



Perris News

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Annual Egg Hunt is Eggs-cellent!

The crowd that gathered outside the Bob Glass Gym in Perris came for the eggscitement, found the atmosphere eggshilarating and described their morning in the sun as eggscellent!

The event was the City's annual Spring Egg Hunt, which brought the young and young-at-heart in search of dyed hard-boiled eggs and plastic eggs loaded with goodies. About 300 people came for the big hunt and to have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny as well.

"It's great for the little kids and us big kids," said Dennis Acuna, who brought his 15-month-old son, Eric, out for the egg hunt. "Perris is a fun City. There's a great sense of community here."

Acuna said he recently moved back to Perris from elsewhere in Riverside County. Although 2010 marked the first time he came to the egg hunt, Acuna said he takes his son to other City-sponsored programs such as the annual Strut-Your-Mutt event.

Brian Murray and his children—Bailee, 5, and Blaise, 11—were repeat customers. They came to the egg hunt last year and penciled in the date in 2010 as a can't miss deal.

"It's a great family event," he said. "We enjoyed it last year so we are back. I think it's wonderful the City does these sorts of things, especially in this economy when a lot more families are staying closer to home."

Phyllis Thompson came to the egg hunt with her 2-year-old great-granddaughter, Taylor Harpter. She said she attends the holiday and Veteran's Day parades sponsored by the City and always looks forward to the big egg hunt.

"I just love Perris," Thompson said. "How many little towns do so much for their residents? What a neat town!"

City workers and volunteers from the California Military Institute kept busy hiding eggs in tree limbs and hay bales set up for the egg hunt. Almost 100 people arrived early, waiting with their children to get a prime place for good hunting when the word went out it was okay to search for eggs.

Michelle Kanski came to the egg hunt with her son, Tristen. She said she looked online for other communities offering an egg hunt, but found only Perris. She lives in Perris and works in Riverside.

"It's really a neat event," she said.



Little hunters used plastic bags to carry their prizes.



A volunteer from the California Military Institute hides an egg near Bob Glass Gym.