

# SHELL ROCK, IOWA AUGUST 2026

## The Shell Rock 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee

would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone that had a part of the 2026 celebration in our milestone 250th Anniversary of Freedom! It takes an immense amount of planning and volunteer hours behind the scenes, in addition to during the celebration to make it a success. **Thank you to everyone that chose to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday in Shell Rock!**

We would like to recognize those that volunteer in extra capacities. We would like to thank Angie Mohn & Jennifer Averhoff for Sunday in the Park, Ryan Garbes and Emma Munson for organizing the parade, Karissa Oldenburger for organizing the Royalty Pageant in addition to collaborating with Lauren Munson in making the online historical video of The Old Mill, the Reints family for the main stage, can collectors & peddle pull, Curt Lubben and the Shell Rock Hay Auction for the side stage and cattle fan, Ehren Marks with The Iowa PrimeHouse for use of their parking lot, Butler Bremer Communications for the Wi-Fi, Terry Siems for organizing the use of the large outdoor fans from the Butler County Fair, Melody Massoth with DeGroote Century Farms for the crew that helped setup & teardown, Peters Construction, Leroy Rops & multiple generation of the Hank & Rita Willson family for flying the flags by crane, and Jake Murray, Chad Vierow and Shane Hobson along with the WSR Trap Shooting Club for use of their two large shade tents. Additional thanks go to those that are all hands on deck when we need them including the Shell Rock Fire Dept, Butler County Sheriff, Shell Rock Historical Society, American Legion, Quilts of Valor, Shell Rock-A-Teers, our businesses that participated in the highly successful Poker Run, the City of Shell Rock, Mike Tellinghuisen, Riley Lubben, Jessica Meyer, our spouses, our children and everyone that donated their time. Please let these people and organizations know that they are appreciated when you get a chance. We are so proud to have a supporting community behind us!

Our 2026 committee members include Lindsey Schaedig, Autumn Fails, Whitney Tidman, Jessica Dobbs and Michelle Wheeler. We were overwhelmed by the amount of people that have personally thanked us or given online compliments. This support keeps us engaged in our roles along with the joy of working together. We always welcome any community feedback you have whether it be positive or critical. We use this information to make informed decisions yet realizing that we may not be able to please everyone. Please reach out directly or Facebook private messenger if you have any thoughts to share.

**Our utmost gratitude goes to all our sponsors at every level for investing and trusting us with your funding.**

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Shell Rock 4th of July



**Fundraising for the 2027 celebration is underway. Donations can be mailed to PO Box 112, Shell Rock, IA 50670 or with the QR code. Many Thanks from the Shell Rock 4<sup>th</sup> of July Volunteer Committee!**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

AUGUST 4 @ 7:00 pm

**CITY WEBSITE**

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# A COMMUNITY UNITED IN GRATITUDE

*The Dave Lehman Avenue of the Flags Shed  
A community project honoring our veterans and the volunteers who made it possible.*



*The unveiling of the Dave Lehman Avenue of the Flags Shed during the July 1, 2026 dedication*

The Riverside Cemetery Association and American Legion Post #393 extend their heartfelt gratitude to the many individuals, businesses, organizations, and volunteers whose generosity, hard work, and unwavering support made the Dave Lehman Avenue of the Flags Shed possible.

This project is more than a new building. It is the result of neighbors working side by side to preserve one of Shell Rock's most meaningful traditions—the Avenue of Flags.

On July 1, more than 100 community members gathered to dedicate the shed and recognize Dave Lehman for his decades of service. Earlier that evening, volunteers completed the Avenue of Flags setup in a record 20 minutes.

Every name listed represents someone who chose to give back. Thank you for helping preserve a tradition that will honor our veterans for generations to come.

## Community Impact

- 100+ community members attended dedication
- 20-minute Avenue of Flags setup
- \$10,000 Butler County Community Foundation Grant
- Hundreds of volunteer hours
- Avenue of Flags in one location
- One community working together

## With Gratitude to Our Funding Partners

Butler County Community Foundation — \$10,000 Grant  
Shell Rock-A-Teers Super Bowl Brunch Fundraiser  
America 250 Commemorative Signature Quilt Fundraiser  
Numerous private donations from the community

## Volunteer Construction Team

Steve & Marty Downing  
Eugene & Linda Downing  
Bruce & Ann Juel  
Dave & Bonnie Lehman  
Jim Olmstead  
Bill & Marilyn Hardee

## Concrete & Site Preparation

Chris Lubben  
Curt Lubben  
Mike Tellinghuisen

## Construction Assistance

City of Shell Rock  
Kameron Pfaffle  
Spahn & Rose  
Brian Burman Construction

## Signage

Jeff Kramer  
Mike Barnett

## Dedication Program

Jim & Gloria DeGroot  
Shell Rock-A-Teers

## Construction Meals

Dave & Bonnie Lehman  
Cathi DeWitt  
John & Robyn Holden



*Leberman Family*

**"Together, we have built more than a shed—we have strengthened a tradition."**