

# Community Photo Album

The first snowfall of the year proved to be a headache for some, but a welcome day off from school for many area children.

Thoughts of sleigh riding, snowball fights, snowboarding and skiing abounded in young minds, while dreaded nightmares of snow removal kept many Back Mountain residents out in the cold shoveling or snow blowing for the better part of January 7.

The snow caused schools to be cancelled and slow moving traffic patterns, but that did not keep the parents and children from pulling out the winter gear in preparation for a day of fun in the snow in the Back Mountain.

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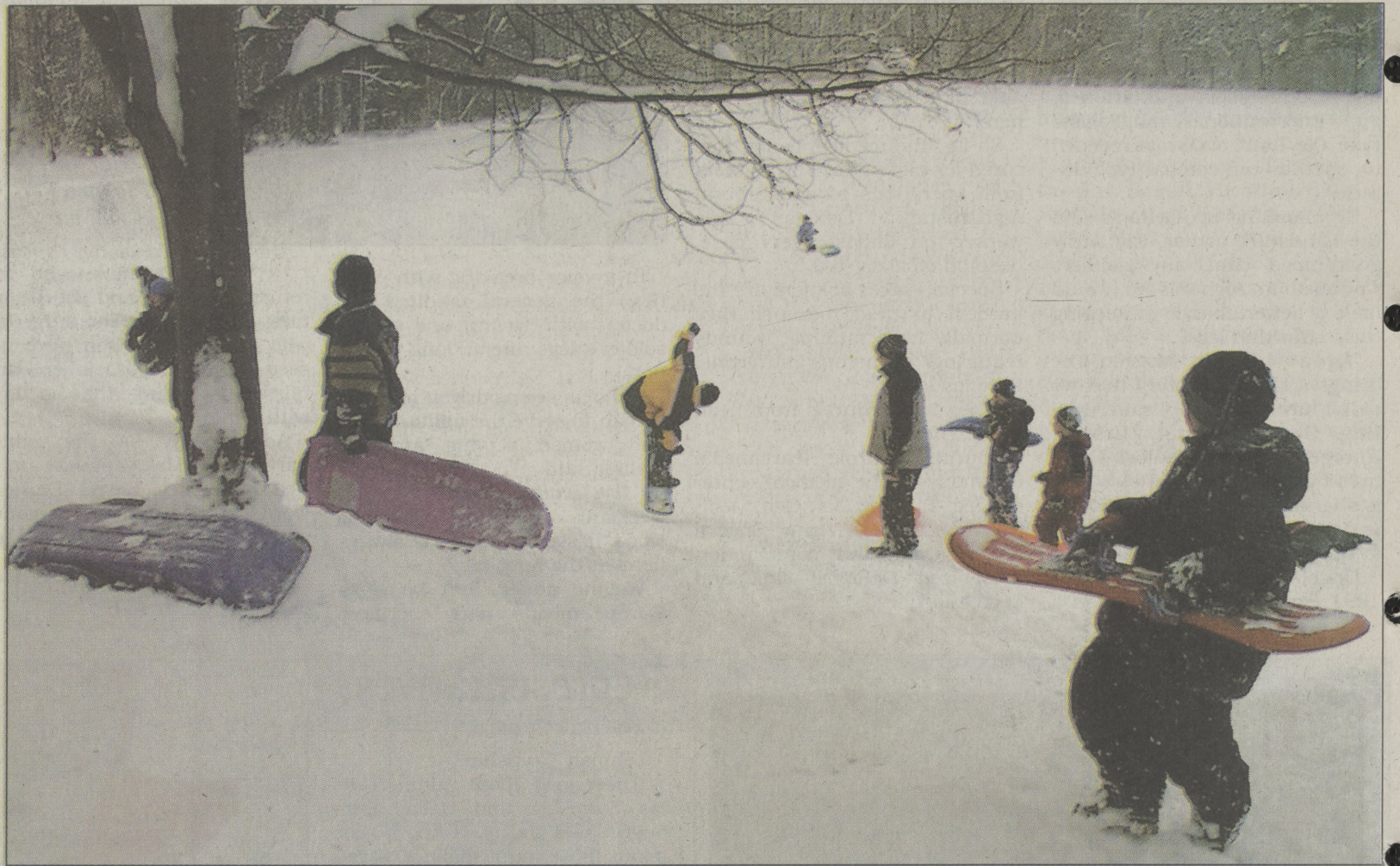
Snow covered trees made for a pretty picture off Manor Drive in Shavertown.



This shrub in front of 193 Woodbine Road in Shavertown seemed happy with the situation.



From front to back: Matt Duffy, 13, Drew Slocum 12, Josh Backes, 10 and Alex Slocum, 10, all of Shavertown, get ready for a race down the hill at Center Street Park.



Kingston Township children take advantage of the day-off from school to take in some sledding and snowboarding at Center Street Park in Shavertown.



John Saba Sr., left, and John Jr. got an early start on their driveway off Sterling Ave. in Dallas.



A sledder treks back up the hill at Center Street Park with his inner tube around his head after a run.



James Smith gave his dad, William, a little help with the snowblower along Lower Demunds Road in Dallas.



Jeff Stachnik, 9, of Shavertown, tries not to fall off his snowboard, as he cuts it up at Center Street Park.



Dylan Thomas, 8, of Shavertown, shows off his snowboarding skills on a run down the hill at Center Street Park.