

Reading Eagle



Field of Honor

The West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club will dedicate the Berks County Field of Honor today at 1 p.m. at the Wyomissing Stone House Pond, 1216 Parkside Drive North.

Each of the 150 U.S. flags on display represents an individual and tells a story. Flags have been dedicated to honor individuals currently serving in our active-duty military, fallen members of the armed forces, first responders, heroes in our lives, veterans and hometown heroes.

A number of local dignitaries will be at the event. For more information go to portal.clubrunner.ca/6818/Stories/field-of-honor%20AE-2023

Berks County Field of Honor dedicated to hometown heroes

Flags will remain through Saturday at the Stone House Pond in Wyomissing.

Terry Reed, a member of the West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club, helps during the dedication of the club's inaugural Field of Honor at the Stone House Pond in Wyomissing. (PHOTO COURTESY OF WEST READING-WYOMISSING ROTARY CLUB)

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The inaugural Berks County Field of Honor was dedicated over the July Fourth holiday at the Stone House Pond in Wyomissing, where it will remain until Saturday.

The display, which was unveiled Monday, includes 180 U.S. flags, each of which is dedicated to an individual. The flags honor those serving in the military, fallen servicemen and servicewomen, first responders and veterans.

The flags are paired with medallions providing individual dedication stories.

The West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club conducted the service project to bring the community together in a patriotic tribute to honor the heroes, the organization said in a release.

"The Stars and Stripes reminds us of who we are as a people," the release said. "Americans meet the challenges of history and overcome hardships becoming stronger. That is who we are. The United States flag represents our solidarity in creating a brighter tomorrow and uniting us all."

That was the theme of the dedication ceremony, which included numerous local officials.

"I encourage our community to visit this powerful tribute and take a moment to reflect on the significance of Independence Day," said Dr. Charles Barbera, president/CEO of Reading Hospital, which was an event sponsor.

The club partnered with the Wyomissing Parks and Recreation Department for the project, and Reading nonprofit Prospectus Berco's vocational work team assembled the flags.

"The Field of Honor became a reality through flag dedications, donations, sponsorships and the efforts of many Rotarians and volunteers," said Rotarian Ed Ogden, co-chair of the Field of Honor.

A list of to whom the flags are dedicated and other project information can be found at the club's website at portal.clubrunner.ca/6818 under the Field of Honor dedications tab on the home page.

<https://www.readingeagle.com/2023/07/06/berks-county-field-of-honor-dedicated-to-hometown-heroes/>



Prospectus Berco Vocational Team assembles flags for Fourth of July celebration

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Flags will be flying thanks in part to the Prospectus Berco Vocational Work Team who took time out of their busy work schedules to assemble flags for the West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club who is organizing a Field of Honor display for the Fourth of July holiday.

The Field of Honor is an inaugural program to benefit the Berks County community and features 150 United States Flags to be displayed around the pond at the Stone House from July 2 through July 8th. The vocational team volunteered to prepare the flags, so all the club members have to do is set the flags up on Sunday, July 2nd.

Club President, Carolyne Jordan, said that *“we wanted to do something to bring the community together while raising money so we can give back to the community.”*

The West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club has funded numerous projects including Stop the Bleed tourniquet kits for local schools, tree plantings to improve our environment and enhance our air quality, donated candy to the Wilson High School Interact Club Eggstavaganza event which allows youth with special needs to participate in an egg hunt, decorated and painted a room for Mary’s Shelter, built five Little Free Library Boxes and keeps them stocked with books, and many more projects for the community.

Club members embraced the project because each U.S. flag represents an individual and is an opportunity for people to share a story. Flags have been dedicated to honor individuals currently serving in our Active-Duty Military, Fallen Servicemen & Women, First Responders, Heroes in Our Lives, Veterans & Hometown Heroes.

“This moving display is a gift to the community made possible through donations, sponsorships, and the efforts of many dedicated volunteers,” Carolyne said.

Participant volunteer Jose Vazquez-Vasquez is one of several volunteers who helped to assemble the flags. He said that *“being born in America, the flag is important to me.”* He and the volunteers were honored to be a part of this awe-inspiring community project.

Prospectus Berco operates a successful production and training facility at its headquarters in Reading. Through the facility production program, individuals obtain work experience and soft-skill training to prepare them for employment. Prospectus Berco contracts with local businesses to provide packaging, assembly, labeling, collating and mechanized services for customized solutions to help businesses meet their objectives. The organization is currently accepting business contracts; call Ginnie Haggerty at 610-372-4637, ext. 401.

Prospectus Associates is a 501(c)3 corporation that enriches the lives of people with disabilities and their families by providing innovative community participation, community living, employment opportunities, and family support services. They fulfill their mission by engaging and supporting a talented and compassionate workforce; being inclusive; and living the guiding principles of accountability, communication, and trust every day.

<https://berksweekly.com/news/prospectus-berco-vocational-team-assembles-flags-for-fourth-of-july-celebration/>

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News 7/2 pm, 7/3 am and 7/3 pm

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READING, Pa. - The vocational work team at Prospectus Berco took time out of their busy work schedules to assemble flags for the Fourth of July holiday celebration.

Participants assembled flags for the West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club's upcoming Field of Honor display.

The Field of Honor is an inaugural program that features 150 United States Flags which will be displayed around the pond at the Stone House in Wyomissing from July 2 through July 8.

"We wanted to do something to bring the community together while raising money so we can give back to the community," said Rotary Club president Carolyne Jordan.

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"This moving display is a gift to the community made possible through donations, sponsorships, and the efforts of many dedicated volunteers," said Jordan.

Prospectus Berco, which operates a production and training facility in Reading, provides community participation, community living, employment opportunities and family support services to people with disabilities.

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Berks County Field of Honor®

The Inaugural Berks County Field of Honor® was dedicated on July 3, 2023 over the Wyomissing Stone House Pond. Each of the Flags represents an individual and tells a story.

The flags will be on display through Saturday, July 8, 2023.

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WFMZ

WYOMISSING, Pa. – The inaugural "Berks County Field of Honor" is ready to honor heroes, just in time for July Fourth.

"We're setting up all of these United States Flags that have been dedicated to honor various heroes in our area," said Gail Landis, director of public relations for the West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club.

Each flag was raised as a "thank you."

"We're honoring veterans as well as law enforcement," said Ed Ogden, co-chair of the Berks County Field of Honor.

The flags are waving high at Stone House Pond with the help of the West Reading-Wyomissing Rotary Club.

The display is representing those who have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we have every day.

"We thought it was very appropriate to coordinate a way to honor them, particularly on the Fourth of July," Ogden said.

The flags were dedicated by Wyomissing locals and businesses for everyone to see.

"All week they will be up," Landis said.

"For each one of the flags, there will be a medallion that hangs on it so when you come out to the field, you can check out the medallion," said Carlyne Jordan, co-chair of the Berks County Field of Honor.

As the Fourth of July approaches, it's a way to say "thank you" to those who helped us get where we are today.

"People should remember what was done to preserve our flag and what is currently done," said Ogden.