

Have you been flocked? Fundraiser for Operation Adopt-a-Soldier good for our soldiers, and a laugh

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WILTON — For the best horse racing news, people read The Pink Sheet.

For a good laugh and a way to help U.S. troops stationed overseas, people can “flock” their friends with a group of plastic pink flamingos.

About two dozen of the long-legged birds showed up Monday at the former Doescher property, near the corner of Northern Pines and Ballard roads, drawing stares from anyone who happened by.

“People are loving it; they think it’s so much fun,” Kathy Mosher said.

She and her husband, Donald, a disabled Vietnam veteran of the Air Force, purchased the fake birds recently. People who contact them and pay a \$25 fee can have the birds placed on a friend’s or neighbor’s front lawn as a gag. All proceeds benefit Operation Adopt-A-Soldier, which sends care packages to troops serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

“We’ve just started and we’ve raised \$125 already,” Mosher said.

Previously, the Moshers have raised several thousand dollars for Walter Reade Hospital in Washington, helping to buy things like special clothing for amputees.

The project has special meaning to the couple. In addition to Don’s military service, their son-in-law is currently in the army and a nephew works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Flamingos are normally found in Florida or the Bahamas, but they’re creating quite a stir in Saratoga County. On Wednesday, they’ll be headed to Corinth.

“One girl wanted to keep them,” Mosher said, laughing.

A soon-to-be-married couple wants them at their wedding, and Mosher plans to outfit the pink-feathered friends with top hats and veils.

For more information on the fundraiser, e-mail flockfortroops@yahoo.com.