

Rumors, again!

It must be spring because the rumormongers are out in full force, again. Every year we are deluged with lots of rumors of dire events. It has been suggested that we squash a couple of the most persistent of these rumors this year.

Rumor 1 The Valley Sports Complex is going to close and we will have no home.

Well, at least it is understandable how this rumor got started. It is true that the VSC is in receivership. It is true that the bank would like to sell the rink. It is true that several possible buyers have looked at the rink and some are still looking at it.

That leaves two possibilities. One is that in the reasonable near future the rink will be sold. In that case the new owner will continue to lease ice to us because not one person or group has looked at the rink with the intent of turning the rink into anything else. The second possibility is that the rink will not be sold in the near future. The current managers have succeeded in paying all old bills, have been keeping current on new bills, have been making repairs and looking at possible improvements and have begun making payments to the bank. That puts the rink in a better light with the bank than it has been for years. The bank has nothing to gain and a lot to lose by simply closing down the rink. We have a long term contract and the bank will honor that contract.

Over the past 15 years various ice rinks have been up for sale including all 3 BladeRunners, Airport Rink and RMU. There are still amateur associations playing out of all of those rinks.

Rumor 2 The Viper Stars are leaving and going to play somewhere else.

We can't figure out where this rumor started because it is like saying one of our arms is going to a different body.

The Viper Stars were once the Steel City Stars but are now a part of the NHAHA organization. The Stars tryout schedule is posted on our website; all of their tryouts are at VSC; and not on any other rink's schedule. We have no intention of moving that segment of the organization to any other venue.

Rumor 3 The Sky is going to fall!

No, not the sky, not the roof, but only one gutter at the complex has fallen. Unlike some other rinks in the area our roof seems to be in fine condition – only one gutter has succumbed to the recent bad weather and that will soon be replaced.

Seriously, if you hear of any other rumors which would lead you to worry about the future of this organization, call the Hot Line to get the truth or email us. You will get a straight answer. (724-335-9005 or Bawoodrow@AOL.com)