

## Now or never' to save Lake George

## **By David Cederstrom Chronicle Staff Writer**

Lake George "is still remarkably healthy, but certain trends that could change that dramatically, and permanently, are headed in the wrong direction,"

Eric Siy, executive director of the Fund for Lake George, told *The* Chronicle. "It really is now or never.... That's not hyperbole," he said. "The trend lines tell

LG Fund chief cites triple **'complex of** threats' with salt level the most pressing



Eric Siy, executive director of the Fund for Lake George, in the non-profit environmental organization's headquarters meeting room on Route 9 in Lake George. Mr. Siy said images of Lake George, like the one on the left, were donated by Adirondack photographer Carl Heilman. The large flat-screen TV monitor on the right connects to a Jefferson Project station to "run the models that they're developing for the physics, the chemistry of Lake George. It's very educational, and it really puts eyes on the lake like we've never had before," Mr. Siy said. Chronicle photo/David Cederstrom

us that. The lake tells us that." He insists, though, "I'm really optimistic, as long as we stay the course, and as long as we have the necessary funds to fuel our progress, and a sense of commitment.'

Mr. Siy cites a triple "complex of threats" — invasive species, rising salt levels and declining water quality and clarity — combining to "stretch the natural resilience of Lake George." With invasive species now being dealt with, Mr. Siy said "the clearest threat that needs to be addressed is salt," resulting from its use on highways.

He said Lake George salt levels have tripled in the last 30 years, and are 30 times higher than in pristine Adirondack lakes.

He said the mission of S.A.V.E. – the Stop Aquatic inVasives from Entering Lake George Partnership — has been broadened. "S.A.V.E." also now stands for Please turn to page 21



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## **Her terrifying** ordeal: Lost in the woods

Dear Editor.

I have a story you may be interested in publishing in your paper.

On Thursday June 25, 2015, I went for a hike alone to OK Slip Falls in Indian

Lake. Only one person knew that I went for a hike but I did not say where I went hiking.



**GF Hospital's Snuggery turns** 30: 40,000+ births so far

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More than 40,000 babies have



With The Snuggery since its start 30 years ago,

I made it to the falls OK but became lost on the way back. I was alone in the

woods for two days and I was rescued by a rafting company on Saturday. Below is a brief description of my experience I posted on Facebook:

On Thursday I went for a hike alone near Indian Lake. I reached where I was headed but became Please turn to page 41



been born at The Snuggery, celebrating its 30th anniversary, said Glens Falls Hospital. It averages approximately 1,400 births per

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from left: Sue Brown, a certified nurse midwife; staff nurses Lisa Sprague and Linda Francis; Diane Kerchner, director of women's and children's services; Terry Celadon, nurse manager; and Karen **Doering**, lactation consultant. *Photo/David Cederstrom*  opens on July 24; Pharoah coming? > 24

