



MERRY CHRISTMAS: The ADHS Jazz Band plays a tune for attentive Limehouse Public School Students. - Matthew Reid photo



PERFECT PET PORTRAITS: John Tatham paints pictures of pets on wooden plaques and paddles. He was one of many artisans selling his wares at St. John's Anglican Church's Christmas in the Village bazaar last Saturday. Contact him at johntatham@cogeco.ca. - Rebecca Ring Photo

# High School bands tour schools

By Matthew Reid

Public school gymnasiums across Acton and Georgetown erupted with cheers and applause as Acton High School's Jazz and Concert bands toured local feeder schools on Thursday Dec. 6.

In a full day of touring, the bands visited Robert Little Public School, Limehouse Public School, and Stewarttown Middle School. The band and its teacher supervisors loaded the bus, leaving for Robert Little around 8:30 a.m.

ADHS music teacher and band conductor Peter Wilcox says the two bands have been working toward this tour since the beginning of the school year. "They've all worked really hard," he says.

After the children of Limehouse Public School had been

ushered into their seats on the floor of the school's gym, Wilcox quieted the band and turned to speak to his pint sized spectators. He told them about passing a man in red in the school bus on the way there, he then turned back to the band and led them through Santa Claus is Coming To Town, much to the approval of the children.

Both the Jazz and the Concert bands played several songs during the performance. Their set of around 45 minutes contained a variety of music with a big sound that comes from a small town band. Their catalogue of songs included those from the pen of Bach, as well as numerous Christmas carols and even a few songs from the swinging sixties.

"When I was your age I used to dance to this next one," Wilcox said to the

attentive crowd. The band then started into a mixture of sixties rock songs including Louie Louie, Na Na, Hey Hey, and Born To Be Wild.

After playing a few more songs, the band started into a montage of Christmas carols. Wilcox asked the kids to sing along when they knew the words. The crowd of enthusiastic young listeners clapped their hands, danced in their seats and sang along to the likes of Frosty the Snowman and Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer.

The gym echoed with the enthusiasm of young people in the Christmas spirit.

This was Wilcox's 18th year doing the day-long band tour. "It should be my 19th year, but there was a year we didn't do it because of the cancellation of extra curricular activities," he says. "But

the bands of Acton High have been doing this forever."

The band's next big performance will be at Acton High School on Thursday, December 13. This show is the high school's annual Christmas Concert. The event starts at 7:00 p.m. and admission is free.

"It's our gift to the community," Wilcox said.

## INDIAN RIVER DIRECT

### CITRUS TRUCKLOAD SALE

# ACTON

TUES. DEC. 18, 12:30PM - 2:30PM  
THE OLDE HIDE HOUSE PARKING LOT  
(Eastern & Mill)

20 LB BOX OF FLORIDA  
Seedless Navel Oranges **\$20.00**  
or Ruby Red Grapefruit PER BOX

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada  
  
1 800 567-CURE  
Until there's a cure, there's us.

**NEWBABY**  
  
At your house?  
It's time to call your  
Welcome Wagon  
Hostess.  
She will bring  
congratulations and  
gifts for the family and  
the NEW BABY!  
Call Betty Ann  
853-1944  
  
SINCE 1930 LTD.

Live Music is Back!  
at  
**Leathertown Tavern**  
28 Mill St  
Check Out Our Coming Events:  
Sat. Dec. 15 - Tragically Hip Tribute.  
**PRACTICALLY HIP**  
Sat. Dec. 22 - Stevie Ray Vaughn Tribute  
**COULDN'T STAND THE WEATHER**  
Mon. Dec. 31 - A Rockin' New Year's Eve  
with  
**ONE NIGHT STAND**  
Call Leathertown Tavern or details:  
**519-853-9407**



## Christmas Memorial Dove Tree

Once again, you, your family and friends are invited to take a complimentary dove from our Memorial Dove Tree in memory of each of your loved ones who have died. The Dove Tree will be in the funeral home December 1st to December 24th

**MacKinnon Family Funeral Home**  
"Shoemaker Chapel"  
55 Mill Street East, Acton

