



Chad's launch: Space-themed candy store at French Mountain Commons

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Chad Rabinovitz, who for the past six years was the Producing Artistic Director of the Adirondack Theatre Festival, is about to "launch" an interactive candy store at French Mountain Commons, in the outlet stores north of Northway Exit 20.

"No one has ever done this before, a space-themed candy store," he says.

Think: **Willy Wonka meets the bank drive-through tube by way of outer space.**

Most everything in the store is launch-able. "If it fits, it flies," Mr. Rabinovitz says.

"What we are creating is a Disney experience. Fill your space pouch, launch it, and you

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Pneumatic tubes & 'rockets' in partnership with Ed & Zack Moore and fellow NASA camp attendee.



Former Adirondack Theatre Festival chief **Chad Rabinovitz** is launching **The Candy Space**, an **interactive space-themed candy** store at French Mountain Commons, in **partnership** with his friend Jeff Small and French Mountain Commons owners **Ed & Zack Moore**. Chronicle photo/Cathy DeDe

Explored Aurora in the Finger Lakes

By Sandra Hutchinson

Chronicle Chief Operating Officer

The name Pleasant Rowland will be familiar if you're a fan of the American Girls dolls, or you attended Wells College, in tiny Aurora on the east side of Cayuga Lake, in New York's Finger Lake region.

But if you pass through Aurora today, whether you know her by name or not, you will readily see the impact that

this woman continues to have.

Ms. Rowland, who graduated from Wells College in 1962, created the historically-themed American Girls doll line and sold it to Mattel in 1998 for \$700 million.

She also bought MacKenzie-

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Restoration by Pleasant Rowland, creator of American Girls dolls; she sold to Mattel for \$700-million.

Why he still wears a mask

Dear Mark,

This is an open letter to the fortyish young man who confronted me at one of our local convenience stores on Friday evening. I had made a quick in and out trip to the store to buy a half gallon of their delicious vanilla ice cream to top off the homemade blueberry pie Meg had just made. The store was quite busy, so I decided to wear

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New in Blue ▶ 4



Blue Mountain Lake has a restaurant again. **Darrell Spencer** (left) is chef-lessee. **Betsy Folwell** (right) and her husband Tom Warrington brought the diner to Blue.

Photo/Nancie Battaglia

Ham Radio Day

Warren County Radio Club members will operate **continuously for 24 hours** at the parking lot **atop Prospect Mountain** from Saturday, June 26, 2 p.m. to Sunday, June 27, 2 p.m. in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise.

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