

TEXARKANA -- Skating fans looking to summon their inner Dorothy Hamill will have a chance this Saturday at Christmas On Main. The event, featuring a day of Christmas movies at the Perot Theater, a visit by Santa Clause and more, along with an actual ice skating rink.

"The rink, provided by Artificial Ice and Events of Perfect Party Entertainment, will be set up next to the Perot on Main Street," said Rashinda Hampton, director of marketing and communications for the Perot Theater.

The exhibitor will provide the skates.

The rink, measuring 40 ft by 50 ft, will accommodate skaters from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Skaters will get to skate for 30 minutes per session. The last group will be welcomed onto the rink at 9 pm and their session will be complete at 9:30 pm. The show will be over at that point.

"The Patterson-Troiike Foundation provided \$2,500 to help fund this, with the Perot Theater covering the rest," said Hampton.

Seeing an ice skating rink in Texarkana is a rarity. One of those infrequent yet memorable occasions was about 20 years when there was a much larger ice rink at the Four States Fairgrounds Entertainment Center for the semi-pro hockey team that once called Texarkana home.