



## Healing Field to honor area's veterans, soldiers, others

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Thousands of veterans and community members are expected to visit Hoopes Park this Memorial Day weekend to see a 2,200-flag display known as the Healing Field.

This year's Healing Field display will open to the public Thursday, but an opening ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, and will include music by Andy Cooney and the Purple Lancers Drum and Bugle Corps as well as a fireworks display.

Residents are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to the opening ceremony, and in the event of rain, the event will be moved to the Cayuga Community College gym.

This year's display will feature a special section of 458 flags flown in honor of each Cayuga County resident killed in combat since World War I.

Flags are being sold at \$36 each for residents to purchase in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Each of the 2,200 flags in the display is flown in honor of someone, and each flag will have a tag attached to the pole to tell who the flag is flown for. Flags are flown for recent graduates, veterans, current service members and other community members.

An information booth will also be set up to help visitors with questions or to find a particular flag.