



KEEPING HIS EARS UP and gathering candy kept Caleb Koerperich, 5, busy on Saturday.



KIRK YOUNG RELAXED in the grass with his children, Alex, 3, (in front), while Taylor, 10, and Spencer, 11, are behind.

Easter Egg hunt fun for young, old

It was a beautiful day, and between 100-150 children came out for the annual Lions Easter Egg hunt Saturday at City Park.

With baskets, sacks and tiny fists, children from a few months old up to 9 lined up to pick up candy out of the grass in front of the shelter house while Lions Club members scattered the goodies.

The hunt was set up in four heats — 0-3 years, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9. The littlest ones were allowed help but many preferred to just grab one piece, sit down and enjoy. Real happiness came with a piece of candy in each hand.

The older crew was a little more thorough, but everyone got what they wanted and most shared

with their friends and families.

"I think we had a lot bigger turnout this year than last," Lions member Jerry Schuetz said. "There were a lot more little kids this year."

It took only 20 minutes for the children to sweep up the loot — 40 pounds of soft candy and 16 cases of candy Easter eggs.



VISITING CANDY GATHERERS Carson Holdren, 1, (left above) and Connor Holdren, 3, of Salina were in town for Easter and stopped by to join in the fun at the park. They were among more than a hundred youngsters (like those to the right) to take part in the annual Easter egg hunt.

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