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News Release: Donors Kick Off Fundraising for SSS

Storm Lake, IA (June 10, 2026) Fundraising for the 2026 Star Spangled Spectacular, with a theme of “Built on Freedom, Bound by Community!” is off to an outstanding start, according to Matt Brostad and Josh Newhouse, fundraising co-chairs.

“We are surprised and delighted at how many donations have come in already,” said Newhouse.

“We still have a long way to go, and we are grateful we have had a large increase in online donations using Paypal and Venmo.” Newhouse says that over \$11,000 has been raised towards the goal of \$50,000. “If someone did not receive a letter or they have not donated in the past, please consider a donation.”

Newhouse and Brostad are working to contact past major donors asking for their help again this year, and letters have been sent to all past donors and prospects.

For those interested in making a donation, 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 are possible by visiting the website at www.starspangledspectacular.net .

Donors and categories through June 8th, 2026, include:

- **1776 Society (\$1,000 and above):**
Rotary Club of Storm Lake, Dr. Sabrina Martinez and Ben Davis, and Three B Real Estate.
- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$500-\$999):**
Rick and Carol Peterson, and Security Trust & Savings Bank.
- **Patriots(\$350-\$499):**
Stickers and Posters, Citizens 1st National Bank, and Edward Jones - Alex Girres.
- **250 Club (\$250 commemorative giving level):**
Doug and Joanie Clausen, Tom and Sharon Daniels, and Ellison Extinguishers-Mitch Ellison.



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- **Skyrockets(\$200-\$349):**

Aaron and Kelsey Clausen, Paxton Family Trust % Citizens 1st National Bank, Felton Concrete/Todd and Jennifer Felton, Randy and Donna Sennert, Aflac-Pat Fitzpatrick, SunChaser Elite-Bill and Pat Fitzpatrick, Buena Vista University, and United Bank of Iowa.

- **Firecrackers (\$100 to \$199):**

Barb Anderson, Stille, Pierce & Pertzborn, Mike and Andrea Frantz, Larry and Linda Hecht, Frank and Nancy Alderton, Julianne Osegaro, Al and Kathi Buckingham, Colburn & Elk, Kevin and Cindy Cone, Dan Connell Law Office, Frank and Cynthia Demers, Jim and Terry Foell, Duane and Gwynn Gerlach, Juli Kwikkel, Patrick and Julia Mooney, Mike and Roxi Pertzborn, Phil and Margaret Redenbaugh, Gary and Karen Rosene, Dave and Connie Skibsted, Doug and Kari Thompson, Carl and Cyndi Turner, and one anonymous donor.

- **Sparklers (up to \$99):**

Al and Rhonda Slight, Barb Jackson, Betty Richardson, Brad and Maureen Strader, Bruce and Linda Baier, Buzz and Jean Paterson, Charlene Plagman, Clark and Nancy Gordon, Connie Salas, Donna and Tom Burbach, Donna McPherran, Jeff and Tami Ebel, Joan Kurtz, John and Kyle Cejka, John and Roxie Brostad, Larry and Terry Davenport, LaVerne Grigsby, Lenny and Carol McDonald, Lottie Nelson, Mark and Rita Fitzgerald, Mary Lanphere, Murray & Murray P.L.C., Phil and Pegg Havens, Rosie Reiling, and Steve and Jenna Campbell.

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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