## **Debert Fire Brigade Awards**



Randy Barnhill was presented with the Fire Fighter of the Year Award by Chief Wade Jennings.



Fire Chief Wade Jennings presents Deputy Chief Don Geldart with the Fire Officer of the Year Award.



Gordon McCully received his 35 Year Service Award from Chief Wade Jennings.



Chief Wade Jennings presents Derrick Lockhart with his 10 Year Service Award. Missing from photo but receiving 5 Year Service Awards were Nathan Myers and Murray Melanson.



Gordon Myers was presented with the Wendall Barnhill Most Improved Fire Fighter Award by Wendall's son, Randy Barnhill.



## **WCCS Cobras Owning the Court This Season**



The West Colchester Consolidated School's Boy's Basketball Team had a very successful season. Members of the team include (left to right): Geoff McLean-Coach, Tomaz Fougere, Brandon Watson, Neil Smith, Robert Cooper, Clayton Cooke, Dustin Roode, Mike Martin, Kody McMullin, David Cooper, Adam Bowers (Assist. Coach). (Harrington Photo)

It has been an exciting season for the West Colchester Cobras Boys Basketball Team. A recent tournament in Trenton, at the end of February, saw the Cobras winning all three of their games, with WCCS player Clayton Cooke earning Tournament MVP.

This is the second year Geoff McLean has coached the Cobras and he has seen significant growth in the team since last year. "The 1st year we focused on getting the players to believe in themselves, and this year we have

been focusing on team work,"

Geoff MacLean is the Associate Pastor of Family Ministries for Faith Baptist Church, Great Village. He says he has played basketball since he was 4 years old and grew up playing competitive basketball.

The WCCS Cobras came in 3rd last year, which was an improvement over the year before, and this year they moved to second place in seasonal play.

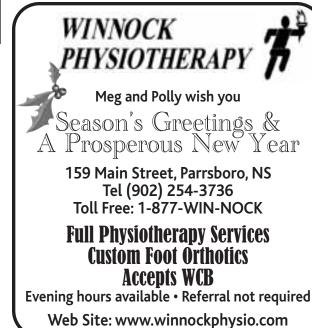
"The Grade 9's have



Several players from the WCCS Cobras Boy's Basketball team warmup prior to a home game against Tatamagouche. They Cobras won this game, finishing second in district play. (Harrington Photo)



Clayton Cooke, of the WCCS Cobras Boy's Basketball team slams a basket. (Harrington Photo)



stepped up and took leadership. Their talent is as you can get right now and the end result has been plenty of wins," says Pastor McLean. "We only lost against one other team in the League, the Colchester

Christian Academy team."

The Cobras were in second place after seasonal play,

which earned them a by to the semi-final game held at Central Colchester Junior High on March 25th. They won their first game against Riverside 69 to 42, which put them into the Championship game against Colchester

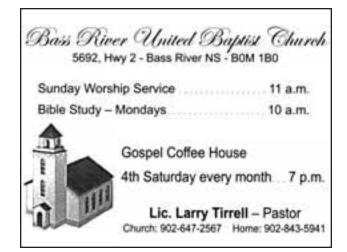
Christian Academy.
The West Colchester
Cobras pulled off an amazing
37 to 33 win, winning the
Lynn Dolmont-Ross Memorial
Trophy, and earning the tittle
of Colchester East Hants
District Junior Varsity
Basketball Champions.

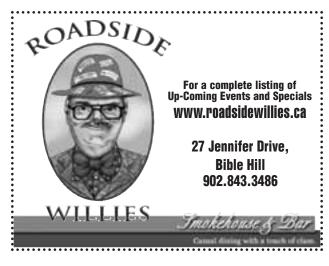
"The team was very excited last night," says coach McLean in an early morning phone call on the 26th. "They were extremely pleased to bring home this District Championship trophy"

Championship trophy."

Pastor McLean has been pleased to see players take the teaching he has been providing and learn from it. "I believe basketball is not just about the win, at the end of the day it is about teaching them life skills that will stay with them the rest of their life," he says.

Congratulations to WCCS Cobras. Well done!





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