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Smithfield roller rink celebrates milestone

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SMITHFIELD—Sunbeam Roller Rink in Smithfield is celebrating its one hundredth year in operation and its owners plan to keep the iconic business rolling into the future.

Roller skating is not a thing of the past, it's a family friendly activity that is still being enjoyed by folks today.

"It seems to be a thing in central Maine," said Matt Bulmer, owner of Sunbeam Roller Rink. "We still get a lot of kids from small towns. We're in Smithfield and the towns around us aren't very big and we still get a pretty good group of kids that come out every Friday night."

The Sunbeam roller rink, located off north pond, in Smithfield was built in 1922. Now in 2022, it is a must see for skaters of all levels and abilities.

"I love that this place is still kicking. I love we have been able to keep it going and my in-laws have been able to keep going before us," explained Kathy Bulmer, co-owner of Sunbeam Roller Rink.

The rinks worn hardwood floor and used roller skates have been well loved by many including 10-year-old Dyan Bulmer.

"It's hard at first, but if you know what you're doing it's easy," said the youngster.

For years, the rink was operated by Matt Bulmer's parents before he and his wife Kathy took it over nine years ago.

"I joke with friends that I married into the roller skating empire," Kathy said with a chuckle. "We see lots of kids coming here, hanging out, and skating. You rarely see a phone out which is nice."

In today's electronically driven world, Sunbeam roller rink offers customers the chance to go back in time and reminisce about the good ole days, while simultaneously creating new memories for first time skaters.

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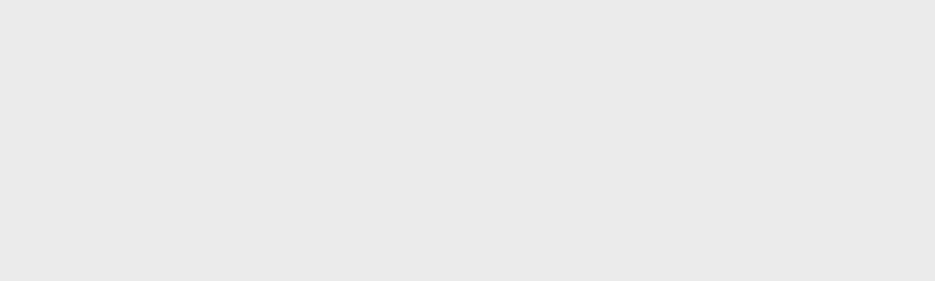
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Two children's bodies have been recovered from Vadnais Lake in Minnesota in what the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office ...

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Democratic primary participation in Illinois indicates weak response to the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade, though Democrats ...

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Britney Spears' lawyer is calling BS on her former business manager, claiming the owner of the company lied ...

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Kiti Jones — one of R. Kelly's exes who accused him of physical abuse and sexual coercion — ...

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Johnny Depp's lawyer Camille Vasquez is gonna spend her birthday in style ... her time overseas with her ...

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July 1 NBA superstars agree to lucrative contract extensions as free agency begins: Reports

Washington Wizards guard Bradley Beal, Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker, and Denver Nuggets center and two-time reigning MVP ...

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