

There's plenty of things to do during Christmas holidays

The town's Community and Leisure Services Department is gearing up for a busy Christmas holiday period.

They're also making sure everything's in order for the long awaited and universally feared (by some) Y2K calendar rollover.

Barb Scaife, the department's facilities booking clerk, noted the last arena rental of 1999 ends at 8:30 p.m. New Year's Eve, leaving the rest of the night right through the next morning freed up for whatever snags may possibly overtake the ice booking system.

"Emergency measures are in place for all the what ifs," insists Scaife, a 15-year veteran with the department. "We tried to stop groups from booking the ice through midnight just in case something happens."

For those looking to take to the ice for public skating during the holidays, there will be extra hours in addition to the regular Wednesday 2-5 p.m., Saturday 8-10 p.m. and Sunday noon til 2 p.m. slots. They are as follows: Dec. 26, 12:10-2p.m.; Dec. 17 and Jan. 7, 1-3 p.m.; Dec. 28-31, 2-4 p.m.; Jan. 2, noon til 2 p.m.; Jan. 3-6, 2-4 p.m.; Jan. 8, 7:55-9:45 p.m.; Jan. 9, 1-2 p.m.

Shinny (full equipment pick



Bruce Stapley

up hockey) will expand on its regular time slot of Tuesday and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the holidays. Extra ice time includes Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 3-7, from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m. The six-through eight-year olds, along with their parents, get to play from 9 til 10 a.m.; the 8-10 year olds are on from 10 til 11 a.m.; the 11-14 year olds go from 11 a.m. til noon; and the 15 and overs go from noon til 1 p.m.

Two four-day Christmas ski and snowboarding packages, including instruction, are being offered by the town at the Lakeridge Ski Resort northeast of Claremont on Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 3-6. The cost is \$179 for either of the four-day sessions. Register by calling the rec office at 640-6527.

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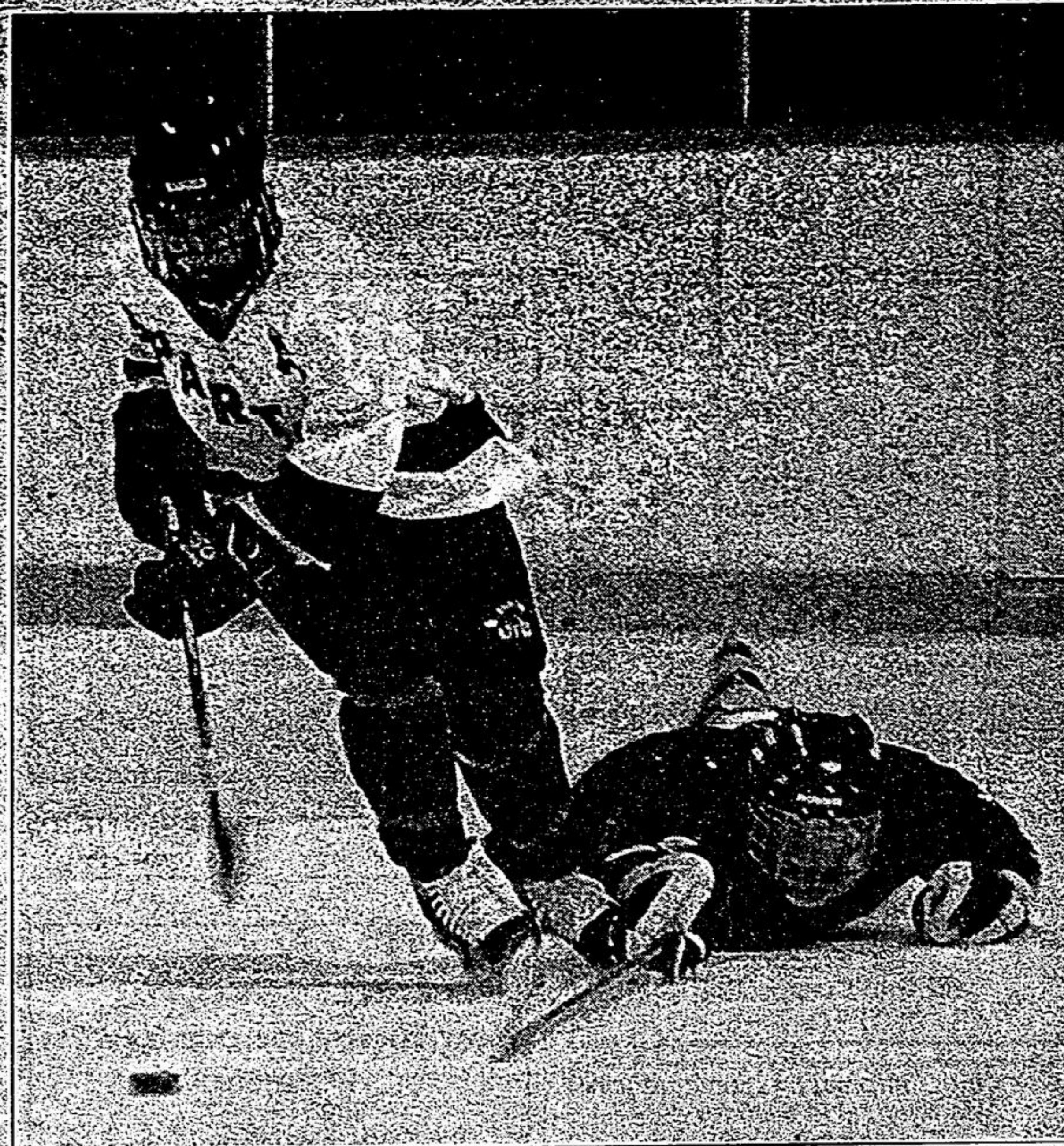
Minor Hockey Association holds its annual Christmas house league tournament at the rec centre Dec. 27.

Brochures listing the department's winter programs can be picked up at the rec centre offices. The programs include Tiny Tumbles, ballet, dance, downhill skiing/snowboarding, children's art and the Vandorf Players Theatre for children. Adult programs include art, indoor golf, yoga and skiing.

Skating outdoors

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Mayor Wayne Emmerson and friends, town residents will be able to skate outdoors on diamond one at the town park this winter. The mayor got together recently with councillor Sue Sherban and her husband, Peter, Phil Redshaw and his little son Scotty and Thom Winters to set up the wooden frame for the rink.

The rink will be given its initial floodings by members of the town's volunteer fire department. After that, Emmerson is confident he can scare up enough volunteers to keep the ice flooded and cleared.



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FULL SPEED AHEAD

A Thornlea Thunder player (right), lunges in vain as he attempts to impede the progress of Stouffville Spartans' Geoff Dunn, who carried the puck up ice in Wednesday's York Region Athletic Association senior hockey game at the rec centre. The host Spartans won the game 4-2. Matt Sullivan, Tyler Markle, Shaun Barton and Peter Smith each scored once for the Spartans.

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