

# Blues, Roots Festival features big names

Halton Region Blues and Roots Festival planned for July 10 to 19 at a variety of local venues is creating a lot of interest among music lovers. It has been termed the biggest international music festival in the history of Halton Region.

The event features such stars as Bill "the Sauce Boss" Wharton, Eric Burdon, Shirley King, daughter of the legendary B.B. King, "Wild Child" Butler, Maureen Brown and Big Hand. Other artists performing include: Paul James, Michael Pickett, Jake and the Blue Midnights, Lou Pinto Band, Blind Dog Calhoun, The Twisters, Little Joe and the Werewolves, and Acton band Couldn't Stand the Weather.

First venue in Acton is at Manny's Roadhouse with "Wild Child" Butler on Friday, July 17. Former bandmate of Willie Dixon, the legendary blues man who influenced Led Zeppelin, he plays authentic Alabama Swamp Blues, Alabama being Wild Child's home state.

Maureen Brown and Big Hand are featured at the George & Dragon, Georgetown, Friday, July 10.

Tuesday, July 16 the "British Invasion" with Eric Burdon, Downchild, Royal Crowns and Jack Dekeyzer appear at Nashville North, Norval. Burdon's legendary hits include House of the Rising Sun, Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood, Sky Pilot and many more. It's the only

area appearance for Burdon. Downchild Blues Band, Royal Crowns and Jack Dekeyzer are the best Blues,

R & B, and Rockabilly Canada has to offer, says Joe Pinto, publicist. They have over 25 albums and CDs.



**JAZZIN' IT UP:** Jerry Stewart and Stevie G of Jerry and Friends can be found playing cool jazzy sounds to a packed crowd on the Red Dog Café patio on Sundays from 2-4 p.m., rain or shine. - Angela Tyler photo



**LEAGUE CHAMPS** of the Acton Pallet/Pallet five pin bowling league at Acton Lanes were presented with trophies at a banquet June 20. They include Roy MacDonald, Judy Mitchell, Sandy McLellan, Simion Entwistle and Lance Vicary. - Ellen Piehl photo

## Environmental group appeals quarry decision

The acquittal of an Acton quarry for operating without a development permit on the Niagara Escarpment will be appealed by the Sierra Legal Defense Fund (SLDF) which says that it's the environment minister's job to uphold the province's environmental laws, not violate them.

In May a court ruled that United Aggregates Limited (UAL) - now known as Blue Circle Aggregates - was not liable for operating its limestone quarry without a development permit from the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) because of a legal defence known as "officially induced error."

The court accepted UAL president Bill Burkhart's evidence that then environment minister Brenda Elliott told him UAL could continue to expand south of Regional Road 43 without the permit.

Four years ago the NEC refused to issue UAL with a building permit and UAL was unsuccessful in two attempts in court to get that NEC ruling reversed. Months later the Harris government made a major change in regulations to exempt all future activities in Escarpment pits and quarries that were licenced before June 1975, from the need for a permit.

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