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## Adirondack Balloon Festival

By **Cathy DeDe**  
Chronicle Managing Editor

"We're hovering" at 100 hot air balloons expected at the 42nd annual Adirondack Balloon Festival, festival director Mark Donahue tells *The Chronicle*.

**100 balloons expected, Thursday to Sunday**

The festival begins this afternoon, Thursday, Sept. 18, with ceremonies and launch of approximately 20 balloons in Crandall Park, Glens Falls.

Events move to Warren County's Floyd Bennett Memorial Airport in Queensbury for full-festival launches and special-shaped balloons, Friday evening, Saturday morning and evening, and Sunday morning, Sept. 19 to 21.

The closing launch is Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, back at Crandall Park. All launches are free to attend but take place weather-permitting.

There are many additional events.

*Details inside this issue.*



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**Kevin McCloskey, 57, submitted a \$1.535-million bid for the Glens Falls Civic Center**, on Sept. 12 on behalf of his group Adirondack Sports & Entertainment, Inc.  
*Chronicle photo/Gordon Woodworth*

## Civic Center savior?

By **Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

Kevin McCloskey got locally famous instantly. Last Friday, his group offered more than \$1.5-million to buy the Glens Falls Civic Center. *The Post-Star* anointed him "the winning bidder."

**Not so fast; we know so little so far**

Peter Aust, a leader of competing contender, The Civic Center Coalition that bid \$600,000, was exuberant about Mr. McCloskey's bid. It all

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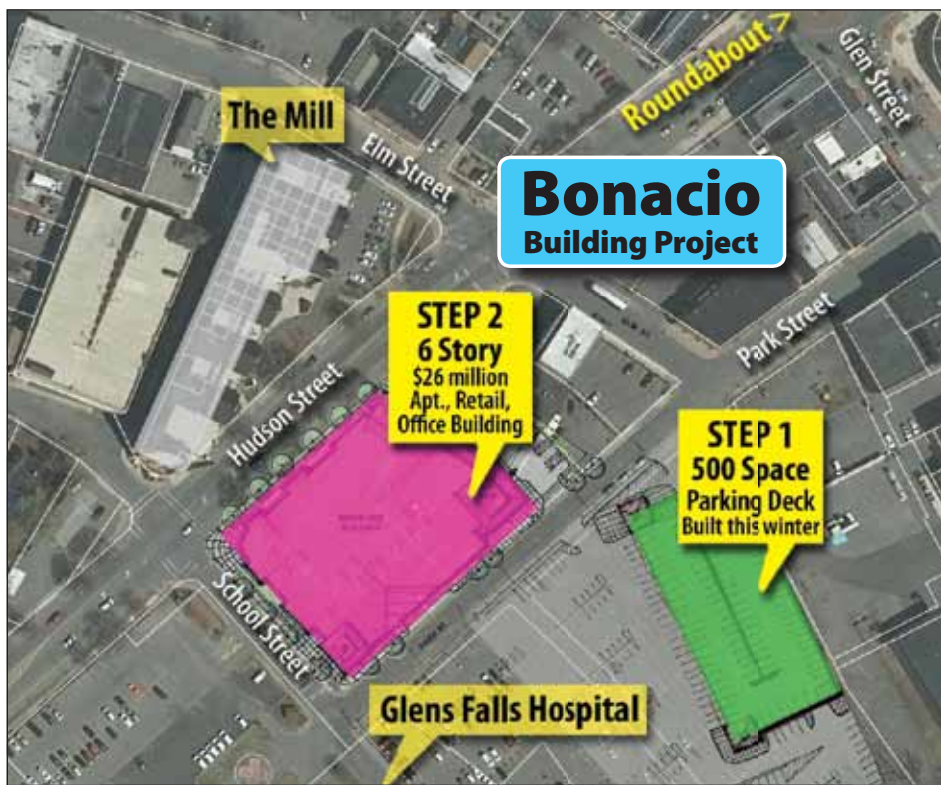
## Bonacio's Hudson Ave. project a go

By **Gordon Woodworth**  
Chronicle News Editor

Saratoga developer Sonny Bonacio's planned six-story project in downtown Glens Falls with 80 rental apartments, first-floor retail and second-floor office space, across Hudson Avenue from The Mill, took a huge step forward Sept. 11 when the City formally announced a three-way deal to make the project a reality.

Mr. Bonacio said he is partner-

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