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News Release: Spectacular Reaches Fundraising Goal, Thanks Community

Storm Lake, Iowa (July 1, 2024) – The 2024 Star Spangled Spectacular’s fundraising goal of \$40,000 was surpassed 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 \$42,000 from 308 benefactors in cash and in-kind donations as of July 1.

“We are extremely grateful to all donors for their generous donations again this year,” says Newhouse. “This year was unique, 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.”

2024 Star Spangled Spectacular, with a theme of “Light Up The Sky For The Fourth of July,” is celebrating the two day celebration with new vendors, another expanded fireworks show on July 4th, 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.

Donors and categories June 24-July 1, include:

- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$350 and up):** Fareway Stores-Round Up For Fireworks, Local Government Professional Services, Inc., Edwards - Storm Lake, Sugar Bowl Gift Shop, Rotary Club of Storm Lake, Kiwanis Beavers, King's Pointe Waterpark Resort, and Storm Lake Honda.
- **Patriots (\$150-\$349):** Dr. Jason and Brooke Huisenga, Grand Central Coffee Station, Jason and Erika Dierking, Sue Fritcher, City of Lakeside, Scott and Joni Wulfekuhler, ISG, Inc., Matt and Katie Brostad, Josh and Laura Newhouse, Loew's Carpet One Floor & Home, Storm Lake Hy-Vee, and Mark and Christine Young.
- **Skyrockets (\$100-\$149):** Rich Merten, in Memory of Liz Merten, Paul and Stef Merten, Brenda Nickolisen, Gigi Tompkins, Russ and Amy Chrischilles, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Harry and Lynn Schaller, Leo's Kitchens, McNaughton Wealth Management, Paxton's Jewelry, Matt and Ana Phillips, and Tom and Sue Smith.
- **Firecrackers (\$50 to \$99):** Tom and Susan Fitzpatrick/Cherry Corner Agency, Rod and Linda Dierking, Matt and Elissa Doebel, Brad and Donna Lenhart, Brad and Sonni Raveling, Stanton Electric, Dale and Kim Carver, and Rick and Donna Phillips.
- **Sparklers (up to \$49):** Craig and Beth Lamoureux, Mary Drey, and Junk Rescued Shop.



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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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