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## Educators keep students occupied during closure

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal & The Shopper

**REGION** - As local schools have shut their doors to help stem the spread of COVID-19, educators within the surrounding supervisory unions, as well as individual school staff members, have made herculean efforts to organize an intricate system of online learning and remote classroom interaction while schools are closed.

In addition to organizing the "how-to" of getting students their necessary supplies, teachers have created online lessons, developed workable schedules, and opened communication channels with students, parents, administrators, and each other.

If that weren't daunting enough, school districts have also committed to making sure that local families are getting the necessary food they rely on throughout the school year. Through a system of opting in, scheduled bus delivery along traditional routes, and a network of pick-up locations throughout individual towns, local school children are being fed - one less thing for families to worry about while quarantining in their homes.

The timeline for local districts varies. Superintendent Meg Powden of Two Rivers Supervisory Union made the call to close TRSU district schools first in this area as of March 14 in response to reports of

a confirmed case of the virus with connections to Cavendish Town Elementary School. Although seen as overly cautious at the time, her fast action was proven praiseworthy as Gov. Phil Scott made the call Sunday, March 15, for schools throughout the state to close by Wednesday, March 18.

CTES teacher Jennifer Harper lauded Powden for her leadership in rallying the district as a whole and moving so quickly to organize them, using an available remote platform, Zoom. She also praised Powden for sending electronic surveys to parents to spearhead breakfast and lunch deliveries. With the survey, families would have to "opt out" of receiving food, helping insure more widespread distribution.

For the elementary level, Harper said that a Directed Home Learning Plan was developed by administrators and a Professional Learning and Wellness Committee to determine that they would teach one math lesson and one literacy lesson per day with some teachers adding science or social studies into the mix.

Harper's first remote class with her fourth grade was Friday, March 20, a day after a big shipment went out to all students with their individual learning supplies, personal items, electronic devices, charging cords, and anything else they might need. Her class started at 8:30

a.m., and they worked together until 12:40 p.m. This included an hour lunch and several 15, 20, and 30-minute breaks in between.

According to Harper, the teachers are very aware of breaking up screen time for students. Her goal on Monday was to review skill work for 10-15 minutes. Then work time and then break into smaller groups to work together. Any student who would normally have a support person will still have that person working with them remotely.

At CTES, all teachers, paras, support staff, and the principal meet remotely at 2:45 p.m. every day as staff to sign in, see each other, talk, problem-solve, and share updates on progress.

Harper's first impression of their efforts in a word "amazing." She said that the level of organization that happened so quickly is absolutely amazing and that everything is fitting neatly together. She was also impressed that every single kid logged onto a device to participate.

Harper said that being a Google District was a big advantage since it made sharing documents, videos, and assignments easier to navigate with the kids. That platform, coupled with Zoom, is what makes things work. If the online learning stretches into months, Harper said that big national companies are stepping up

and offering learning products for free, which will help make learning easier and more engaging for students.

GMUHS students' first day of online learning was Thursday, March 19. High school and middle school students' online timeframe is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a schedule posted on the GMUHS website.

According to Green Mountain Union High School Principal Lauren Fierman, there is no anticipation that students will stay online for 80 minutes at time. Instead, the expectation is that students are signing in and seeing teachers for at least a few minutes during one of their class sessions and are given their assignment. It is also a time to check in and discuss what issues they might be having. There is also a two-hour block outside of classroom hours to either have students call in, send emails, or spend virtual time face to face.

For the middle school, the hours are basically the same, starting at 11 a.m. and finishing at 2 p.m., but the expectation is that middle schoolers will spend no more than half an hour for each of their teachers. According to Fierman, they will have access to all of their teachers, but they are not expected to spend three to four hours staring at a screen.

Making things easier, all students already have laptops that were given to them to bring

home. Fierman said that students were already in an environment to personalize their learning as much as possible so they are continuing that now.

Fierman also praised Powden's strong leadership during this process as well as her staff for organizing remote learning on this scale so quickly and never saying it couldn't be done. "They have done a tremendous job taking that challenge and running with it," she said.

The Windham Northeast Supervisory Union, which includes Bellows Falls High School and Middle School, Saxtons River Elementary, Grafton Elementary, and Westminster Elementary closed Monday, March 16 and are mobilizing their remote learning with pick up of learning packets for all district schools scheduled for Wednesday, March 25. They are also distributing an electronic survey for organizing distribution of Chromebooks.

According to the WNESU website, high school students will be communicating with their teachers through emails, video chats, and other platforms to establish their learning routine. Elementary students will pick up their learning packets to receive their work assignments. Additional information can be found on the WNESU website at [www.wnesu.org](http://www.wnesu.org).

WNESU is providing free breakfast and lunch to all children 18 and under during

school closure, requiring no enrollment. Meals will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as of Monday, March 23 at several pick-up sites and along WNESU bus routes. You can find the schedule and drop off routes on the WNESU website.

According to the Springfield School District 56 website, Springfield High School students began remote learning Monday, March 23, using Google Classroom for each of their courses from Monday through Thursday with a combination of live, virtual learning, and other online learning opportunities. In addition to class meetings, they will have daily advisory meetings. Scheduling details can be found on the Springfield School District 56 at [www.union.ssdvt.org](http://www.union.ssdvt.org).

Springfield School District is serving daily breakfast, snack, and lunch. They have set up approximately 24 meal service locations around town with new locations begin added. To request delivery of a meal, they ask that residents call the district's food service hotline at 802-885-5133. For details, visit [www.ssdvt.org](http://www.ssdvt.org).

All districts are continuing to add services, including counseling services for students who may need additional support. They are also posting updates as new programs and changes continue to evolve. Please check your districts' website for updated details.

## The Free Range launches Chester Helping Hands with meal kits

BY SHARON HUNTLEY

The Vermont Journal

**CHESTER, Vt.** - As businesses were shutting down and restaurants were forced to close to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the Free Range Restaurant chef and owner Jason Tostrup's first thought was that he needed to do whatever he could to help the community.

Even before Gov. Phil Scott announced the final deadline for all sit-in restaurant closures, Tostrup reached out to community activist and organizer Chris Meyer to come up with a plan to help the folks of Chester and Andover. Tostrup credits Meyer with knowing the people in their community who are most in need.

The result is called Chester Helping Hands, appropriately named by Tostrup's children. The program helps prepare, and in some cases deliver, meal kits for families who are struggling with food insecurity throughout Chester and Andover during this difficult time. The kits provide full

meals for approximately five family members.

Chester Helping Hands has set up a Facebook page as a hub for their efforts. Residents in need of meal assistance, who know of someone locally in need, or who might like to donate either money or goods, can contact both Tostrup and Meyer through here. The group currently has 332 members and is growing rapidly.

At the moment, meals are prepared on Tuesdays and Thursdays with pick-up time between 3-5 p.m. Deliveries can be made for those who can't get there themselves. The menu is published on the Facebook page along with any other details. The process is straightforward with names checked off on a list just to keep track. No one is turned down, but recipients need to place orders in advance.

In addition to meal kits, Tostrup is also starting a food shelf at his location. With cash donations as well as other food contributions, they will soon be filling grocery bags to help more families who need

food.

Tostrup credits Okemo Mountain Resort for donating much of their food when they were forced to close as well as his many farmer partners who have unilaterally opened their stores to him. That and ongoing donations are what are helping to keep this program afloat.

Tostrup and Meyer have two primary goals for the program: to bring a positive message of goodwill to the community and to help those in need. "The most important thing is that the people of Chester and Andover know that their neighbors are there for them," he said.

You can reach out to Chester Helping Hands through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/850395942102222](http://www.facebook.com/groups/850395942102222).

The Free Range Restaurant, located on the green in Chester, is also doing traditional take out during limited hours. To reach them, call 802-875-3346.

## Volunteer to make masks for Springfield Hospital

Dear Editor,

My daughter, a nurse in the Emergency Department at Springfield Hospital, has shared with me that they are in desperate need of masks and welcome any that folks can make. There are several simple patterns online.

I am also aware that most EMS folks are in need as well. Anyone who sews - these are pretty simple to make from scrap and leftover cotton fabric - and has time on your hands, please consider helping out.

Be well and many thanks,  
Krey Kellington  
Ludlow, Vt.

**Editorial Note: Instructions for these masks can be found at [www.springfieldmed.org/instructions-for-helping-hands-making-masks](http://www.springfieldmed.org/instructions-for-helping-hands-making-masks).**

## Chester-Andover Family Center new assistance procedures

**CHESTER, Vt.** - The Chester-Andover Family Center is putting new procedures in place regarding how we carry out our mission to make a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental, nutritional food, affordable clothing, and household goods.

Beginning immediately, our Thrift Shop will be closed until April 16.

We will continue to provide financial assistance and food to families in Chester and Andover being mindful that our procedures must protect both our volunteers

and those seeking our help with financial concerns and food.

Financial assistance for heating, electricity, and rent is also available. Call the center at 802-875-3236 and leave a message that includes your name, a number by which we can reach you, and a short description of your needs. Phone messages are monitored every day, and a volunteer will get back to you for a phone interview.

Our food shelf will continue to provide food on Thursdays and Fridays for our food shelf recipients. For safety reasons, we are putting in place new procedures for food distribution. Until further notice, recipients may pick up a prepacked box

of food in our parking lot, during regular Food Shelf hours: Thursdays, from 1-5 p.m., and Fridays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. We are asking recipients to come to the door and read the posted instructions regarding how to retrieve their food box.

During these challenging times, please call the center if you have any questions, concerns, or special needs. We are committed to providing or helping locate resources for those in our community who may need help. We will post updated information on the Food Shelf porch Bulletin Board as well as on Facebook and our website, [www.chesterandover-familycenter.org](http://www.chesterandover-familycenter.org).

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# Mount Holly Town Office closed to the public

**MOUNT HOLLY, Vt.** – The Mount Holly Town Office will be closed for public traffic until further notice. We will be here during our regular business hours Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., and closed Friday. We will answer phone calls and emails. Public

record research will be allowed by appointment only. Please call 802-259-2391 for any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for your cooperation and patience with us during this unfortunate event.

Dog license renewals have

been extended until April 30. They can be done through the mail. Send a copy of the rabies certificate or call and see if there is already one on file, along with a check with the correct amount.

Transfer stickers can be ordered through the mail.

# Rotary youth exchange ski weekend

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – The Ludlow Rotary Club recently hosted their 28th annual Youth Exchange ski weekend at Okemo Mountain Resort, thanks to the generous support of a Vail Resorts EpicPromise grant.

Ludlow Rotary hosted 22 international exchange students from 17 countries in a weekend of staying with local host families; skiing and riding at Okemo; sharing companionship and stories; building life-long, international friendships and understanding. The students from countries as varied as Indonesia, Brazil, India, and Europe, skied, snow tubed, rode the mountain coaster, and played in snow, some for the first time in their lives.

Students from tropical environments were hesitant to put on

all that clothing, boots, helmets, and gloves to go out in the snow. Those who are expert skiers encouraged the others.

Vail Resorts provided tickets, lessons, and equipment for students; meeting areas for meals and a dance, resulting in an amazing opportunity for all participants to enjoy the fabulous fun that being at a Vail resort offers. The laughter, singing, and stories that ended in hugs and tears at the close of the weekend were proof of the success of putting the students in a challenging but fun environment to build camaraderie, self-esteem, and life-long friendships.

Without the generous support from Vail, local host families, and the community, such incredible experiences would not have been

possible.

Of the grant, Vail Resorts says, EpicPromise is how the company embodies its foundational value – Do Good. By supporting the health of our communities through local grants and employee volunteering, the wellbeing and development of our employees through the EpicPromise Foundation, and the resilience of our environment and global climate through our bold Commitment to Zero, EpicPromise helps create a more promising future for generations to come. Annually, Vail's EpicPromise donates \$14.5 million in product and cash contribution to more than 350 nonprofit organizations.

This Rotary International program increases worldwide understanding and peace. These young people will be the future leaders in their home countries. They cherish their experiences in the United States and the fellow students with whom they shared those days. Hopefully, those memories will lead to a better understanding of complicated international issues as future decision makers guide their nations.

# Community information on Okemo Valley TV keeping community connected

**LUDLOW, Vt.** – Okemo Valley TV is a nonprofit community television station and media center serving the Black River Valley and Okemo region. Like most other public buildings and businesses, its Ludlow-based facility is closed to the public for the time being. Despite this limitation, it is focusing on ways to keep the community informed and engaged during this time of need.

“Our staff is mostly working remotely at this point, but we’re also taking appointments on a case-by-case basis, for anyone wishing to use our services, whether that’s the studio or borrowing equipment,” says Executive Director Patrick Cody. The station will address each request to find a way to accommodate, while implementing the precautions recommended by health officials. Cody elaborated that “it just takes getting creative, as far as how we operate, and current technology makes a lot of it possible,” adding, as an example, that he is working with the Green

Mountain Union High School’s media journalism class to distribute regular video updates for the community.

The videos will be produced remotely by students and then packaged together and distributed by Okemo Valley TV. Another example is the work the station has been doing with Kata Welch of Cavendish Fletcher Community Library on recording and distributing “story time” readings, while the library is closed. Other organizations are working with the station to provide informational programs related to the crisis, including Black River Good Neighbor Services and the Chamber of Commerce.

Okemo Valley TV operates two cable TV channels for local Comcast Xfinity and VTel subscribers. They can be found on Comcast on channels 8 and 10 in Ludlow, Plymouth, and Cavendish and channels 20 and 21 in Mount Holly – please note that in early May, Okemo Valley TV’s channels will be moved to Comcast channels 1076 and 1086 in all towns, a transition which is currently in process.

On VTel, Okemo Valley TV is on channels 166 and 167, in high definition. The channels run programming 24/7; the programming comes from local, regional, and statewide sources, including those produced right within the community and by the station’s staff and volunteers.

In addition, the station offers video-on-demand on its website and YouTube channels, as well as a calendar and bulletin board for community information. “The calendar has been seeing a real uptick in activity this past week, with all of the closures, cancellations, and health information related to COVID-19,” said Cody.

The station invites all community organizations and members to submit information to the station’s community calendar, which is also available on its website at [www.okemovallley.tv/calendar](http://www.okemovallley.tv/calendar). For the time being, the calendar is also prominently featured on the home page of [www.okemovallley.tv](http://www.okemovallley.tv). The website also hosts local programs for viewing and daily program schedules as well as weekly programming.

# Consumers will continue to have access to secure, financial services

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – The Association of Vermont Credit Unions and Vermont Bankers Association are working together to reassure their members and customers about the safety, security, and reliability of Vermont’s strong financial services industry. Financial institutions across Vermont are activating their pandemic response plans to minimize impact on the delivery of financial services, and keep members, customers, and employees safe.

For credit unions and banks alike, what remains unchanged are credit and debit cards, checks, ATMs, digital banking and lending, and electronic payments.

These provide consumers reliable access to their accounts. What may change is that many financial institutions are emphasizing drive-through services and limiting access to their lobbies to protect the health of consumers and staff. But even with these changes, consumers have ongoing access to their accounts, their funds, and the services they need.

Digital banking, which is accessed through a mobile or desktop device, allows credit unions and banks to meet their members and customers where they are at any hour. These services are accessed on a computer, tablet, or mobile phone, and enable users to check balances, transfer funds, make bill payments, apply for loans, and

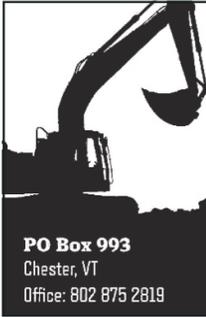
deposit checks – all without needing to walk into a branch.

“This is an unprecedented period in the history of Vermont and our country,” said Joe Bergeron, president of the Association of Vermont Credit Unions. “While credit unions enjoy seeing members every day in their branches, we need to adhere to social distancing recommendations to protect everyone. Vermont’s credit unions are financially strong and will continue to support their members’ needs and account access, but members may see some changes in how their credit union conducts business.”

“Over the course of the last few weeks, banks in Vermont have been reviewing their business continuity plans to make sure they were prepared for a possible outbreak of COVID-19,” said Chris D’Elia, president of the Vermont Bankers Association. “These plans address pandemics and provide for a preventive program; strategies that can be scaled to the stages of a pandemic outbreak; a comprehensive framework to ensure the continuance of critical operations; a testing program; and an oversight program to ensure that the plan is reviewed and updated. These plans have been implemented and are functioning well.”

“At this time, the industry’s primary concern is for the health and safety of bank employees and customers visiting branches. Each bank has implemented their own set of protocols to address employees who are exhibiting any signs of illness. If a customer is experiencing any illness, we would ask they consider using online banking systems, an ATM, or drive up windows. If you have any questions, or concerns, please contact your bank to learn what they are doing.”

“We must do everything we can to limit the spread of coronavirus,” Bergeron added. “That’s why our organizations are collaborating to educate consumers about all the secure banking options available to them every day, and especially during this challenging time.”



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# LOCAL HISTORY

BY RON PATCH

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## Hardscrabble living

In the past I've written some about antique photography. The subject of this article is the "Stereo-view."

A "stereo," as we call them in the trade, is two identical photos side by side and mounted on a stiff cardboard mount. They are albumen photos, later dry plate, and later still, printed images.

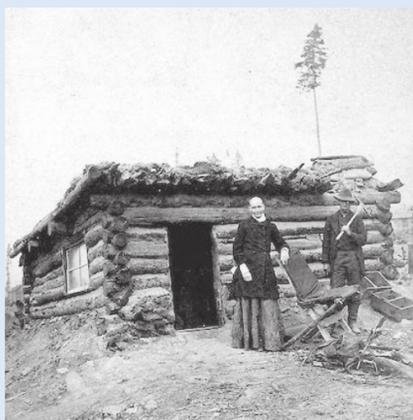
There was a hand-held viewer with two magnifying lenses side by side. These lenses were slightly angled inward. As you look through the viewer, you slide the stereo back and forth to focus. Once focused, both images combine as one creating a stereo effect.

The photo with this article is a stereo that dates to the 1870s or early 1880s. It was taken in a mining camp in Colorado. The log hut the old lady lives in. Her elbow rests on a primitive chair. Her hired man has a pick over his shoulder. He is African American.

One lone, spindly, evergreen can be seen behind the hut. Otherwise, the landscape is barren. The elevation was nearly 14,000 feet. This was her lot in life. Imagine her being surrounded with miners, day and night. She must have seen and heard many unspeakable things. There's a printed label on the reverse that explains this stereo.

"Rocky Mountain Stereoscopic Views

"The Rochester Graduate  
"This is the humble mud and log abode of Hannah Driffell, a graduate of Rochester University and the Medical department of the Michigan University. Behold her as she stands by the open door there, gray with the frost of seventy winters, her hair now as white as snow. She too has her ups and downs of life, for her father was wealthy and



Hannah Driffell in front of her mining hut in Colorado.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY RON PATCH

a man of education, affording his children every advantage for culture. In other years her husband, to whom she bore five children, now all sunk in the darkness forevermore, leaving her nothing but the poor inheritance of poverty and widowhood, was also at one time in good financial circumstances. Left alone and very poor she was forced to struggle for life, Medicine, Teaching, Journalism and Literary work all engaged her attention. She wrestled with fate, she became desperate, death to her was preferable to poverty. Ambitious to regain a competence, she left Kansas February last en-route for Leadville, which place she reached on the 14th with just one dollar in her pocket, being moreover nearly frozen to death by the coach breaking down on the top of Mosquito Range, but in accordance with the lines of a settled purpose formed beforehand, she started out to look for silver, to find it or die in the attempt. So has she since toiled and prospected, tramping all over the mountains shovel and pick in hand, staking off her own claims and hiring men by the earnings in the wash tub to turn her windlasses and sink her shafts. She is now the happy owner of a number of paying mines in both the Mosquito and Sawatch range of mountains, satisfied that as affairs now

stand, she will be able to go back to what she calls civilization, by the 1st of November with a hundred thousand dollars.

"Published by Alex. Martin, Portrait and Landscape Photographer Denver, Colorado"

When I hold this stereo, I am holding something from 140 years ago. The photographer would have presented Hannah with a stereo. As I hold this stereo, I feel that connection. This is why I collect.

You can collect these stereos in a wide range of categories: street scenes, Niagara, cities, occupational, foreign scenes, Venice or Paris, Western, railroad, and hundreds of other subjects. Stereos recorded our history as it happened.

There are a couple ways to date these stereos. The first stereos in the early 1860s were flat and had square corners. Square corners made sliding the stereo into the wire slots that held it in place difficult.

Soon, manufacturers rounded the corners making them easier to use. Next came curved stereos. Curved stereos arrived on the scene in the late 1870s to early '80s. These are more common. Colors for cardboard mounts would be cream, orange, green, or yellow.

While this isn't local history, I wrote it for two reasons. A few readers will have an old shoebox full of stereos. They will find this article helpful.

Secondly, at this time we find ourselves living in a dangerous world. Hannah survived her trials. Use common sense and don't panic. This too will pass.

This week's old saying was said when you were sick of listening to someone. "Why don't you go lay down in the road and count mufflers?"

## Area schools provide free lunch to all children

REGION - School nutrition programs in Windham and Windsor counties responded quickly to the state-mandated closure of all schools. Districts in both counties have created an alternate delivery model for school meals, utilizing a combination of school- and community-based distribution sites and bus delivery routes.

The following districts are providing free breakfast and lunch to all children ages 18 or under in their community, regardless of enrollment or free and reduced meals status. No paperwork or identification is necessary, and the children do not need to be present to receive their meals. Districts request that participating families provide the number of children to ensure enough meals are prepared.

- Windham Southeast Supervisory Union: [www.bit.ly/wsesuform](http://www.bit.ly/wsesuform)
- Windham Southwest Supervisory Union: [www.bit.ly/wswsuinfo](http://www.bit.ly/wswsuinfo)
- West River Education District: [www.bit.ly/wredinfo](http://www.bit.ly/wredinfo)
- Windham Northeast Supervisory Union: [www.bit.ly/wne-suform](http://www.bit.ly/wne-suform)
- Springfield School District: [www.bit.ly/springfieldinfo](http://www.bit.ly/springfieldinfo), call 802-885-5133 with meal orders

Families are encouraged to reach out directly to their schools for additional information or questions regarding meal distribution.

The Hunger Council of the Windham Region is coordinating a community response to the COVID-19 outbreak in partnership with the Vermont Foodbank and area food

shelves. The Hunger Council encourages community members interested in volunteering and organizations with developing needs to utilize United Way's Get Connected platform. Those looking for additional information or resources should call 2-1-1. For more information on the work the Windham County Hunger Council is doing, contact Margaret Atkinson at [margaret@winstonprouty.org](mailto:margaret@winstonprouty.org).

Food Connects is an entrepreneurial nonprofit that delivers locally produced food as well as educational and consulting services aimed at transforming local food systems. Food Connects has played a leading role in connecting schools with community resources during the COVID-19 response in partnership with the Hunger Council.

## DMV to transition to online, mail, and phone services only

MONTPELIER, Vt. - The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles will suspend all in-person transactions effective Thursday, March 19, to reduce the risk and spread of COVID-19.

"The leadership team at DMV has developed alternative options for assisting our customers, ensuring they can complete their essential DMV business," said DMV Commissioner Wanda Minoli.

The DMV will continue to process registration and license renewals and various other services online, by mail, or via telephone.

In-person transactions that cannot be completed using other delivery options - like exams,

trainings, and hearings - will be postponed for the duration of the state of emergency.

Customers that have questions about how to complete their transactions may contact the DMV call center at 802-828-2000 or 888-998-3766 or submit questions online using the contact form on the DMV website,

[www.dmv.vermont.gov/contact](http://www.dmv.vermont.gov/contact).

Additionally, Gov. Phil Scott directed DMV to grant a 90-day extension for all license and registration renewals. Vermonters are encouraged to complete their renewals on time by using the online or mail option, but extensions will be in place during this time of need.

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## Volunteers for COVID-19 response

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - George Keeler, volunteer coordinator of Precision Valley Disaster Recovery COAD, is seeking volunteers to serve the greater Springfield community.

There are critical needs for volunteers to staff a shelter for people who have become infected with the COVID-19 virus and need assistance in their recovery but are not sick enough to be admitted to a hospital, and also to distribute food to people who are quarantined in their homes. Local food shelves may also need assistance in unloading and distributing food to people.

Trisha Paradis, director of the Springfield Family Center, has already reported an increase in the need for food assistance as people are laid off from work. On March 19, she had 12 new families sign up for assistance.

It is important that volunteer help is effectively coordinated to maintain social distancing while they work. Volunteers should not just show up at a place and offer to work. Please call ahead so that your help can be scheduled and managed effectively. Background checks may be required for helping out where there may be vulnerable populations.

Volunteers should be under 60 years old and in good health. People in the Springfield area can volunteer by calling 1-888-

863-2815 or by going to the Precision Disaster Recovery website at [www.sites.google.com/site/pvdisasterrecovery/home](http://www.sites.google.com/site/pvdisasterrecovery/home).

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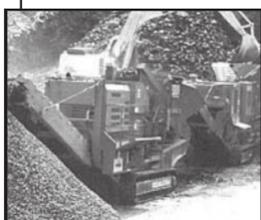
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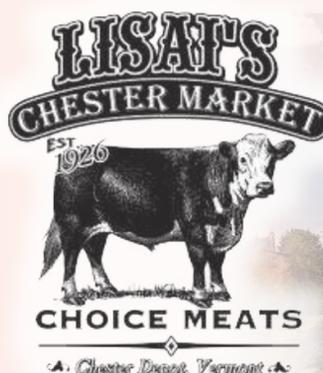
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# obituaries

## Marina D. Kelley, 2020

CHESTER, Vt. – Marina Dorothy Kelley, 19, daughter of Frank and Julie Kelley, granddaughter of Richard and Brenda Dansingburg, all of Chester, passed away peacefully at her home Saturday, March 14, 2020. She lived her life with a unique genetic, neurological disorder, facing her challenges with a similarly unique flair.

Unable to walk, she played, skied, rode her favorite horse, participated in parades, traveled, stuck her toes in the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico and, in

her younger days, hiked mountains riding on her dad's back.

Unable to talk, she taught people she met to be kind, helpful to others, and to include everyone. She showed her love and affection in many unique ways. She challenged all of us to do our best with a smile.

Her family was fortunate to have incredible support from their community and schools, a community that Marina helped to build and enrich. The love she created made everyone who met her a bit of a better person.

Marina's medical and home care team, including Denise King of Chester, who cared for her for 18 years, made her journey long and gentle, far exceeding the doctors' best guesses as to her life expectancy. The end of life support provided by Chester P.D. and Chester Ambulance Squad made an incredibly difficult time more bearable.

Marina showed us all that we can do so much to make the world a better place by simply reading books, sharing stories, singing, doing art projects together, and holding hands. Marina reminds all of us that no matter what challenges you are facing, you can do anything if you take your friends along to help.



Marina D. Kelley, 2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Donations in Marina's name can be made to Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports.

## Melissa A. Blaise, 1970-2020

PROCTORSVILLE, Vt. – Melissa Ann Blaise, 50, died unexpectedly Saturday, March 14, 2020. Missy was born Feb. 27, 1970 in Burlington, Vt., the daughter of Sidney and Julie (Pepin) Barbour.



Melissa A. Blaise, 1970-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

A graduate of Vergennes High School, Missy was a jack of all trades who always kept busy helping others and living life to its fullest. Her passion was her son Codi and her business, Greater Detail Painting and Carpentry. She also had a passion for horses, motorcycles, and enjoyed them along with her Cameo. She loved to work on the Mintz Farm with her husband.

She is survived by her parents Sidney and Julie Barbour, her husband Rule S. Blaise, son Codi Pepin, daughter Alexis Orleans, stepdaughter April Peppas, stepson Eric Blaise, mother-in-law

Caryl Blaise, three stepbrothers Richard, Dillon, and Travis Barbour, and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of Missy's life is being planned for a future date. An online guestbook can be found at [www.cabotfh.com](http://www.cabotfh.com).

## Dorla J. Rice, 1929-2020

GRAFTON, Vt. – Dorla June Rice, 90, of Wright Orchard Road, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020 at the Springfield Health & Rehab Center. She was to be there only for a two-week respite period while her son had hernia surgery.

She was born Sept. 19, 1929, the daughter of Clarence and Evelyn Derby of Keene, N.H. She grew up in the Swanzey and Troy, N.H. areas where she met and married Melvin B. Rice. Dorla worked for many years at Troy Woolen Mills then later worked at American Optical in Keene, N.H.

In 1969 Melvin and Dorla and son James moved to Grafton, Vt. They established and built their new home on Wright Orchard Road. She loved working on their property, keeping it groomed, growing various beautiful gladiolas and other flowers. A huge vegetable garden was always a plus. Dorla worked locally as a house cleaner for Dr. David Stewart, the Chapman Family, and Marge Hindel. She was incredibly skilled at crocheting and knitting. She made many presents for all her family and friends. She also took orders for her work. She loved her TV game shows like Cash Cab and Jeopardy, and also doing crossword puzzles. She and her witty, al-



Dorla J. Rice, 1929-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

most sassy, personality will be missed by all – including her familiar sayings like "Really" and "Good grief!"

Dorla was predeceased by her husband Melvin Sr. in 1995 and her daughter Donna Marie in 1988. She leaves her son James Elliot Rice and wife Dolores; stepson Melvin Rice Jr. of Rockingham; grandchildren Kelly Perkowski and husband Steve, Katie Rice, William Wolski, Jon Wolski; step-grandson Stuart Rice; and five great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by grandchildren Erick Wolski and step-grandchild Shelley Dodge.

There will be a graveside service in the Houghtonville Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

## Seamus T. Armstrong, 1993-2020

LONDONDERRY, Vt. – Seamus Timothy Armstrong, 26, passed away in his sleep Wednesday, March 18, 2020. He was born Aug. 22, 1993 – a date he shared with his grandfather and brother – in Springfield, to Dean and Moira (O'Neil) Armstrong. He received his education in Springfield schools and attended Vermont Adult Learning, receiving his diploma from Springfield High School. Seamus was amply employed throughout his young life, as he was an innovative, energetic, and hardworking young man.

He worked for many years with Casey Rowley and Susie Wyman, maintaining ski resort properties in Londonderry and Stratton. He was recently employed at the Jamaica Cottage Shop as a truck driver. He had just received his class A endorsement as a driver. Seamus enjoyed traveling and seeing different parts of the Northeast, often posting pictures of the deliveries he made for his work. An avid reader, Seamus found solace in college courses; he was learning about business and property management. In recent months he had been studying for his realtor's license. He traveled extensively with his younger brother, having traveled several times to Lima, Peru. He was an adventurous young man who longed to see more of the world.

Seamus was a devoted son, brother, nephew, uncle, and friend. He lavished his attention on his youngest sister Tatum Armstrong, and all of his nieces and nephews. If he had lived longer, he would have been an amazing father. Seamus had a quick wit, charming nature, and a sensitive soul. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

No one is without struggles and difficulties, but Seamus battled back so many times within his short life – he was a fervent fighter. With every triumph we celebrated him, and at every low point we encouraged him. His family asks that you remember him in both good times and bad because his light shined greater in his darkest hours that we will forever be enlightened by them – by him.



Seamus T. Armstrong, 1993-2020. PHOTO PROVIDED

We are all so proud of you, Seamus! We will hold every memory of you dear. We will love and cherish you forever. As it has often been written, it shall forever be said of you: "Your death leaves a heartache no one can heal; our love leaves a memory no one can steal." Your memory will never die, Seamus.

He is preceded by his grandfather John Edward O'Neil Sr., Granby, Conn.; grandfather Charlie Armstrong, Florida; and grandmother Janaine Saunders, Florida. He is survived by his parents Dean and Moira (O'Neil) Armstrong, Londonderry; aunt Tara Aileen O'Neil, Ludlow; uncle Timothy O'Neil, Windsor, Conn.; uncle John Edward O'Neil Jr., Springfield; aunt Lori Koch, Springfield; grandmother Mary Dempsey-Ward, Windsor, Conn.; his sisters Brandie and Crystal Armstrong, Claremont, N.H., Amanda and Shane Taylor, Ludlow, Caili Smith, Springfield, Tatum Armstrong, Londonderry; his brothers Dillon Armstrong, Londonderry, Sean Armstrong, Ludlow, Dakota Lackey, Londonderry; several nieces and nephews Gabriell LaBounty, Jazmin Beam, Jenna Beam, Jacob Beam, Ayden James Armstrong, Sophia Eastman-Armstrong, Natalee Jones, Mark Shehan, Kearha Shehan, Dillon Nason, and Corey Ann Nason; and cousin Nick Koch, Springfield. In addition, he had several family members in Kalamazoo, Mich., including aunt Kelley O'Neil, cousins Anthony O'Neil, Kay O'Neil, and Aaron O'Neil.

A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. God Bless – Dia Dhaoibh.

## Lawrence A. Parker, 1970-2020

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – Lawrence A. Parker, 50, of Westminster Street, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Larry was born in Bellows Falls March 5, 1970, the son of Ruby (Leonard) and Wayne Parker. He attended schools in Bellows Falls and was a graduate of Springfield High School and worked for Athen's Pizza for 30 years. He loved watching demolition derbies.

Surviving is his mother Ruby Parker of Bellows Falls; his sisters Tina Bridge and husband

Aaron of Bellows Falls, Sonya Parker of Bellows Falls, and Margaret Nichols and husband PJ of Brattleboro; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father Wayne Parker and grandparents Alfred J. and Pearl Leonard, and Winnifred and Leonard Parker.

Services will be at a later date to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

## Services for Rita A. Parker

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. – In an effort to adhere to current health guidelines, the memorial service for Rita Parker, originally set for April 4, is being postponed, date to be announced. Arrangements are in the care of Fenton & Hennessey Funeral Home.

## Brownsville Community United Methodist Church, 66 Brownsville-Hartland Rd., Arcutney, Vt.

Sunday 9:30 a.m. services are streaming via the church's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch](http://www.facebook.com/brownsvillecommunitychurch) and [www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org](http://www.brownsvilleumc-vt.org), where there's a link to join the service on the church's Nest Cam live video.

## Village Baptist Church, 32 Church St., Mount Holly, Vt.

Village Baptist Church is suspending church services until further notice. Our church bell will ring periodically as a reminder to pray for the sick, our leaders, and medical and service workers. Pastor Glenn Davis is available to counsel or pray with anyone who is struggling with anxiety or other issues at 802-259-2959. A suggested reading for comfort is Psalm 91.

## PLEASE NOTE

Most Church Services have been canceled. Please check with your specific church to see if they will be hosting services, canceling, or for alternative services.

# TAKE A BREAK!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Sacred wading bird
- 5 Suitable
- 8 Morse "T"
- 12 Created
- 13 Meadow
- 14 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 15 Series of missed calls
- 17 Celebrity
- 18 Pair
- 19 Consecrate with oil
- 21 Cognizant
- 24 Huffed and puffed
- 25 Shrewd
- 26 Lunch holder
- 30 Tokyo's old name

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- 2 "Humbug!"
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- 26 Loaf of French bread
- 27 Wild party
- 28 Sheltered
- 29 Paraphernalia
- 8 Drop from a will
- 9 Opposed
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- 11 Rodgers collaborator
- 16 Lamb's mama
- 20 Salamander
- 21 Dogfight participants
- 35 Religious retreat
- 37 Handle
- 38 Uppity one
- 39 Takeout phrase
- 40 Deserve
- 41 On in years
- 44 Charged bit
- 45 Regret
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# take out

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## TOWN OF ROCKINGHAM Request for Proposals: Paving & Chip Sealing

The Town of Rockingham is requesting proposals for the paving and chip sealing of Town Roads. Interested individuals are asked to submit sealed proposals, clearly marked "Paving Bid", and "Chip Seal Bid" no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday April 10, 2020 to Everett Hammond, Public Works Director, Town of Rockingham, P.O. Box 370 Bellows Falls, VT 05101. Contact the Town for a copy of the RFP at 802-463-3964 ext 1116 or dpw@rockbf.org.

## TOWN OF ANDOVER REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Select Board of the Town of Andover is seeking bids for mowing/trimming the Town grounds on a weekly or as-needed basis for the 2020 season. Mowing to begin in mid-May and continue through mid-September including Fall clean-up.

The Town of Andover Cemetery Commission is also seeking bids for mowing its three cemeteries in the same timeframe. If bidding on both jobs, please provide separate bids as well as a combined total bid. To view the cemeteries or Town grounds, call the Town Office to make arrangements. (802)875-2765.

Bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. April 13, 2020 at the Andover Town Office, 953 Weston - Andover Road, Andover, Vermont 05143. Successful Bidder(s) must be fully insured.

The Select Board and the Cemetery Commission of the Town of Andover reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 19th day of March, 2020

Jeanette Haight, Andover Town Clerk

## Town of Londonderry, VT Notice of Public Hearing

The Londonderry Development Review Board will meet at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, at the Twitchell Building Town Office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT\*, for Public Hearings on the following Applications:

**Application 2020-06 by Donald and Deborah Hazelton** for Subdivision Review of proposed 4-lot subdivision on Parcel 013013.000 located at Hell's Peak Road.

**Application 2020-07 by Donald and Deborah Hazelton** for Conditional Use Review of proposed detached accessory dwelling on Parcel 013018.000, located at 234 Pitchfork Lane.

**Application 2020-10 by Jeffrey and Cheryl Nutter** for Conditional Use Review to establish an attached accessory dwelling (after the fact) to a single-family dwelling on Parcel 037004.100, located at 110 Cross Road.

Application materials are available for inspection at the Town Office during regular business hours. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. Sections 4464(a)(1)(C) and 4471(a), participation in the local proceeding is a prerequisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

\*Due to the ongoing health emergency the meeting venue may change and may be held through means of remote electronic access as allowed by 1 V.S.A. Section 312(a)(2), and notice of this will be provided at the time of legal posting of the meeting agenda, which will take place at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please check the Town website - www.londonderryvt.org, or contact the Town Office prior to the meeting.

## Chester-Andover Elementary School KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Chester-Andover Elementary School has begun the process of registration for children who will be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2020/2021 school year. Children must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2020.

Please call the office at (802) 875-6832 to let us know that your child will be attending.

March 17, 2020

## TOWN OF CHESTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The Development Review Board will be holding a Site Visit at 5:25 pm on Monday, April 13th and a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday April 13, 2020 at the Town Hall, for a Conditional Use application (#549).

PROPERTY OWNERS: Gary & Louise Parker  
APPLICANT: Gary & Louise Parker  
LOCATION: 220 So. Main Street  
DISTRICT: Residential Commercial (RC)

ACTION REQUESTED: Convert a single family residence into a mixed-use building to include a Body & Sole Wellness and a Custom & Original Jewelry design business(s).

Abutters are hereby notified that further information can be found at the Town Clerk's Office which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Participation in this hearing is a pre-requisite to the right to take any subsequent appeal.

For the Development Review Board

Michael Normyle  
Zoning Administrator  
(802) 875-2173  
michael.normyle@chestervt.gov

## Town of Londonderry, Vermont Notice of Adoption of Amended Traffic and Parking Ordinance

The Town of Londonderry Selectboard hereby gives notice pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1972(a)(1) that on March 16, 2020 the Board voted to adopt an amendment to the Londonderry Traffic and Parking Ordinance. The amendment establishes speed limits on Middletown Road (Town Highway #5) in order to promote public safety and provide appropriate flow of traffic.

The complete text of the amendment to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance can be examined on the Town's web site (www.londonderryvt.org) or at the Londonderry Town Clerk's office, 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155. Questions or comments regarding this proposed ordinance can be directed to Town Administrator Shane O'Keefe by phone at 802-824-3356, by email at townadmin@londonderryvt.org, or by US Mail at 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155.

Notice is hereby given of the right to petition for a permissive referendum vote on this ordinance amendment at an annual or special meeting as provided for in 24 V.S.A § 1973. Such petition for a permissive referendum must be signed by not less than five (5) percent of the qualified voters of the Town of Londonderry and shall be presented to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption. Absent such a petition, the Ordinance amendment shall take effect 60 days following the date of adoption.

## VILLAGE OF LUDLOW, VERMONT POSITION OPEN

The Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Ludlow has an expiring board position to be filled and is accepting Letters of Interest to serve on the Village Board of Trustees.

Interested parties must reside in the Village of Ludlow and should submit a letter of interest to Scott Murphy, Municipal Manager to tmanager@tds.net or mail to Village of Ludlow, PO Box 359, Ludlow, VT 05149. The Village Board of Trustees will evaluate submitted letters and possibly appoint a replacement at an upcoming meeting.

Village of Ludlow is an equal opportunity employer.

## Town & Village of Ludlow Development Review Board Notice of Public Hearing

A meeting will be held on April 13, 2020 at 6:00 P.M., in the Howard Barton Jr. Conference Room, located in the Ludlow Town Hall, to hear the following application:

APPLICATION NUMBER: SUB20-008  
APPLICANT: Roger & Athena Danyew  
PROPERTY LOCATION: 119 Pleasant Street  
PARCEL NUMBER: 230652.000

REASON FOR HEARING: Subdividing a 1.53-acre lot and doing a lot line adjustment.

Additional information may be obtained in the Planning & Zoning Office in the Town Hall

Rosemary Goings, Board Clerk

March 11, 2020

## INVITATION TO BID REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING SERVICES

The Town of Chester is seeking Requests for Proposals for services involving the update to a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town of Chester. The Plan will be submitted to FEMA for approval.

For a copy of the Request for Proposals bid package please contact Julie Hance at the Chester Town Office, 556 Elm Street, Chester, VT, 05143, (802) 875-2173, or julie.hance@chestervt.gov. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

All bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled "Chester LHMP" and should be forwarded to the Town Manager's Office, 556 Elm Street (P.O. Box 370) Chester, VT 05143, on or before 3:00 p.m. on April 10, 2020.

## BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION PUBLIC NOTICE WATER MAIN FLUSHING

**THE BELLOWS FALLS VILLAGE CORPORATION WATER SYSTEM WILL BE FLUSHED WEEKDAYS FROM 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020 AND CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020.**

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**IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS, PLEASE CALL THE BELLOWS FALLS WATER DEPT. AT 802-463-1232. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

Brian Joslyn  
Chief Operator  
Bellows Falls Water Dept.

# TAKE OUT GUIDE CONTINUED

# classifieds

**As of publication, March 25, the following restaurants are open for take out or delivery as listed. Support your local restaurants if you can, and stay well!**

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N. SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – Auction held April 4, 2020 at 11 a.m. at 96 Route 106 N. Springfield. 802-683-7104. To be auctioned:  
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Ayla Hodge unit #82  
Andy Aldrich unit #92 & #159  
Laurie Nolan unit #115  
Lary Sellers unit #130  
Catherine Rushia unit #152  
Matt Reynolds unit #177  
William Blais unit #180  
Christopher Benoit unit #191  
Dylan Davis unit #195  
Orion Pfenning unit #197 (04/07)

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Answer

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8	2	4	5	6	9	7	1	3
5	9	6	1	4	8	3	7	2
4	1	2	3	7	5	6	9	8
3	7	8	6	9	2	1	5	4
2	4	5	9	3	7	8	6	1
7	8	3	2	1	6	5	4	9
9	6	1	8	5	4	2	3	7

### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

I	B	I	S	A	P	T	D	A	S	H	
M	A	D	E	L	E	A	I	N	C	A	
P	H	O	N	E	T	A	G	S	T	A	R
T	W	O	A	N	O	I	N	T			
A	W	A	R	E	B	L	E	W			
C	A	G	Y	B	R	O	W	N	B	A	G
E	D	O	S	A	I	N	T	A	L	E	
S	I	G	H	T	G	A	G	A	S	E	A
Y	O	U	R	U	S	H	E	R			
S	T	E	P	P	E	A	S	H			
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# Electronic option for unemployment insurance claims

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – In an effort to facilitate increased applications to its Unemployment Insurance Claims Center, the Vermont Department of Labor has announced the creation of an electronic form and staffing increases to assist those individu-

als impacted as a result of COVID-19.

“During these increasingly uncertain times, it is the responsibility of our state to assist those Vermonters impacted,” said Gov. Phil Scott. “As the situation continues to develop, it will be imperative upon our state’s government to seek any and all methods to help Vermonters through this crisis.”

The electronic form, which was created in conjunction with the Agency of Digital Services, allows those individuals who are looking to establish an initial claim with the department to do so electronically.

“The Department of La-

bor intends that the online form provides another option for individuals to obtain the benefits they need and deserve,” said interim Commissioner Michael Harrington. “Through measures it has taken will allow its staff to better assist Vermonters as they apply for benefits and increase its capacity for taking claims.”

In addition to the electronic form, the department has tripled the overall number of staff at its Unemployment Insurance Claims Center and has added a supplementary number for the intake of initial claims.

An additional phone number has also been es-

tablished for the establishing of initial claims. Staff from the department’s regional offices across the state will be answering these calls and assisting claimants in filling out the electronic form. This supplementary line is in addition to the full-service Claims Center line.

As the department prioritizes its response to the significant number of

claims, certain regional offices will be closed to the public, while others will be providing services by appointment, as well as virtually. To make an appointment, individuals may contact their local Career Resource Center.

In addition to these measures, the Department of Labor continues to develop and deploy measures to expand capacity.

For individuals looking for more information on how they may be impacted, the Department encourages them to visit [www.labor.vermont.gov](http://www.labor.vermont.gov). Further updates and information will be provided as they become available.

If an individual is looking to establish an initial claim, they can contact the Department of Labor in the following ways:

- Full-Service Filing of Claims: 1-877-214-3330. Individuals should try this line first
- Supplemental Initial Claim Intake: 1-888-807-7072
- Electronic Form for Initial Intake: [www.appengine.egov.com/apps/vt/dol/unemploymentinsuranceclaim](http://www.appengine.egov.com/apps/vt/dol/unemploymentinsuranceclaim)
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# Web-based form available to ensure childcare for essential workers

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – The state of Vermont is helping to ensure eligible essential workers responding to the COVID-19 emergency can focus on their jobs and not worry about the care and safety of their children.

The state, with the help of Let’s Grow Kids, has developed a web form to more easily collect information to connect the families of essential workers

with childcare in schools and licensed childcare programs that are operating to provide services now through April 6, 2020, while school dismissal and general childcare service closures are in effect. Families can also call 2-1-1 ext. 6 or 1-877-705-9008 to speak to a childcare referral specialist.

Eligible families can complete the form and the state, through the Agency

of Education, for school-aged children through grade eight, and Child Development Division for younger children, will work to connect essential workers who need childcare with options for their children.

This is a fluid situation and needs and guidance are continuously being reevaluated. The state of Vermont appreciates the help and patience of our

schools, childcare providers, and families as we coordinate this unprecedented response.

Essential workers who need help finding childcare should visit [www.webportalapp.com/webform/essentialworkers](http://www.webportalapp.com/webform/essentialworkers) or call 2-1-1 ext. 6.

A list of essential positions that qualify for services can be found at [www.vem.vermont.gov/essentialpersons](http://www.vem.vermont.gov/essentialpersons).

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# Fish & Wildlife provides alternative certification for hunter, trapper education

**MONTPELIER, Vt.** – Amid concerns over COVID-19, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has put in place a contingency online-only Hunter Education certification option for the well-being of students, volunteer instructors, and all Vermonters.

“Now more than ever, we want to encourage Vermonters to enjoy the outdoors and harvest local food,” said Hunter Education Program Coordinator Nicole Meier. “This online

certification option allows Vermonters to complete their course in their own homes on their own time. With many of us confined to our homes, this is a great time to do the online certification. There is no substitute for hands-on in-person learning, but we realize that this online-only option will make spring turkey hunting a possibility for many Vermonters.”

“Becoming Hunter Education certified online is an easy, efficient, and comprehensive certification option, approved by the International Hunter Education Association.”

Vermonters will have to complete the online homework and then complete a virtual field day before obtaining their Hunter Education certification. The online certification is free. When the online course becomes available in mid-April, Vermonters will be able to access it on the Vermont Fish and Wildlife website at [www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunter-education](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/hunt/hunter-education).

Vermonters who would prefer to take an in-person class will still have that option when those classes resume later this year.

Students who want to obtain their trapper education certification will be able to do so via a correspondence course that will be available in late April or early May. If you are interested in completing the correspondence course for trapper education certification, send an email to [HunterEducation@vermont.gov](mailto:HunterEducation@vermont.gov) with the subject line “Trapper Education Correspondence Course,” and in the body of the email include your name and address. Correspondence course materials will be sent out by the end of April or beginning of May.

Online certification does not extend to bow hunter education at this time, but bow hunter classes and all in-person courses will resume in the fall. Online certification will only be available temporarily.

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