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Good morning!

As you probably noticed, 2021 already has a different feel than 2020 did. It seems impossible that an entire band season was cancelled, but it was. The good news is that circumstances have changed enough that fairs and festivals are making plans for 2021, and some of these plans include the Adelphi Band.

Jeff Mathew (my brother) recently had conversations with Glenn Hinton. Included were possible engagements, practices, and some other general information. Rather than attempt to retype all of that, I've attached the information Glenn shared with Jeff, some of his observations, and information on a special project Jeff has worked on about Chillicothe composer Will Huff.


The file is in .pdf format, which should open easily. If it does not, please let me know and I will get it to you in another format.

As additional information is available, I will send out updates. Until then, I need to dust off the horn and make sure the valves still move.

Stay warm.

John Mathew

INTRO TO BAND NEWS

1. Glenn Hinton called me (*Jeff Mathew*) on Tuesday March 16, 2021
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3. However, the bulk of the conversation involved some potential future jobs for the band

2021 POTENTIAL ADELPHI BAND PERFORMANCES

Hallsville Memorial Day Service

Glenn said that he has been contacted by Dan Cryder, who coordinates the Hallsville Memorial Day Service.

They are interested in having the band **play at the Hallsville Cemetery only.**

No specific time has been given, yet, for the band to be needed at the cemetery that date.

However, as you will remember, the Hallsville event has always been on Memorial Day morning. **This year Memorial Day is on Monday May 31, 2021.**

Just as an aside, if you check the pictures on the band web site, you will find one from @ 1950 where the band is playing for Memorial Day at the Hallsville church on the curve just west of the schoolhouse. Pic is on last page.

Adelphi Cemetery

Glenn said that he has a call in to the man who runs the Adelphi Cemetery event, to see if they want the band or not.

Glenn said that he was going to try to see if they could run the Adelphi Service on Memorial Day, as well.

That service typically has been on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Rt 327)

Glenn did not mention anything about Pleasant Hill Community Church (*Rt 327*).

Since we didn't play there in 2019, I think that it is safe to say that Pleasant Hill won't be on the band's schedule for 2021, either. But that will be confirmed later.

The Pleasant Hill Church Facebook page doesn't make any reference to anything happening there over Memorial Day week-end....yet.

That service typically has been on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Pickaway County Fair

Glenn has not heard anything about the Pickaway County Fair.

Their web site confirms that this year it is scheduled from June 19-June 26.

<https://ocj.com/2020/12/2021-ohio-fair-schedule-now-available/>

Their web site is starting to fill up with planned activities for the fair, but below is one of the most recent postings they have about the 2021 Pickaway County Fair as of March 12, 2021:

"Who's ready for the 2021 Pickaway County Fair June 19th-26th? We are!!!! We will have a full fair this year with some restrictions to come at a later date. We can't wait to see you all again. "

Laurelville Fireman's Old Time Festival

Glenn didn't say if he had heard anything about Laurelville.

However, their last web page posting states that the 2021 festival will be

"JUN 9 AT 5 PM EDT – JUN 12 AT 11 PM EDT"

If you remember, in 2020, for several reasons, they planned to move the festival from July to June. Then they wound up canceling the 2020 event all together.

However, I have found that they have already booked bands for the stage for this year's event.

Lancaster Festival

Glenn did not say anything about the Lancaster Festival.

However, when I called Director John Brown (*who doesn't use e-mail*) with all of this news on Wednesday March 17, he said that the Festival has already talked to

him about the band performing, and details will be worked out later.

The last I read the Lancaster Festival web site, they were looking to hold an event at least similar to other years, but shorter.

As an example, this year's Lancaster Festival is scheduled for **JULY 24-31, 2021**. That is a few days shorter than previous festivals.

In checking the Festival web site, I did not find any activities or concerts listed...yet.

Other Usual Band Jobs

I usually try to track the festivals that we generally play at just to see what is up each year, and to confirm dates.

The ones I have checked so far I have listed above.

Many of the festival web sites show an optimism that by the time their own event rolls around, government restrictions will be adjusted to the point that they can bring back something close to the event as it was held in 2019.

- 4. I offered to assist Glenn in contacting the rest of the musicians who normally show up for the band in order to see if there were enough who were even interested in doing either job in Hallsville or Adelphi on Memorial Day.**

I am NOT gathering information right now about any of the other events discussed above.

Even though the performance information is not confirmed yet for either Adelphi or Hallsville, I recommended to Glenn to let me go ahead and contact all of you to at least get a preliminary feel if there was a need to have any further discussion on these dates.

And for you to possibly keep those dates in mind as the information continues to be finalized.

I have also told Glenn I would give him a rundown on the responses from all of you about these potential band jobs.

If you would give the dates some thought, just let me know.

If I don't hear anything in a week or so, I'll try to recontact you just to get at least your preliminary thoughts on the Hallsville and possibly Adelphi dates.

- 5. PRACTICES:**

Glenn did not make any announcements to me about practices at all.

John Brown stated that he was interested in starting practices the first part of May, but nothing has been confirmed, yet.

Glenn mused about trying to practice in the larger room at the Adelphi Firehouse, or even trying to do something in the yard by his house.

The larger room in the firehouse is the one we typically have walked past (*on the right*) to get to the much smaller storage room that we have typically been practicing in. That is also the same room we have had strawberries and ice cream in for a couple years.

It is probably close to 3/4 the size of the Pumpkin Show Band space.

I reminded Glenn that in a normal year, we probably wouldn't be trying to practice till at least the first of May or so, anyway.

So there is still time to see what happens with the virus restrictions and possibly obtaining practice sites large enough to comfortably accommodate us, even with any social distance considerations still in place at that time.

6. I have asked John Mathew to send this information out electronically as a band newsletter.

I will contact by phone those members who do not use e-mail so that everyone can be given this same information.

Even aside from the expense of postage to send out a band letter by USPS, I am one of those many people who can personally testify that it would probably take the Post Office till 2023 to deliver any mail sent out in 2021. So, we will avoid that problem.

7. **ATTENDANCE AT EITHER HALLSVILLE OR ADELPHI**

There is No judgment here as far as anyone either stating that they are planning TO attend or NOT to attend any of these events. Or even to consider participating in other possible events for later in the year.

What we have all lived through these past several months has certainly involved making a lot of difficult personal decisions about our activities and even our personal interactions with friends and family members.

We all have our own set of personal issues, medical and otherwise, that we have had to take into consideration in adjusting our life activities since early last year.

However, I will jump out and say that, unless there are significant changes from this date forward in either the government virus restrictions or in my own personal

circumstances, then I am planning to attend these projected outdoor events

8. FUTURE OF THE BAND:

Nothing new to say here.

- We have several members in their 80's
- We have at least a couple in their 70's
- We have several in their 60's
- We have at least one in their 50's

I would love to see the band continue and I listen often to those concerts from years past where we had good numbers and a solid sound.

I am open to whatever ideas you have on how to bring people in, even if it is for them to just sit in with us whenever they can. The band has always welcomed people just sitting in.

We don't have nearly the number of practices we had years ago, so partly to help that, I put some of the individual instrument parts (*that were Public Domain*), and even some sound files of the songs, on the web so that anyone could look them over before sitting in, whether it was a new person or someone who has been with us for awhile.

I can continue to do that for even the music that we seem to routinely play, let alone some songs that we could easily play, but that maybe they haven't been on our usual play lists for the last several years.

While we haven't had woodwinds often, to include Flute/Piccolo and Saxophones, those parts are available for the Public Domain songs and can be brought to any concert. We just need to know ahead of time that they are needed.

I can always be contacted with your ideas at:

adelphiband@yahoo.com

Cell: 614-519-1688

9. FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Just as a preliminary piece of news, many of you will recognize the name "Will Huff".

He was born just south of Chillicothe in 1875 and died in a building in downtown Chillicothe in 1942.

But in between those dates he wrote 90-100 marches.

Think: "Show Boy", "Hippodrome", "Salute to the Stars and Stripes", "Screamer",

“Squealer”, and “The Zouaves”, to name a few that are probably some of his most popular song. Many of Will Huff’s song are in the Adelphi Band library, and some we play regularly.

Will Huff was once a member of, and Director for, The Adelphi Community Band, as well as for many other bands in and around Chillicothe.

- Floradora Band from Wellston
- 20th Century Band (*Chillicothe*)
- IOOF Band (*Independent Order of Odd Fellows*) (*Chillicothe*)
- Londonderry Cornet Band (*yes...from Londonderry*)
- Kingston Band

to name a few.

His music is still being played by bands of all levels almost 122 years since his first composition was published, and many of them can be found on YouTube.

Interestingly, in spite of his success as a composer, there has been very little research done on his life.

However, that will change somewhat, as in April 2021 an over **700 page biography on Will Huff and his family** will be released for people to be able to read on the web for FREE.

Yes...FREE.

This biography was compiled after finding @ 950 newspaper articles about Will Huff and the Will Huff family from several newspapers with dates from primarily 1900-1952. Plus, info from several web sites and history books was reviewed for additional information.

Th biography will also include @ 145 pages of pictures of concert programs from the early 1900’s, pics of family members, pics of some of their homes in Chillicothe, and much more.

In fact, because of Will Huff’s association with The Adelphi Community Band, it is guaranteed that the Adelphi Band web site will have a copy of this biography on its web site before anyone else.

You will be informed through the band newsletter when the biography is available on the web site.

I have read drafts of this biography, and I can guarantee that there are some fascinating things in it about his specific contributions to music through his compositions, as well as the roles he and his entire family played in the lives of the people of Chillicothe and the surrounding area.

I think that at least some of you will find a lot of the information in this document just as intriguing as I did.

Here is to hoping that 2021 can bring us back together to be able to play the music that identifies us as The Adelphi Community Band.

Web site:

<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/>

Jeff Mathew

Date written on the back of the pic is 1950, Hallsville Memorial Day at the west church in Hallsville.

