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Suburban Neighbors

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Harry Nystrom thought it would be fun to have a ski tow in the back yard; it would save running to distant slopes for an afternoon of skiing when he was home, and it would ease the burden on his wife when he was away and their children wanted to ski.

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He found a tow motor and 1,300 feet of cable in the Black Hills last summer, and "bought it for a reasonable price I couldn't afford." He hauled the rig home in a rented trailer and stored it with the horses behind their Prior Lake home, planning somehow to set it up in the fall.

Friends around Prior Lake suggested that the tow be a community project, because the Nystroms were always letting neighbor children ride their horses, and they would surely ask them over to ski once the tow was set up. Nystrom understood and agreed, setting two conditions:

The tow fees would be as low as possible, and it would be within walking distance of town. Land was donated, and local men, firms and clubs kicked in funds, skilled labor and equipment to clear the land and set up the tow.

The Prior Lake State Bank donated a drive-in restaurant building for a warming house that will be moved to the area soon. The slopes will be staffed by teachers and village adults paid by the school system, and the slope will be open to Prior Lake youngsters, their friends and families, based on passes handed out by the schools.

Neighboring ski patrols have volunteered to serve as first aid and slope police until Prior Lake skiers are trained. Now the drive is for donated ski equipment for the youngsters to use at minimal cost.



RIBBON CUTTING OPENED PRIOR LAKE SKI AREA
State Sen. John Metcalf did the honors Saturday

STAR CALENDAR

Public events today:

LECTURE	— 9:35 a.m., Melby Hall, Augsburg College. Carol Linner Seagren, will read the selection.
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