

Celebrating America 250 Hosted By The Bangor Exchange Club

By Michael Ortoski

SLATE BELT - The Slate Belt celebrated 250 Years of American Freedom at the Blue Valley Farm Show in Bangor on Sunday. A breathtaking field of red, white and blue on the grassy lawn was on display of 250 American Flags. The flags will be on display until July 4th, so come and get a photo while they're up.

Sponsorship of the flags proceeds will benefit The Bangor Exchange Club and outreach programs for the Slate Belt Community and Scholarship funds.

Bangor Exchange Club member Joe Cox opened the ceremony. "We gather here today to celebrate a historic milestone, two and a half centuries in the mak-

ing: America's 250th birthday.

Look across these grounds at the stunning sight of America's Freedom Field 250.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Exchange Club of Bangor and the Blue Valley Farm Show for proudly hosting this breathtaking patriotic tribute. For 80 years, the Exchange Club has dedicated itself to serving our community, and this display of 250 United States flags stands as a beautiful reflection of that continued commitment.

I also want to recognize the committee members who worked behind the scenes. Andy Bisher, Matt Werkheiser, Stan Garrison and Emilee Brewer - Thank

you for your dedication to bringing this field to life.

Additionally, I want to recognize our partnership with the Slate Belt Veterans Association. From the very beginning, working with Michael Ortoski, we pooled our resources together, found some common ground to work on cooperatively. They also contributed to this event.

Each single flag honors one year of our nation's history, standing together to represent the enduring, unbreakable spirit of small-town America. This is the heart of our country, where hard work, community, and freedom truly live.

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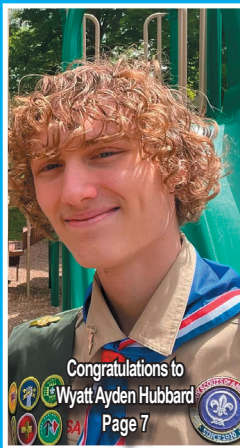
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Evan Tamandl
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Congratulations to
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Joe Cox Bangor Exchange Club board member



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