BUSINESS AS USUAL?

Restaurants are shut down except for to-go

Governor Reynolds announced that restaurants could not serve food unless it was to-go in order to prevent the spread of COVID 19. Many students lost their jobs or had fewer hours. Junior **Ella Johnson** works at Smokey Row.

"We only have a couple of our employees work right now," said **Johnson**. "My hours didn't change. Unfortunately, others did."

Junior **Zandra Spiker** works at Culver's where they have started wearing gloves and are continuously sanitizing their work area.

"Working at Culver's is different right now because we're in unprecedented times," said **Spiker**. "Everyone is just trying to adjust and adapt to the new normalcy every day."

▶▶ **1.** Junior **Ella Johnson** helps manage Smokey Row during the pandemic.

▶▶ **2.** Sophomores **Brooke Schroder** and **Sam Shadle** wear protective face masks as they work at Pizza Ranch.

▶▶ **3.** Sophomore **Connor Folkers** takes orders at Culver's.

▶▶ 4. Freshman **Blake Braafhart** delivers food to cars at Culver's.

QUESTION | How has COVID-19 affected your job?

▶▶ Freshman **Delanie Reynolds**

◀◀ Personally, my case is a little different since my dad owns the business. I haven't worked at Jimmy John's at all during this extended break. Due to other people needing the hours, I stepped to the side. A friend of my dads who also owns a business was actually on the other end. He needed workers, so I am now employed there to help out just for the coronavirus. I have started yet, but I will soon.

◀◀ RE wind: "Being able to see my family in Knoxville helped get me through social distancing." - Freshman **Lauren Burton**

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▶▶ LEFT: Seniors **Zoe Card** and **Lin Nikkel** work at HyVee. They were considered essential workers. "It's worrying to have to work in public during this pandemic, but I love working at HyVee and being able to have time with my friends while I'm there," said **Card**. BELOW: Wal-mart cordoned off multiple entrances into the store, so there is just one area to enter.

▶▶ Freshman **Hudsen Reed**, sophomore **JT Atchison**, and senior **Michael Struve** work at Jimmy John's. **Struve** is a manager.

▶▶ Sophomores **Sam Shadle** and **Carissa Rozenboom** enjoy a little down time at Pizza Ranch. Pizza Ranch shut down their dining room and only provided to-go food during April.

▶▶ Freshman **Jake Brenizer** mans the drive up window. Culver's employees are required to wear masks and gloves as the serve customers.

▶▶ Sophomore **Paige Burkland** helps customers at Jaarsma Bakery. She started working in May.

ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

Stores deemed "essential" were able to stay open during the COVID-19 crisis. Grocery stores were considered "essential." Senior **Mitchell Clark** worked at Fareway.

"The title has a nice ring to it," said **Clark**. "But because I work retail when this whole thing kicked off, I absolutely hated how busy it was 24/7."

Junior **Nathen Hartman** also works at Fareway and felt the added pressure.

"I have had a lot of stress and just haven't been sleeping a lot," said **Hartman**.

There is also the fear of catching the virus.

"My mom is diabetic, so she's at higher risk, and whenever I get home, I have to strip down right away and toss my clothes in the wash," said **Clark**. "An old lady also coughed in my face at work, so that was great."
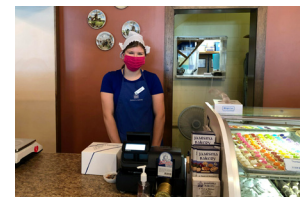
PHONES ARE ESSENTIAL

Stravers U.S. Cellular stayed open through April. It was considered an essential business because people rely on their phones for communication. Junior **Brandt Bandstra's** hours were increased because school closed.

"I have felt like I have helped the community stay connected throughout this pandemic," said **Bandstra**. "Everyone at Stravers' makes sure we all can still communicate even if we aren't speaking face to face."

▶▶ **Brandt Bandstra** works at Stravers U.S. Cellular.

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