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held, including swine, beef, goat, sheep, rabbit, dairy beef, and horse. The fairground, usually teeming with life, was nearly empty, but for the 4-H families and their show animals. Food truck numbers were cut nearly in half, as only four or five were present throughout the week. Expectantly, many projects were on display throughout the community building, though the building was eerily void of spectators.

Despite these outward effects, Goff believes that the fair has gone according to plan. “It’s going very well,” Goff said. “It’s been kind of warm outside, but everybody has been cooperating really well. [We don’t] have the food vendors or the entertainment tent, so that makes it a lot quieter. It’s mainly 4-H families that are here, which is how we wanted it with everything going on. It looks completely different, but everybody has been great working with our restrictions and what we had to do. “We are just glad to be



Recent Eastbrook grad and 2020 sectional champion Briana Stepp showing off her calf in the Dairy Beef show. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

able to have this this year.”

Under normal circumstances, the fair usually takes place in mid-June, but the COVID-19 pandemic pushed the event back several weeks.

“The biggest challenge is

that we had to totally reschedule everything,” Goff said. “We [usually have] this in June, so we had to come up with a completely different schedule to flow everything and out with the animals, get all the

projects in, and set everything up for social distancing.”

Hand sanitizer could be found in many of the buildings, and all patrons were encouraged to social distance and wear masks at

each of the events.

Goff has been happy with how the fairgoers have heeded to all the changes.

“We are trying to do all the things we need to do to keep it safe for the kids,” Goff said. “The social distancing, and the wearing of the face coverings is recommended for them to do. Everybody has been very, very understanding and working with us. They are just glad to be able to be here.”

Many 4-H members signed up for wristbands, which helped Goff and her staff know who was on the fairground and when. Furthermore, those who did not have a wristband were required to sign up at each building, which will assist in contact tracing in the case of any COVID-19 outbreak.

“Hopefully nothing happens,” Goff said. “But if it does, we know who was here and we can let them know and notify them.”

“Those kids bought animals to be the right size for June,” Goff said. Hosting the fair in July did result in some minor issues, particularly with the swine show.

“We’re a month later, and so, a lot of those animals were just way too big, so the kids were unable to show for that reason. The swine show was where you saw the effect of a July show] the most.”

However, considering the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on communities across the nation, Goff is pleased that the annual fair was able to happen in some capacity.

“We thought for a long time we weren’t going to be able to do it, but every time we stopped and thought about the kids, especially the 10-year members,” Goff concluded. “Those are all seniors, and they already lost their graduation and all of their traditional things, so the last thing we wanted to do was [have] them miss out on their very last fair.

“We worked really hard to come up with a safety plan and everything we needed to do so we could have this. Everybody has been very appreciative and thanking us for making the effort. We are just happy we are having it.”

Taylor University cancels Homecoming Weekend Oct 9-11

Taylor University has canceled planned Homecoming and Family Weekend activities, which were scheduled for October 9-11.

In an announcement by Taylor’s Interim President Dr. Paige Comstock Cunningham to the campus, she cited the continued spread of COVID-19 and advisories from the State of Indiana and the Centers for Disease Control’s to limit access to the campus for the well-being of Taylor’s students, faculty, and staff.

Cunningham said she, her senior leadership team, and

Taylor’s Alumni and Parents teams are considering ways to gather in an online setting. Announcements will come as they are available.

Following is the announcement from Dr. Cunningham:

From the Office of the President

Dear Taylor Family,

It is with great disappointment I share an update with you regarding Homecoming & Family Weekend 2020. In light of the spread of COVID-19 and recommendations from the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention and state health authorities, we have prayerfully made the difficult decision to cancel our on-campus Homecoming & Family Weekend October 9-11. This decision was made out of concern for everyone’s health and safety.

If you are an alumnus or alumna, please know how truly sorry we are that we won’t have the joy of hosting you on campus this fall. Parents and families, we are also disappointed we are unable to welcome you to this special weekend with

your students.

We are considering a variety of ways we might be able to celebrate in an online/virtual setting. When we have more to share, we will be in touch. If you have questions, please contact the Alumni & Parent Relations office at alumni@taylor.edu or 765-998-5170.

We continue to pray for our Taylor family around

the world as they are actively living out Taylor’s mission. We are grateful for your prayers and encouragement as we work to keep

our current students, employees and campus as safe as possible during this time of uncertainty.

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