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Skip's Corner by Skip Couch

Welcome to May!

The warm weather is finally here! In April, I spoke at the Clayton Diving Club's Diver Symposium. This was the second year, and this year was even better than 2024. We had a great turnout with people very interested in the speakers. We also had a number of vendors set up. Everyone said everything was very interesting and they can't wait for next year.

The summer flea market is about to begin. I will have a booth set up every Sunday at the Coyote Moon Flea Market. I will also be attending a few new flea markets this summer. The first one I'll be attending is on May 10 in Philadelphia, New York, hosted by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

It looks like the Clayton divers' access is nearly ready and should be in the water by the end of May. There are a lot of events around the area this summer—make sure you check out our events calendar to see what's going on each weekend.

That's about all for this month. Have a great May and, as always, GOOD DIVING!!



Area Events

May 3, North Country Truck Stop-Cerow Recreation Park, Clayton

May 29, Summer Farmers Market-Cerow Recreation Park, Clayton

June 7, 1000 Islands Family Free Day-Antique Boat Museum, Clayton

June 7, Town Wide Yard Sale-Clayton

June 13-15, Great NY State Food & Wine Festival -Cerow Recreation Arena

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FROM THE DAILY ON THE ST. LAWRENCE: July 13, 1891

The steamer Bon Voyage brought her full complement of passengers down today from Charlotte and Rochester.

No trace of Mortimer VanDresser who is wanted at Alexandria Bay for alleged assault of Joe Kinley, has been obtained yet.

The new Thousand Island Park hotel is fast looming up and the hundred men who are employed on the building are doing some noticeable work.

The private steamers Ruth brought the Switz Conde party down from Oswego yesterday and they will cruise about and among the islands for a few days. Mr. Conde is a well known knit goods manufacturer of Oswego.

Considerable excitement now prevails at Thousand Island Park over the alleged smuggling of meat from Canada by well to do park people. This against the current tariffs. Friday night, Geo Shipman, a young man residing on the Canadian shore, was arrested and his boat seized while attempting to smuggle dressed lamb into the park.

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How to Choose the Best Summer Camp for Your Kids

(Family Features) Selecting the perfect summer camp for your child can be a pivotal experience, shaping memories for years to come. Offering unique opportunities for kids to experience independence, build lasting friendships and develop new skills in a fun and safe environment, camps can encourage them to step out of their comfort zones, try new activities and overcome challenges away from the comforts of home.

Because campers are immersed in a variety of programs, such as outdoor adventures, arts and crafts, sports, team-building exercises and more, they often return home more resilient, confident and with a sense of achievement.

Consider these tips to choose the right summer excursion for your child.

Understand Your Child's Interests and Needs

Before you start looking for a summer camp, consider what activities your child enjoys, whether it's sports, arts and crafts, science or outdoor adventures. Knowing his or her preferences can help narrow down the options.

Additionally, think about your child's personality and social needs to ensure the camp experience is tailored to his or her unique disposition. If your child is more introverted, a smaller, more intimate camp setting may be beneficial. A larger camp environment may better suit outgoing children who are eager to make new friends.

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Diver's Access Platform Ready To Go Into The Water in Clayton

Research Camp Options and Reputations Look for camps that offer the activities your child enjoys and have a good reputation. Read reviews from other parents and, if possible, visit the camps to get a feel for the environment. Each camp provides unique strengths, ensuring there is one for every child to enjoy and benefit from.

Check if the camps have been in operation for a significant amount of time and whether they have experienced and qualified staff. A camp with a long-standing reputation and a history of positive feedback can provide added assurance of a quality experience for your child.

Evaluate Camp Safety and Accreditation Safety should be a top priority when choosing a summer camp. Ensure the camp is accredited by a reputable organization, such as the American Camp Association, which sets high standards for health, safety and program quality.

To find more parenting advice, visit eLivingtoday.com.



Underwater Phone Booth Located at All About Scuba in Alexandria Bay

Summer Camps In The Thousand Islands

Treks & Camp: www.tilandtrust.org/explore/treks-camp

Boat Camp at The Museum: www.tiboatmuseum.org/boatcamp

Theatre Camp: www.1000islandsplayhouse.com/summer-camp-2025/

Triple Crown Horse Camp: www.triplecrownhorsecamp.com

4-H Camp Wabasso: www.ccejefferson.org/4-h-camp-wabasso