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Hadley Mountain fire tower centennial

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The Hadley Mountain Fire Tower, visited by as many as 20,000 hikers per year, is now 100 years old. The Hadley Mountain Fire Tower Committee marks the milestone with two events this weekend.

It also works as a celebration of sorts of the return of the mountain's summer steward. The program was interrupted last year after a break-in at the steward's cabin.

This year the steward is Andre Turcotte, a SUNY Adirondack

Events Saturday at peak & trailhead; Sunday at town hall.

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Lake George double rainbow, looking east from Diamond Point Saturday night. Photo by Sandra Hutchinson.

He urges: Bring back the falls at Hudson Falls

Mark:

I am writing to you with a thought that might seem a little preposterous at first, but I do think has merit and great potential as an economic driver for the entire area.

As you know, Corinth, Glens Falls and Hudson Falls are all located along the banks of the Hudson River. Each town has — well, “had” — a natural waterfall and each town now has had a dam located at their waterfall for over a century.

There are five dams between Corinth and Hudson Falls, located at every natural waterfall along the river.

The Hudson River along this route is actually a beautiful gorge, but you would not realize it with all the dams.

I think all of these dams are

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Restoring the horseshoe shaped falls at Hudson Falls would mean its economic salvation and a major boost to the whole region, contends **Jim Barrett**, who took this aerial photo. The falls are dammed to power the hydroelectric generating facility seen immediately to the right of this caption box.

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