

moments as well. Working alongside his co-workers made his job easier.

"On Sundays we don't open until noon, but the staff has to arrive around 10:30, but it is not stressful because there are 15 of us," Galloway said. "Some tasks I do throughout the day are unload all the tubes out of the containers, build a fire that will last the whole day, make stairs up the mountain and shovel the snow to make lines for tubing down."

There is another part of his job that Galloway enjoys the most. "The best part is when I get to meet lots of new people I didn't know," Galloway said. "I have met people from California, Canada, Florida and South Carolina. They just get so many different people in there that I get to talk to. Someone even came from Germany one time."

There are lots of benefits to working at what Galloway would describe as an "extreme snow tubing park" that is family owned.

"I don't have to pay for any food and if my family or my girlfriend comes, they can get in for free," Galloway said. "I also get to go snow tubing every morning for about an hour. All the food we sell is homemade."

An interesting fact about Moonshine Mountain involves how they make the snow. The snowblowers they use came from Cataloochee Ski Area.

"It's a snow mixture in a bottle, and you put it inside of the snowblower. It has to be under 24 degrees to be able to blow snow or it will all melt," Galloway said. "The park always makes their snow the night before."

Galloway believes that Moonshine Mountain is a great place to work. At times it can get difficult for him, especially when other people underestimate his workload, but in the end, the positives outweigh the negatives.

"My favorite part about working there is getting to be outdoors all day," Galloway said. "I have also made some great friends who are my co-workers. I enjoy all the benefits from working at a popular hometown attraction to working in such an exciting community."

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HERE & NOW

Coronavirus pandemic spreads worldwide in two months

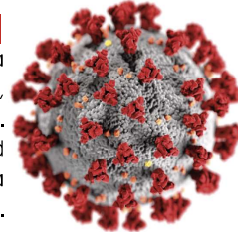
Dec. 31, 2019 - Jan. 11

The government in Wuhan, China, confirms that health authorities are treating dozens of cases of an illness caused by what researchers identify as a new virus. In less than two weeks, China reports the first death, a 61-year-old man.



Jan. 20 - 21

The first confirmed cases outside China occur in Japan, South Korea and Thailand, according to the World Health Organization. Less than 24 hours later, the first confirmed case is announced in Washington State, a man in his 30s.



Jan. 30 - 31

The WHO declares a global health emergency, and the U.S. State Department warns travelers to avoid China. The next day President Donald Trump suspends entry into the United States by foreign nationals who have traveled to China.



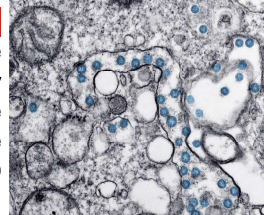
Feb. 11 - 24

The WHO announces an official name for the disease, COVID-19. Italy sees a major surge in cases, and officials shut down 10 towns. The Trump administration asks Congress to approve \$1.25 billion for response.



Feb. 29 - March 3

The U.S. records its first death, and the Trump administration announces new travel restrictions. Officials approve widespread testing. By this point the coronavirus has infected 90,000 worldwide and killed more than 3,000.



March 13 - 14

President Trump declares a national emergency and makes \$50 billion available to fight Covid-19. Gov. Roy Cooper orders the closing of all N.C. public schools for at least two weeks and bans large gatherings of more than 50 people.



March 15 - 18

Trump advises Americans to avoid groups of more than 10. The NCAA cancels winter/spring championships, including March Madness. Professional leagues suspend competition. The Henderson County Public Schools implement "Learn from Home."

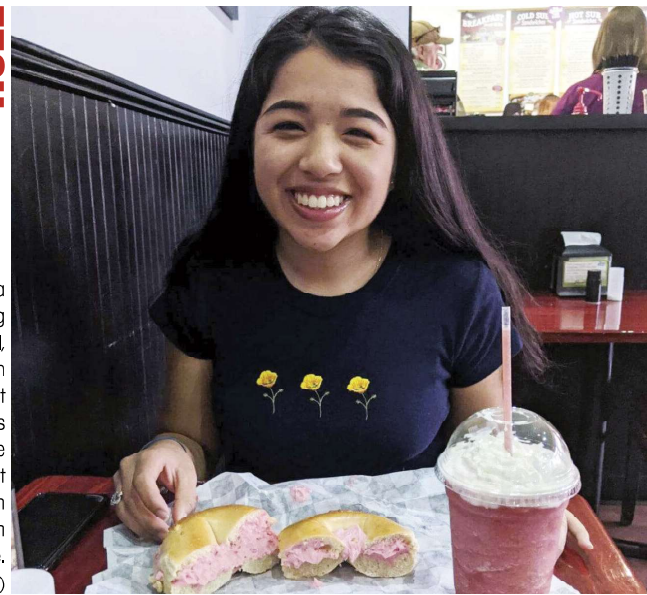


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Skyler Robinson, 10

HOLE FOOD

■ **BAGEL BITES** On a Wednesday morning before she goes to school, sophomore Yadirah Delgado grabs breakfast with her mother at Joey's Bagels in Fletcher. The popular restaurant had a second location on Haywood Road in Hendersonville. (photo by Maria Delgado)



Sophomore makes weekly trip to local bagel shop

WHO: Sophomore Yadira Delgado

WHAT: Makes a weekly stop at Joey's Bagels. "I go on Wednesday morning with my mom before school starts to eat breakfast," Delgado said.

WHEN: On Wednesday mornings school begins a half hour later than other days, so she has time.

WHERE: Joey's Bagels on Asheville Highway in Fletcher

WHY: Delgado enjoys spending time with her mother, and she enjoys the positive energy and the kind employees. "I order their breakfast bagel with bacon, egg and cheese, and sometimes I'll get a strawberry smoothie," Delgado said.



■ **CHILI CHEESE** In line at Hot Dog World on Kanuga Road in Hendersonville, freshman Alex Keever waits to order his usual, two hot dogs and sweet tea. He and his mother went before church on Wednesday evenings. "This was a Wednesday after tennis practice, and I was super hungry and excited to get my food," Keever said. (photo by Allison Keever)

HOT DOG DIGGITY

Local family-owned restaurant popular place for lunch or snacks

For more than three decades, area students have enjoyed eating at Hot Dog World on Kanuga Road in Hendersonville. The local fast food restaurant, which opened in 1986, has received a number of accolades, including Best Hot Dog in the State and Small Business of the Year. Students especially love the famous hot dogs and milkshakes. Freshman Alex Keever went to Hot Dog World every Wednesday before going to church. "It's close to my church in Hendersonville, and it's fast and easy to get to," Keever said. "I usually order two hot dogs with sweet tea. Before I started going to his youth group services, on Wednesdays, I would rarely go and eat at Hot Dog World because it was out of his way. I look forward to going to Hot Dog World now because it has become a weekly tradition. Once I get my license I'm looking forward to continuing to go to Hot Dog World. I'm going to start going with the boys though."

■ alex keever, 10

ALL RIGHT ALREADY

What do you like best about Western North Carolina?



■ karsyn andress, 10

"Living in Western North Carolina and constantly wanting to be outside works out perfect for me. I'm never bored — rain or shine — because there is always something to do or somewhere to go. Almost every weekend my family and I go and find new places to hike to or go see. I haven't lived here my whole life, but it's definitely my favorite place I've lived so far. I know I'm lucky to live where I do because not everyone gets the privilege of seeing the views we see every day."

"There is so much I love about Western North Carolina. From the beautiful views I get to see every day to the awesome hangout spots, I like it all. Many people travel from all over the country to see what we get to see every day. One of my favorite things to do is go hiking in Pisgah Forest and experience nature. As much as I love the mountains, there is always more to see, so I will probably move after college. Although what I have experienced here are unforgettable memories, I know I will carry them with me for a lifetime."



■ carson godwin, 11



Do you want to stay in Hendersonville after you graduate?

"I definitely do not. After I graduate, I want to be able to see different places and travel the world. I would love to go somewhere that is warmer than North Carolina. I'm thinking of maybe like Florida or Texas. It would be great to live in Florida because I already have family there." ■ jada mccraw, 10



"I like this area, and the things I can do here. I love the outdoors here, especially the activities you can do like hiking, biking and camping. Another bonus is the great people around here." ■ jacob cleveland, 12



"I don't like how big of a town Hendersonville is compared to where I used to live. I like small towns better because everyone knows each other, and there is just a better community." ■ savannah sims, 10