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Adelphi Community Band Marking 91st Anniversary

The Adelphi Community Band, a yearly visitor to the Hocking County Fair, is celebrating its 91st birthday this year.

This just might enable the band members to rightfully claim the title of oldest band in the state. At any rate, it

goes to prove that music and musicians, like vintage wine, improve with age.

The band dates back to at least 1884. After its first few years, the group merged with the Hallsville Band and retained the name of Adelphi Com-

munity Band, according to David Pontious of Laurelville.

Pontious, along with Curtis and Herman Hinton, are the last members of the band that reorganized in 1924.

The band stagnated during World War I, but revived again in the 1920's.

Through the years since, the band has been popular at area festivals and celebrations, such as the Adelphi Bologna Festival, New Straitsville's Moonshine Festival, Circleville Pumpkin Show and various county fairs including, of course, the Hocking County Fair.

This year, the Adelphi Community Band will help the Ohio Historical Society begin its observance of the Bicentennial year in a re-creation of an early American Independence Day Celebration at Ohio Village in Columbus in addition to other activities.

The director of the band is 85-year-old James Connett of near Chillicothe.



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