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## News Release: Spectacular Shatters Fundraising Goal, Thanks Community

**Storm Lake, Iowa** (July 3, 2023) – The 2023 Star Spangled Spectacular’s fundraising goal of \$40,000 was surpassed more than a week in advance of Storm Lake’s annual Independence Day celebration.

Fundraising co-chairs Josh Newhouse and Matt Brostad set a goal of \$40,000 in early June, and they received just more than \$44,000 from 314 benefactors in cash and in-kind donations as of June 30—breaking the previous record set in 2022.

“We are extremely grateful to all donors for their generous donations again this year,” says Newhouse, who noted 2023 being a big year for the city. “Storm Lake is a busy destination this summer, but we’re proud to demonstrate how well a community can come together to support a great tradition and continue to make this a great place to live and visit.”

2023 Star Spangled Spectacular, with a theme of “Three Cheers for 150 Years,” is celebrating the city’s sesquicentennial with additional funds going toward a greater fireworks show on July 4, as well as new children’s entertainment, live music, and more.

There is still time to donate as bills from various vendors continue to come in after the celebration ends. Donation checks can be made out to Star Spangled Spectacular and sent to Josh Newhouse, Fundraising Chair, PO Box 457, Storm Lake, IA 50588. Donations can also be made online at [starspangledspectacular.net/donations](https://starspangledspectacular.net/donations).

Donors and categories June 22-30, 2023 include:

- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$350 and up):** Energy Transport, Fareway Stores-Round Up For Fireworks, Hunzelman, Putzier & Company, King's Pointe Waterpark Resort, Kiwanis Beavers, Micki Godbersen, Orren Knoffloch, Redenbaugh and Mohr Law Office, Storm Lake Honda, Tyson Foods, and Zone Entertainment/Brandon Frank and Jeff Bowles.
- **Patriots (\$150-\$349):** Ali and Austin Langel, Alliant Energy, Buena Vista University, Central Bank, Dr. Jason and Brooke Huisenga, Gary and Patricia Armstrong, Jason and Erika Dierking, Jay and Sharon Butterfield, Matt and Katie Brostad, Rick and Kim Martin and Family, Rusty and Patty Kosky, Storm Lake Hy Noon Kiwanis, Storm Lake Hy-Vee, Sugar Bowl Gift Shop, Terry and Kim Zimmerman, and Vision Care Associates.
- **Skyrockets (\$100-\$149):** Brandon and Sarah Johnson, Cory and Alicia Gatzemeyer, Drew and Katie Schwint, Family 1st Dental - Dr. Eric Jones, Farm Credit Services of America, Foell Seed LLC/Jon and Kirsten Foell, Joann Larson, Josh and Laura Newhouse, Leo's Kitchens, Marlin and Sherry Lode/Randy and Pat Merrill-In Memory of Don and Lois Biggins, McNaughton Wealth



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Management, Paul and Stef Merten, Paxton's Jewelry, Peter and Julie Steinfeld, Reding's Gravel and Excavating Co., Inc., Roy and Michelle Grant, and Stanton Electric.

- **Firecrackers (\$50 to \$99):** Ariana Vargas, Bonnie Phillips, Butch and Nancy Sadusky, D & B Agro Systems, Dave and Tiffany Stern, Denny and Kay Kessler, Ed and Joan Rude, Gary and Karen Rosene, Jeff and Jordan Jorgensen, Jeff Fulcher, Jim and Sally Anderson, Joan Hamilton, Keith and Marcia Schmidt, North Lake Truck Repair, Russ and Tracee Dierenfield, and Total Concept Salon.
- **Sparklers (up to \$49):** Bob and Jean Bennett, Bruce and Deb Richardson, Cheryl Lustgraaf, Connie Salas, Junk Rescued Shop, Mary Hartman, Mary Lanphere, Mitch and Robyn Hogrefe, Pat Richard, Phyllis Caradine, Rick and Maxine Lampe, Rod and Linda Dierking, and Tonja Meier.

***Photo1\_ Fareway:** The "Round up for Fireworks" fundraiser, one of many avenues of giving in 2023, granted customers the opportunity to round up to the nearest dollar at the register. Pictured is Matt Brostad (L), Fundraising Co-chair, accepting a check from Jason Williams (R), Store Manager.*

### **About the Star Spangled Spectacular**

A favorite Northwest Iowa tradition, Storm Lake's annual Star Spangled Spectacular celebrates Independence Day along the City's beautiful shores. The family-friendly event is held July 3-4 and welcomes fresh entertainment and returning favorites such as The Big Parade, food and shopping vendors, a classic Car Cruise, the Ride-Run, fireworks, a Patriotic Ceremony, a Kiddie Parade, and more. Visit [www.starspangledspectacular.net](http://www.starspangledspectacular.net).

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