

A Warroad work of art



A perennial favorite in the Let's Play Hockey Backyard Rink Contest, the Slukynsky family rink in Warroad, Minn., just keeps getting better and better every year. Featuring a 30x58 ice sheet with an ice resurfacer, lights, boards with rounded corners and a "locker room" in the garage, the Slukynsky rink certainly belongs in Hockeytown USA. Work began in the spring with leveling the backyard, followed by the construction and painting of the boards in September. With the help of Mother Nature and Zamboni snow from the Warroad Gardens and Olympic arenas, the rink saw its first skate on Nov. 22, for Tim, Jenny, Grant (6) and Hampton (3) Slukynsky. The rink even got into the Hockey Day Minnesota festivities on Jan. 17, as parents dropped off their kids for a day of fun on the rink. What can the Slukynsky's do next season for an encore?