

Tiger Hi-Line—4 Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1985



Using the chairlift at Oak Highlands near Waverly, skiers enjoy a winter afternoon. The recreation area, which utilizes snow-making equipment when necessary, is open afternoons and evenings during the week and all day on weekends.

Only 20 minutes away *You can ski tonight at Oak Highlands*

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For fun in the sun and in the snow, where do you go?

Here's a hint—it's only 15 miles north of here and it's not in Janesville. You guessed it, it's Oak Highlands outside of Waverly.

Oak Highlands owner Mark Dunkelberg said that activities in the winter include a ski area with a chairlift and a T bar. Dunkelberg said that most people aren't aware that they make snow at the ski area.

It costs Oak Highlands \$30 an hour to run the snowmakers. The machines spray water in front of a high powered fan that crystallizes the water when it is cold out.

Group rates are available for groups of ten or more on weeknights and 15 or more on weekends. Rental equipment is also available at the area.

Dunkelberg said Oak Highlands needs a lot of local support if skiers want to have a ski area that close. The ski area has been operating for 15 years.

It was shut down for two years before Dunkelberg bought the area three years ago. Since then Dunkelberg has put up a T bar and a chairlift. Dunkelberg said they may add tubing hills on one of the ski hills this winter. Oak Highlands will provide the tubes.

What happens when the snow melts? Turn off the chairlift and turn on the slide! Oak Highlands has a tube down one of the ski hills to slide down when it is warm. Overnight canoe trips on the Cedar River are also available.

Also at the area are paddle boats. If golf is your game, then Oak Highlands has a driving range and a nine hole miniature golf course that is new this year.

In the future Oak Highlands may add a diving platform, bumper boats, tubing down the Cedar River and camping.

Oak Highlands is open weekday afternoons and evenings and all day on weekends.

To reach Oak Highlands, take 218 to Waverly. Turn right on Highway 3, turn left at the stoplight just before the Cedar River bridge. Then just follow the signs to Oak Highlands.