

Limehouse Presbyterian Church celebrates season with live nativity

By: Harry Rudolfs

Limehouse Presbyterian Church hosted a live Nativity this past Saturday evening. "It was an idea that sprang out of the old ways of celebrating Christmas," according to Rev. Steve Boose. "This is the fourth year of doing the live Nativity and this year we've added the donkey."

church basement for some hot cider, attendees brushed past costumed shepherds, wise men and an angel. Outside in the manger, which doubles as a drive-shed, was Mary and Joseph played by Rachele and Allen Orr. They also own the two sheep and a rambunctious donkey named Jenny.

The two performances Saturday night were narrated by Rev. Boose and

accompanying by appropriate carols. The tableau in the manger was composed with local folks and homemade costumes. "It's about giving ourselves over to our senses, it's about the smell of life and even death, it's about God come to earth as a baby," added Rev. Boose. "Many people who come to watch every year tell us this marks the start of Christmas for them."



High school's annual Holiday Concert

By: Alex Hilson

Acton High School had their Annual Holiday Concert last Thursday. Bailey Dugas, Acton High's music teacher and director of all their musical extra-curriculars, was responsible for coordinating the concert for her fourth year.



"We're a very small student population here at Acton. I think our total student population is somewhere around 450 or so, maybe not even quite that, but we have a pretty strong ratio of participation in the music program," said Dugas. "We have 60 to 70 students involved in the music program, whether that's taking class or in the groups or both."

The concert has gone through several different staging incarnations. This year, the performers were on the stage which they haven't done for a while.

The concert included performances from the Grade 9 Class, the Senior Instrumental Class, the Jazz Band, the Vocal Music Class and Choir and, of course, the Concert Band. The Jazz and Concert Bands are traditions at Acton High but the Choir and Vocal Classes are new under Dugas's tenure. In the new year, the Concert and Jazz Bands are aiming to participate in the Golden Horseshoe Music Fest while the Vocal Class and Choir want to participate in the Ontario Vocal Festival with

the potential to go to the MusicFest National Festival in Toronto this May.

A highlight of the concert was when the Senior Instrumental Class performed their own arrangement of the CBC Olympic Theme, a piece they'd recently submitted for the CBC Music Class Challenge. A short list of finalists will be released soon, but even if Acton High doesn't make it, there's hope the video they created will be used during CBC's Olympic Coverage in February.

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

If you wish to donate to either the Acton Food Share or Links2Care there is still time. The cut-off date is Tuesday, December 19. There is a "wish list" attached to the containers.

The next Lunch and Learn is on Tuesday, January 2. The lunch is Individual Chicken Pot pie, salad and dessert and the topic is Caregiver Support and Education. The cut-off date is Friday, December 22 at 3 p.m.

The Horticultural Program is also on Tuesday, January 2. You will learn to create three miniature flower arrangements to

take home. Each class is limited to 12 participants, and this class is repeated on January 16. Sign up and pay if you are interested.

Don't forget that your membership expires on December 31.

Do you or a family member need help with transportation? If you have any comments or questions regarding the Activan Service provided by the Town of Halton Hills, there are comment forms at the Centre.

Cheryl Savage had the only mooner while playing bid euchre on Thursday, December 7.

The signup sheet for the December 22 Christmas Lunch will be at the reception desk on Friday, December 15. It will be a traditional Christmas dinner with turkey and all the fixings. This is a very popular lunch and is limited to 50 people. Helen and her crew work very hard to make this possible. The lunch will be followed by bingo at 1:15 p.m.

The Centre will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26. It will be open on Wednesday, December 27, Thursday, December 28 and Friday, December 29.

There was no 50/50 winner this week. Next week the prize money should be around \$230.

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