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A CENTURY OF ICE SPORTS IN SYLVAN LAKE

For nearly a century, hockey and curling have united generations within our community. It all began in 1926 with the first outdoor skating rink built in vacant lot next to the Stone Castle.

Skaters and curlers brought the ice to life. This eventually led to the Curling Club raising \$400 to purchase land to build their first enclosed rink in 1929. The hockey players soon rented space for their own rink next to the curling rink on the current site of the Lions Park.

Times got tough in the 1930s and members were allowed to creatively pay dues with bushels of wheat or cords of wood.

As the 1950s came along, a modern curling rink was constructed on a portion of land where the Nexsource Center currently sits. It provided a vibrant hub for the Sylvan Lake Curling Club and off season community events like Farmers' Markets and roller skating.

All was well until one fateful day in 2014, when a Zamboni driver was clearing ice in the skating rink. He heard a loud creaking and ran out as he narrowly escaped the roof collapsing behind him.

Lakers were determined to keep winter sports alive, so they rallied together to win the 2014 Hockeyville competition. The award money was used to help with some of the funding towards the Nexsource Center, which is now a vibrant multiplex in the heart of our community.

Sylvan Lake has a rich history of enjoying winter sports within our beloved arenas. These spaces not only provide entertainment and joy during the colder months; they also cultivate connection, community spirit and competitive fun for our community.



Sylvan Lake women curling in a bonspiel. Vi Untinen, Dorothy Watkiss, Isabel Wilkinson, Mickey Arrowsmith, circa 1950.

First covered curling rink is in the background, circa 1946



Leonard Brassard, Gerry Peters, George Ross, Alf Cadman, Dale Mannix, Joe Untinen, circa 1950.



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