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# Resort Complex Is Planned At Vulcan

**IRON MOUNTAIN** — The first phase of a \$2.5 million four-season resort complex is scheduled to open this winter at Vulcan.

Upon completion of construction, VULCAN/USA will offer a vast array of year-around recreational opportunities ranging from downhill skiing and snowmobiling to golf, tennis, swimming, camping and horseback riding.

VULCAN/USA is being developed by Norvul, Inc., on some 600 acres of land at Brier Hill, off highway U.S. 2 at Vulcan. The development is being planned around a 10-year master plan.

Now under construction at the top of the hill is the first stage of the chalet. The first level of the three-story structure will include a picnic area, paved terrace overlooking the hill and lockers. Included on the second floor will be the main lobby, cafeteria, ski shop, ski rentals, ticket sales and administrative offices. The upper level will be basically glass and timber with a gourmet dining room, kitchen facilities and lounge. Restroom facilities will be included on every floor.

The chalet will be of contemporary design with the first two levels masonry and the top level rough-sawn timber. The design will provide for future

expansion to include motel rooms, swimming pool and sauna bath.

All three levels of the chalet will have a fireplace. The lounge and dining room were included on the upper level to take advantage of the excellent scenic opportunities from the top of the hill.

Opening with the chalet this winter will be nine downhill ski runs ranging from 1,800 feet to approximately three-quarters of a mile. Two double chairlifts will be installed later this year in time for the ski season opening. The Schneller Chairlifts are manufactured by the B. A. Rice Company of New York and will be equipped with the latest safety devices conforming to state and federal regulations. Each lift has a capacity of 1,200 skiers per hour.

All the initial runs have been cleared and graded. They range from beginner slopes to expert and "hot-dogger."

Future plans include seven additional runs and a third

chairlift. The longest run will be over a mile.

The Brier Hill site was selected because it has one of the highest elevations on the Menominee Range with a verticle drop of 420 feet above a 910 foot base.

Also opening this winter will be several miles of snowmobile trails off the south face of the hill utilizing old logging trails. The snowmobiling will not interfere with the skiing as all the slopes are on the northern face of the hill. A supervised parking area for snowmobilers will be located just inside the main entrance to VULCAN/USA.

The main parking area will provide space for 240 cars while a second parking lot has been designed for 150 cars and 16 buses.

The resort will feature one-way entrance and exit roads. The entrance is off County Road 577, north of U.S. 2 at Vulcan. The entrance road is now under construction. The exit drive is at the east end of the hill utilizing fire tower road into Vulcan.

Future development will include a riding stable with the snowmobile trails being used as bridle paths during the summer months.

The master plan calls for over

40 campsite spaces which will feature electrical hookups and service facilities.

Other phases of the development call for construction of tennis courts, golf course, shops, repertory theater and residential units.

Artificial snow-making equipment also was obtained from the B. A. Rice Company and will provide snow for approximately 17 acres of the slopes.

Two existing facilities have been integrated into the overall

complex. A radar tower once used by the U.S. Air Force is located next to the chalet. Swivel searchlights will be mounted atop the tower to facilitate night snow-making. A fire tower formerly used by the Department of Natural Resources will be utilized to display the name of the resort in huge, backlighted letters. The fire tower is visible for several miles and from as far away as neighboring Wisconsin.

"In addition to offering outstanding recreational facilities, the area will offer excellent scenic opportunities for photographers and artists," a spokesman for Norvul said.

Members of the Norvul board of directors are William Strand and Michael Moroni of Iron Mountain and Thomas Knous and Dean Turner of Vulcan.

The master-plan was drafted by Defenderfer & Associates of Kingsford.

General contractor for the chalet is Edward LaFleur & Son of Kingsford. Sub-contractors are Norway Electric, electrical; Norway Plumbing & Heating, heating, plumbing and air conditioning, and Pollard Construction Company of Norway, masonry.

## Immanuel LCW Circles To Meet Thursday

Circles of Immanuel Lutheran Church Women will hold their monthly Bible studies on Thursday, May 16. The theme of this month's study will be: "The Prayers of Christians Move the Hand of God" based on Revelation 8 and 9. The Bible study leaders will meet Tuesday evening, May 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Hostesses for the Thursday Circle meetings are:

**FAITH** - 9:15 a.m., June O'Neil, Rte. 2, Escanaba;

**HOPE** - 9:15 a.m., Nancy Anderson, at the church - babysitter;

**CHARITY** - 1:30 p.m., Elfreda Gilbert, 1218 Stephenson Ave.

## Community Calendar

Items for the Community Calendar should be called in or brought to the Daily Press Newsroom by 10:30 a.m. the day of publication.

### TUESDAY, MAY 14

Junior High 7th and 8th grade spring band concert, 7:30 p. m., William Oliver Auditorium.

Brampton Township Volunteer Fire Department, 7:30 p. m., Fire Hall.

Lake State's Chapter, Bank Administration Institute, 6:30 p. m., Terrace, Ladies Night.

Bay de Noc Coin Collectors, 7 p. m., Carnegie Library.

Past Noble Grand of the Phoebe Rebekah Lodge, 7 p. m., Oddfellows Hall.

Delta County Democratic Party, special meeting, 8 p. m.,

## Players Slate Annual Meeting

Players de Noc, Inc., will hold its annual meeting tonight at 7 at the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center.

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