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Father's Day is coming: June 21!

A 70-foot tumble, a desperate rescue try, 2 broken backs & survival

By Gordon Woodworth
Chronicle News Editor

A South Glens Falls native was involved in an April accident and rescue in Burlington, Vermont, in which she and the friend she risked her life to help both nearly died. Their ordeal — and ultimate rescue — was first reported by the Burlington *Free Press*.

Karen Ross, 52, saw her friend



In Vermont — Members of the Burlington Fire Department lowered stretchers down the steep embankment to rescue South Glens Falls native Karen Ross and her friend, who both suffered broken backs after falls down the cliff into the water on April 17. Photo by Wayne Savage

SGF native & friend escaped death; cliff fall into Champlain

fall 70 feet down a steep rocky embankment when a walking path gave way high above Lake Champlain.

"She was two steps ahead of me, and there was a tree between us,"

the 1981 South High grad says. "She turned to say something to me, the shale underneath her

feet gave way and she disappeared. She hit everything on the way down — rocks and trees and stumps — and then hit her head on a rock before falling into the water. She was like a rag doll, hitting everything on the way down."

The friend, who asked not to be identified in this story, broke her neck and back, both ankles, both knees and an arm in the

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Americade starts Monday

By David Cederstrom
Chronicle Staff Writer

A concert series headlined by Aaron Lewis and a charity rodeo are new for the 33rd Americade motorcycle touring rally, which starts Monday, June 1, and runs through Saturday, June 6.

"Pre-registration is going well," rally director Christian Dutcher told *The Chronicle*. "I think, weather gods' intentions aside, that we may be up over last year. We'll see. The new events (and new website and new packages) seem to have resonated well."

The crowd is typically estimated at 50,000-plus.

Mr. Lewis is a Grammy-nomi-

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'Stay true to each other'

"Today in our nation there are terrible tensions pulling us apart, especially among those who live inside the cities of our land," said Gurney Gutekunst, the keynote speaker of

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