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Hayman project a city success story

Letters

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Monday, October 20 I want to extend a sincere thank you to all who have helped make the HAYMAN 2 Scarecrow Project a success. There are currently 90 life-size scarecrows decorating downtown Pittsfield tied to light poles, street signs and trees. These terrific hay sculptures were created by families, friends, businesses and non-profit organizations under the direction of artist Mike Melle and Program Coordinator, Michael Rousseau. The builders came from all walks of life and all income levels and had an enjoyable experience participating in this public art project.

The scarecrows are providing great free entertainment to downtown workers, families, school classes and visitors. Maps of the scarecrow locations and builders names can be picked up in many downtown restaurants and shops, the Senior Center, Visitors Center, YMCA and other locations. The scarecrows will be on display through Oct. 26 at which time the builders will be take them home for Halloween.

The HAYMAN 2 project was totally underwritten by Berkshire Bank Foundation as part of its mission to give back to and invest in the communities the Bank does business in. The Foundation would like to thank the following businesses and organizations that helped make the project such a success: The Berkshire Eagle, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, the city of Pittsfield and its Office of Cultural Development, Downtown, Inc. , Noble Farm, St. Joseph Church,

Berkshire County Sheriff's Office, Carmen C. Massimiano, Jr., Sheriff, Allegrone Construction Company, Brown Oil Company and community volunteers.

I encourage everyone to take a walk around downtown and view the haymen before the project is over. It's a great free event. Shop and eat while you're there.

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