

Young scout, musician aims to raise money for charities

Concert to benefit Foodlink, Sudan

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Music has been Peter Fogg's passion for as long as he can remember, and scouting would probably come in second on his "favorite things" list.

The 17-year-old from Pittsford has combined his love for music and desire to serve the community into an Eagle Scout project to benefit local charities Foodlink and Water for Sudan, a non-profit that raises funds to build freshwater wells in Africa.

"I wanted to do something that had more of a global reach," said Fogg, a Pittsford Mendon High School student, National Honor Society inductee, assistant senior patrol leader with Boy Scout Troop 336, and guitarist with local rock band The Tides.

And he got his musician friends from Warthog, The Sandwich Crackers, New Ways and The Wildcards involved in the cause.

These groups and The Tides will perform during the "Food and Water" benefit concert tonight.

The goal is to raise \$1,000 for Water for Sudan and collect at least 400 packaged food items for Foodlink.

Eagle Scout is the high-

est Boy Scout rank, and Fogg estimates he's about three months — and two merit badges — away from the achievement.

Earning 21 merit badges, planning a community service initiative and overseeing the plan from start to finish are Eagle Scout requirements and test a scout's leadership and management capabilities. Fogg must also write a report about what he learned from organizing the rock concert benefit.

"It was a pretty involved process," he said. "I like the community service aspect (of the project). If nobody helped anybody, we'd be nowhere."

His Eagle Scout application will be reviewed by the Otetiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which services

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Monroe County. If it passes muster, the application will be sent to the Boys Scouts of America national headquarters for review, said Paul Girouard, scoutmaster for Troop 336, a group sponsored by Christ Clarion Church in Pittsford.

Fogg's academic achievements, community service, and musical interests are the type of

well-rounded citizen that makes a great Boy Scout, Girouard said.

"(Peter's) just an active person, it goes beyond scouting," he said. "We advocate that in our troop a lot."

Fogg's parents, Thomas Fogg and Jean Mack-Fogg, are also proud to see their son weather the ups and downs of organizing the rock concert and credit the Boy Scouts with helping teach him responsibility and empathy for others.

Scouting "has provided some good friends for (Peter)," said Thomas Fogg.

"It exposed him to a lot of different skills, and he's been a leader within the troop."

And the concert gives the teen an opportunity to perform and highlight fellow local artists.

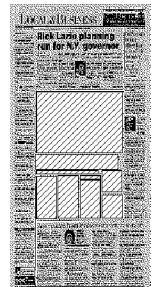
"I'm hoping (attendees) definitely have a good time listening to the music," Peter Fogg said. □

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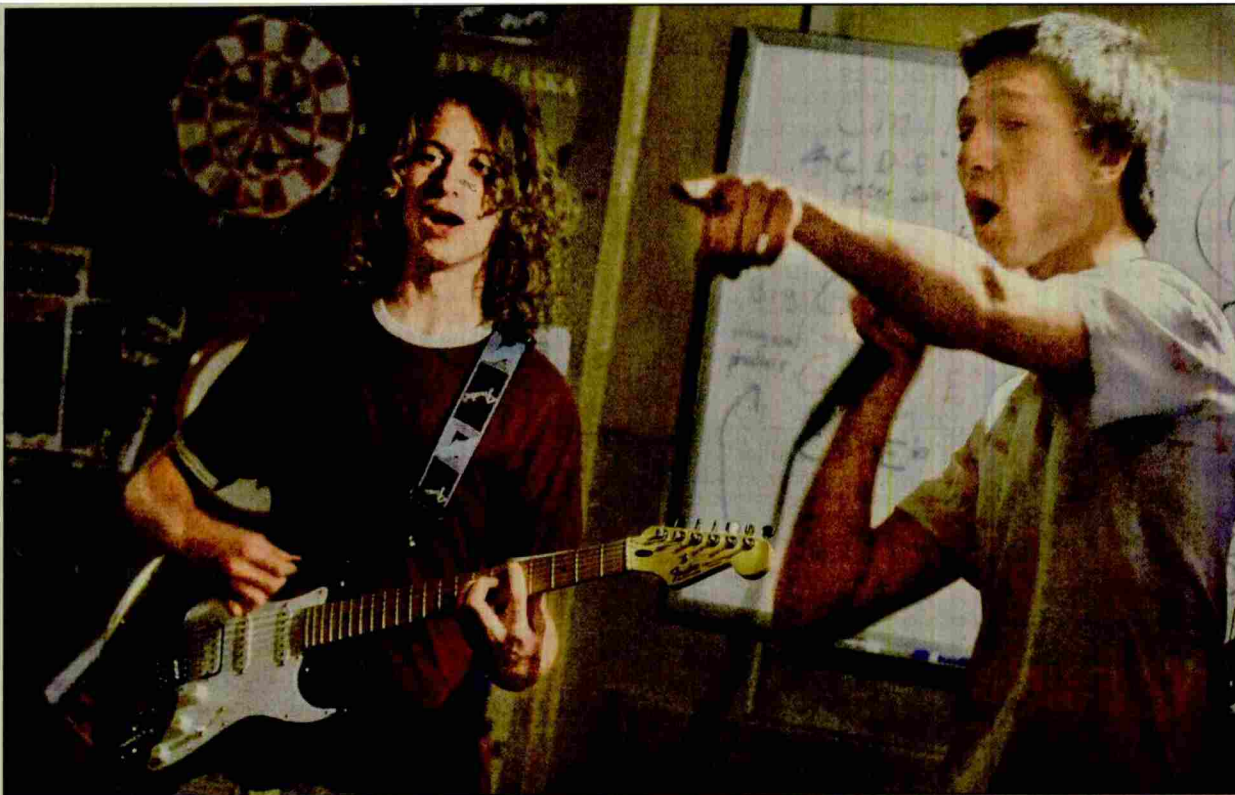
PETER FOGG

Pittsford Mendon student



If you go

The "Food and Water" rock concert will be held today from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Dubland Underground, 315 Alexander St. Admission is \$5 and a donation of two food items. Proceeds will benefit [Foodlink](#) and the Water for Sudan charities.



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Peter Fogg, 17, left and bandmate Trevor Burns, 17, both of Pittsford rehearse with their band The Tides. Fogg plans a benefit concert of local bands as part of his Eagle Scout project.



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Peter Fogg, 17, of Pittsford, left, rehearses with his band The Tides in the basement of drummer Andrew McCutcheon, 17. The guitarist plans a benefit concert.

