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## Fought off a rabid coyote; Rita is a survivor!

By Gordon Woodworth  
Chronicle News Editor

"It was the most horrifying experience of my life," 64-year-old retired nurse Rita Sweenor told *The Chronicle* Monday.

Last Wednesday, Aug. 16, she was mauled by what turned out to be a rabid coyote on the Washington County canal path connecting Fort Edward with the Feeder Canal and its series of locks known as the Five Combines in Hudson Falls.

Mrs. Sweenor is a 1971 Lake George High School graduate

**Retired nurse: 'I thought I was going to die' but didn't let it happen**



"I'll give you the thumbs up," Rita Sweenor said in posing for this photo Monday evening, five days after a rabid coyote ripped open her scalp, face, arms and legs. How is she doing? "I'm a positive person...I have a lot of recovery to do. **Will I have scars? I don't care. I am who I am. I survived.**" Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth

who worked for 40 years as a licensed practical nurse at Glens Falls Hospital. She lives in Gansevoort with her husband Dave.

Last Wednesday started out as a typical summer day.

"On my husband's golf days, I go birding," she said. "I love

photography."

She drove to Towpath Road in the Town of Fort Edward and started walking north on the bike path.

"I go in on the Fort Edward side," she said. "That's where

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## Lake George hazards

By Mark Frost  
Chronicle Editor

Two *Chronicle* readers have contacted us in recent days aiming to alert people to separate hazards they've come across on Lake George.

At Sandy Bay, a shallow, very popular spot for boats to moor and people to frolic, the



**Sharp strands at Sandy Bay**  
Photo/Fred Fibiger

concern is the sharp strands at the end of the steel cable that holds the mooring buoy in place.

At Isom Bay, up the lake's east side just north of Echo Bay, the issue is rocks that boaters keep running onto because they mis-

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## Musician also objects to noisy eateries

Dear Sandy and Mark -

I want to commend Sandy for her fine recent article on excessive noise levels in restaurants.

["Her plea to restaurants: Please lower the volume."]

As someone who frequently entertains friends, family and many guests who come to our area for music and other relat-

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## Rooftop classical, Lake George view

The Lake George Music Festival drew a sold-out crowd for its first use atop the new Marriott Hotel. The brass quintet was a highlight.

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