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Sticky situation: Andrew Minielly, 9 (left) of Novi, Nicole Stahl, 8, and Michael Monterey, 8, both of Farmington Hills, sweat at the puck on Bonaventure's maple wood floor. They are more than 90 kids who turned out for the first 11-week session. Another session starts in February.

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That's somewhat less expensive than what it costs to play ice hockey, which includes ice fees and travel expenses.

Less equipment is required. In-line skates run around \$50, Findlay said. A helmet costs \$30. Gloves, shin guards and elbow pads also run \$30 each.

As in-line skating increases in popularity, hockey on wheels seemed like the next logical step.

Several people had asked Findlay about starting a league at Bonaventure. A wall was erected around the rink and protective netting was put up.

"Being a roller rink, you go with the flow," Findlay said.

Checking is not allowed. There's been a few bumps and bruises, Findlay admitted.

"We're not allowed to check, but it's hockey," Braun said.

For many kids — including a number of girls in the league — the roller game is their first introduction to competitive hockey. They've played in streets and driveways and they follow their heroes in the NHL.

But because of the lack of ice time and prohibitive costs, they never played in an organized setting.

"Kids pick it up a lot faster," said Tom Minielly of Novi, who is watching his son, Andrew, 9, practice. "I don't know what it is, maybe they have more of a chance to play."

Minielly played ice hockey and helps coach the young roller skaters taking a crack at the game. There's more than a hint of envy in his voice, watching roll by in front of him.

"It's a lot of fun," he said.



Padded down: Jon Picano, 9, of Northville makes an equipment check before heading out on the floor. Players are required to wear helmets with cages, mouth guards, elbow pads and shin pads and have in-line skates.

Council names arena advisory panel members

The Farmington Hills City Council named its Ice Arena Advisory Committee at Monday's regular meeting.

The committee will advise the city council directly on the operation, maintenance and programs at the new ice arena at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile. The arena is under construction and scheduled to open by the fall of 1995.

The two representatives with hockey interests are Ken Fortier and Byron Siegel.

Fortier is an active senior player who has been involved with the administration of several senior leagues, including those in Plymouth, Garden City and Westland.

Siegel, the father of an active youth hockey player, spearheads the hockey boosters at Detroit Country Day School. He is an attorney.

The two representatives with figure skating interests are Susan McKendrick and Nancy Rice.

McKendrick is an active figure skater and the mother of a competitive youth skater. She is a board member of the Westland Figure Skating club and is attempting to form a figure skating club in Farmington Hills.

Rice, a former competitive skater at the national level, has been a professional figure skating coach for competitive skaters for 11 years. She has also directed a figure skating club in Lansing.

Andy Glazer, a certified public accountant and partner in his own firm, was chosen for his fi-

nancial expertise. He is the father of an active youth hockey player.

Richard Corey, the president of Medical-Dental Management Consultants, was selected for his marketing abilities. His professional services include demographic and marketing studies. He is a former member of the city's Economic Development Corp.

Dennis Fitzgerald, former chairman of the city's parks and recreation commission, also chaired the Say Yes to the Ice Arena Committee that pushed for approval of the \$6 million bond issue to build the arena. He will be the at-large member of the committee. He has extensive sales and marketing experience as a financial planner for CIGNA Corp., owns a successful printing business in Ann Arbor, is a former business instructor at Oakland Community College and served for four years as assistant manager of the ice arena at Butzel Field in Detroit.

Richard Dagunno, a member of the chamber board, will represent the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. An attorney, Dagunno has been involved in many community activities, including being a little league baseball coach.

Two members and an alternate were also selected from the parks and recreation commission. Judy Antikahin and Stuart Seils will serve on the committee and Joe Miller will be the alternate.

Volunteer center impresses Romney

The Farmington Hills Volunteer Center has impressed one of the leading advocates of volunteerism in the state.

In just seven weeks, the center, which coordinates volunteer activities and recruits new volunteers for a variety of agencies, has attracted 100 volunteers. And former Gov. George Romney, who has spearheaded a statewide volunteer effort in recent years, has noticed. Romney paid the center and its director Joanna Ratanatharathorn a visit Friday.

"He (Romney) had not seen the center since it was started," said Hills assistant City Manager Steve Brock. "I think he was impressed."

Brock said the center, in the Farmington Hills Activities Cen-

ter on 11 Mile east of Middlebelt, is actively "reaching out" to attract more volunteers. Often, people are interested in volunteering, but do not know how or what agency can use their skills, he said.

Although many volunteer activities are seasonal, the center has all types of opportunities and offers materials to help potential volunteers find a suitable activity.

Romney will be on hand for the volunteer telethon Jan. 25. Specific volunteer needs will be shown on TV during the telethon, Brock said.

Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more about the center should call 473-1813.

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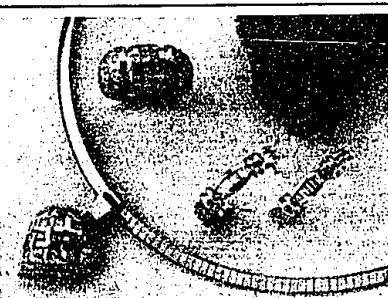
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