Hubert named superintendent

By JM SABARERO

BRANDON — It turns out the Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union didn’t have to look too far in its search for its new superintendent.

On Thursday, the RNESU Board announced it had selected Kristin Hubert to lead the least所学校, right-turn supervisory union.

Hubert, who is the current director of curriculum, instruction and assessment at RNESU, will replace Jeanne Collins, who is stepping away after eight years on the job.

Hubert’s hiring comes in a year when around 200,000 student positions are in flux statewide, according to the Vermont Supervisors’ Association.

All that transition has made for a competitive job market. Early last month, RNESU had interviewed two finalists for the job — Zach McLaughlin, current superintendent of the Springfield School District, and Barbara Ann Komons-Montroll, the superintendent of the Wincham Southwest Supervisory Union.

The job initially was offered to McLaughlin, however, he passed, springing for a position in New Hampshire.

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Practical advice on COVID ramp down

By PATRICK MURDOCK

There are misconceptions.

Dr. Rick Hildebrandt, who is giving advice on COVID-19 to Rutland Regional Medical Center, said people have concerns about what appears to be an impending transition from some of the worst of the pandemic to a more manageable situation.

“Let’s be clear, when you have zero cases of COVID in your community, what to do. You just live your life, right? And finally, we all know what to do when we get such bad cases of it. We know exactly what to do. I mean, if there’s hundreds of thousands of cases. You’ve got to wear a mask, you’ve got to avoid crowded spaces; you’ve got to socially distance; you’ve got to wash your hands. The whole rationale and that’s what I do when I’ve got scads of cases. But what do you do when you’re going from lots of cases to zero? That’s the question,” he said.

Representatives of the administration of Gov. Phil Scott and the state Department of Health this week announced a drop in the number of deaths from COVID in Vermont, which followed a reduction in the number of new cases.

With more than 90% of Vermonters completely vaccinated, masking is expected to become optional. Hildebrandt said these were all signs that life is very different from what it was a year ago — a time when Vermont was seeing more than 800 new infections a day. People have concerns about what to do when the spread of COVID is not going from lots of cases to 0 cases. The question is, what do you do when you’re going from lots of cases to zero? That’s the question,” he said.

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Jazz pizzazz

Jazz at Lincoln Center will launch their music and digital performance features some of the most promising new talent.

By SOPHIA BUCKLEY-ELIGMENT

Across the state, achievement levels of the achievements of women are taking place in celebration of Women’s History Month. Vermont’s Women’s Fund, Evolve Rutland, and RunVermont are among those using resources to make a difference.

Established in 1994, Vermont’s Women’s Fund is an organization located in Middlebury with a mission dedicated to funding social change and providing resources for Vermont women and girls.

In honor of Women’s History Month, Vermont Women’s Fund has partnered with Burlington’s RunVermont, an organization that produces races, as part of an annual three-race series called “Get Out, Give Back” for a half-marathon set to take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on March 5.

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