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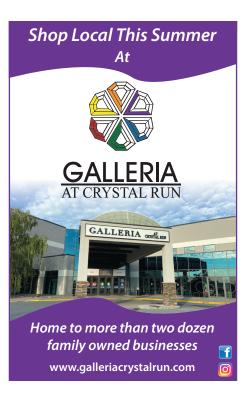
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Daybreak on the Hudson. Kowawese Unique Area, Plum Point. Photo by Carl Aiello

he pandemic summer is over.

After a solid year of staying home and watching reruns on television, our doors and windows have swung wide open. We are allowed to wander outside and roam. Our parks and hiking trails beckon us.

The summer of 2020 was strictly a virtual affair: download an app, dial it up, order it online, have it delivered by Door Dash. We missed our cotton candy and zeppole at the fair, our hot dog at the ballpark and live concerts. Summer blockbusters were only available on the TV or computer screen. Theatres were dark.

This year started slowly. Many of last year's canceled events are back but at a different date or a reduced capacity. The Pine Bush UFO Fair, normally held in the spring, returns on Labor Day weekend. Orange County's St Patrick's Parade returns in September. Social distancing rules made some events impractical. Most pandemic restrictions were rolled back in the hours before we went to press with this year's issue of Summer Times. We can once again celebrate summer in the Hudson Valley after missing last year entirely. It's good to be back.







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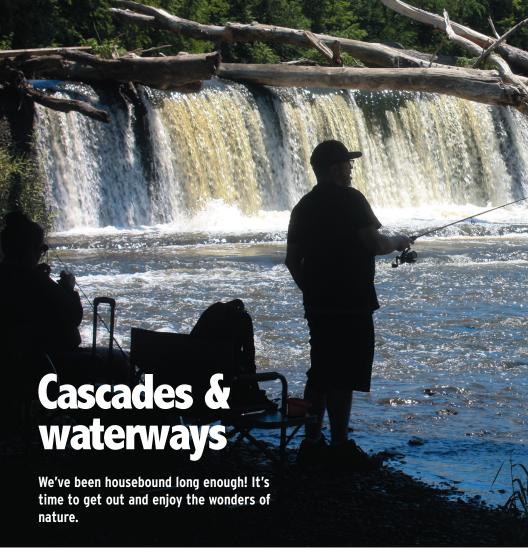
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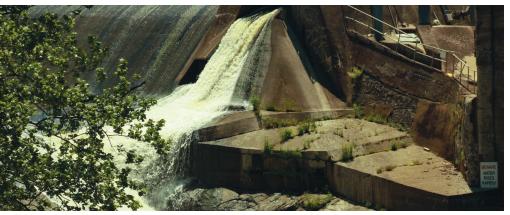
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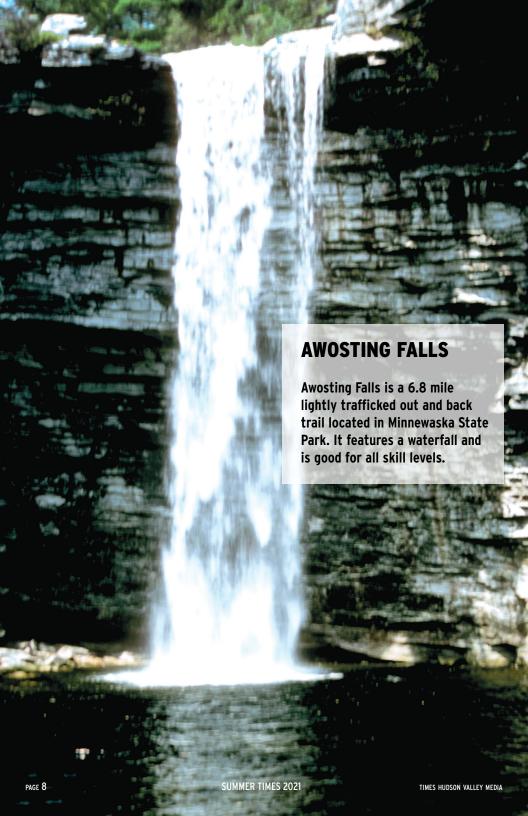
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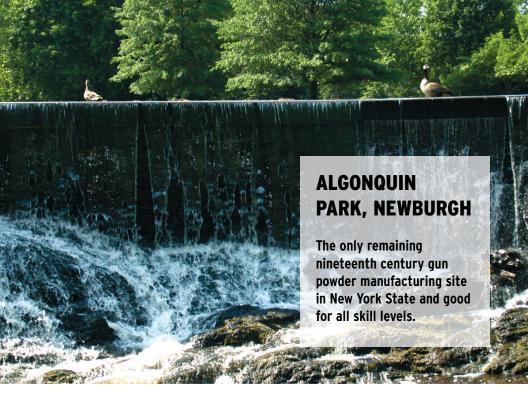
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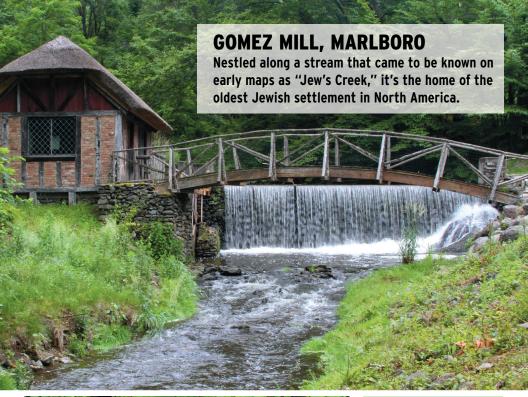


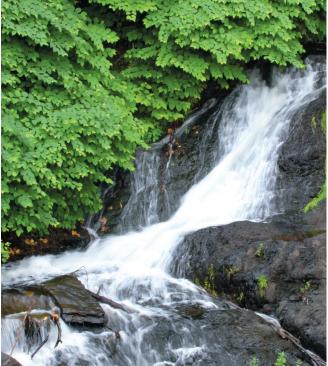










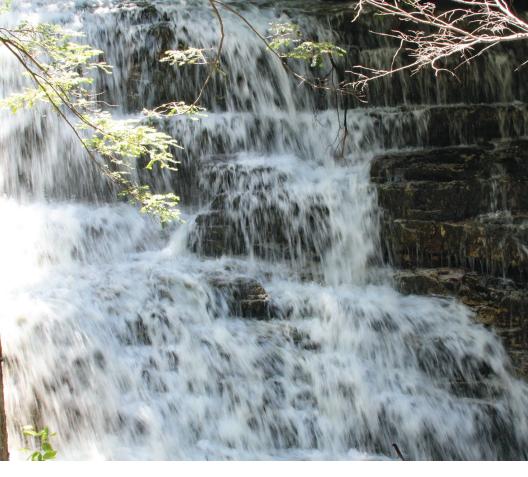


TREES FOR TRIBS

In partnership with local volunteers, the Hudson River Estuary Program is conserving tributary streams. Trees planted along streams protect water quality, fish and wildlife. For more info, visit www.dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html for more on this program.

MARLBORO FALLS

Accessible from The Falcon parking lot, the falls feeds a stream that empties into the Hudson River.





STONY KILL FALLS

Tucked off a side road on the Minnewaska Trail in Wawarsing, it's worth the 1.7 mile hike once you find the parking lot.



By Rosanna Rossi

If one were to ask my friends or family to describe me, nature girl would likely not make the top ten. Glamorous, gorgeous, smart, modest, you get the idea, but the other day my husband needed to go and photograph a waterfall for the cover of the very Summer Times you hold in your hand.

The thought of my darling husband heading off on his own to photograph a waterfall by himself did not make this Italian wife happy. I mean what if he slipped into said waterfall, what if he sprained his ankle and was stuck on the forest floor for hours.

It didn't help that most of the podcasts I currently listen to involve crime and the latest one involved a serial killer at a national park, but I digress. Being a supportive spouse I piped up and said, "I'll take a half day and we can make an afternoon of it, we can grab lunch, stop at the farmers market, get ice cream!" So off we went with our outdoor outfits and our iPhones charged in case of I don't know what. Were there bears in the area? What about other wildlife?

All of these were thoughts going through my head and mouth as we stopped in the charming town of Gardiner to grab a BLT on a brioche; we ate as we drove up 44/55. We've been to Minnewaska countless times, but this particular place was a mystery and new to us so of course we got slightly lost.

But sometimes getting lost isn't too bad as we happened upon the Kerhonkson Synagogue (they're back with services a sign proclaimed out front), a tiny strip of old buildings with one noting a restaurant is coming and the local fire house.

Once we got our bearings we found the correct road and then the final road, strangely named Shaft 2A Road. The word shaft had me thinking of coal mines and places in which to fall. The road was an unpaved road that I doubt could fit two cars, the direction said that you will pass a power grid, we did, so we knew we were on the right track but I was still nervous. Where could we turn around if we needed to leave? Then all of a sudden a parking lot, a large parking lot. I've never been happier to see one.

We parked, surrounded by limestone rock and got ourselves ready for our big hike. Did I mention the hike is only 1.7 miles? I told you I'm not an outdoor girl. We stopped at the head of the trail to look at a sign that says snakes in the area but if you leave them alone they'll leave you alone. No problem there - I had no

desire to engage with a snake. The trail was well marked so we started walking and saw a woman with a baby(!), a small child and a dog, with no leash, which is a pet peeve but that's a story for another day, coming out, a survivor of the hike I thought with two kids in tow. How bad can this be if this brave woman with two kids is here? So onward we went, the

trail flat with a lovely and cool green canopy. At one point we saw a beautiful black and blue butterfly beckoning us to come into nature. We ventured forth and soon heard running water. To our left was

a stream and then a bridge we crossed and there was the waterfall. Beautiful with small rays of sun shining through and the spray coming up looked almost like a light fog rising from the stream. There was a small visitors area that got you fairly close to the waterfall with some large flat rocks for those brave enough to stand there. I was not brave. All the while my husband was busily snapping away with his professional camera, small tripod in tow. He's nothing if not prepared.

My father-in-law was a photojournalist and newspaper man himself, who I unfortunately never got to meet. I've been told he would often go out for hours during a snowstorm, much to the displeasure of his Italian wife, to photograph barns or whatever caught

his fancy. Often times his youngest, my husband, would go along as his helper, thereby instilling a love of photography in his son. In this way he is definitely Ralph's kid, traipsing all over creation for that good shot.

We hiked through some muddy areas and then to an opening where we got to the top of the waterfall. We were able

> to stand parallel to the waterfall and it was serene and quiet and we stood there amazed that nature is so glorious. The spell was broken by another hiker with another dog, this one on a leash at least. After

a few minutes we started our trek back down.

We got back to the trail, saw our black and blue butterfly again that my husband dutifully photographed and then just like that we were back to our car ready to head out to the farmers market and what I really came for, ice cream. We stopped at a farm market and got some local wine. some smoked pork chops from a local butcher and homemade chocolate chip cookies for good measure. We then hit up the local ice cream stand where I had my usual hot fudge sundae and sat blissfully eating while we spotted a sky diver in the distance parachuting over the Gunks. A perfect ending to a sweet day out with my husband.

Hopefully next time he'll need to photograph a spa or a wine bar.







Fridays

Goshen Farmer's Market. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Main Street at Orange County Government Center. May 21 - October 29. 294-7741 goshenfarmersmarketny.com.

Walden Farmer's Market. 2 - 6 p.m. 70 Scofield Street (on the grounds of the First Reformed Church). May 21 - 0ct. 15. 201-574-6407.

Saturdays

Middletown Farmers Market. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 1-31 Union Street. June 5 - October 23 middletownbid. org. (845) 343-8075

Hudson Valley Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cluett Schantz Park, 1801-1805 Route 9W, Milton. Through mid-October (Thanksgiving Market on Nov. 21.) Hhvfarmersmarket.com

Newburgh Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Safe Harbors Green, Broadway & Liberty Street. The Newburgh Farmers' Market and its vendors accept SNAP/EBT, WIC/FMNP and Fresh Connect Checks, as well as the popular Greens4Greens benefit matching program. Through Nov. 20 **Pine Bush Farmers Market.** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Depot Street, Pine Bush. Through Oct. 19 (845) 217-0785.

Newburgh Mall Farmers Market. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1401 Route 300 (front parking lot). July 17 - October 16. 845-564-1400

Sunday

Beacon Farmers Market. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Veterans Place, 23 Main Street, Beacon. May -November. (845) 765-8440

New Paltz Open Air Market. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Church Street, New Paltz.

Newpaltzfarmersmarket.com Rosendale Farmers Market. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Willow Kiln Park, just behind the Rosendale
Theatre. Rosendalefarmersmarketny.com.

Mondays

Poughkeepsie Waterfront Market. 3-6:30 p.m. The Pavilion at MHCM (75 N. Water St..Free onsite parking in the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum parking lot, with overflow parking in the Waryas Park lower parking lot. May - October.

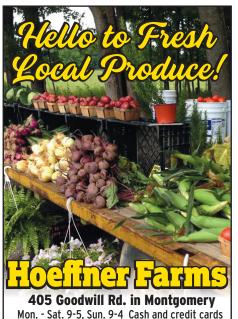
Tuesday

Town of Montgomery Farmer's Market. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Montgomery Town Hall, 110 Bracken Road. Through Sept. 28.

Healthy Orange Farmers Market. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Broadway between Landers St. and Johnson St.. July 13 - October 26. 845-260-1446. mgonzaleznyshealthymarket@gmail.com.

Wednesday

Cornwall Farmers Market. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Town Hall, 183 Main St. May 12 - October 27. cornwallny. qov (845) 534-2070



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July 2, Aug. 6

First Friday Pine Bush. 4-7 p.m. Take a stroll down Main Street and enjoy sidewalk vendors, artisans, crafters, live music, and experience delicious food from our local restaurants.

First Friday Car Shows. 5-9 p.m. Orange County Fair Speedway, Middletown.

July 3

Circleville 4th of July Parade. 10 a.m. Starts at Circleville Middle School, before proceeding down Renton Road, onto Goshen Turnpike, before turning left onto 302. Past Creamery Rd to Sam Fast Lane, ending at the C. Hudson Thompson Memorial Park, Refreshments courtesy of the Circleville Volunteer Fire Company.

July 4

Cornwall 4th of July Parade. 1 p.m. Parade begins in Cornwall-on-Hudson and ends in the town of Cornwall. Schedule on cornwall4th.org.

Orange County Stampede Rodeo Festival. 2-6 p.m. Orange County Fair Speedway, Middletown

July 10

Town of Chester Block Party & Fireworks

Show. 5-10 p.m. Baseball/Softball Fields, intersection of Main Street and Maple Avenue, Chester. A variety of food trucks onsite while you enjoy an acoustic performance followed by the hottest band in the Hudson Valley Hillbilly Parade! Fireworks at dusk.

Plattekill Red, White & Blue July Fourth Fireworks. 6 p.m. Felten Park, Patura Road,

Fireworks. 6 p.m. Felten Park, Patura Road, Route 32, Modena. There will be music as well as vendors selling food.

July 11 Orange County Agriculture & Family Festival.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension's Orange County Education Center and 4-H Park located, 300 Finchville Turnpike in Otisville. Visit animals and farm friends, viewing 4-H and FFA Displays & Static Exhibits, a Horse Show, Educational Activities for all ages on Gardening, Bugs, Nutrition, Family Communication, Local Fishing, and more! Suggested donation: \$5.

July 15-Aug. 1

Orange County Fair. Orange County Fairgrounds, 239 Wisner Ave., Middletown. Concerts, circus shows, monster truck shows July 19 & 20, Dock Dogs, petting zoo, camel and pony rides, midway rides and much more. This year's headline concert features Toby Keith and Clay Walker on Aug. 1 at the Orange County Speedway.

July 17

Freedom Festival & Fireworks. 4-11:30 p.m. Thomas Bull Memorial Park, 211 State Route 416, Montgomery. The 2021 Freedom Fest will include a special salute to our veterans and to those individuals who volunteered at the County's vaccine distribution events earlier this year. The event will feature live music from Hillbilly Parade and a variety of food trucks. Fireworks at dusk.

Aug. 3

National Night Out. 4-9 p.m. Wallkill. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community

partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Hosted by the Shawangunk Police Department.

National Night Out. 6-8 p.m. Chadwick Lake Park, 1702 Route 300, Newburgh. The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

Aug. 3-8

Ulster County Fair. Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Road, New Paltz. Tuesday is car night. One price entry for entertainment and midway rides. Entertainment includes Circus Shane, Robinson's Racing Pigs, Goodnow Family Farm Petting Zoo, Josh Landry Chainsaw Carver, animal shows, milkshake tent, Carrie McQueen Stilt Walker and horse shows. Fireworks Wednesday night.







Aug. 14

Ellenville Blueberry Festival. Canal Street & Liberty Square, Ellenville. A huge variety of foods to be enjoyed from one end of the festival to the other, including the cuisines of our own local eateries. Blueberry goodies galore - from edibles to collectibles!

Aug. 20 - 22

Hudson Valley Ribfest. Ulster County Fairgrounds, 249 Libertyville Road, New Paltz.

Aug. 21

New Windsor Community Day. 4-9 p.m. Kristi Babcock Memorial Sports Complex, Mt. Airy Road. Join us this year for over 180 vendors & community groups, over 20 food vendors, and MUCH more! A fun filled day for the entire family! Free parking and free admission all day long with fireworks ending the night at 8:30pm!!

Aug. 22

Antique Tractor Pull. 10 a.m. Orange County Farmer's Museum, 850 Route 17K, Montgomery. Free admission. Concession on site.

Village of Montgomery -Concert 6:30 - 8:30 pm Bring a chair and your mask! Downtown Montgomery July 1 Aug. 5 MANAKLIN BROS **FUNK JUNKIES** Aug. 12 July 8 THE BLACKDIRT BANDITS MIDNITE IMAGE July 15 Aug. 19 THE JON BATES BAND **SASS & BRASS** July 22 Aug. 26 JUNGLE LOVE THE DIFFERENTS July 29 Sept. 2 **HURLEY MOUNTAIN BAND HILLBILLY PARADE** Jimmy Sturr • Sept 25 • 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Aug. 24-29

Dutchess County Fair. Route 9, Rhinebeck. Midway rides, animal exhibits, Dock Dogs, and much more. For a schedule, which wasn't available at press time, visit dutchessfair.com.

Aug. 28-29

New York International Air Show. Featuring the USAF Thunderbirds Orange County Airport, Montgomery

Sept. 4

Pine Bush UFO Fair. Join the eclectic cast of characters as they take over Main Street in the hamlet of Pine Bush. The celebration includes all-day LIVE MUSIC, kid's activities and games, and a great variety of food, wonderful craft vendors, UFO novelties, live characters walking about, popup street performances and interactive games too!









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June 30 New York School of Music.

6:30 p.m. Wooster Grove, 185 East Main St., Walden.

Lucky House. 7 p.m. New Windsor Town Hall Complex, 555 Union Ave., New Windsor.

July 1

Manaklin Brothers, 6:30 p.m. Montgomery Village Bandstand.

July 6

Acoustic Companion. 6:30 p.m. Bandstand, 250 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson.

July 7

Soul Purpose. 6:30 p.m. Wooster Grove, 185 East Main St., Walden.

Denis Fab Band. 7 p.m. New Windsor Town Hall Complex. 555 Union Ave., New Windsor,

July 8

Fred Zeppelin. 6 p.m.

Chadwick Lake Park, Route 300. Newburah.

Blackdirt Bandit. 6:30 p.m. Montgomery Village Bandstand.

July 13 **Debbi Maior and Vinny**

Frisina. 6:30 p.m. Bandstand, 250 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson.

July 14

Mike Antonelli Jazz Quartet. 6:30 p.m. Wooster Grove, 185 East Main St.,

Walden Hurley Mountain Highway.

7 p.m. New Windsor Town Hall Complex, 555 Union Ave., New Windsor.

July 15

Jon Bates Band. 6:30 p.m. Montgomery Village Bandstand.

July 17

Music for Humanity, 7:30 p.m. Noble Coffee Roasters. 3020 NY 207, Campbell Hall. Featuring Elissa Jones, Sundad and Alyx Coe.

July 20

Hank & The Skinny 3. 6:30 p.m. Bandstand, 250 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson,

July 21

Bunker Boys. 6:30 p.m. Wooster Grove, 185 East Main St., Walden.

July 22 Hurley Mountain Highway.

6 p.m. Chadwick Lake Park, Route 300. Newburgh. Jungle Love. 6:30 p.m. Montgomery Village Bandstand.

July 27 Judith Tulloch Band, 6:30

p.m. Bandstand, 250 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson.

July 28

Kevin Cronan & Walk Don't Run. 6:30 p.m.

Wooster Grove, 185 East Main St., Walden.

Hillbilly Pride. 7 p.m. New Windsor Town Hall Complex, 555 Union Ave., New Windsor,

July 29 Hurley Mountain Highway.

6:30 p.m. Montgomery Village Bandstand.

Aug. 3

Henderson & Osinski. 6:30 p.m. Bandstand, 250 Hudson St., Cornwall-on-Hudson.

Aug. 4

Dale Hammond and Friends. 6:30 p.m. Wooster Grove, 185 East Main St., Walden



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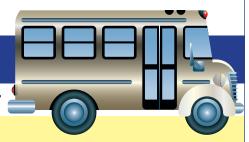
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