

# Alamance County bands celebrate season

## Proceeds go to Christmas Cheer agency

**"CHRISTMAS CHEER FROM ALAMANCE COUNTY MUSICIANS,"** Elon University and Project Pericles. Copyright 2006. \$15.

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Nothing quite says Christmas like an old familiar carol, sung by some-

one you know.

That's the premise behind the holiday CD "Christmas Cheer From Alamance County Musicians."

Area bands like the Mason Lovette Band, Dakkota and The Holiday Band appear as do individual performers such as Lucius Wilson, an area guitar teacher and performer extraordinaire, Robin Riggins, Hope Kemp, and others. The Alamance Jazz Band starts off the CD with the popular Christmas song "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and Victoria Fischer Faw concludes the recording with "Waltz Of The Flowers."

The offerings are as varied and

bright as the decorations you'll see this time of year. There's something for everyone: beach, classical, country and rock. You can hear old favorites like "Deck The Halls," "What Child Is This?" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

Country music fans will enjoy Dakkota's "There's A New Kid In Town" and Mason Lovette Band's "Please Come Home For Children." One of the best songs on the entire CD is The Holiday Band's beach music song "Christmas In Carolina." Warning: If you listen to this in the car, it's difficult to keep your feet still, you may feel the need to shag.

"Christmas Cheer From Alamance

County Musicians" is just what the title says. Each of these performers donated his or her time to produce this CD and all of the proceeds go to Christmas Cheer, a nonprofit agency which provides food and Christmas gifts to needy families in Alamance County. Last year, Christmas Cheer helped 3,639 people. This year's fund-raising effort began just before Thanksgiving and will continue until Christmas.

The CD comes with a 22-page booklet that includes information about Christmas Cheer and Elon University's Project Pericles. The project was the brainchild of Bryan Baker, a senior audio producer at

Elon University. Baker has been involved with a lot of community and on-campus projects. Last year, he and his wife decided to do something for Christmas Cheer.

"I feel like the money from the project is going to such a worthy cause," Baker said in a recent Times-News story. "We're not solving the world's problems by any means, but we're putting smiles on a lot of kids' faces in Alamance County."

*To purchase a copy, go to the Christmas Cheer office, 331 S. Main St., Burlington, or go online to [www.christmascheeralamance.org](http://www.christmascheeralamance.org).*