

Wanted: snow for Oak Grove ski run

"All we need now is a little snow," Oak Grove park ranger Gerald Schieffen told The Democrat this week.

The toboggan run and ski slope is completed at the county park near Hawarden.

Final touches were put on the project last week.

"The shelter at the top of the run was finished last summer,"

Schieffen said, "but we put up the tow-rope and hooked up the lights only last week."

The tow rope is 350 feet long.

The ski slope and toboggan run at Oak Grove is the first part of a five-year comprehen-

sive plan, begun last year, for the development of Sioux County parks.

The plan is being carried out by the Sioux County Conservation Commission with financial help from the U. S. Land and Water Recreation Fund act.

The toboggan run and ski slope cost \$21,000. The federal government paid half this amount.

The slope is located in Big Sioux park, a 23-acre annex to Oak Grove park.

"I don't think there's any end to the number of people the slope can accommodate," Schieffen said. He added that

toboggan enthusiasts and skiers may start at different areas on the slope "but they'll end up in about the same place."

A tentative project in the comprehensive plan is the enlargement of the county park north of Alton on Hwy. 33. However, the commission has not taken any action on the Alton park addition.

According to Schieffen, the commission is considering buying tables and planting trees for a roadside park near Boyden next spring. "It would be a small project, only involving about an acre of land," Schieffen said.

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It's that special time of year again.

The kids are happy because

right place at the right time last Friday evening. She won \$50 for being in an Alton place of business when the fire whistle