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Philo Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. At a New location: Hale Park. Youth in 5th grade and younger are welcome. Don't forget your basket!

Tolono Food Pantries

Every Monday from 5-6:30 p.m. and Friday 9-10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Charities, Tolono. Free Food Pantry located at the Parish providing fresh produce, meat and pantry items. Serving all of Champaign County.

Every Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Giving Place is open in Tolono to help families in need of food items.

Fun Day Committee Meeting

Third Thursday of every month Tolono Fun Day Committee Meeting 6:30 at the Police Station.



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AVA CAMDEN looks through her treats and poses for a photo at the Saturday, March 28 Sidney Improvement Group Easter Egg Hunt at Witt Park. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

Countryside United Methodist Church Flea Market draws a crowd

By Ann Rhoton

Countryside United Methodist Church Flea Market & Bake Sale Feature Article – by SCTP News Correspondent Ann Rhoton

This year's Countryside United Methodist Church (CUMC) annual flea market and bake sale fundraiser took place on Saturday, March 28 from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The CUMC located at 1807 CR 1000N, Urbana between Sidney and Philo on the Sidney slab also hosted a special early clothing sale in their fellowship hall on Friday, March 27 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Your correspondent did not attend the clothing sale, but did attend the flea market to do some shopping and snap some photos of shoppers perusing the many items available.

Shoppers at this year's well attended donations accepted flea market found kitchen and glassware, books and puzzles, clothing and linens, household goods, furniture, Christmas items, and more to choose from.

Individually priced delicious bake sale treats were also sold at the event.

Ninety percent of the proceeds from this year's event stayed with the church and ten percent of the proceeds was donated by the church to Unity East Elementary.

Church member Karen Chumbley was head organizer of this year's flea market event, Countryside United Methodist Church Pastor Jeff Stahl greeted and helped shoppers, and his wife Jill was hard at work with a crew at the bake sale station.

Look for photos your correspondent snapped of this year's annual event published in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

Easter Bunny visits Witt Park Easter egg hunt



A CROWD GATHERS to visit with the Easter Bunny at the Saturday, March 28 Sidney Improvement Group Easter Egg Hunt at Witt Park. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

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This year's Sidney Improvement Group (SIG) sponsored Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. at Witt Park in Sidney and, despite the cold weather, was well attended and enjoyed by all!

Kids of all ages, their parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and family members brought Easter baskets, hunted for goodies, and visited with the Easter Bunny.

The park was divided up by age groups of toddlers – 2 years of age, 3 – 5 years of

age, 6 – 7 years of age, and 8 – 10 years of age all hunting for Easter treats in their own designated areas of the park.

Plastic Easter eggs in an assortment of colors filled with Easter goodies decorated the grass as did pudding cups, fruit cups, boxes of macaroni and cheese dinner mix, different cookies, cereals, toys, and an assortment of other treats for children to hunt for and fill their Easter baskets with.

Sidney Improvement Group President Donna Hooker told all in attendance that two of the colored plastic easter eggs in each age group had a special prize inside and to make sure that the children go through all of the plastic Easter eggs that they collect so they don't miss out.

The Easter Bunny was very happy to pose for photos upon arrival and throughout the hunt including a few for your correspondent to take while visiting with children and handing out Easter treats.

I met up with Ava Camden and her mom Beth as they were going through Ava's goodies in order to empty the plastic eggs to return them to the Sidney Improvement Group to be used for next year. Ava was kind enough to pose for me so I could snap a photo of her and her goodies.

Look for photos your correspondent snapped of the Sidney Improvement Group sponsored Easter Egg Hunt in this week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

Happy Easter Everyone!



HEAD ORGANIZER Karen Chumbley (middle) visits with shoppers at the Saturday, March 28 Countryside United Methodist Church Annual Flea Market & Bake Sale. Photo by Ann Rhoton.



A LARGE CROWD shops at the Saturday, March 28 Countryside United Methodist Church Annual Flea Market & Bake Sale. Photo by Ann Rhoton.

Just a Reminder...

Our New Deadline Is Approaching!

Ads, Legals, Submitted Photos and Editorial Deadlines will be noon Friday starting our next edition.

