

Adk. Safari success

By Gordon Woodworth
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Count Lake George Mayor Bob Blais as a highly satisfied client of Adirondack Safari, the new Diamond Point-based camping outfitter.

The business, owned by Jenny and Mark Matteo (and their son Nick, 10), rents, sets up and takes down canvas Pinnacle tents furnished with king beds, satellite radio and soft spa robes, all on elevated wood platforms.

Mayor Blais said that his companion Ellen Bombard "got it for my birthday, and we spent a weekend on Long Island in Lake

Camping the easy way; lots of takers, including Bob Blais



Lake George island camping in style — Adirondack Safari
set up this tent at one of the state's island campsites. Photo provided

George.

"If I could do that every day, I would do it. It was glorious. We both agreed that it was the best time we had ever had camping.

"The service was just extraordinary, and they even brought out a birthday cake for me, which was very nice of them.

"Ellen enjoyed it as much or more than I did, and we can't wait until next year. We want to go again, and we want to go longer."

Rates range from \$109 to \$195 a night, not including a \$49 delivery charge. Weekly rates are

from \$750 to \$1,250.

"We provide custom furnishings, electricity, tiki torches, and you can add on a grill, coolers and games," said Mrs. Matteo.

She said she was an area developer for Quiznos before the sandwich company bought her out, and that she and her husband had a business called Simply Certificates, but "we lost everything" in the 2008 stock market crash.

Launching Adirondack Safari "was a great fit for us because I'm also the area manager for

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George Washington's dog!

Liberty the pooch, with George Washington, portrayed by Colonial Williamsburg actor-interpreter Ron Carnegie.

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LG real estate market heats up

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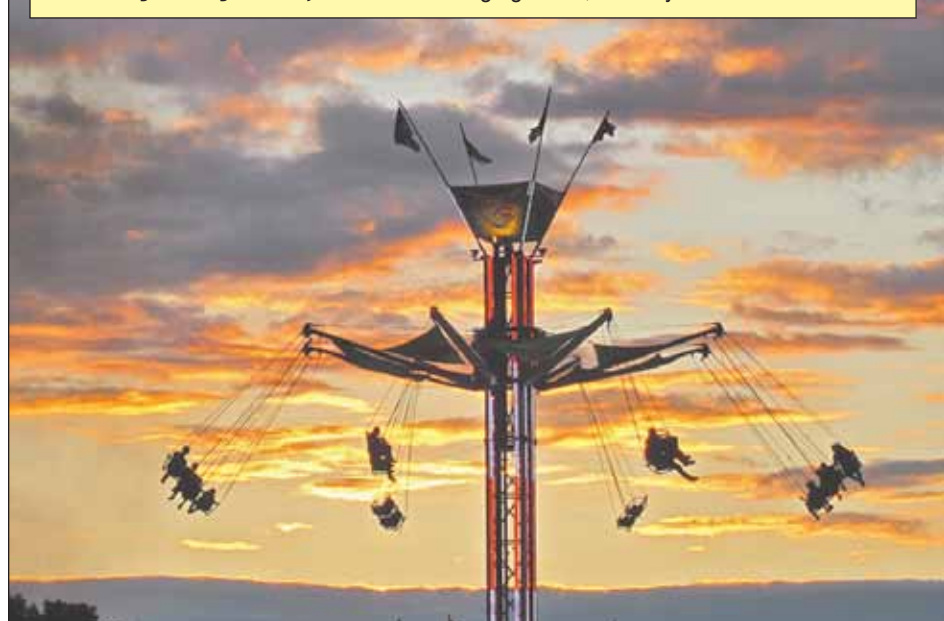
The Lake George real estate market is heating up as the summer winds down.

"We are all incredibly busy with showing after showing," said Lonnie Lawrence of the Sherwood Group. "In September, you're going to see a lot of things

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Washington County Fair, now thru Sunday

Photo by Cathy DeDe, Chronicle managing editor, at last year's Fair. ► 25



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