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News Release: SSS Fundraising Campaign Enters Final Week with Goal in Sight

Storm Lake, IA (June 24, 2026) - The 2026 Star Spangled Spectacular, with a theme of “Built on Freedom, Bound by Community” is still accepting donations as the fundraising committee enters its final week of their annual campaign. With a goal of \$50,000, co-chairs Josh Newhouse and Matt Brostad are still looking for over \$13,500 to meet their budget.

“We still have a few donors who are working to get us their donations,” said Newhouse. “We have a great lineup of entertainment and activities this year and we hope we meet our goal!”

Donation checks can be made out to Star Spangled Spectacular and sent to
Josh Newhouse, Fundraising Co-Chair
PO Box 457
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Donors and categories through June 16-22, 2026, include:

- **1776 Society (\$1,000 and above):** Tyson Foods-Turkey Operations, King’s Pointe Waterpark Resort, and Citizens Community Credit Union.
- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$500-\$999):** Orren Knoffloch, Dan and Ronda Bacon, Edwards Storm Lake, Kiwanis Beavers, and Storm Lake Garage Door - Mike and Katie Solem.
- **Patriots(\$350-\$499):** Dr. Jason and Brooke Huisenga, and Maggie Martinez.
- **250 Club (\$250 commemorative giving level):** Storm Lake Hy Noon Kiwanis, Rick and Kim Martin and Family, Casey’s General Stores, and Hamilton Law Firm, P.C.
- **Skyrockets (\$200-\$349):** Michael Pierce, Matt and Ana Phillips, and Mark and Christine Young.
- **Firecrackers (\$100 to \$199):** Clyde and Marcia Krause, Loren Movall, James and Jolene Hultgren, Storm Lake Hy-Vee, Jason and Erika Dierking, Kosky Country Meats, Ken Schweller, ISG, Inc., Duane and Donna Queen, Reding’s Gravel and Excavating Co., Inc., Butch and Nancy Sadusky, Sports Rehab & Professional Therapy, Automotive Service Center, Jared and Tyonia Eggers, Flourish Health and Boutique, Craig and Nancy Fratzke, Roy and Michelle Grant, Jim and Barb Jorgensen, Lalone Family, Leo’s Kitchens, Marlin and Sherry Lode/Randy and Pat Merrill-In Memory of Don and Lois Biggins, Michael and Claudia Pertzborn, Mike and Lori Porsch, Rich and Jene Robinson, Drew and Katie Schwint, Tom and Sue Smith, Norman and Kathy Sorenson, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, and Scott and Joni Wulfekuhler
- **Sparklers (up to \$99):** Unity Point Family Health Center, Unity Point Buena Vista Clinic, Scott and Kathy Schwaller, Rosene, Pickhinke, Peters & Co. P.C., Rod and Linda



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Dierking, Paul and Nina Havens, Pat and Carol Lenhart, Nelson's Premix and Vet Supply, Nancy Sliefert, Nancy Johnson, Michael and Kellie Wells, Mary Drey, Martha Murray, Mark and Anne Hoffard, Keith and Debbie Hultgren, Kari Jansen, Joan Hamilton, James and Fern Bjorklund, Guadalupe Munoz Rocha, Dr. James Eliason, Dennis and Diane Julius, Dave and Tiffany Stern, Dave and Deb Merten, Dan and Julie Sievers, Dale and Kim Carver, Craig and Sue Mesenbrink, Cory and Alicia Gatzemeyer, Candy Clough, Brad and Darla Beukelman, and Bill Patton.

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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