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Dear Editors/News Directors:

Included below is a press release highlighting the upcoming Veterans Day concert performed by the West Central Concert Band at Ferris State University. Please call/e-mail with questions.

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Ferris' West Central Concert Band to honor Veterans Day

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's West Central Concert Band will perform its third annual concert in recognition of Veterans Day Nov. 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. in G. Mennen Williams Auditorium.

This event is free and open to the public, and tickets are available at the G. Mennen Williams Auditorium Ticket Office. People who require special assistance should contact the Ferris Music Center at 591-2501 at least one week prior to the event.

During the concert, the WCCB will recognize veterans, active military personnel, various veterans organizations and family members in a special music selection featuring anthems of the five branches of service. The concert will also feature the Newaygo American Legion Post 381 Ritual Team, Ferris President David L. Eisler, singer Rachel Schumann, veteran Eloise Salinger and announcer Donna Smith.

Currently celebrating its 14th concert season, the band is sponsored by the university as part of its "Music for Life" program, designed to enrich the lives of students by assisting them in making the transition from a high school musical setting to the world of amateur musical ensembles. By participating in musical ensembles, Ferris students not only enhance their musical skills, but they also gain inspiration by playing with other students, as well as members of the community.

Under the direction of Scott Cohen, the band is comprised of musicians from the area, including Ferris students, adult community members from West Central Michigan and students from area high school music programs.

Cohen, who also serves as director of instrumental ensembles at the university, has been employed at Ferris since 2002. In addition to directing the WCCB, he directs Ferris' Symphony Band, Community Summer Band, West Central Chamber Orchestra and Athletic Pep Band. Cohen is also an associate music professor in the Humanities department.

For more information about the event, contact Tracy Federoff at 591-2501. For more information about the WCCB, contact Cohen at 591-2484.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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