

I think I remember.....Sledding

Winter often brought the need for activity to burn off energy from kids. For a number of years, usually after the Christmas break, the street (east South) adjacent to the original Argos Public School was barricaded (closed) between Maple and Michigan streets. Depending on the availability of snow cover, students during recess used the street for sledding. Many sleds were brought to school each day and lined up just like bicycles in the summer. If enough snow was not available, I believe that a hydrant was opened and a small amount of water was added to the street surface to facilitate sledding. For safety, bales of straw were placed at the Michigan intersection to prevent sleds from inadvertently getting on that street. If your sled suffered a broken slat or runner, students in the shop class located in the basement of the school would attempt to repair the broken part for you. A number of sleds were repaired as the hard street and kids doing belly flops, broke a number of sleds.

The Golf course on Route 117 just east of Culver provided a hill that was excellent for toboggans. Many evenings and weekends were spent enjoying those fast rides down the slope. The down side was that you had to trudge all the way back up for additional thrills.