

Big cats of the Adirondacks

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Three big cats — mountain lion, Canada lynx and bobcat, all “awesome predators,” once roamed the Adirondacks. Only the bobcat remains, said wildlife biologist Dr. Paul Jensen, who drew a big crowd of 110 people at his lecture, “Big Cats of the Adirondacks,” at Crandall Library on May 27.

Dr. Jensen works at the Warrensburg office of the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The talk was sponsored by the Southern Adirondack Chapter of the Audubon Society and the Adirondack Mountain Club Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter.

Historically, all three cats lived throughout New York, Dr. Jensen said. Humans extirpated [completely destroyed] the state's population of Canada lynx and the mountain lion, which is also known as puma, cougar and catamount.

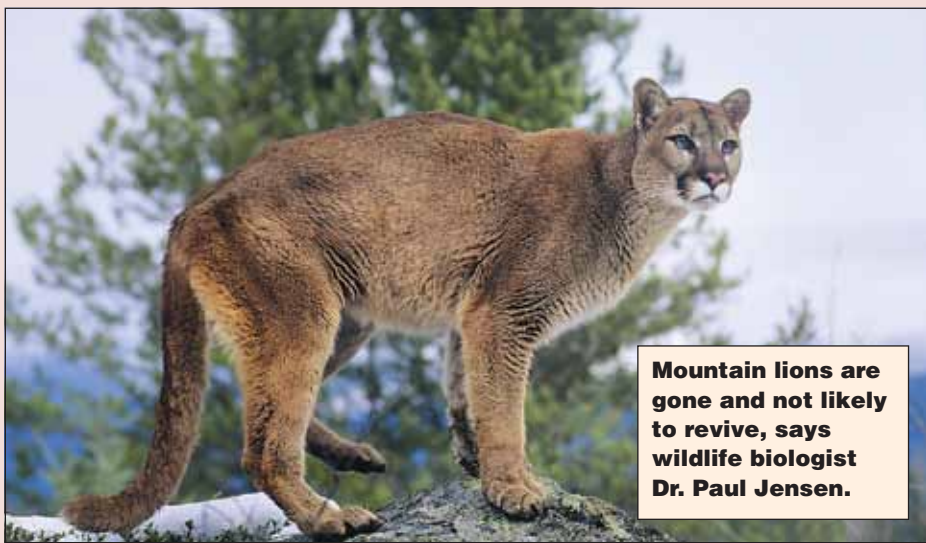
Whether mountain lions could be reintroduced is “highly de-

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Of the Big 3, only bobcats still roam.



Bobcats still roam the Park.



Mountain lions are gone and not likely to revive, says wildlife biologist Dr. Paul Jensen.



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LG zip line to launch

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A 3,450-foot zipline ride south of Lake George Village “is coming this summer” and “we expect to run all year, 365 days,” weather permitting, its developer, Ralph Macchio, Sr., tells *The Chronicle*.

Mr. Macchio owns the Wild West Ranch and Western Town restaurant and theme attraction off Bloody Pond Road in Lake

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11 friends, seniors at Qby., enlist in the Army

Chronicle editor Mark Frost writes: U.S. Army recruiter Sgt. First Class Brian Ritter says he's enlisted “onesies and twosies. This was my first having 11 en-

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From left, Adam St. John, Timothy Rios, Eric Merzig, Nico Stockman, Anthony Kelley, Brandon Hardy and Taylor Talmage. Not on hand when photo was taken: Zack French, Zach Renzulli, Cruise Sullinger and August Winchip.

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