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**Allen County Agricultural Society**  
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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 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the grandstand at the 176th Allen County Fair. We are pleased to invite your school to participate in this 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.

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.

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| '26 - Allen East                              | '30 - Delphos St. John's | '34 – Perry                         |
| '27 – Bath                                    | '31 – Elida              | '35 – Shawnee (did not participate) |
| '28 - Bluffton                                | '32 – LCC                | '36 - Spencerville                  |
| '29 - Delphos Jefferson (did not participate) | '33 – Lima Senior        |                                     |

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 16 at 2:00 pm in Downtown Lima.** 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 (\$176 for 2026) for their participation in the Band Show. Each band can receive up to \$626 for participating in the fair.

To get a copy of the entry forms for the band show and parade, go to [allencofair.com](http://allencofair.com), click on the Fair Information Button in the upper righthand corner, select Competitions on the main page. Download your entry form(s) and return it to the fair office **by July 20, 2026**. 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 the office at (419)228-7141 or email [tina@allencofair.com](mailto:tina@allencofair.com).

Sincerely,

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