

Kids enjoyed egg hunt and games

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What started as an overcast and chilling day on Saturday turned into a day filled with games, an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Just because the weather was a little grey, it did not stop the kids from enjoying a good time at the Cheylin Elementary gym.

For kids from infant to fourth grade, all they had to bring was a basket to fill with goodies from prizes won from soccer to picking ducks out of a small water pool.

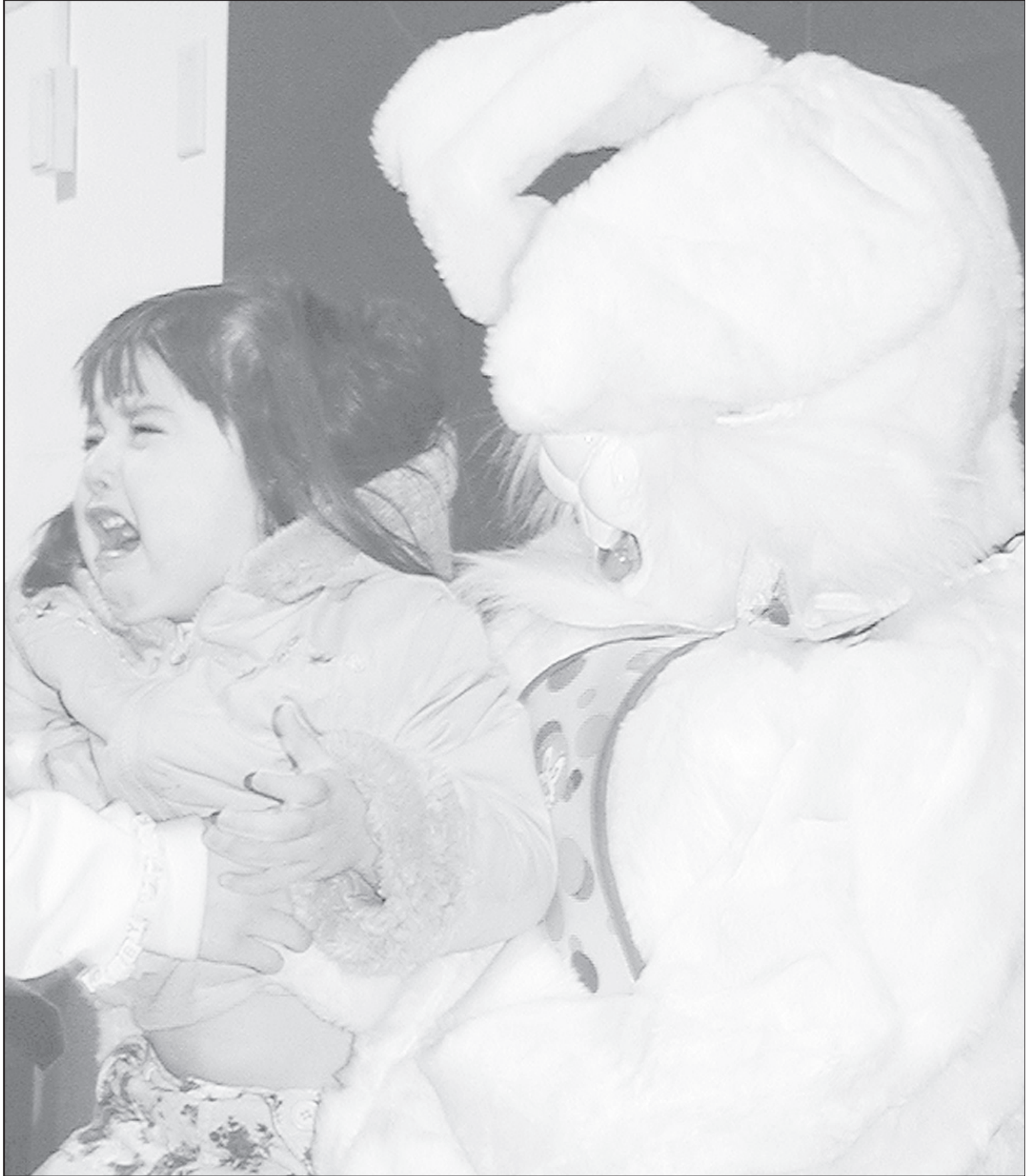
The egg hunt was divided between the younger and the older kids, but the younger kids had no

trouble finding the plastic eggs filled with candy. They even finished early and help the older kids look for their eggs!

Tammi Carmichael and Amy Hendricks coordinated this fun-filled event with the assistance from many of the older kids from Bird City and McDonald.

To top off the festivities the Easter Bunny arrived, and for the kids who dared to sit on its lap, were given a bag of carrots to crunch on later.

The Easter Egg Hunt was made possible with the support and donations from the Community Club, Century II Development Foundation and Hometown Market.



IT HARD TO TELL, but both John Serrano and Nathalie Chacon are attending the same Easter Egg Hunt party held on Saturday. Little Nathalie was having a great time play-

ing games and hunting for eggs, but when the Easter Bunny arrived, she was not going to have any part of the Bunny's lap.

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Red Cross blood drive exceeds its collection goal

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The American Red Cross stopped in Bird City on Thursday to conduct their annual blood drive.

They set up in the American Legion Hall areas where donors signed up at the door with the help of Linda Carroll and Keith Dorsch. They were then screened for medications, anemia, and illnesses.

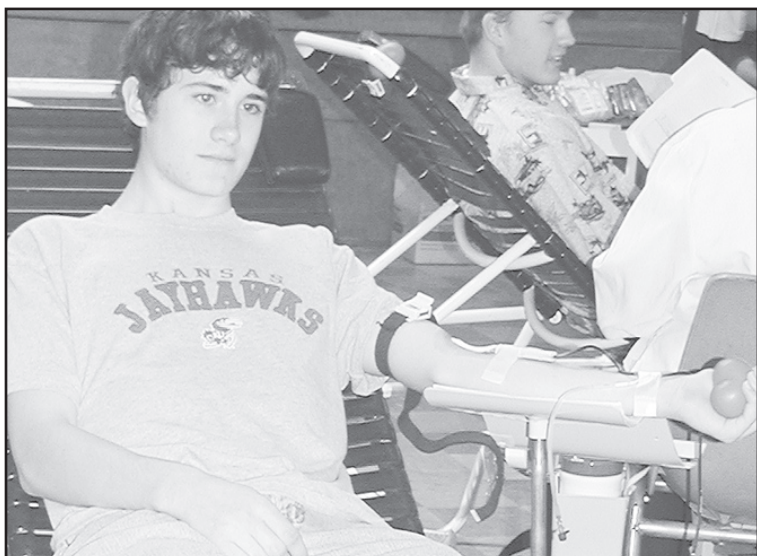
Young and old alike were on hand to donate blood. From Cheylin School came 15 students who participate in the Bird City chapter of Family Careers and Community Leaders of America. Barbara Antholz, the advisor, brought the students as part of the statewide community service project by the organization to donate blood.

The students had to be 16 years or older to give blood. Family Careers and Community

Leaders of America challenged the students to donate five pints per chapter locally and 50 pints statewide.

For many of the students it was the first time giving blood including Jacob White, Jayden Cahoj, Justin Miller, Vance Churchwell, Max Hengen, Montana Rhymes, Tia Sager, Ana Ponce, Jared Cahoj, Debra Banister, Lincoln Pochop, Kaedra Dixon and Taylor Leibbrandt. And two students who donated blood before were Sydney Busse and Sam Hengen. Four of the students will be giving blood at the state level.

It was 20 years ago that the Extension Homemaker Unit of Bird City asked the Red Cross to have a blood drive in town. Nancy Semler and Hollis DaProne played a part in bringing them here. In addition, both Mrs. Semler and Mrs. DaProne still volunteer.



TWO BLOOD DONORS, Lee Amsberry and student Justin Miller, look relaxed as they contribute to the Red Cross Blood Drive

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Every year the Red Cross challenges each of the destinations to reach a certain number of pints. This year they asked Bird City

idents to give 40 pints. At the end of Thursday's drive, the number of pints of blood had reached 55 pints, well over the goal.

Board discusses moving building

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Fair board members and members from the First Christian Church met on Tuesday, March 18, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds, to discuss the lease conditions and placement of the new building which the church will be leasing from the fair board.

The building, 24 by 24 feet, will be moved from its current location on the corner of Washington and Frances streets (Western State Bank plans on building at this site). The building will sit just south of the United Methodist Church stand on the fairgrounds and will be used to sell ice cream.

Church member, Cheryl Williams, provided a drawing of the layout of the building. Two windows will be placed on the west side for service and an entrance on the south will be used for patrons to come inside, sit, and cool off from the mid-summer heat.

Secretary, Gary Cooper, commented that, "this is a win-win situation for everyone."

The board decided that the lease term would be tied into United Methodist's lease. The United Methodist's lease is \$1 for 25 years, and the board thought that renewing both leases at the same time would be easiest for the future board at that time. Therefore the First Christian Church will lease the building for \$1 for the length of time that remains on the United Methodist Church lease.

The board also clarified that during the remaining term of the lease, the church is not allowed to sell or sublease to anyone else. If they choose to no longer lease the building prior to termination, they will forfeit the remainder of the lease.

It was also decided that the church will not be required to sell only ice cream products during its lease; they may add or change their menu as long as it does not interfere with the 4-H's food booth sales.

The church plans on repainting the building immediately and although the board didn't have exact specifications, it was noted that it must stay in good condition and have overall esthetics that match the other buildings on the fairgrounds.

Since all of the stipulations of the lease were approved by the board members, it was determined that the church can break ground immediately. However, board president, Dick Bursch, also reminded everyone that once the building is moved onto the fairgrounds, it will become property of Cheyenne County.

Board member, Erika Zimbleman, announced that a 4-H club had approached her about the club possibly replacing the tie-outs for the beef steers during fair. However, there was some confusion about where exactly the club was referring to. Although the board has plans of replacing some of the planks used for tie-outs, it was decided to table this discussion until the board is able to contact the 4-H club for clarification.

Mr. Cooper also noted that the board had already received a \$100 donation for fair, and although the board has a grandstand account set up at First National Bank, the board gave him permission to set up a separate account to be used only for donations.

Mr. Bursch was happy to announce that Stanton Electric once again donated their services to the board. They ran electrical lines from the cross nest to the new building that will sit at the back gate and donated the underground wire, security lights, boxes and their time.

The board also decided that now the weather is becoming warmer to clean up the grounds. They'd like to focus on replacing the pasture fence on the west side of the grounds. There are also several items, such as an old trailer and scales, that the extension office gave to the board. Butch Ewing thought he'd be able to sell these items for them.