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Support the Winterhawks Juveniles

Skills Competition
 On Sunday December 17, 2006 at the Stroud Arena
 Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Please select 1 player and both goalies to participate in one of the following drills:
 Fastest Forward Skater
 Fastest Backward Skater
 Fastest Forward Skater going through an obstacle

course
 Fastest Directional Forward and Backward Skater going through an obstacle course
 Fastest Forward and Backward Skating Goalie
 One Player Target Shooter
 Goalie – Rapid Shooter and Rapid Stopper – shot on by Juvenile Players

Fee: \$5.00 each
 For Further information contact:
 Chris Reynolds at 436-4564
 Lisa Kaszab at 436-7521
 All proceeds go to the Juvenile 'A' Rep Team
Innisfil Juvenile A Team VS Stroud/Innisfil Alumni
 On Sunday December 17,

2006 at the Stroud Arena
 Time: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be Door Prizes.
 Fee: \$4.00 each Adults
 \$2.00 each Students
 For Tickets Sales contact:
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2006 Christmas Tree Fact Sheet

The following information was provided by The Ontario Forestry Association, a non profit, registered charity dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of Ontario's forests, and to developing stewardship of forest ecosystems. For more information, go to www.oforest.on.ca.

Real Christmas trees are more environmentally friendly than artificial trees:

- Harvesting trees for holiday decorations is environmentally sound because the trees are raised for that purpose, often on marginal land that wouldn't support other types of agriculture.
- Trees provide environmental benefits such as wildlife habitat, soil and water retention.
- Christmas tree plantations act as a carbon dioxide sink. Each tree fixes carbon dioxide given off by cars and jets.
- One acre of Christmas

trees produces enough oxygen for 18 people daily.

- In Ontario, over 500 farmers produce more than one million Christmas trees each year.
- Real Christmas trees are 100 per cent biodegradable. Trees mulched after Christmas are often used in municipal parks.
- In comparison, artificial trees are non-biodegradable, and their manufacturing process requires large amounts of fossil fuels.
- The manufacture of artificial trees occurs in countries that have very few, if any, environmental controls on emissions of noxious gasses.
- The transportation of artificial trees halfway around the world also adds significantly to the overall consumption of fossil fuels.

Choosing a real Christmas tree:

- The most common trees used during the holidays include pine, fir, and spruce. Spruce tend to lose their needles first, and fir are

somewhat slower.

- Upon deciding the type and size of Christmas tree, make sure your tree is fresh. A freshly cut tree will last longer and its needles will stay on the branches, instead of your floor.
- While checking the lot for a fresh tree, make sure that the trunk has some sap coming out of it.
- Look for a tree that is green, with no brown.
- The needles of pine and spruce should bend, and not break. They should also be hard to pull off the branches.
- Raise the tree just a few inches and drop it on the base of the bark. Shake it a little if you can. Few needles should drop off. If they do, your tree may have been cut too long ago and has already dried out.

Growing your own Christmas tree:

- If you are lucky enough to own 10 or more acres of forested property, you might be eligible for a property tax reduction of up to 75% through the

Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program (MFTIP). Growing Christmas trees may be part of your managed forest plan, required under MFTIP. See www.oforest.on.ca <<http://www.oforest.on.ca/>> for more information.

Caring for your cut tree:

- With a saw, remove a 2 centimeter disk of wood from the bottom of the trunk, providing a clean cut that allows the tree to absorb water.
- Ensure that your tree has adequate water.
- Display your tree away from direct heat to maintaining moisture and the fresh look of the tree.
- Some people add floral preservatives, aspirin and even honey to tree stand water, but there is no evidence that these provide any benefit.

Environmentally friendly decorations:

- Choose Seasonal LED lighting. These festive lights use up to 90% less

Thornton hockey news

Thornton Novice 2 House League
 Thornton2 vs. Thornton1
 Tues., Dec. 5-Thornton Novice 2 took on Thornton 1 and won 3-2. Goals by Behn Ware, Matthew Pyz and Gavin Bayley. Assists going to Spencer Campbell (2), Brian Escott, Jason Eenhoorn, G. Bayley and M. Pyz (pronounced Pizz). Great team work.

Thornton Tigers Pee wee 2 House League
 Thornton vs. Bradford
 Sun., Dec. 10- Thornton Pee wee 2 out scored Bradford 8-2. Goals by Daniel Thomas(3), Jesse Provost(2), Lydia Morrison, Andrew Faris and Bradley Van Horne.

Thornton Tigers Novice 1 House League
 Thornton vs. Nobleking
 Mon., Dec 11- Thornton Novice 1 tied Nobleking 3-3. Goals scored by Dawson Matwijec(2) and Brayden Lewis. MVP of the game goes to the goalie Briar Hughes with 27 saves.

electricity and last up to 10 times longer than traditional incandescent seasonal lights. Many local electricity utilities have promotions for discounts and trade-ins, encouraging people to switch to LEDs. Check with your local utility.

The first Christmas tree:

- Devout Christians began using the Christmas tree symbol in the 16th century when they brought decorated trees into their homes.
- The first Christmas tree in Canada is reputed to have been in Sorel, Quebec in 1781.

The Lt. Governor's Christmas tree:

- Each year the OFA provides a Christmas tree to the Lt. Governor of Ontario

and holds a lighting ceremony, taking place this year on December 5th from 4 to 5pm in the Lt. Governor's suite in the West Wing of the Ontario Legislature.

- The tree is generously provided by Somerville Nurseries Inc. of Everett, Ontario
- Students in the OFA's education program, including Ontario Envirothon and Tree Bee champions, will be on hand to present the tree and participate in the lighting ceremony.
- The Christmas tree will be decorated with energy efficient, seasonal LED lights provided by Toronto Hydro.



Proper Pet Supplies had their 1st Anniversary on Saturday. Owners Dale Lagace and Mike Costen and Morris are the familiar faces of Proper Pet Supplies, which is offering buy one get one free on Purina Pro Plan until December 31st.

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