005, the Human Rights Commission’s mission is:

- To foster mutual respect and understanding in the general population for the rights of all persons in Sullivan County.
- To encourage equality of treatment for, and discourage discrimination against, a person on the basis of race, creed, color, religion or national origin, gender, age, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation/preference, marital status, or criminal conviction to the extent provided by Correction Law §752, and attempt to resolve such conflicts through intervention or referral.
- The Commission does not have investigatory powers – that authority rests with the NYS Division of Human Rights, to which the County’s Commission may refer serious cases requiring formal investigation.
- The Human Rights Commission has also been tasked with focusing on consumer affairs, mediating and educating about customer/business issues.

For more information about the Commission, Executive Director Ramone Wilson welcomes calls at 845-807-0189 or emails at Ramone.wilson@sullivanny.gov.

mend programs of education to increase good will among the inhabitants of Sullivan County.

- To receive complaints of alleged discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion or national origin, gender, age, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation/preference, marital status, or criminal conviction to the extent provided by Correction Law §752, and attempt to resolve such conflicts through intervention or referral.



OUR NEW LOCATION:

227 MAIN STREET
HURLEYVILLE, NY 12747

OUR NEW HOURS:

Wednesday	4:00pm – 7:00pm	Open Studio
Friday	3:00pm – 5:00pm	
Saturday	11:00am – 4:00pm	

845.693.1674
www.fiberonmain.com
fiberstudioonmain@gmail.com

Visit **FIBER ON MAIN** on Facebook and Instagram.



JENA YOUNG

MAXX
THE MAXX GROUP
MARINE KAVLESKI REAL ESTATE

845-866-0499
JENAYOUNGSELLS@GMAIL.COM
WWW.THEMAXXREALTYGROUP.COM





234 Main Street
Suite 103
Hurleyville, NY 12747

Thursday - Saturday 12 - 7
Sunday 11 - 4

845.693.4245
decanthurleyville@gmail.com



HURLEYVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
263 MAIN ST., HURLEYVILLE

DOLLAR A DIP DINNER

Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 4:30PM until the food is gone
\$1.00 per serving spoon, beverages are free
Call 845-434-5097 with any questions

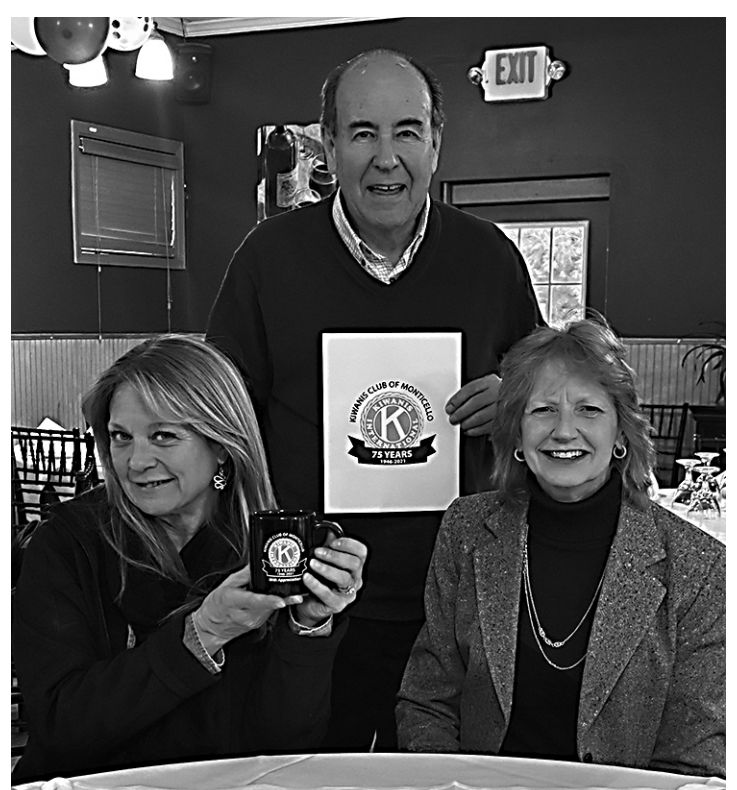
SEE YOU THERE!

Single Bites Visits Monticello Kiwanis Club

MONTICELLO – The guest speaker at Monticello Kiwanis’ April 7 meeting was Single Bite Program Manager, Sam Bugna. Ms. Bugna gave an informative presentation explaining how Single Bite was founded by Foster Supply Hospitality and how the program impacts the health and wellbeing of individuals by reaching out and feeding local families in need in our community and teaching young people about good and healthy food choices. Everyone was very impressed with the presentation and the club donated \$250 to aid in the excellent work Single Bites is doing.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

Single Bites Program Mgr. Sam Bugna (left) displaying Kiwanis 75th Anniversary Mug presented by Kiwanis Pres. Marvin Rappaport and Board member Linda Barriger.



SENTINEL SPORTS



WHERE DO YOU ROAM? RAIL TRAIL ALLIANCE HOSTS MULTI-DAY WALKING ADVENTURE

by John Conway

WURTSBORO – The quaint village of Wurtsboro will serve as home base for the inaugural ROAM event sponsored by the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail Alliance on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8.

O&W Rail Trail Alliance spokesperson Heather Jacksy says ROAM is a “free, two-day walking adventure exploring the scenic trails and historic landmarks of the Sullivan Catskills.” Participants can choose between guided and self-guided hikes ranging from four to 12 miles, with a complimentary shuttle service available for those preferring shorter distances. For those looking to extend their experience, an optional \$15-per-family camping opportunity is available on Saturday night at the Mamakating Little League Field.

Check-in for the event opens at 7 a.m. on Saturday at Emma Chase School in Wurtsboro. Organizers say that Saturday and Sunday are full of lots of ways to enjoy the Sullivan O&W Rail Trail, but they “encourage people to take some time to enjoy the shops and restaurants of Wurtsboro,” as well.

“The walking portions of this event are not handicapped accessible, it requires stability; and completing both entire days will require some endurance,” they caution. “Expect to walk between six to 12 miles on Saturday, and four to six miles on Sunday. A limited shuttle service will be provided so participants will have the

choice to walk a portion of the route.”

“We based the event on the multi day bicycle rides that are held to get people out on facilities like the Erie Canal ride, the Michigander, and TRIRI in Indiana,” Ms. Jacksy said.

“We are excited to collaborate with the Borscht Belt Museum and the Summitville County facility to provide history along the way. Saturday has the most historic interpretation. We also have a birding guided walk, naturalist guided walk, and the astronomy club.”

Ms. Jacksy says the adventure was designed so that a broad range of people could enjoy it. “The trails are pretty flat,” she says, “but the one on Sunday has a lot of roots going from the Mamakating Environmental Education Center to Bashakill, so sturdy footwear is probably best. Otherwise, whatever people are comfortable hiking in.”

She also recommends that participants bring sunscreen, bug spray, and water.

Organizers have published the itinerary as follows:

Saturday: You can do all or half of our Summitville walk. The distance is a flat six miles each way, using a different route each direction. You can go at your own pace, or join a guided walk either one or both ways. A shuttle will be available for those wishing to only walk six of the 12 miles. Lunch will be provided in Summitville.

•7–9a.m.: Complimentary Breakfast & Check-In. Saturday’s breakfast will

be complimentary, and will be available at the check-in table at the Emma Chase School parking lot from 7-9 a.m.

• 7:30 a.m.: Guided Bird Walk- Emma Chase School to Summitville (5.5 miles): The guided bird walk will leave at 7:30 from the Emma Chase School parking lot, led by Nick Hawvermale. The walk is around 5.5 flat miles and will head north to the D&H Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville. Learn more about Nick from his website - nickhawphoto.com

• 8 a.m.: Self-Guided Walk- Emma Chase School to Summitville (5.5 Miles): Is 7:30 too early for you, or perhaps bird watching is not your thing? Leave anytime between 8 and 10 a.m. from the Emma Chase School parking lot and walk up to

ROAM A MULTI-DAY WALKING ADVENTURE!

the D&H Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville on your own, which is around 5.5 flat miles.

• 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Tour of the D&H Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville: During this time, tour and explore the grounds of the D&H Canal Linear Park and Interpretive Center in Summitville. There will also be some tables set up, such as by the Open Space Institute (OSI), where you can learn more about the O&W Rail Trail, its history, and the initiatives they have taken to help the O&W Rail Trail Alliance advocate for



development of the trail.

• 11:30 a.m.: Optional Shuttle- Emma Chase School to Summitville- If you prefer not to wake up early or want to only do the afternoon guided walk leaving from the D&H Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville, there will be a shuttle to bring you there from the Emma Chase School parking lot leaving at 11:30 a.m.

• 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Lunch at the D&H Canal Interpretive Center in Summitville this lunch is on us...however, a donation made at the time of registration will greatly improve the quality of the food we can serve.

• 1 p.m.: Guided Walk- Summitville to Emma Chase School (5.5 Miles): Join the Borscht Belt Museum for a guided history walk from Summitville back to the Emma Chase School which is around another 5.5 flat miles.

• Self guided Return – take the 5.5 flat mile walk back at your own pace or -

If you can’t walk that much or don’t want to, take the shuttle back!

• 1 p.m.: Optional Shuttle- Summitville to Emma Chase School- Don’t want to or can’t walk back to the Emma Chase School? Take the shuttle back from 1 to 2 p.m. Explore downtown Wurtsboro’s shops and restaurants on your own until camping set-up, which can begin as early as 5 p.m. This is your time to do whatever you would like; whether you want to explore Wurtsboro and grab dinner until camping, leave the area and come back later to camp, or leave for the day, it’s all up to you.

• Camping at Mamakating Little League Field: \$15 Ticket Add-On per family- Join us for camping Saturday night at the Mamakating Little League Field located at 184 South Road in Wurtsboro. Ticket add-on is \$15 per family or individual. Proceeds from camping will go towards the Little League’s operating budget. Camping setup at this location can begin as early as 5 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Sunday: Sunday is a more leisurely stroll at about five flat miles total. The route is one-way to the Basha Kill Boat

Launch Access, located across the street from Bashakill Vineyards with a stop at the Mamakating Environmental Education Center. A shuttle will return you to the Emma Chase School from both locations.

• 7 – 10 a.m.: Pack up campsite- All items must be packed up and cleared from the field by 10 a.m. Items may be left in your car until the end of the day. Any cars located at the Little League Field must be moved to the Emma Chase parking lot by 10 a.m.

• 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.: Volunteer Firemen Pancake Breakfast (pay at the door). The Wurtsboro firemen will be holding a pancake breakfast at their firehouse in the Village of Wurtsboro. A hearty breakfast will be available at a reasonable cost at the door. All proceeds benefit the volunteer fire department.

• 10 a.m.: Guided Walk- Emma Chase School to Mamakating Environmental Education Center (3.5 miles): This guided walk will leave at 10am from the Emma Chase School parking lot to the Mamakating Environmental Education Center using the O&W Rail Trail. This walk is approximately 3.5 flat miles. We will check everyone in at the school prior to beginning the walk.

• 11:30 a.m.: Tour of the Mamakating Environmental Education Center (MEEC): Tour the Mamakating Environmental Education Center starting around 11:30am upon arrival. Lunch and beverages will be provided for guests around noon.

• 1 – 2 p.m.: Optional Shuttle- MEEC to Emma Chase School- For those who want to leave for the

day after the tour of the Mamakating Environmental Education Center, take this optional shuttle back to your car at Emma Chase.

• 2 p.m.: Guided Walk- MEEC to Basha Kill Boat Launch/Bashakill Vineyard (2 Miles): This is approximately 2-mile flat walk from MEEC. Join the Outside Institute for a guided walk and learn all sorts of interesting things about the natural world along the trail.

OR:

• Self-guided walk – MEEC to Basha Kill Boat Launch/Bashakill Vineyard (2 Miles): continue your walk on your own, at your own pace.

• Bashakill Vineyard & Winery : Adults are encouraged to check out the Bashakill Vineyards & Winery located across the street from the destination. Only children 12 years and older are allowed at the vineyard and must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Don’t want to go to the vineyard or have to leave? Take the shuttle back to your car.

• 3 – 5 p.m.: Shuttle from Basha Kill to Emma Chase School

• 5 p.m.: End of the 1st ROAM Multi-Day Walking Adventure- At this time we’ll be sad the event is over, but as the saying goes- all good things come to an end!

The ROAM event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. To learn more about the full schedule and to register, visit the official Eventbrite page <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/roam-multi-day-walking-adventure-tickets-1242717323969?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>.

Spring Stroll Scheduled



PHOTO PROVIDED

HURLEYVILLE – On Wednesday, May 21 at 10 a.m., the public is invited to join a stroll on the Hurleyville Rail Trail with Lisa Lyons of Morgan Outdoors and Denise Sullivan of Hurleyville Sullivan First.

Participants are encouraged to move at their own pace on a beautiful, paved section of the O & W Rail Trail. Adults with rolling walkers and children in strollers are welcome. Faster walkers will take the lead. We will enjoy the sights and sounds of spring as we head through the wetland to the rock cut. There will be geese and mallards nesting nearby, a wide variety of songbirds, perhaps

a Great Blue Heron or Bald Eagle fishing. It’s an opportunity to meet new people in a relaxed setting.

Please RSVP to Lisa at Morgan Outdoors by Tuesday, May 20 via email to morganoutdoors@hancock.net or phone at 845 693 4181 to receive an updated forecast and meeting spot in Hurleyville.

The inspiration for this gathering was our Main Street neighbor and friend Elaine Corrington who passed away in 2024. After a fall, she used a rolling walker to get around. She was an avid walker, and kept active and engaged. This gathering is a tribute to Elaine!



**BALLGAME
BAFFLERS**
BY BRIAN

Here are five ballgame bafflers for your consideration. The first person to email the most correct answers to hurleysent@hotmail.com will win a prize. Have fun!

May Questions:

1. What National Leaguer has the most home runs by a switch hitter in a season?
2. What year did David Wells pitch a perfect game in May?
3. In May of what year did Nolan Ryan pitch his seventh career no-hitter?
4. Who got his 3,000th career hit on May 4, 2018?
5. What historic baseball event took place on May 24, 1935?

April Answers:

1. What pitcher holds the record for most career Major League Opening Day starts? (**Tom Seaver, 16**)
2. When was the last time a Major League Baseball team played a doubleheader on its Opening Day? (**In 1971, the Oakland As hosted the Chicago White Sox, losing both games.**)
3. Only once has an MLB pitcher thrown a no-hitter on Opening Day. Who was the pitcher? (**Bob Feller in 1940.**)
4. What was the first MLB team to open their season with a night game? (**The St. Louis Cardinals in 1950.**)
5. Between 1887 and 1896, the Boston Beaneaters won ten straight Opening Day games, a record tied by a current team between 2013 and 2022. What team? (**Houston Astros**)

There was no winner last month.



**Buy, Sell, Trade on Clothing & Vinyl
Custom Made Rock Jackets
Rugs by Vintage_ Maroc
Jewelry by Kura Tida
Special Gifts**




ALL THAT GLITTERS IS OLD
— thrift shop —


**Visit us to shop online!
www.allthatglittersisold.com**

**234 Main St. Hurleyville, NY 12749
(845) 693-4989**





JOIN US FOR A RIDE
**FORTRESS
BIKES**
WE HAVE BIKES, INLINE SKATES,
AND SNOWSHOE RENTALS



**194 MAIN STREET
HURLEYVILLE, NY 12747
845-843-9555**

Fortress Bikes is a family-owned, local bike shop in Hurleyville, NY along the 7-mile paved O&W Rail Trail. Come stop by to see what we are all about!



**219 Main Street
Hurleyville, New York 12747
845-796-6589**