Thursday, November 30, 1978 Jack Frost nipping at your nose Civic center awaits final touch of snow Road (¼ mile west of Orchard Lake Road) will be maintained for the fourth season by the township's parks and recreation department. It will be open during daylight hours for sledding and tobogganing as well as for cross country skiing as soon as snow cover is adequate.

Skaters and hockey players will have to wait until late December before the large natural ice pond at the north end of the site is ready for

"Based on our experience in past years, it takes a good 10 day days of hard-freezing weather to make the ice in the springfed pond safe enough for skating," said garks-safe recreation director Michael Teichman.

"We'll be watching it carefully with the hope it will be ready in time for the holiday vacation." he added, Ice conditions will be posted on a sign at the entrance to the civic center site.

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The pond itself is well over an acre in size-larger than a regulation-size bockey rink. During periods of heavi-est use, it will be divided into separate areas for hockey and open skating to add to both the safety and enjoyment of all skaters. Nets are provided for hockey enthusiasts, who may be more

numerous this year since a local indoor facility has closed.

BOTH CROSS COUNTRY skilers and tobogganers familiar with Snow Gulch will find some substantial improvements over the previous wars

years. A new segment of trail which loops through the climax forest on the site has been added for advanced cross country skillers, making expanding the trail to 1 ½ miles in length.

"We think they'll find it a real chat-lenge because of the step incline they will have to ski down as they reach Morris Lake," said parks and recrea-tion staffer Chuck Prouk, who helped to route and groom the new loop.

The entire trail has been developed so its four-foot width is clearly visible. In addition the trails are flagged at regular intervals. Both beginners and advanced skiters will make use of the newly marked Medodwhaven Nature Trail as the beginning leg of their ski route.

A sign indicates the point where

ter site awaits only the final white touch of Jack Frost to change it into the area's popular whiter recreation the area's popular winter recreation area, Snow Guich. The rolling site on Walnut Lake

Construction worker killed at Selfridge Nov. 22. The building was to house the fire station's foam truck, which is used in emergency landing procedures. Zugel was foreman of the subcon-tracting firm. The firm hired for the job was Fidelity Construction of Detroit.

A 42year-old Farmington construc-tion worker was killed Tuesday mom-ing and two Nationa Guardsmen criti-ally injured when a 45 foot section of Wall collapsed during an inspection U Selfridge Air Force Bace. Prank Zugel, foreman for the Glen Aks Fabrication Co. of Paritac, was ead on arrival a SJ. Joseph East fospital, Still in intensive cre at 81. Sephib. Wethereat, worse at 81.

Failed. "We fill by base irremen failed. "WE ARE AT this moment con-ducting an investigation on behalf of the Air Force to determine the cause." Odell said. "There was a good wind, about 30 or 35 miles per hour, when the wall collapsed."

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works for nature lovers who walk or ski the 13-stops which make up the trail.

Snow Gulch is open-free of charge whenever there is enough ice and snow to assure safe winter fun. Parking is available at the site or at nearby Green School.

A parks staff member is present at the site during the hours of heaviest weekend use. Motorized vehicles are prohibited throughout Snow Gulch by West Bloomfield Township ordinance.

beginners will turn off for their 4-mile loop. All skiers will share the same trail on the return leg along the east coast of the site.

A large map will be located at the beginning of the trail at the northwest comer of the parking lot and skiiers are asked to follow the trail in a clockwise direction.

Shelters are provided at the begin-ning of the trail, near the top of the toboggan run and at the skating pond.

TOBOGGONERS WILL FIND that in addition to the wooden chute which adds height and speed to the start of their downhill run, a trough will now keep them on course below the chute.

Fall work on the trough by the parks staff has eliminated a large hump on the hill which in past years has caused some unplanned spills.

Cross country ski instruction will again be offered this year under CSIA certified instructor, Louise Goodman. In addition to Saturday lessons for

all ages, weekday lessons will be available. The parks and recreation department will also work with scout and other groups to schedule special cross country group ski lessons on a afterschool basis.

A schedule of fees and times for the lessons as well as a map of the Snow Gulch area is available from Drake House, 6485 W. Maple, at Drake Road.

winter nature trail guide is in the

