

Going to the dogs at Lake-Noxen

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HARVEYS LAKE - WHOOSH! The sound of sleds could be heard racing past the screaming audience during last Tuesday's mini-Iditarod. Lake-Noxen's third grade class simulated the Iditarod race in order to further understand what they have been studying since October.

Coordinated by Mr. Holdredge, nine third graders were assigned to each team. Each student had a different position; the "musher" sat in the sled, giving commands to the "dogs;" the seven "dogs" pulled the sled, and the "lead dog" led the team where the musher told him to go.

When the class started studying this, they contacted Iditarod headquarters in Wasilla, Alaska. From there, they received the names of two mushers, Marty Booser and Deedee Jonrowe, and began corresponding by mail.

The race was held around the perimeter of the school, with the names of Alaskan towns posted at different areas. The trail was marked with signs that told the musher which direction to go. If the team went in the wrong direction, they were disqualified.

The team that finished the long track was team four, completing it in 15 minutes. Team four consisted of Andrew Brooks as the musher, Courtney Gleco, Bobbi Gross, Michael Murphy, Benny Norris, Joe Lowery, Nicki Noon, and John Parsons as sled dogs, and Erik Sandstrom as the lead dog.

Asked how he felt after winning, Joe Lowery said he had "confidence that we were going to win because of our musher, although it was hard to get to little Anchorage."

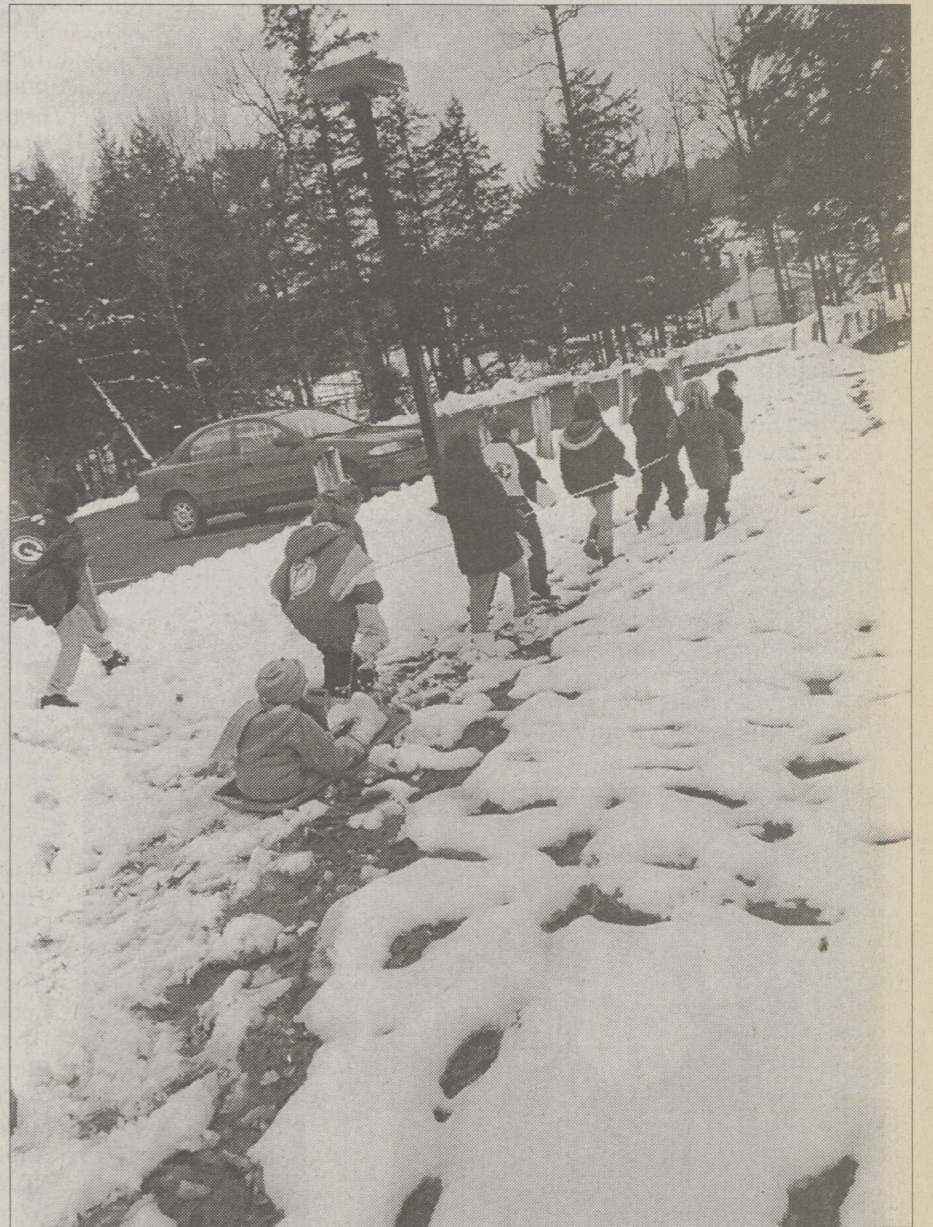
"Running was my favorite part," Nicki Noonsaid. "I like to run."

Unfortunately, not everyone could participate in the race. Steven Anthony, who was supposed to be one of the lead dogs, couldn't participate because he had fallen on his leg and injured it. But he had found enjoyment in all of this. "The funniest part was watching the mushers fall off their sleds," he said with a grin.

So after waiting for a good snow, third-graders went out and had a good time, thanks to their teachers Mr. Holdredge, Mrs. Casey, and Mrs. Young.

PHOTOS, from start to finish, clockwise from top left: Kristen Jackson, Ricky Dodson and Bridget Knepp prepared their sled; getting organized, from left, Chris Barbacci, "lead dog," Cassie Steltz, "musher," Deanna Dragon, Jay Kaminski, Samantha Sorber, Caitlin Hannigan, Matthew Faux, Katrina McRoy, Adrian Erdman; and they're off; up the hills; the winning team crosses the fields; schoolmates watch the finish; the winners, Erik Sandstrom, "lead dog," Andrew Brooks, "musher," John Parsons, Nikki Noon, Joey Lowery, Mike Whitehead, Courtney Gleco, Bennie Norris, Bobby Gross.

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Trucksville UM to hold pork supper

The Annual Pork and Sauerkraut Supper which is sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the Trucksville United Methodist Church has been scheduled for Sat., Feb. 27. Take outs are available from 4-5 p.m. and serving will begin at 5 p.m. The menu will consist of roast pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce, homemade rolls, assorted pies, and beverage. The dinner is served family style in the Fellowship Hall of the Educational Building (Church Road) of the Trucksville United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under and can be obtained from any UMW member or from the church office: 696-1093.

The proceeds from this dinner help to support the many mission projects of the United Methodist Women, local, national and global.

Dallas Borough taxes sent February 15

Tom Reese, tax collector announces Dallas Borough Taxes, County, Municipal and per capita taxes have been mailed with a issue date of Feb. 15, 1999.

All residents of Dallas Borough 18 years of age and older are liable for a per capita tax. If you have not been billed for per capita tax, please notify the tax collector, phone 675-5929 or visit the office at 68 Main St. Office hours are Mon., Wed., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Office will be closed March 14 to March 28.

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