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To All Area Band Directors and Principals:

The Allen County Fair Kewpee Showcase of Bands will be held on **Sunday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the grandstand at the 173rd Allen County Fair. We are pleased to invite your school to participate in this show. This year we will also have the OSU Alumni Band performing at 6:30 pm in the Grandstand before the band show.

Allen County bands are in the rotation of "Host Band" duties. The Host Band will perform first in the band show and will be responsible for the playing of the national anthem at the beginning of the show. The Host Band is also responsible for bringing the field markers for the band show that evening. *(With the band show being canceled last year, we will keep the same order of "host band" duties for this year).*

The tentative order for "Host Band" duties is shown below. However, should any band choose not to participate, all bands will move up in order.

'23 – Lima Senior	'26 - Spencerville	'30 - Delphos Jefferson (passed
'24 – Perry	'27 - Allen East	'31 - Delphos St. John
'25 - Shawnee (passed in 2014)	'28 – Bath	'32 – Elida
	'29 - Bluffton	'33 - LCC

In addition to the Band Show, we are also scheduling bands to march on the grounds during the week. You can just fill out your request on the entry form.

The Allen County Fair Parade is on Sunday, August 13 at 2:00 pm. A separate entry form is on our website and information is listed below on how to enter.

As in the past, we will be paying the bands \$150 for each of their performances in the Band Show, Parade, and for Marching on the Grounds. Additionally, Kewpee will award each band one dollar for each year the fair has been in existence (\$173 for 2023) for their participation in the Band Show. Each band can receive up to \$623 for participating in the fair.

To get a copy of the entry forms for the band show and parade, go to allencofair.com, click on the Fair Information Button in the upper righthand corner, select Competitions on main page. Download your entry form(s) and return it to the fair office **by July 10, 2023**. Bands participating in the band show will receive an email in August with all the information regarding the band show and lineup.

As always, our top priority is the support and recognition of our youth and with your participation and cooperation we will continue to achieve that goal. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Tina Hershberger at (419)228-7141 or email tina@allencofair.com.

Sincerely,

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