

# GCHS Marching Pride band ready to put on a FABulous show for 2020



Greene County High School Band Director Kevin White is shown here talking to senior majorette Edee Havard while part of the band walks through a routine in the background. The Marching Pride will be delivering some Beatlemania this season with a halftime show featuring the music of the Fab Four.

*Wildcat band members to pay tribute to The Beatles with halftime show*

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Even with the uncertainty of fall sports and the start of school, the Greene County High School Pride marching band is ready to take the field for the 2020 GCHS halftime show.

Band students waited patiently to begin practicing as their first scheduled band camp was canceled and the second was pushed back a week. Band Director Kevin White said most students were at the camp, and although there was a bit of a rocky start to the marching season, he and the students are glad to be back in the swing of things.

“Band camp went really well,” White said. “They’ve been excited to be back to school.”

The GCHS Pride marching band is 38 members strong this year, including the color guard, the Sassy Cats dance team and majorette, Edee Havard. White said the dance team gained one new member this year, and all color guard members from last year are together once again. The band will be under the field direction of longtime drum major Christian Pope. Pope is in his senior year and said he is glad he gets to have one last year on the podium.

“I’m glad we get to play this year,” Pope said. “We weren’t sure at first.”

“We only lost two band members to distance learning,” White said.

Band members traveled with the team to Lucedale and George County High School Friday night, and while they didn’t take the field, they kept the mood spirited and upbeat with music from the stands. White said all band members will be allowed to travel to away games as the Mississippi High School Athletics Association (MHSAA) left that decision up to the principals of the schools, and Coach Bray gave his approval for band members to travel.

“We will be able to play on the field,” White said.

Music for this year’s half-

time show will bring back memories of the past with tunes from 1960s rock and roll British heartthrobs The Beatles. Selections include Sergeant Pepper, Lonely Hearts, Something, When I’m Not 64 and Back in the USSR. Band members, the color guard, the Sassy Cats dance team and Havard are putting together a show they hope will

bring some fun to the crowd during a challenging season.

The GCHS football team will play only district games this season as the coronavirus pandemic continues to put normal activities on hold. White said so far GCHS band members have been safe from the virus, a trend he hopes to see continue. Although the band can play at football games and

perform their halftime show, the pandemic has greatly affected one area of their marching season.

“The state (MHSAA) canceled all competitions for the marching season, and that makes me sad,” White said. “The seniors have worked very hard to get to this point.”

Band members have had to work extra hard so far this

year due to changes brought on by the coronavirus. The shortened school day decreases class time, and that makes after school practice important for the group. While they make it look easy, playing an instrument, twirling a flag, dancing and even twirling a baton while moving around on the field in unison with the

rest of the group is quite a challenge. The GCHS marching band will be a big voice in the cheering section with the smaller crowds in the stands at football games this season.

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Dealing with the summer heat is just part of being a band member at GCHS. Color guard members Makaila Valentine and Brittany Brown are shown (Above) taking a pause during practice Monday afternoon. The group has been working on mastering their routine for this season’s halftime show.

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