

● **Ski Valley** hasn't been open the past two seasons because of mild weather, but they hope this year to open by Dec. 1. Located alongside U.S. 30, 3½ miles west of Boone, its 180-foot vertical drop offers a longest run of 1,800 feet. It's served by three rope tows and a T-bar, and has a ski patrol, snowmaking equipment and a snack bar. The tow fee for adults is \$8 and equipment rental is \$8. Call (515) 432-2423 or (515) 432-2542.