ANNUAL EVENT

Picnic brings families together

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HILLSDALE — A Minion and wild animal themed outdoor picnic greeted children at the Community Action Agency on Friday during the annual Early Childhood Community Picnic.

A spring like day made conditions ideal for children to enjoy a wide variety of activities along with refreshments including hot dogs, ice cream and cotton candy.

Batman and his superhero friends were on hand to visit with children and members of the Waldron High School FFA chapter brought several animals for children to pet.

CAA director Maxine Vanlerberg said the event normally draws around 500 children and their families.

Sophia Logan, 4, of Hillsdale, digs for a prize in a large sand table.

Steve Melville makes a pink balloon dog for Rylan Arney, 5, of Hillsdale. PHOTO BY ANDY BARRAND

Kalin Johns, 2, holds on as he rides a pony led by Natalie Ladd, a sophomore at Waldron High School.

Gunner Wise, 4, of Hillsdale, tosses a bean bag at a wooden Olaf from the movie “Frozen” to win a prize.

To the left of the Great Grand Prize Winner for State of Michigan is Barney Brown of Hillsdale, who received a $1,000 Gift Card to Kroger’s

CONTEST WINNERS

2nd Place winner is Bree-anna Chornboneau, Hillsdale who received a $150 Gift Card to Market House

3rd Place winner is Gordon Thompson, Hillsdale who received a $100 Gift Card to Market House