



## October 2005 Update

OAK Orthopedics Sports Arena is thrilled to be at the heart of introducing a new generation to the world of skating and all that it has to offer. Enthusiastic patrons of all ages came out for our opening weekend public skating sessions, some even skating for five to six hours a day! Hockey and skating classes officially started on Monday, September 12th, with over 100 skaters enrolled and more registrations still being received.

Our Grand Opening Weekend jump-started with a well-attended "Business After Hours" event through the Kankakee Valley Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, September 29th. Approximately 175 business men and women from the local community came to tour the new ice arena and KCC Fitness Center.

Our Saturday, October 1st event began with public skating and an Open House for both the ice arena and KCC Fitness Center. Radio stations WVLI, WIVR, and WONU had remotes at the ice arena and gave away prizes for the guests. For our 3pm Ribbon Cutting, we were honored by the presence of Dave O'Connell (Executive Director of KVPD), John Bessette (Former KVPD Board President), Dr. Jerry Weber (President of KCC), Hugh VanVoorst (Board of Trustees Chairperson), Donald Greene (Mayor of Kankakee) and our Guests of Honor, Former Governor George Ryan and his wife, Lura Lynn.

Our feature scrimmage between the NHL Alumni Celebrity Team and the Advanced Arena All-Stars showcased top-notch hockey talent and proved to be an exciting game to watch! The Advanced Arenas team won the game with a final score of 9-8. The intermission's highlights were an exhibition scrimmage by our very own Kankakee Coyotes High School Team and a number performed by the Ice Delights Synchro Skating Team from Woodridge, IL. The fans had a great time with the "Chuck-A-Puck Contest", with one fan winning free pizza for one-year from Domino's and four others winning free Big Macs for six months from McDonald's. The two winners of our "Daily Journal Coloring Contest" walked away with skating passes and gift certificates to Toys 'R Us. A VIP Party followed the game with a Silent Auction, great food from The Homestead Restaurant, and public skating until 11pm. The fun literally lasted all day!

### **Don't miss out on all that OAK Orthopedic Sports Arena has to offer!**

Our next class sessions begins October 31st, and offers lessons for all ages and skill levels in recreational skating, figure skating, and hockey. Sign up today!

Public skate sessions are held daily. For times, visit [www.oakorthoarena.com](http://www.oakorthoarena.com) or call us at (815) 939-1946.

Schools On Ice registrations are being taken now! We will specially design a program to fit your students' needs. From making ice skating a part of your Physical Education curriculum, to field trips, class parties, school spirit group nights, and fund raisers for your Student Council, PTO/PTA, and Booster Club, Schools On Ice has it all!

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