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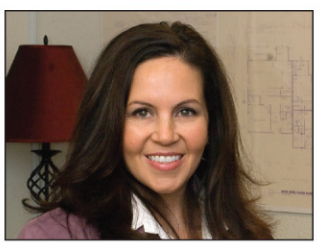

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Slope 'n' slide

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King of the Mountain Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club 8-year-old members Cole Puckett, right, and Trey Seymour play Tuesday on a pile of snow at the parking lot at the base of Howelsen Hill. The ski hill is bustling with activity this week as Steamboat's youngest residents enjoy their winter break from school.

Ski time in 2009

Routt residents resolve to spend more time on the slopes

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Getting more days on the slopes in 2009 did not merit a mention on the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion's annual New Year's resolution poll, but more skiing and riding seems to be at the top of the list for Routt County residents.

"I resolve to get more ski time in," Pete Daley said Wednesday, waiting for the end of Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club practice at Howelsen Hill. "Every year it's the same, more biking and more skiing."

Daley, who said he works a lot of ski races, got grilled about his 2009 New Year's resolution by other winter sports club parents — whether he meant more time standing around in his ski boots at Nordic competitions, or time with his skis actually attached and cruising down trails. He assured them he meant true skier days.

Lots of locals appeared bewildered at the reminder that Wednesday was New Year's Eve, and some proceeded to panic with the realization that the hours to commit to a resolution were winding down.

According to Marist College's annual poll, 40 percent of American adults were very or somewhat likely to make a New Year's resolution this year. Topping the list was losing weight — the 2009 goal for one-fifth of resolution-

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	140 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	164/165
Base — Mid-mountain	43 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	51 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain
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