



BIG BERTHA LEE, played by Samantha Schwab, stopped on the bridge as the troll (Kelly Brown) sang about how he might just gobble her up.

Kids dress up for production

Parents and grandparents had the chance to laugh and applaud as they watched the morning and afternoon kindergarten classes buzz around Friday.

Students dressed in shiny wings, black-and-yellow striped outfits, white horns and a big hairy mask presented the play, "The Three Nanny Goats Gruff."

At 10 a.m., the morning class took the stage. There were six goats, three rabbits, four butterflies, one bumblebee and, of course, one troll living under the bridge.

The idea of the story is that the nanny goats, including Annie, Fannie, Willy, Nilly, Billy and Big Bertha Lee, want to cross the bridge to the other side of the mountain, where the grass is greener. The problem is the troll, played by Kade Grafel in the morning and Kelly Brown in the afternoon, wants to eat the goats.

Big Bertha Lee, played by Rachel

Stritt in the morning and Samantha Schwab in the afternoon, knocks the troll off the bridge with her horns.

The play has several songs and lines the students had to memorize. Teacher Carol Brown said the students had been working with her and music teacher Jim Buchholz since the winter break to learn the music.

In the last couple of weeks, students learned their lines and then last week, she said, they moved to the stage to practice.

After each show, the students took their parents, grandparents and friends back to the kindergarten room for cookies and punch and then the students opened their valentines.

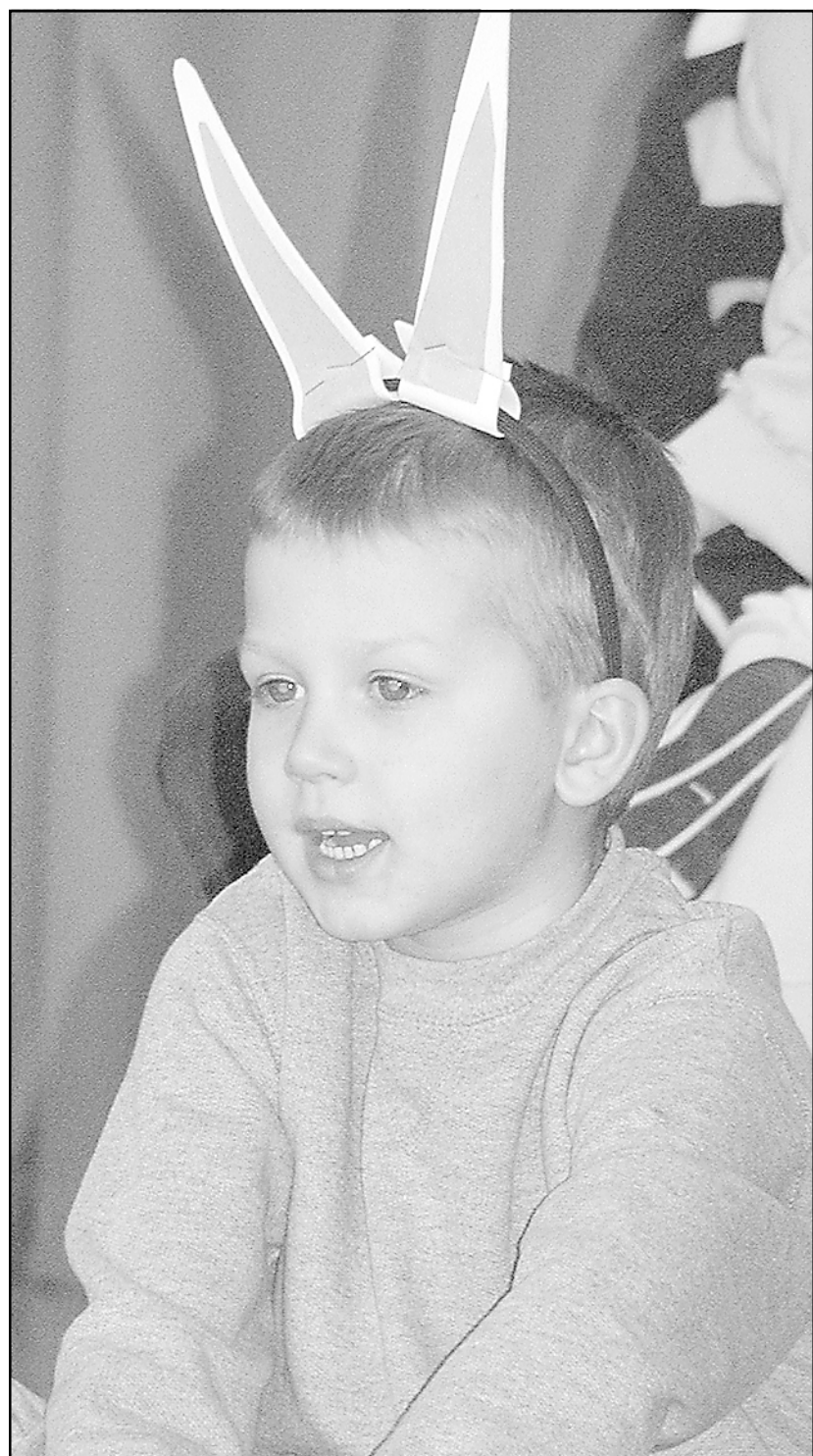
In the morning production, Ara Singleton-Marine played Annie Goat; Alexandra Waterman, Fannie Goat; Jacob Koerperich was Willy Goat; Konnor Witt, Nilly Goat; Keagen Blau was Billy Goat; Myles Sheaffer, Alex Young and Andrew

Wade were rabbits; BreAnna Chambers, Emily Larson, Leah Chambers and Kelsey May were butterflies; Kaitlynn Fisher was the bumblebee, and Megan Wentz and Matthew Wittman were narrators.

In the afternoon production, Kassidie Jensen played Annie Goat; Meghan Davies was Fannie Goat; Jonathon Howland and Nashon Copeland were rabbits; Emma Green was a butterfly; Braden Wasson and Noah Nelson were bumblebees and Samantha Anderson and Shay McChesney as narrators.

Mrs. Brown said the kindergarten classes have three plays which they rotate throughout the years, including "The Three Nanny Goats Gruff," "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Little Red Hen." The students only do one play a year.

She said she thought the kids did a really nice job.



WITH RABBIT EARS ON, Nashon Copeland (above) sang in the play Friday at the grade school. Rachel Stritt (left), Alexandra Waterman and Ara Singleton-Marine played the three main goats in the morning production.



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