Pandemic Perspectives: Jeffersonville Residents Recount Their Lives During the 2020 Covid-19 Pandemic. Interview with Annalise Bassett

Annalise Bassett 0:02: My name is Annalise Bassett. I am a junior in high school, and I'm 17. I go to Floyd Central High School in Floyds Knobs, Indiana. We have been doing eLearning for two weeks now, we had spring break before that, and then we immediately went into eLearning. So far, it's not been terrible. The teachers just post Google Classroom assignments, and we have to do them by the end of the day or by the end of the week.

Annalise Bassett 0:35: Honestly the worst part of the whole thing is just not having social interaction with your friends or your significant other. It's, it's hard to be social, socially isolated for a long period of time, and what we've been doing to combat that is just texting or calling or going to the park or on a hike. To keep our mental health up and keep ourselves from getting too down, we've been going to the park a lot, making sure we get outside.

Annalise Bassett 1:12: Um, Yeah. Um, I've written down everything, basically, in my journal to keep track of everything and when everything happened in the timeline, with like school being canceled because our, the entire rest of the school year is canceled from now until obviously, next year starts.

Annalise Bassett 1:36: I don't know what's going to happen with my--I'm in marching band—and I don't know what's gonna happen with that. Right now, we're planning on our 2020 season happening, but I'm worried that it'll get canceled. So far, I've had my National Journalism Convention canceled, a band that I was going to go see in Louisville is postponing their tour, the prom for this year is canceled, my friends who are seniors are not getting as special a graduation, our band banquet is not officially canceled yet, but it probably won't happen, given the school year is done. Yeah, that's all I have to say.

*** Annalise recorded this at the beginning of the pandemic in April 2020, it will be recorded in the interview done in May 2021