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revenue-generating source for Bass Park in January, which was really exciting. And the college made some money, which translates to scholarships.

It also led to some interesting work experience for EMCC students, some of whom served as flaggers during the race. This year, a law enforcement professor at the college and student volunteers will provide security at the venue.

While Bangor is a small city, it's a thriving metropolis when compared with other host venue for East Coast Snocross, Khavari said

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are deep in the woods, Khavari said. That's certainly the case for the March races that will be held at Historic Pittston Farm.

On Friday, Jan. 29, racers will get a chance to test the track, and Khavari is hoping that another event being held in the city that day will lead to some added excitement.

"One of the really fun things this year is we've partnered with Waterfront Concerts to co-promote the Brad Paisley concert, which is happening Friday night," Khavari said. "So we're hoping — fingers crossed — to get Brad or his crew on a snowmobile at some point. No promises, but that would be something fun and different to do.

One concern last year — a supply of snow that course builders can work with doesn't seem to be a factor this time around, Khavari said.

"I know everybody is talking about how cold it is, but it's good for us because it keeps the snow piles in piles and it doesn't melt," she said. "This year, knock on wood, we are 99.9 percent sure we will not have to make any man-made snow.

Khavari said she had hoped for an additional 10 inches of snow during a predicted Saturday storm. More current forecasts indicate that won't happen.

'Just give me two more weeks [of snow and cold]," she said. "Then spring can

ings, will be held that and come back in February. Your ticket is still

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John still has open water in many areas from the confluence of the St. Francis [River] all the way down to Hamlin.'

Up on Moosehead, derby organizers are moving forward with plans to stage the ninth annual Moosehead Lake Togue Derby with Rick Craven as planned, Jan. 29-31.

They're hedging their bet, however, and will extend the derby, offering a second weekend of fishing in February in case people aren't comfortable with the amount of ice they find in January.

"It is uncertain what the ice conditions will be for the derby ... and we do not want anyone to get hurt because they are fishing in the derby," the Natural Resources Education Center said in a news release issued last week.

The second weekend of the derby will be held Feb. 19-21, and many derby-affiliated events, including the banquet, silent auction and door prize draw-

weekend.

"Many areas may not be safe, and we urge you to be cautious and check ice conditions before venturing out onto the lake," the NREC said. "If the ice is not safe, please stay off

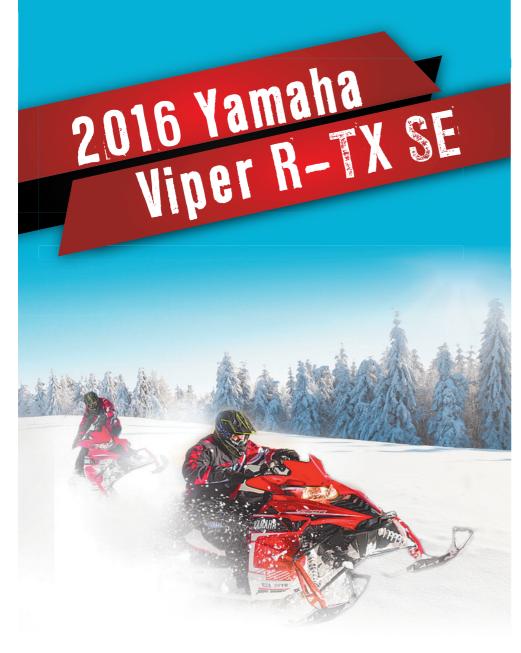
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