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News Release: Spectacular Surpasses Fundraising Goal, Breaks Record

Storm Lake, Iowa (June 30, 2021) – As fundraising for the 2021 Star Spangled Spectacular nears completion, Fundraising Co-chairs Josh Newhouse and Matt Brostad shared that more than \$34,200 in cash and in-kind donations was raised—surpassing their \$30,000 goal and breaking the previous record.

“We are extremely grateful to all donors this year for their generous donations after taking a year off,” says Newhouse.

COVID-19 halted celebrations in 2020, but Storm Lake community members rallied to bring back the time-honored tradition in celebration of this year’s theme: A Salute to Hometown Heroes. The city of Storm Lake’s time-honored tradition is planned annually by volunteers, who look toward the community and its businesses to provide funding for fireworks, entertainment, insurance, golf cart rentals, shirts, postage, and other supplies and day-of needs.

There is still time to donate, as bills from various vendors continue to come in after the celebration ends. Checks can be made out to Star Spangled Spectacular and sent to Josh Newhouse, Fundraising Chair, PO Box 457, Storm Lake, IA 50588. Online donations may be made at www.starspangledspectacular.net/donations.

Donors and categories through July 1, 2021, include:

- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$350 and up):** Central Bank, Fareway Stores-Round Up For Fireworks, King's Pointe Waterpark Resort, Nutra Tech, Inc., Orren Knoffloch, Security Trust & Savings Bank, StickersandPosters.com, and Storm Lake Honda.
- **Patriots (\$150-\$349):** Alliant Energy, Buena Vista University, City of Lakeside, Dean and Josie Ellingson, Felton Concrete/Todd and Jennifer Felton, Hulzhauer Ford Lincoln, Jeanne Tinsley and Ken Schweller, Loew's Carpet One Floor & Home, Rusty and Patty Kosky, and Storm Lake Pilot Tribune.
- **Skyrockets (\$100-\$149):** Margaret Dickey, Roger and Julie Egland, Josh and Laura Newhouse, Paxton's Jewelry, Phillips & Phillips Trucking, Inc., Peter and Julie Steinfeld, Elaine Wright and Family, and Storm Lake Hy-Vee.
- **Firecrackers (\$50 to \$99):** Jeff Stark, Joan Hamilton, Citizens Community Credit Union, Russ and Tracee Dierenfield, Matt and Elissa Doebel, Bob and Janet Grant, Audrey Gutz, Dennis and Diana Kessler, Todd and Barb Lange, David and Michelle Munoz, Phil and Margaret Redenbaugh, Stanton Electric, The Storm Lake Times, Daniel and Rebecca Tompkins, Doug Vilas, and Clair and Carol Thompson.



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- **Sparklers (up to \$49):** Al and Dianne White, Arlo Hoberman, Carol Dreith, Kathy Wimer, Mark and Rita Fitzgerald, Marlin Friedrich, Michele Kelly, Roger and Myrna Lorenzen, and Russ and Amy Chrischilles.

Photo Caption: The Star Spangled Spectacular partnered with Storm Lake Fareway Meat and Grocery for the third year to raise funds for its annual fireworks show on July 4, 2021. The "Round up for Fireworks" fundraiser resulted in more than \$1,500 raised. Pictured is Matt Brostad, Fundraising Co-chair, accepting a check from Jason Williams, 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.

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