

Pilot Knob ski area ready for fun again

The Pilot Knob Ski Area (east of Forest City and to the west of Pilot Knob State Park) isn't too active when you hit a weekend of 20 below temperature.

But operator Craig Daugard expects things to pick up soon on the 80 acre tract. Being built is a pre-fab building to be used as a warming house. It also will serve as storage for rental equipment and Daugard has 100 pairs of skis and ski boots. He hopes to have it completed by Friday.

This is the only ski area operating as such in the North Iowa area and it will be open afternoon and night with the lighted ski slope. Some snowmobiles chase around the area and there also is a toboggan slide near the ski course.

The ski area has been closed down for four years. It is on

Jets, Steelers at Minnesota for exhibition games

ST. PAUL — MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings announced a six-game exhibition schedule Monday for 1970, starting with the National Football League Hall of Fame game Aug. 8 against New Orleans in Canton, Ohio.

The other preseason games will be Aug. 15, Pittsburgh, Minn.

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leased land and is about a half mile west of the west entrance to the park.

Daugard says that operation will continue until mid-March. He plans to bring in some earth moving equipment next summer to reshape the terrain. He also is considering a snow machine but this is tentative because of the high cost.

The next three weekends are packed with outdoor goings on. Nashua has its 5th annual winter festival this Friday and Saturday and snowmobile races are a big part of it. An open cross country race and a Mr. & Mrs. cross-country affair will be Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. on Cedar Lake. The stocks and modifieds race on a closed course at the fairgrounds on Sunday, with races starting at 10:30 with the powder puffs and juveniles.

An ice fishing contest is scheduled at Lake McBride State Park in Solon (10 a.m. to 3 p.m.) on Sunday. An 8-ounce perch is a winner at some ice fishing contests but Solon's winner last year was a walleye which weighed nearly nine pounds.

Mike Waimer of Okoboji bills

the Iowa Great Lakes' snowmobile races Saturday and Sunday as Iowa's only officially sanctioned A.S.A. (American Snowmobiling Association) races.

The event is sponsored by the Arnolds Park Community Club and \$1,800 in cash prizes is guaranteed.

An endurance contest on a closed course will be Saturday's feature, with starting time at 1 p.m. There will be oval races and powderpuff events on Sunday.

Charles City will have a Snowmobile Rally Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. All events will begin on the river, two blocks west of Main Street. There will be a required driver's briefing Saturday morning at 9:30.

Saturday's cross country run will be along the river for about a mile and then through wooded areas, open country and hills. The entire course will be about 20 miles.

There is a limit of 150 entries.

The Monona Jaycees are sponsoring their first Northeast Iowa Snowmobile Rally on Feb. 7-8. There will be nine classes in each race.

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