



SCARY slip up

Junior relates country skiing accident

Lucas Martens (11) has been downhill skiing for 14 years, but this last year, he had a scary slip up during a competition.

"I was skiing one time and slipped out on the ice in the middle of an interval and just face planted hard and ran into my friends. He went down hard on me and ended up snapping my boot," Martens said

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the light AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

DiCarlos light up their snow fort

As the snow falls just a couple of inches, the DiCarlo family heads out to the snow for their yearly tradition of making a family snow fort.

"First, we heave the snow into a pile to help reform the snow crystals more cohesively," social studies teacher Matt DiCarlo said. "After we pile the snow high, we have to wait at least a half hour to let the snow settle in. During the wait, we grab sleds and hot chocolate."

This year, once the snow was set and cold, DiCarlo began carving the doorway and the ceiling. But something still wasn't right.

"Kathy, my wife, saw me work late into the evening and said, 'Why don't we bring some LED lights out here so you can see what you're doing!' It became a nice little yard decoration and fun for my kids Sophie & Calvin," DiCarlo said.

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BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN Domenic DeCaro (11) tears up the hillside on his snowmobile at Hahn's Peak near Steamboat Springs on Jan. 30. He has been on snowmobiles since he was a toddler, but his time living in upstate New York and Kansas limited his action on the snow. Nonetheless, the sport has always been a large part of his family. "It's always all of our family and cousins," he said. "We had small snowmobiles for kids, and they didn't go very fast, but we would attach a sled to the back of it and play what we called "King of the sled," where the driver would try to get everyone off and everyone else riding would try to push each other off."



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RIPPIN' UP powder

Domenic Decaro explores mountains on snowmobile

Snowmobiling since he was two years old, Domenic DeCaro considers himself a solid driver on snow and ice.

However, an experience with his family at the Grand Mesa trail head led to more trouble than he bargained for.

"As we got onto the non-existent trail we noticed the snow was really deep, so deep that some of the snowmobiles got stuck," he said. "For the first 2 hours, it was super fun, and we got to mess around in the powder a lot."

Then the family's Australian friend Jeb wanted to show off what he called an amazing view of Grand Junction from the very top of the mesa.

"It was super windy and -10 degrees," DeCaro said. "I left my gloves in my helmet, and when I tried to put them back on they were completely frozen. Both of my hands were numb, and that was the same with everyone else. We were ready to head down and call it a day."

Every 100 feet another snowmobile would get stuck, and they would have to stop to dig it out. In the end, they got four of the six snowmobiles they were using stuck in the powder on their way down. By the time they reached their car, it took them three hours. Definitely, the best trip to remember.



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TOP THREE cameras

Best picks for pics

"For beginners, I would highly suggest using a camera from the Canon EOS Rebel series," — Luc Fillion (12)

"If you are looking for a good action shot camera with fast continuous shooting the Nikon D6 is a good bet," — Luc Fillion (12)

"If you are looking to shoot landscape photography and have great resolution the Fujifilm GFX 100 is a great camera," — Luc Fillion (12)



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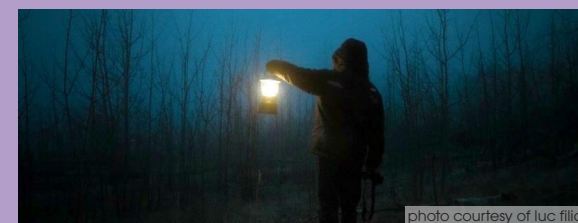


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CAPTURING the moment

Senior embraces photography

Quarantine left us all searching for hobbies, anything to stay entertained. For Luc Fillion (12), it was photography. He got his first DSLR camera last summer and has been practicing his photography ever since.

"I am inspired by the ability to express myself and put meaning behind what may initially appear as any ordinary scene," Fillion said. "The biggest plus to taking pictures in my eyes is the adventures that accompany it. With quarantine bringing the spirits of everyone down and making activities very difficult to come across, the excuse to take pictures is a great motivator."

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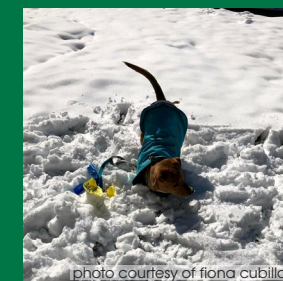


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"Juniper is a very playful puppy who loves to run laps in the snow!"

— Fiona Cubillas (12)



photo courtesy of wade patterson

"Jasper loves to play with his tennis ball in the snow, but he hates when he loses it."

— Wade Patterson (11)



photo courtesy of braden luther

"Marley loves to jump around in the snow and blend in so we can't see her." — Braden Luther (11)



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"Daisy and Winner love to play in the snow and sometimes eat the snow."

— Layla Fisher (9)