

## Farmington Community Band announces dates

The Farmington Community Band has expanded its summer concert schedule.

In addition to the traditional summer concert series in Heritage Park, Farmington Hills, the band will be performing at the Founders Festival on July 19 and playing on June 16 in Mackinaw City.

The band will also make an appearance on July 27 as part of the Northville Clock Concert Series at the gazebo in downtown Northville.

An opening the season will be the Farmington Community Band performing light summer music at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at Heritage Park.

The FCB Jazz Band will also perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 28.

As part of the band's 35th anniversary celebration, members will next perform at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in Mackinaw City at the Conking Heritage Park Performance Shell on Lake Huron.

On July 19, during the Farmington Founders Festival, the band will perform in downtown Farmington at the band shell.

The summer schedule concludes at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 27, at the Gazebo in downtown Northville as part of the Northville Clock Concert Series.

Additional information may be obtained by calling (313) 261-2202, (248) 489-3412 or by visiting the FCB Web site at [www.fcbmusic.org](http://www.fcbmusic.org)

## Mergener wins Legion scholarship

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A local American Legion post this week gave two area high school students college scholarships.

Seniors Lindsey Mergener of Farmington High School and Steven Kreis of Redford Catholic Central both won \$6,000 scholarships in the first competition sponsored by American Legion Post 390.

The scholarship competition was open to all high school seniors in western Wayne County.

"The only qualification we had that was somewhat different to similar competitions is each applicant had to have either a parent or grandparent who served in the military," said Post 390 member Bob Armstrong of Plymouth Township, a former post commander who was on the panel that selected the winners.

"Other than that, they had to have excellent scholastic ability and be active in their community."

Mergener, a Farmington Hills resident, is a four-year straight-A student and co-president of the National Honor Society. In addition, she is the captain of Farmington's track team and is active in the drama department.

Her community service includes planning field trips for special education students. She plans to attend Yale University in the fall.

Kreis, a Redford resident who will attend Michigan State University, earned a 3.6 grade point average over the course of four years and is a member of both the National Honor Society and student council.

He is active with Catholic Central's marching and symphonic bands, for which he has been recognized at the state level. Kreis also volunteers at Botsford Hospital's daycare center.

Mergener and Kreis were chosen from a field of 32 applicants. The two were among seven finalists given personal interviews. Armstrong said each of the finalists made a big impression on the panelists and was deserving of the scholarships.

"The culmination of this process has been very gratifying. The kids that applied for this were just exceptional. But we could only select two."

Post 390, which has 70 members and meets at a Knights of Columbus hall in Farmington, sold its former hall in Detroit's Rosedale Park neighborhood several years ago. The interest earned from the sale is what the post used for its educational fund. Armstrong said the post will continue the scholarship competition.

## FEA announces scholarships

The Farmington Education Association, the teachers' union for professional staff in the Farmington Public Schools, has awarded a \$1,400 scholarship at each of the three high schools.

A committee made up of three counselors, one from each high school in Farmington, and the FEA President selected the scholarship recipients:

Elen Waiamanen, Farmington High School  
Della Vada, Harrison High School

Danny Yousif, North Farmington High School  
Individual contributions made by teachers, and other school personnel helped fund the scholarships.



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