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Weather



TODAY:
ISOLATED
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 12
LOW OF 5



WEDNESDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 14
LOW OF 2



THURSDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 18
LOW OF 5



FRIDAY:
SUNNY

HIGH OF 21
LOW OF 8



SATURDAY:
CLOUDY
PERIODS

HIGH OF 21
LOW OF 10

“Bunny” late than never - Easter Egg Hunt at the Mansonville Youth Centre



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

After rainy conditions the Saturday of Easter weekend, Sarah Jersey-Coordinator of youth services for the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN), decided to postpone the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to this past Saturday, April 27. The outdoor event, typically held in the park in the center of Mansonville was moved to indoors at the Youth Centre due to yet another soggy Saturday. With the help of Jessie Johnson and Julia Eldridge (FYI members), the space was decorated and prepared.

Youth and parents gathered and the Easter Bunny and his helpers were on hand to offer a wonderful morning of fun. Face painting was done by volunteers Laurie Ball and Martha Barnes. Linda Jersey animated a terrific lollipop game created by Jason Forget and Starr Dostie (FYI members) who also donated the candy and supplies needed to do the game.

Again this year, Giant Tiger in Cowansville donated 1344 eggs as well as bottles of bubbles in support of the event. Marche Richelieu (Jacques Ducharme) donated the juice boxes and FamiliPrix Mansonville (Cathy Riendeau), Boni Soir

(Michael Laplume), and Chris Lacroix donated chocolate bunnies, candy and yummy treats. Virgin Hill Coffee (Tara Moar) donated the coffee for the parents to enjoy and the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Mansonville Chapter donated \$100 toward prizes.

The Easter Bunny was a highlight and made sure that every youth attending had a special chocolate bunny to take home. Big thank you to Alexandria Charby for helping the Easter Bunny work his magic.

Sarah Jersey had hoped that if she waited, the weather might have cooperated but, she had to resort to her plan “b” which meant holding the hunt indoors.

“After postponing one week due to weather, I couldn’t postpone it again,” explained Jersey. “I figured that if we

wait for the rain to stop, having an Easter celebration in June might not work.”

Watching the smiling faces of the kids and parents who attended always makes the event a special one. If smiles were any indication of the gratitude and happiness felt by the kids, the youth centre was rich on Saturday. This annual event was the brainchild of Jersey who, rain or shine, was not going to cancel Easter.

“I am so appreciative to all of the businesses who contribute to this special day for the kids,” she said. “And, the volunteers who help at every event are vital to all of the things that happen in communities like ours; I am very thankful.”

Never fear Peter Cottontail, rain or shine, Easter will come... especially if Jersey has anything to say about it!



Isabella Forget and Kendra Lacroix were all smiles as they discussed their Easter goodies

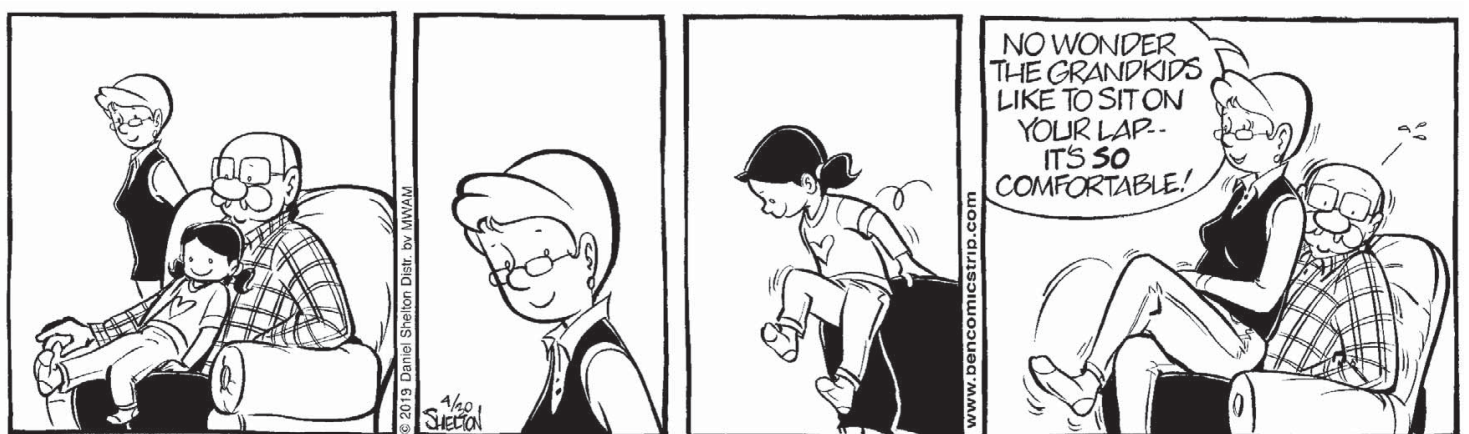


PHOTOS: MABLE HASTINGS AND PATRICIA LACHANCE
Kids of all ages were happy to see the Easter Bunny the past Saturday...even though he arrived a few days late at the Mansonville Youth Centre.



Face painting with Laurie Ball and Martha Barnes was a real hit especially with these two Spider Man fans!

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