

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON



READY FOR THE OLYMPICS: The players of the Women's Hockey League pose for a group photo before practice on Monday evening. Back row left to right are: Stacey Johnson Jones, Debi Fram, Angela Stiles, Kim Bandy-Bollert, Jennifer Allonby, Kelly Brown, Marilyn Lightle and Linda Vickery. Front, left to right, are: Eve Kamminga, Diane Blazenko; Erin Donnelly, Liz Holmes and Cindy Mahnke.- Danielle McIsaac photo

Women's Hockey league faces off for 2nd season

The continuing growth of women's hockey is evident in Acton, where there's a waiting list of over-30-year-old females wanting to play in a recreational league.

Four teams – 64 women – suit up tomorrow (Friday) night at Acton arena to face off for the second season of the Halton Hills Women's Recreational Hockey League.

While the main intent is fun, this season the league, asked by the women, will keep score and have playoffs, adding a competitive edge to play.

One league organizer, Jennifer Tysoe, said more than half of the players are repeats from last season and many, like her, didn't realize how much fun the game is.

"I'd been wanting to play hockey for years, but there was nothing but competitive hockey around and how can you play competitively when you've never even learned?" Tysoe asked.

After spending years watching three sons play hockey Tysoe said she's starting to understand why hockey is so popular.

Novice Tanners open season with 2-2 tie

By Judith Kirkness

The Nellis Construction Novice Tanners started their season with an exhibition game at home on Sunday, earning a 2-2 tie with the Georgetown Raiders.

The team is made up of the best hockey players from Acton who were born in 1994 or later, with head coach Bill Curry.

Acton opened the scoring with four minutes left in the first period, as centre Mitchell Brake carried the puck into the Raider zone and fired a wrist shot into the net. Brake is the team's only player returning from last year's OMHA championship Minor Novice team. Wingers Holden Carachi and Walter Kirkness drew assists on Brake's goal.

Georgetown tied the

game less than three minutes later, and the teams remained tied until a minute left in the second, when Acton scored again. Right wing Jeff Curry fought for the puck along the boards from within a crowd, and fired a pass out to left wing Gregory Wells, who was uncovered in the slot. Wells fired it past the Raider net-minder, and Acton had a 2-1 lead. Curry drew the only assist on the goal.

Acton goalie Mitchell Christopher made some good saves to maintain the lead, including a great glove save on a hard Raider shot, but an uncovered Raider scored from the slot with four minutes left in the third to earn Georgetown the 2-2 tie.

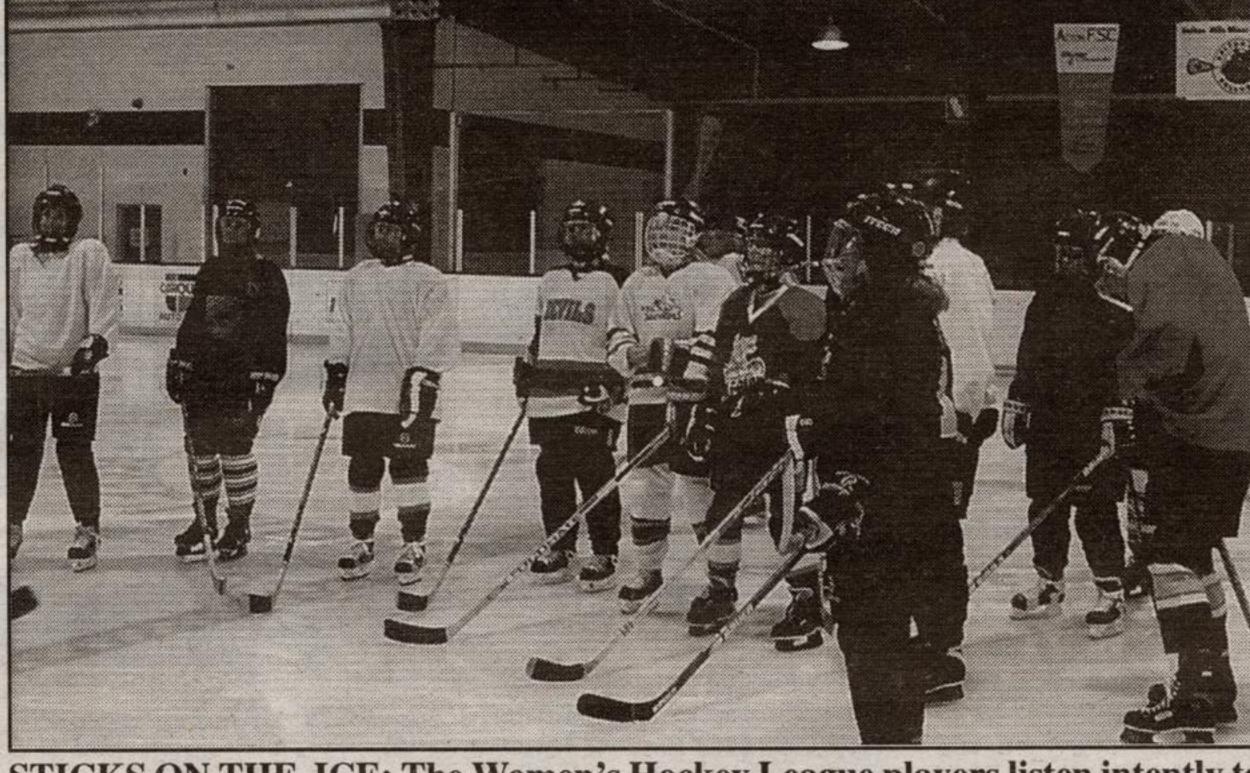
Acton's home games are Saturdays at 4:30.

"It's more fun than it looks – but it's harder than it looks – but it is fun and I wouldn't have known that if I hadn't tried it myself. Once you play the game you get really hooked ... and I've talked with some women who can't imagine giving it up now."

Tysoe said all but a few of the women had never played hockey until last season and some had never skated, but all made "great improvement" with the help of coaches—husbands and friends—who chose to volunteer their time and talent, even though the league had intended to hire coaches.

For a \$175 registration fee, the league stages 23 weeks of play on Friday nights and there's an option of another hour on Saturday, to be used, if wanted, on a user-pay basis

Tysoe said many players got into shape at a pre-season power skating school that wrapped up earlier this week and are anxious to take to the ice tomorrow night.



STICKS ON THE ICE: The Women's Hockey League players listen intently to their coach before the practice on Monday night.-Danielle McIsaac photo

OPP charge driver in Rockwood

On Tuesday, September 25, 2002 at 8:14pm, officers from Wellington OPP observed a 1990 Plymouth Voyager travelling at a high rate of speed southbound on Wellington County Road 27. The vehicle was stopped on Main Street in Rockwood and the driver had been drinking.

A 47-year-old of Elora, Ontario is charged with Impaired Driving and Driving with More than 80mgs. She is scheduled to appear in Guelph Court on October 25, 2002 at 10:00am to answer to the charges.

Harassment charge

On Tuesday, September 24 at 10:01am, officers from Wellington OPP were called to a residence in Rockwood regarding a female being harassed by her ex-husband.

The 38-year-old victim had received 33 phone calls from her ex-husband during a two-hour period.

A 27-year-old male from Milton was taken in custody and charged with harassment. He was held in custody pending a bail hearing in Guelph Court on September 25.



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Join us at the Rockwood library for "Forgetting Carrots On the Stove," an information session and luncheon about Alzheimer Disease on Wednesday, October 9. Come for lunch at 12:30pm (by donation) followed by a discussion by Susie Grieg of the Alzheimer Society of Guelph. If you need a ride, please call Lynn and we will try and arrange one for you RSVP by October 7.

Rockwood EWAG now has "Senior Two Ride" Go Bus tickets available. These tickets allow Seniors to take the bus into downtown Guelph and back again and can be prepaid when bought here at the office. They are \$3.10 each and can be used at any time.

Please note our new hours at the store and office. We will now be open Monday to Thursday from 10:00 to 4:00 and Friday the store will be open from 1:00 to

4:00pm. October is Hallowe'en month at the thrift store. Come in and find a ghoulish costume for trick or treating.

October is also the month of Thanksgiving. Think of those less fortunate and please donate to our food bank. We have seen a marked increase in need in the past few months and if possible we would appreciate any donations of non-perishable goods to replenish our shelves. Donations can be donated to the EWAG office or may also be dropped off at the donation box at Knechtels Food Market. Food Bank is available on Wednesdays by appointment only from 1:00-4:00pm.

We are located at 126 Main St. S. Rockwood. Our phone number is 856-2113. Our office/store hours will be Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 4:00 and Fridays the store will be open from 1:00 to 4:00. Job kiosk and free Internet available.

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