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iving."

A subtitle added, "The assault-
aponed bullies are winning on
road, and I refuse to weapon-
myself to fight back. My town
unsafe if you're non-white or
armed."

Grenier, 39, was due to make
initial appearance Tuesday in
lateral court in Burlington on a
charge of be-
ing a convicted
felon in pos-
session of a
firearm. Before
arraignment
he was held at
the Northwest
State Correc-
tional Facility
in St. Albans.
Court records
did not indicate
that he had an
attorney.

Assistant
U.S. Attor-
ney Gregory
Waples, the
prosecutor in
the case, de-

ned comment Monday through
spokesperson.

Shank, whose property is a
ort distance from Grenier's
ome on High Pond Road, said
Monday he wouldn't comment on
Grenier's arrest because an inves-
(See Gun raid, Page 13)

st Rutland Aug. 19

ess check (physical examina-
on) documentation that needs
be updated every two years
un be handed in to the district's
hletic trainer Zachery Royer or
Proctor Athletic Director Jake
aton, West Rutland Athletic Di-
ector Joe Harrington or a coach
f each respective team by the
rst day of practice.

"We are hoping for a normal
season," said Harrington of the
current COVID requirements;
masks do not need to be worn
outside during practice or games,
ough masks should be worn in-
(See Proctor and W.Rutland, Page 7)



THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD ELLA HANSON of Lowell gives a thumbs up after getting her shot at Lowell (Mass.) General Hospital recently, as she and R.N. Amy Golash (left) who gave her the shot pose for a photo taken by Ella's mother, Jennifer Hanson. Boston Globe photo/Jim Davis

De-mystifying vaccine myths

BY THE BOSTON GLOBE

MYTH: The COVID-19 vac-
cines were developed too fast to
be safe.

FACTS: It's understandable
that people would have this con-
cern. The vaccines were rolled

out in record time, two of them
using a novel technology. The
government entity that led the
effort was even called "Opera-
tion Warp Speed."

But in reality, the mRNA tech-
nology behind the Pfizer and

Moderna vaccines had been in
development for nearly two de-
cades, and a key feature of the
technology is its ability to make
vaccines quickly.

In testing the vaccines for
(See Vaccine myths, Page 13)

Area schools set COVID rules

BY KATHERINE LAZARUS

BRANDON — Rutland
Northeastern Supervisory
Union and Greater Rutland
County Supervisory Union stu-
dents will wear masks indoors
for at least the first 10 days of

school while school officials
calculate the percentage of stu-
dents who are vaccinated to de-
termine if the school body has
reached an 80% state threshold
that could potentially allow for
students to attend school with-

out masks. Students will return
to full in-person schooling and
social distancing will not be re-
quired at this time.

Even that threshold, how-
ever, was in flux as the Delta
(See COVID rules, Page 15)

Stopping COVID-19:

We can, if we have the will

BY ANGELO LYNN

As the COVID Delta variant
sweeps through the nation and
into the lives of every Ameri-
can, one single fact should shock
Vermonters and all Americans
out of our slumber: collectively
we have the ability to control
the spread of this pandemic and
to limit the deadly impact of the
Delta variant.

We have the ability to prevent
another round of business lock-
downs; many more months of re-
mote work; another school year
where remote learning may be

the best option to protect children
too young to get the vaccine.

We just have to believe in the
science.

Today, after 9 months of vac-
cinations, we know the COVID
vaccines work and they're safe.

We also know the COVID-19
virus and its Delta variant are
highly transmissible and deadly.
In the last year of ex-president
(See Get vaccinated, Page 4)

*Editor's note: This com-
mentary is written in collabo-
ration with The Boston Globe,
which has provided news re-
ports on the COVID-19 vi-
rus to participating papers
throughout New England.
Their initiative seeks to more
fully educate the public about
the virus and the benefits of
getting vaccinated. Each par-
ticipating paper was asked to
write a local commentary to
add to the Globe's collective
reporting.*



over. Sumner and Gebo raced each other hard but clean in a lead-swapping fight to the end, and Gebo led only the last 100 feet of the race.

Sumner was the runner-up with Allen a career-best third. Craig Kirby debuted a new car for fourth place, with Derrick "Moneybags" Counter fifth. The balance of the top 10 was completed in order by Clemmy Bell, Griff Mahoney, Brian Blake, and rookies Adam Mahoney and Scott Chandler.

Thirteen-year-old Kamden Duffy of Richmond, N.H., won the typically wild scramble to the front, finding the lead on the first lap after starting in fifth. Ray Hanson maintained a comfortable edge in the championship standings with a runner-up finish over John Smith, Kaidin White, and Kevin Smith. Duffy and John Smith won the heats.



CHRIS MURRAY, OF Fair Haven, overcame Saturday's opening lap accident of the year.

Covid rules

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variant of the COVID-19 virus is spreading throughout Vermont.

All pertinent information for RNESU and GRCSU was released by Superintendents Jeanne Collins and Christopher Sell, respectively, in letters sent home on Friday, Aug. 13 that detailed current guidelines for the 2021-2022 school year, which are as follows:

MASKS

Masks will be required indoors for students younger than 12, who are currently ineligible for vaccination, though they can be removed for instructional or operational purposes. Masks must be worn by all passengers on school buses regardless of age or vaccination status.

After the first 10 days of school, masks may no longer be required by students eligible for vaccination; those 12 and older, once the vaccination rate is greater than 80 percent of the school's eligible population.

Masks will not be required outdoors.

SYMPTOMS

Students and staff should stay home if they show symptoms of COVID — that is, have a fever which is a temperature of 100.4°F or greater; or are in quarantine due to close contact with someone with COVID; or are in isolation due to testing positive to COVID. If symptoms begin at school that person will be isolated until they can go home as soon as possible.

GRCSU will be offering surveillance testing for students and staff, though RNESU will not. Both schools will participate in contact tracing.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Students will return to school for five days a week of full-time in person learning and social distancing will not be required.

RNESU is offering EdOptions for K-12 students who wish to learn remotely and are willing to make a commitment to remain in that option for the whole semester. To join EdOptions, families must virtually attend "Family Town Hall," separated by grade as follows:

K-12: Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. via edmentum.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_naum-9MzYS-mOBN4NA-2zOOQg

K-5: Aug. 19

at 5 p.m. via edmentum.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cEEht-zueRYS1i0-mb7CEIw

GRCSU will not be offering any formal remote/learning options this year.

VACCINE RESOURCES

Rutland High School will be providing free vaccines on the following dates:

Aug. 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sept. 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

To access any testing or vaccines in Vermont, go to vermont.force.com/events/s/selfregistration.

OTHER INFORMATION

Regular bus routes will resume without social distancing, but masks are required. Bus changes will not be allowed at this time.

RNESU is hosting a question-

and-answer information night via us02web.zoom.us/j/84800495063?pwd=ekVFU2d1QWZLWkVUZlRld0JNSjg1UT09.

The federal government continues to support free meals for all students this year, no form required.

RNESU will hold one early release day every month for the 2021-2022 school year for staff development purposes on the following dates: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, and May 20. Exact times will vary by school and will be

announced later this month. Students will be given lunch at school or be sent home with it.

RNESU provides computers via the link tinyurl.com/b4hh8pa4 and WiFi hotspots by contacting support@rnesu.org.

"I am looking forward to a more normal school year and seeing all of our students in person this year," said Supt. Collins. "Unfortunately, COVID is not gone and not yet under control. As nearly 50 percent of (RNESU's) student population is still not eligible for vaccination, we need to continue with health and safety protocols a while longer. I appreciate how our families, students and staff are invested in the health of our students."

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FOR THE BRAND**

The Brandon Museum is to work 10 to 15 hours per August. The Steward is responsible and maintenance of the museum function is the recruitment, training the team of museum volunteers must possess excellent organizational to interact comfortably with the in community collaboration. have some knowledge of local responsible for the daily function May to October, with limited winter. Go to: brandon.org/th museum to access the job description.

Please send a cover letter and

John Dilts at diltsjohr@brandon.org
Or mail to: Brandon Museum
Brandon, VT

Deadline is August