

Return of the Adirondack Balloon Festival!



Mass launches at airport only: Friday afternoon; Sat.-Sun., a.m.; crowds can approach

"Come out and have fun," urges Mark Donahue, organizer of the Adirondack Balloon Festival. "We all need this."

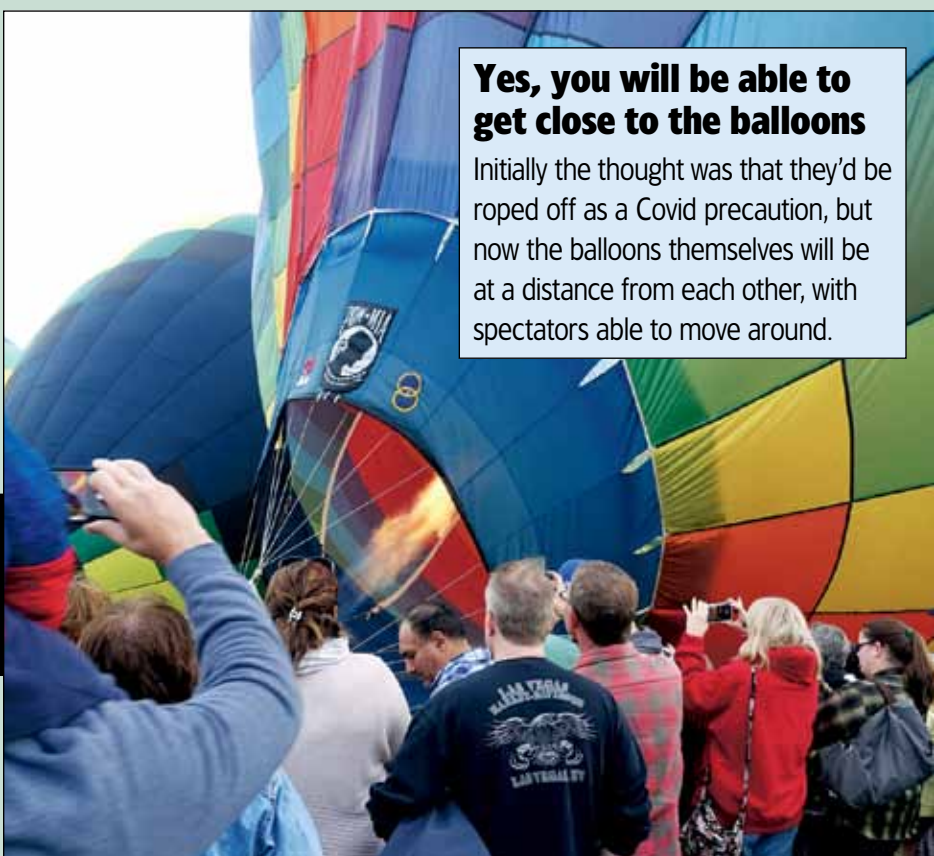
Covid has imposed some restrictions, but at least this year's festival is happening.

The festival starts with the Downtown Street Party in Glens Falls tonight, Thursday.

Schedule, pages 3-4; what's OK & what not

Yes, you will be able to get close to the balloons

Initially the thought was that they'd be roped off as a Covid precaution, but now the balloons themselves will be at a distance from each other, with spectators able to move around.



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Covid friction in the schools

The raging national Covid debate over vaccine and mask wearing mandates is starting to play out in area school districts.

Qby. teacher suspended; social media lights up

On Wednesday, Sept. 15, *The Post-Star* reported that veteran Queensbury elementary teacher Joe Traina had been suspended without pay for not submitting to weekly Covid testing, saying he had already had the virus and had natural immunity.

Mr. Traina told *The Chronicle* he did not wish to comment at this time.

The action comes after Governor Kathy Hochul announced an emergency regulation Sept. 2

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Went to Florida State; Seminole tribe's logo deal for free tuition

Hi Mark,

When I was at FSU [Florida State University], a professor told me that the university had made a deal with the Seminole Nation. The college got to use the tribal name, and Seminole Indians got to go to the university tuition free. So the team name will probably not change any time soon. As far as I know no other college has done that.

— Robin Healy, Glens Falls

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