

Skating In Observerland

Observerland is full of great places to skate. Find out just what the various facilities closest to you are, and then take advantage of them!

GARDEN CITY--A brand new enclosure for the ice rink at Merriman and Cherry Hill opens up a whole new world of activity in Garden City. Figure skating lessons run for 10-week sessions and will begin at the end of October, depending on when the new rink is ready. Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 4:30 -- skating lessons for schoolchildren. Tuesday and Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.-- Moms and Tots skating lessons.

Also planned are a one-night-a-week class for teens as well as open skating on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If you want to play hockey, remember that the Over 30 Hockey League is expanding and looking for new players. Dennis Rivard, Civic Arena director, also plans a businessmen's open skating period between 11:30 - 1:30 as well as senior citizen activity and a possible student ice show.

LIVONIA - Two enclosed ice rinks, Devon-Aire at Sunset near W. Chicago, and the Ford Rink near Lyndon and Farmington (which includes its own rifle range) are open from September to March. Figure skating lessons are now in process but another session starts at the end of November. There are half-hour classes for moms and tots as well as for school children.

PLYMOUTH - Another brand new indoor rink for Observerland, Plymouth's is located at 525 Farmer St. and is part of a giant new cultural

center, which includes arts and crafts rooms, offices and meeting facilities.

Skating classes are already in session, but registration for the next session will begin in January. Classes meet for 10 sessions, last a half-hour and also include two extra hours of free skating.

REDFORD - Still another new one! Located on Beech Daly between Schoolcraft and Plymouth, this new enclosed rink includes a pro shop which sells sporting goods equipment. Classes start toward the end of October (depending on just when the new rink is ready) and run through Dec. 15.

The second session for figure skating will begin with Jan. 6 registration. Classes are a half-hour long and meet once a week during the day and after school.

SOUTHFIELD- You can register at any time for ice skating lessons for classes beginning Nov. 6, Jan. 8 or Feb. 12. Classes are 45 minutes long and are held once a week for five weeks. Moms and tots, kindergartners, elementary schoolers, teens, adults and advanced skaters all have their own classes as well as a chance to take part in the student ice show in April.

WESTLAND - The city has two municipal outdoor rinks, one at Jaycee Park on Hunter and Wildwood, the other on Henry Ruff and Palmer. Figure skating lessons and a hockey clinic are usually given by the end of November, depending on weather conditions. Future plans include the enclosure of the Jaycee Park rink.

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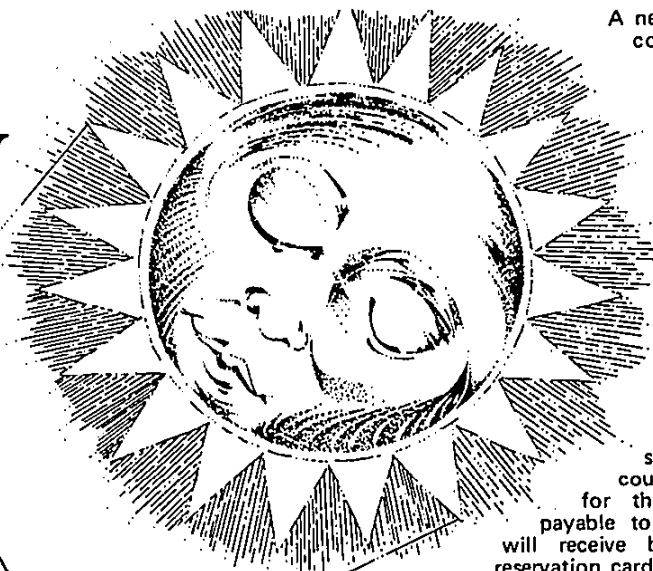
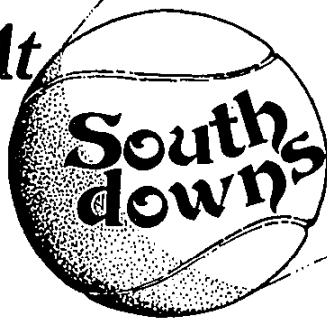


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