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Subject: Adelphi Band - Updates and News

Today was our first of two days at the Ross County Fair. Since we received some member updates I've been asked to send them on.

John Mathew

Adelphi Community Band Update Saturday 8-3-2019

Just to keep you informed of the current status of some of the band members, and more:

Jack (Bass Drum):

Continues to encounter health problems and has not been able to be with us for a while.

Glenn Hinton (Snare Drum, Business Manager):

Glenn arrived at the grandstand today and unfortunately soon became ill. The squad was called and he was taken to the local hospital.

Early reports from the family shared with the band members in attendance today stated that he had started to feel better in the hospital after being given fluids, and while it was thought that he might be kept overnight, that word wasn't finalized by the time that the races were over and the band dispersed.

Many of you also know that Glenn has been dealing with his own health issues for quite a while.

John Brown (Trumpet, Director):

Many of you also know that John unfortunately fell in the the bathtub a few weeks ago, and hasn't been with us since before the July 4th Parade at Ashville.

He apparently sustained an injury to his right shoulder and isn't able to raise it high enough to even play a trumpet.

John is expected to have surgery the first of next week.

Adelphi Band Future:

- The band has one more job with the Ross County Fair on Sunday 8-4-2019 at 11:30 for the races.
- After that, the band is off (based on the current schedule) till the **Fairfield County Fair Races on Wed 10-9-2019 at 12:30 PM**
- We hope that everyone becomes healthy enough again in the next 2 months to again play in the band with us.
- However, even if they all do get back up to speed, we can always use more members on every instrument. I talk to many musicians, all of whom are already playing in at least one community band, and **many see sitting in with us as some long term commitment, while we would actually be happy for them just to sit in whenever they can.**

Everyone gets busy with life and responsibilities, and NO one is expected to be at every performance.

- Here is what I can do, which hopefully may attract some people to sit in when they can, **while I have some control of the music and program content.**
1. I can provide an electronic copy of whatever music we will be looking at doing for the next performance. This can be done by providing files for public domain music on a dedicated web page (that I can do) or just by scanning them and sending the images by e-mail. Most of us don't don't think it is any big deal to sightread music, since we have done it for so long, and sight reading marches is kind of easy, But some people don't like it, so we can work around that.
 2. I can usually even provide the address for a YouTube video of the song if those people have never heard it before (GASP!)
 3. It doesn't matter what instrument they play, **if I am told ahead of time**, I will have parts available for every typical band instrument, including saxes and flutes, etc. But, the reality is that I don't plan to lug around parts for 30 musicians if only 8 show up. Those days for me are long past and I have enough of my own stuff to carry.

4. We are just like the other community bands that I follow, which are a bunch, and we could always use more people.
5. Unlike some of the other bands, however, we are a LOT less formal, and a LOT more fun.

Feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Thanks.

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