

## Grand opening of Whitney rink is Thursday

Edward Whitney's ice skates will be the first blades to touch the ice when the Whitney Community Ice Rink holds its grand opening Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

According to Patrick Henderson, director of Whitney Benefits Inc., a representative of Sheridan on Skates will wear Whitney's own skates in honor of the foundation's benefactor.

Sheridan on Skates is a nonprofit organization that has raised over \$100,000 for the ice facility, according to Whitney Benefits President Tom Kinnison.

"We find it especially noteworthy to mention that Mr. Whitney was an avid ice-skater," said Dippy King, past president and trustee of Whitney Benefits Inc.

"He kept his ice skates on his office desk. He would be pleased to know that he and his skates are, in a figurative sense, back on the ice for this grand opening in the town that he so loved," King added.

King, will conduct the lighting ceremony at 5:40 p.m., and a fireworks finale will begin five minutes later.

Refreshments will be served following the opening ceremonies, and a public skate session is scheduled from 6 until 8 p.m.