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News Release: Star Spangled Spectacular Halfway to Donation Goal at Campaign Midpoint

Storm Lake, Iowa (June 17, 2024) – After a full two weeks of collecting donations, the 2024 Star Spangled Spectacular, with a theme of “Light Up the Sky on the Fourth of July” has reached \$25,000 toward a goal of \$40,000.

Josh Newhouse, fundraising co-chair for Star Spangled Spectacular, said many donors have increased their donations over last year, and several first-time donors sent in their contributions this week.

“We also received donations from donors we have not heard from in many years, as well as several new donors,” says Newhouse. “Every donation helps us meet our goal.”

Fundraising co-chair Matt Brostad noted that online donations continue to increase. “We hope that continues to be popular, as we still have a lot of money to raise,” said Brostad.

The “Round up for Fireworks” fundraiser also continues to take place through Saturday, June 22, granting customers the opportunity to round up to the nearest dollar at the register. Proceeds will go toward funding the event’s annual fireworks show at 10 p.m. on Independence Day.

Donation checks can be made out to Star Spangled Spectacular and sent to Josh Newhouse, Fundraising Chair, PO Box 457, Storm Lake, IA 50588.

Donors and categories June 9-16, 2024 include:

- **Liberty Bell Ringers (\$350 and up):** Citizens 1st National Bank, Energy Transport, John and Lindsay Armstrong, Nutra Tech, Inc., Rembrandt Foods, Rick and Carol Peterson, Russ and Gladys Eddie, Security Trust & Savings Bank, Tyson Foods-Turkey Operations, and VT Industries.
- **Patriots (\$150-\$349):** Bill and Lana Crilly, Bob and Patty Payer and Family, Buena Vista Regional Medical Center, Buena Vista University, Casey's General Stores, Dave and Barbara Dvergsten, David and Marla Nees, Dr. Fotene Gennatos DDS, Dr. Lisa R. Lindeman, DDS, Felton Concrete/Todd and Jennifer Felton, James and Jolene Hultgren, Jane Meyer, Jay and Sharon Butterfield, Larry and Linda Hecht, Rick and Kim Martin and Family, Steve and Diane Hamilton, Steve and Terry Brashears, Storm Lake Hy Noon Kiwanis, Ted Brown, and The Villager Family Restaurant.
- **Skyrockets(\$100-\$149):** Clyde and Marcia Krause, Donna McPherren, Buena Vista Abstract &



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Title Company, Daily Apple, Jim and Terry Foell, Fritcher Abstract, Brandon and Sarah Johnson, Bill and Joan Kruse, Mike and Roxi Pertzborn, Mike and Lori Porsch, Mike Wilson, Tropical Sno/Tyson and Christina Rice, Tom and Sharon Daniels, Andy and Tara Kosky, Randy and Donna Sennert, Tim Smith, Farm Credit Services of America, Efficient Construction, Frank and Cynthia Demers, Foell Seed LLC/Jon and Kirsten Foell, Karen Johannesen, Brian and Betsy Lenzmeier, Methodist Manor Retirement Community, Morrow Contracting, Inc., Phil and Margaret Redenbaugh, Reding's Gravel and Excavating Co., Inc., Rich and Jene Robinson, Dave and Connie Skibsted, Dr. A. A. and Norma Stepan, and Gilbert and Sally Wilkens.

- **Firecrackers (\$50 to \$99):** Arvid and Coleen Baughman, Bomgaars, Brad and Maureen Strader, Bruce and Ann Storm, Bruce and Helen Vander Kooi, Bruce and Linda Baier, Butch and Nancy Sadosky, Buzz and Jean Paterson, Cory and Alicia Gatzemeyer, Dave Anderson, Jerry and Barb Seiler, Jim and Barb Jorgensen, Jim and Sally Anderson, Joan Hamilton, Joann Larson, Juli Kwikkel, Matt and Ana Phillips, Murray & Murray P.L.C., Nelson's Premix and Vet Supply, Patrick and Julia Mooney, Rosene, Pickhinke, Peters & Co. P.C., Ryan and Kara Harder, Ryan and Leslie Mohr, Stan Bochtler, Terry and Margaret Stull, and Tim and Erin Smith.
- **Sparklers (up to \$49):** Al and Rhonda Slight, Barbara Aiona, Barbara Movall, Betty Chindlund, Brent and Debra Hendriks, Bryan and Leann Baumhover, Clark and Nancy Gordon, Dave and Deb Merten, Delores Sievers, Donald and Carol Northrup, Donny and Jan Nolte, Joan Nilles, John and Kyle Cejka, Jon and Patti McKenna, Kay Schmitt, Lottie Nelson, Lyn and Diana Berkland, Marlene Morrow, Mike and Feryle Berkland, Mike Brostad, Pat Richard, Real Estate Specialists, Rich and Cheryl Lange, Rick and Maxine Lampe, In Memory of Bill Lanphere, Roger and Myrna Lorenzen, Shirley Strait, Susan and Troy Briggs, Virginia Carlson, and one anonymous donor.

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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