

Legion band on the beat once again

The Brown and Lynch American Legion Band of Easton, whose headquarters was wiped out by a fire last October, is back parading and providing free concerts again.

The downtown Easton fire destroyed the Legion post's home, most of the band's instruments, uniforms, sheet music and music stands.

A number of organizations and individuals, led by the Easton Rotary Club, contributed money, music and a temporary rehearsal hall to help the band continue its 40-year tradition of playing in concert and on parade.

Rehearsal and storage space is available at the Easton Moose Home. In addition, the Wilson and Easton Area High School bands and the Lafayette College band helped.

Under the direction of Gerald Bender, the band plays a wide range of classical, Dixieland, folk and rock music.

Free concerts scheduled for the rest of the summer are: today, Harlan House for Elderly, Easton; next Monday, Warren Haven Home, Oxford, N.J.; Aug. 3, Correctional Institution for Women, Clinton, N.J.; Aug. 4, O'Donnell House for Elderly, Phillipsburg.

Aug. 11, New Jersey Hospital for Chest Diseases, Glen Gardner, N.J.; Aug. 17, Walter House for Elderly, Easton, and Aug. 24, Meuser Park, Wilson. All concerts are at 7 p.m.

The free concerts are made possible by a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund, a public service organization created and financed by the recording industries under agreement with the American Federation of Musicians.