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IN YOUR EASTER BONNET



Mason Pritchard shows off his bonnet during the Easter Bonnet Parade at Ross Elementary School.



Faith Depiero marches in the Easter Bonnet Parade at Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley.

Students at the Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley celebrated the Easter holiday with an Easter Bonnet Parade this week. The students wore their handmade bonnets and, as these photos show, were rather creative in their efforts. More photos, page 8.

Proposal made for wildlife sanctuary

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MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the budding wildlife sanctuary planned for Dallas Borough, contact Andrew Duda by phone at 757-350-1245 or send a letter to him at 20 Greenwood Shoals, Grasonville, MD 21638.

About seven Dallas residents attended a preliminary meeting at the Back Mountain Memorial Library on March 31 to discuss the creation of a wildlife sanctuary in the borough.

Andrew Duda, of Grasonville, Md., hopes to preserve 17 undeveloped lots on Pineview Road that were owned by his recently deceased brother, Paul, by creating a wildlife sanctuary that could be maintained by the community.

"I'm the executor of the estate, so I've either got to carry on the mission, or sell them and destroy what's there," said Duda.

Duda hopes a group of local residents could band together and form a nonprofit organization to keep the land undeveloped in addition to not having to pay taxes it.

He said his brother fell ill in May 2011 and stopped paying taxes on the land. Duda had to pay about \$15,000 of his own money in back taxes to maintain control over the lots.

The land includes an open space, a wooded area and a

pond, which Duda said would be "perfect" for a sanctuary.

"It's identical to the suggestion of how to create or design a sanctuary," he said.

Duda said the only work that may need to be done to the property is the creation of a dirt walking path and the installation of a few benches to make it accessible to the community.

Residents from Pineview Road and nearby Maplewood Avenue attended the meeting to discuss the idea's potential as well as concerns about the project.

Paul Donlin, of Maplewood Avenue, had concerns about parking and maintenance of the site and didn't understand why the area couldn't just be left alone.

Duda said the Dallas commu-

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Students carry on egg dyeing tradition

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Dallas

Kindergarteners at Wycallis Elementary School hopped to it on April 2 - literally.

After receiving detailed instructions, the youngsters in Victoria Flynn's class bounced to their work areas, rolled up their sleeves and performed a colorful Easter tradition - egg dyeing.

Students in Flynn's and Susan Crahall's classes have been dyeing eggs for the past few years as a way to include everyone in the celebration.

"Some children never get to do this at home, so we do it at school," said Flynn, whose 5-year-old daughter Ellie also took part in the fun.

"I like Easter because it's my birthday," Ellie Flynn said as she carefully dipped a hard-boiled egg into yellow dye. Her birthday is on April 19, but she likes to celebrate all month long.

She also likes the many surprises the Easter bunny brings.

"I got chicks for my birthday one year, and one year for Easter we were checking on the hens, and I saw these brown things in the back and asked what they were and my

mom said the Easter bunny brought rabbits," she said.

The class also prepped for an Easter egg hunt for the next day. Parents filled hundreds of Easter eggs with trinkets for the tykes to enjoy and hid them in the school playground.

Five-year-old Adam Perry, of Dallas, said Easter egg hunts are his favorite activity during the spring season, and he's pretty good at it, too.

"I like to hide the eggs in tricky places," said Perry, who dyed all of his eggs green.

Trinity Basara, 5, of Dallas, enjoys egg dyeing most during the Easter season, and she planned to paint all her eggs purple.

Basara said she and her family had plans to visit her nana on Easter for a big meal.

"We make ham and kielbasa," said Basara's nana, Sandy Vensky of Duryea, who volunteered at the event.

Nathan Hinsdale, 6, of Dallas, was excited about all the different colors available to him in the classroom. He made multi-colored eggs, like green splashed with pink and yellow dipped in blue.

"My favorite part of Easter is having fun," he said.



Wycallis Elementary School kindergarteners Nathan Hinsdale, left, and Giuliana Schineller share an egg-coloring and decorating experience.



Wycallis Elementary School students Brooke Austin, Giuliana Schineller and Lindsey Yencha enjoy Easter egg-making activities in Victoria Flynn's class.



Brady Perkins and Joshua Gross, students in Victoria Flynn's kindergarten class at Wycallis Elementary School, admire and pack up colored eggs they made as an Easter project.

