

In Cheboygan

Beginning Skiers Hit Sawdust Trail

CHEBOYGAN, Mich. (AP) — This northern Michigan community could have a pile of sawdust converted into a 300-foot beginners' ski hill by Christmas.

The city inherited the huge sawdust pile when a lumber mill ceased operations 100 years ago.

SOME CHEBOYGAN residents have been putting pressure on the city lately to remove the sawdust pile, saying, among other things, it draws ants and is dangerous to children.

Jerry Ireland, a Cheboygan city councilman, says he is working on a project to turn the sawdust pile into a beginners' ski hill. He says he has the use of a bulldozer and has lined up power poles to carry electricity so the site can be used at night. He hopes to have the project completed by Christmas.

Ireland says the heap will have to be moved around and packed down to be useable.

THE SAWDUST pile occupies a four-acre site near the Cheboygan city ice rink.