

Bands combine for annual concert

By: Alex Hilson

The Acton Citizens' Band and Acton District High School's Concert Band put on their second annual combined concert last Thursday in the Acton District High School

auditorium. Jeff Carr led the Citizens' Band while Bailey Dugas conducted the high school band.

"Our band has at least four members that play in the high school band," said Citizens' Band President, John Burgess.

"Playing in both bands develops the players faster than playing in either one by themselves. The sound that both bands have when combined is much better than either band on their own."

There were 53 players

in the combined band, 25 from Acton High and 28 from the Citizens' Band.

The Acton High School's award wall has six students who achieved an Acton High School Music Award and played in both bands. The current Citizens' Band conductor Jeff Carr was the first.

The bands played a

wide variety of material ranging from "Novena" to "Stairway to Heaven" and refreshments were served as a bonus for audience members.

Organizers are already looking at keeping the momentum going for a third show. "We have set a tentative date for next year around the last week

of April that will give us lots of time to plan," continued Burgess. "I enjoyed the combined pieces the most and the positive feedback from the parents of the school band."

The Citizens' Band is now turning their attention to June 3 for their spring concert at Bethel Christian Reform Church.

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Two males arrested for distraction thefts throughout Halton Region

On Tuesday, April 3, two males attended Food Basics stores in Georgetown, Milton and Burlington.

At each location the two men, acting as a team, used distraction techniques to steal a purse from unsuspecting elderly females. One male engaged the elderly females in conversation asking for assistance. During this distraction, the other male stole the purses. Cash and credit cards were taken from the stolen purses and the purses were discarded.

The two men then used the stolen credit cards at multiple stores close to the location of each theft. The cards were used immediately after the theft of each purse.

At 1:35 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, the same males again attended the Food Basics in Georgetown. Alert employees recognized the suspects and quickly contacted police. The suspects left the scene in a motor vehicle but witnesses were able to obtain the licence plate information and police connected the

vehicle to a Brampton address.

Detectives from the one district criminal investigations bureau were able to stop the motor vehicle and at 4:10 p.m. arrested the occupants as they attempted to return to their residence.

One adult and one young offender, who cannot be named under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, are facing three counts of theft under.

Bogdan Dymiter, 20 years of Brampton and a 17-year-old young offender were held pending a bail hearing. The investigation is continuing into these offences and further charges are expected.

Halton Police wish to thank the alert Food Basics employees who quickly contacted police and obtained the vital information necessary to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion.

Police would also like to remind members of the public to be cognizant of the techniques used in these types of



TEA PARTY: The Navy League Cadet Corps—Compass Rose held their annual Mad Hatter's Tea Party last Saturday afternoon at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197. The Tea Party is one of the Cadets' largest fundraisers with proceeds going to support the Cadets' programs and activities throughout the year. - Les Schmidt photo

thefts and be on guard keeping personal possessions safe, secure and away from view in public places.

Anyone who may have additional information

concerning this investigation can contact Detective Derek Moyes of the One District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-825-4747 ext: 2114.

Tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers "See something? Hear something? Know something? Contact Crime Stoppers" at 1-800-222-4777 (TIPS) or through

the web at www.halton-crimestoppers.ca.

Please be reminded that all persons charged are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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