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Blizzard Provides Tunnels Of Fun

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LITITZ (Lancaster Co.) — The blizzard of the century cancelled schools and provided snow galore

for kids to enjoy. "It's wonderful!" 5-year-old Shane Landis summed up his feelings about the big snow. He and his friends Ryan and

Raymond Martin told of strong winds blowing them over during the height of the storm.

"But we weren't scared at all," said Ryan, who is 7 years old.

When the storm subsided and the sun came out, the boys dug five tunnels in the snow.

"We dug them with snow shovels and hoes," Ryan said.

"We used toy ones and big ones," said Raymond, who is 11 years old.

The boys shoveled long and hard to dig a cave in which they could hide out between snow battles.

Snowballs flew fast and furiously as the three ganged up on Shane's dad, Mike, in a snowball battle.

"That stung," one of them yelled when a snowball blasted him in the face.

When the battle ended, the three trooped across snow drifts that surrounded Shane's house. Mostly the crust on top of the snow kept the boys from breaking through, but if they did, the snow was almost as deep as they were tall.

"I haven't seen so much snow since I was born," Raymond said.

Shane stuffed snow in his mouth and said, "I love eating this stuff. It tastes really good."

The snowdrifts built a super hill for the boys to sled in the backyard. Although they liked sledding downhill, they liked it even better

when they collided at the bottom.

But the snowstorm brought some bad news for school children. "Now we got to go to school longer in June to make up the days we missed," Raymond said. "I don't like going to school when it's

hot."

Shane is the son of Mike and Pat Landis. Ryan and Raymond are sons of Raymond and Deb Martin. Amy is the daughter of Philip and Carol Lizec. All are from Lititz.



"Ouch!" An icy snowball on the face stings Ryan, left.



Instead of 5-year-old Amy taking her dog for a walk in the snow, Peaches took Amy for a ride.



Raymond and Ryan seek shelter from winds and snowballs in this cave that they built.



When Mike Landis attempted to empty the garbage, he was met by a blast of snowballs from Shane, Raymond, and Ryan.



Snow drifts provided ideal conditions for digging tunnels. Shane, left, and Raymond.

The blizzard piles heaps of snow in Shane's backyard turning it into sledding fun.