

American Flags over North Yarmouth

On May 19th, a special ceremony was held to mark the raising of the 48th American flag in North Yarmouth's town center. A color guard consisting of members of the American Legion Post #91 and Boy Scouts Troop #58 participated. Gil Healey, pastor of the North Yarmouth Congregational Church, gave an invocation, and Darla Hamlin read the honor roll.

North Yarmouth residents, Darla Hamlin, Barbara Hauke and Tom Low came up with the idea for the flag campaign to promote a sense of patriotism while beautifying the town center. Money was raised to support the program through flag sponsorship. Each flag flying has been sponsored by an individual or group with ties to North Yarmouth and many are in remembrance or in honor of an individual or group.

Anton Zrioka and Jake Grandchamp boy scouts with Troop #58 assisted the committee on this project as did local residents Ronald Hamlin, Joe Ruby and Harold Stoddard.

The Honor Roll is currently posted at the North Yarmouth Town Office and will soon be found at local businesses and the Wescustago Hall.

Encouraged by the outstanding community response to this project, the goal is to see the flags flying on Route 9 all the way to the Cumberland/North Yarmouth town line by July 4th. The committee currently has permission to fly flags on more than 150 telephone poles along Route 9 and Route 115.

If you would like information on how to show your support for this program, or want to sponsor a flag call Darla Hamlin weekdays at 221.0340 or contact her by email at darla@softtrac.com.