

# 2 students receive music scholarships

Two local students were awarded the Joan MacKenzie Memorial Vocal Music Scholarship, in honor of MacKenzie, who taught music and directed secondary choirs from 1970 until her death from cancer in 1986. Holly Kathryn Underwood, a North Farmington High graduate, and Valerie Ward, a Farmington High graduate, each received a stipend to help in their music careers. Underwood said she plans to continue studying music privately, and getting additional education by auditioning for musicals, taking classes at local acting schools and conservatories. She has studied voice privately for

10 years, and recently played the Good Witch in the North Farmington production of the Wizard of Oz. She performed with the Northern Chorus and the Northern Lights. Underwood won numerous awards at high school vocal singing competitions. In 1987 and 1989, she took first place in the Farmington Musicale Competition, and was a grand finalist in the Madrigal Chorus MacKenzie Life Insurance Co. Competition.

WARD BECAME interested in music as a 7-year-old when she started singing in her church choir. Her interest carried on through elementary school musicals and middle

school choirs.

During her high school years, she sang in both the Madrigal and concert choirs at Farmington High. She was understudy for the lead in the school musical "Annie Get Your Gun" in 1987, the same year she received her first musical scholarship which she used for dance.

In 1988, she received her second music scholarship, which she used for voice lessons. In 1990, she received a departmental award for vocal music at the high school.

In addition to singing, Ward has been involved in tap, jazz and ballet dance since 1975. She plans to attend Michigan State University, where

she will major in business finance and minor in music.

THE JOAN MacKenzie Memorial Vocal Music Scholarship is awarded based on a student's musicianship, contributions to the school's vocal music program and financial need.

Students plan to major or minor in music performance or music education during their college career, or continue their musical interest through singing in a college choir and/or continuing to study voice privately.

A district committee of four music staff met to select this year's candidates.



Valerie Ward  
Farmington High



H.K. Underwood  
North Farmington

## She helps guide war on drugs

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imately lead to undercover buys and arrests.

In the past few months, McAllen and the NET team have seen big increases in homegrown marijuana sales, prompting them and other agencies such as the Drug Enforcement Administration to bust several in-house, interior greenhouses growing marijuana plants under artificial conditions. These hybrid plants are more potent than the type of pot people used to smoke, McAllen said.

IN SOME of these marijuana busts, NET has recognized former

cocaine dealers who have turned to homegrown weed to avoid the violence normally associated with the cocaine world.

McAllen says violence has spread quickly from the urban setting to Oakland County. Just last year, more than 450 guns were taken from dealers in drug busts in Oakland County. "I think for Oakland County, that's quite a bit. And the guns are not coming from Pontiac or the Eight Mile strip."

"They're deep into Oakland County."

The reality of McAllen's drug-fighting world is that the more

things change, the more they stay the same.

Drug prices may fluctuate from week-to-week and the types of drugs may change regularly, but the drug problems continue to exist, she said. The game is staying one step ahead.

"As soon as we devise a way to fight drugs, they (dealers) find a way to get around it," she said. "We just keep trying."

A NET profile of the typical Oakland County drug dealer shows an employed, single Caucasian man, usually between 18 and 23. Although he lives within the county, he usually deals away from his neighborhood or area. "In Oakland County, they move," McAllen said. "They don't want to deal in their community. They want to go back to their respectable neighborhoods and families."

In her 15 years of police work, with the past 10 in narcotics, McAllen said she can't spend time worrying about retaliation from dealers and drug networks, although she is careful to keep her personal life private, and her family out of the limelight.

"You don't give it a lot of thought," she said. "You're always aware, and up on new weapons. We're very safety conscious (at NET), and will change plans if necessary."

two teachers.

The Monday-Wednesday-Friday morning or afternoon sessions are for children who turn 4 before December 1990. The Tuesday-Thursday afternoon sessions are for children who turn 4 before March 1, 1991. The Tuesday-Thursday morning session is for children who turn 3 before Sept. 1, 1990.

Names may also be added to waiting lists for morning classes. Enrollment is being taken by Sally Kirsten, 474-2366.

## Tots called to class

Farmington Presbyterian Nursery School, at Farmington Road and 11 Mile, has a few openings in the afternoon sessions for the 1990-1991 school year.

The Farmington Hills preschool fosters a stimulating environment directed toward building skills and offering experiences important to the development of 3- and 4-year-olds, the directors said.

There are two-day-a-week and three-day-a-week programs. Each class consists of 18 children led by

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## Garden club attracts honors

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honor from the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

The federation strives to promote and coordinate the efforts of club members in educational programs, civic improvement, beautification and natural resource conservation.

Included on the convention's agenda was a discussion of groundwater pollution, recycling and composting.

The federation wants to donate \$20,000 for the development of a water garden in the 4-H Children's Garden on the Michigan State University campus. Hill and Dale has donated \$250 to the effort.

The state group donated another \$1,500 to the national group's Friendship Garden at the Washington, D.C. Botanical Garden.

With the cooperation of the Michi-

gan Department of Transportation, the Wildflower Association of Michigan and the state federation, wildflowers have been planted along 150 acres of state highways.

Last year, the federation's foundation programs provided 21 scholarships to college and university students specializing in environmental education, horticulture, landscape design and related field.

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