

Tribal Council donated \$500

EASTER EGG HUNT
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information, Melissa went to Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno, who offered support.

"He said, 'Absolutely.'"

Tribal Council unanimously chipped in \$500 to cover expenses, and on Saturday, March 30, in its usual spot in the family housing development, the Easter eggs rolled again.

Kroeker, who coordinated the annual Easter egg hunt, said that budgeting and staffing issues combined with her personal health problems forced the original cancellation of this year's hunt.

Coming to the rescue, the Blys made and distributed fliers. They attracted some 15 to 20 friends and neighbors to help in stuffing plastic eggs.

They cleaned up the fields and scattered the eggs. And the hunt was on.

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. reprised his role as the Easter Bunny, healthier this year and doing some hopping of his own.

"It was such a nice day," he said. "Lot of kids. It worked out really good. Always fun to be able to do that, to hang with the kids."

The high point of the event for Zach and Melissa was "stuffing the

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eggs and seeing how happy everybody was to have it again this year," Melissa said.

For Bobb, the high point was Lincoln – he called it "a little bitty dog" – owned by Kerrina Grout.

"I was holding him for a picture," Bobb said, "and he just about licked my makeup off."

After putting in two days work to make the hunt happen, the Blys obtained a new appreciation for the celebration.

"I'm really glad that we did it," Melissa said. "It gave us an appreciation for what Deborah does each year. There's a lot that goes into it. We definitely appreciate what she's done."

And the little Blys – Alex, 7, and Aiden, 6 – seemed to appreciate all their parents' hard work this year.

"They were really excited," said Melissa. "It was kind of hard to keep the kids back until the whistle was blown." ■



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Jack Mercier, 1, collects plastic eggs filled with candy during the annual Easter egg hunt held in Tribal housing on Saturday, March 30.



Kylie Gonzalez, 9, left, and Cheyenne Simmons, 11, open eggs to collect the candy inside after the annual Easter egg hunt held in Tribal housing on Saturday, March 30.



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Saturday, April 27, 2013

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9:30 - 10:30 a.m. – Registration at CTGR Tribal Gym

11 a.m. - Kids Fun Run - ages 10 and under

Medals will be awarded for all children participating in the fun run.

11:15 a.m. – 3 k & 5k run/fun walk begins

*T-shirts will be available to participants at registration while supplies last.

After lunch enjoy a

Family Movie Day in the Tribal Gym.

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