

# 2009 SSC NEWSLETTER

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## Best Ticket Prices

Purchase by April 30

- VIP Ticket (Beer or Non-Beer Section) .....**\$375**  
limited seating-weekend only
- Reserved Ticket (Beer or Non-Beer Section).....**\$130**
- General Admission—Weekend .....**\$70**
- General Admission—Daily.....**\$45**
- Camping (Tent Site).....**\$50**
- Camping (RV or Camper Site) with or without generator.....**\$65**
- **\$5.00** Off 2009 SSC Ticket at the Annual Spaghetti Supper!

## 2009 Star Spangled Celebration Line-Up is Complete

### Thursday, June 25, 2009

4:00 pm *Gates Open*  
5:15 pm **Jason Michael Carroll**  
7:15 pm **Kellie Pickler**  
9:00 pm **Kenny Rogers**



### Friday, June 26, 2009

2:30 pm *Gates Open*  
3:00 pm **Eli Young Band**  
4:45 pm **Jake Owen**  
6:30 pm **Jack Ingram**  
8:00 pm **Rodney Atkins**  
10:00 pm **Blake Shelton**

### Saturday, June 27, 2009

11:30 am *Gates Open*  
1:15 pm **Timothy Craig**  
2:45 pm **Chuck Wicks**  
4:30 pm **Ashton Shepherd**  
6:00 pm **James Otto**  
7:45 pm **Joe Diffie**  
9:30 pm **Gretchen Wilson**

### **Dance Doctors in the Budweiser Beer Garden all Weekend**

- As with all festivals of this nature, artists, times and dates are subject to change.

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## www.starspangled.com

Have you seen the updates to our Star Spangled Celebration website yet? Our web designer, Jason, has been working very hard to update our site and make it more "user-friendly." This is where you can get the latest news from the Star Spangled Celebration office:

Learn about SSC past and present, our mission and how we strive to fulfill it.

See who our sponsors are, check out their websites and support them.

Check out the 2009 line-up and use the links to find out what is new with

your favorite entertainer. Order tickets on-line and reserve your festival grounds campsite. Locate a ticket outlet near to you. Locate lodging in the area.

And, share your thoughts on the new (moderated) blog.

## Purchase Your Tickets Now!

Ticket prices remain the same as last year, and once again, you can save \$10 by purchasing your tickets by April 30th. General admission tickets are just \$70 for a weekend pass and \$45 for a daily pass. After May 1, those tickets will be \$80 and \$55 respectively. As always, children 11 years of age and under are admitted free with a ticketed adult in the general admission area only.

Reserved seating tickets are \$130 for a weekend pass and \$75 for a daily pass. Be sure to tell us if you prefer seating on the beer garden



side, or the alcohol free side. Reserved seating is first come-first serve in a designated area. You provide your own chair. After May 1, weekend passes are \$140 and daily passes are \$85.

VIP tickets were very popular last year, and they are back in 2009. We still have some available. VIP seating is available only with a weekend pass. Ticket prices are \$375 each and are only available for purchase in advance. VIP Tickets include an assigned seat, meals and refreshments. When purchasing these tickets, please specify if you want to sit in the Beer Garden or

Non-Beer Garden. These tickets will sell out, so get yours as soon as possible.

All seating is lawn seating, except the VIP section, so you need to bring lawn chairs with you for all areas. Also, tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. Tickets are exchanged for a wristband at the gate.

## Nearly \$40,000 was Donated Back

Star Spangled Celebration proudly supports volunteerism in the Greater Richland County area. The organization was pleased to be able to contribute to three organizations with proceeds from the 2008 concert.

The City of Richland Center will use its allocation of \$10,000 to upgrade the early warning siren system and to repair a damaged roof. Vital for the safety and well-being of its citizens.

We also gave a check in the amount of \$3,951.97. This check represents the Parks Department's share of camping proceeds. SSC could not provide camping without the part-

nership with the Parks Department.

The Richland County Ambulance will use their \$10,000 allocation to purchase new power cots to better protect the EMTs from lifting injuries and heart monitoring defibrillators, giving them the capability to transmit vital information to the hospital while in route.

The Richland Community Free Clinic will use its allocation of \$6,000 to continue operation of the Clinic. The Clinic serves

anyone in the greater Richland County Area who is uninsured or underinsured for health care.

Star Spangled donated \$6,000 for the SSC Scholarship Program. The committee is very proud to be able to have this program.

Funds were also donated from our Spaghetti Supper Benefit, to A Child's Place and The Food Pantry.

*"Star Spangled Celebration is always proud to support volunteerism in the Greater Richland County Area."*

## 2009 Recipients Chosen

Three organizations that serve the greater Richland County area learned they would be the 2009 recipients at the annual potluck in November. As always, the decision was difficult for the Board of Directors with applications from so many worthy organizations.

A Child's Place Homeless Shelter will use their allocation for the operation of the shelter. In addition to the expenses of running the shelter, they also provide families with bedding, household items



and other needed items when they leave the shelter.

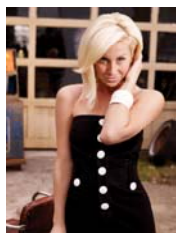
The Western Richland County First Responders will use their allocation to assist in paying for the classes for new trainees and to buy needed supplies.

They also would like to purchase new pagers & are working on purchasing an equipment transport vehicle.

The Richland Center High School Band will be using their allocation to purchase new uniforms and instruments. Their current uniforms were purchased in 1965 & really need updating. SSC is very happy and proud to support these three worthwhile organizations.

## Thursday June 25, 2009 Gates Open at 4:00 pm

**Jason Michael Carroll** will be opening the 2009 festival performing at 5:15 pm. Jason will be a new comer to SSC. This 28 year old artist penned a song when he was living in Texas using a poem from a friend and a news story he heard about child abuse. Carroll came up with the song "Alyssa Lies" The power of the lyrics, and Jason's performance, touched a nerve with listeners across the country. Already a top 10 country airplay single weeks before his album's February 6, 2007 release, the song became the fastest-rising debut single by a male country artist in 2006. The song also set a record in its first week of availability, earning the highest country new artist debut in the history of Sound-Scan's Digital Songs chart. Jason believes this song may get people to talk about the unspeakable, before its too late.



**Kellie Pickler** is new to our stage in Richland Center at 7:15 pm. Her hit "Don't You Know Your Beautiful" is more than a song, it's a statement from Kellie, who chose the upbeat tune to lead off her self-titled second album. Since 2005, Kellie has been living life fast forward, landing a spot on the 5th season of American Idol. Kellie barely had time to catch her breath before she was in her new label on Music Row, discussing her future as their new artist, a future that was taking off before she even had her seat belt fastened. She had turned 20 the month before. Pickler should put on a fantastic show on Thursday evening at SSC.

**Kenny Rogers** returns to Richland Center Kenny wraps up the show Thursday, taking the stage at 9:00. By now, Rogers has become such an icon that it's easy to forget how he got there. The songs on his "42 Ultimate Hits" CD brings together the top songs of his career, ranging from his days with the First Edition in the late 60's to his current return to the charts. Kenny is a star because he excels at his craft. For more than five decades, Rogers has delivered memorable songs, drawing fans among rock, pop, soul and country audiences. The sweetly raspy vocals are instantly identifiable as Kenny.



## Friday June 26, 2009 Gates Open at 2:30 pm

Friday will get off to a rousing start with the **Eli Young Band**. This band has all the hallmarks of youth: passion, energy & excitement. Young, Jones and Thompson started performing as a duo they met up with Eli and quickly became great friends. in short order, the entire foursome began making music together, debuting live in October 2000. This great band will be starting at 3:00 pm. And will perform some of their hits such as "When It Rains" and "Enough Is Enough."

**Jake Owen**, one of our newcomers, is up next at 4:45 p.m. Jake tried to map out his life at 12 years old. Owen had a plan to play professional golf. By doing so, he could spend more time with his father. He was determined that golf was going to be his life. Lucky for us the twin boy who was raised in Vero Beach, Florida picked up a guitar, and a new plan



emerged, one that would take him off the fairway and onto Music Row. Jake should put on a terrific show Friday with some of his hits "Starting With Me" and "8 Second Ride."

**Jack Ingram** will be performing at 6:30 p.m. Ingram is also a newcomer to SSC. The Texas-born singer/songwriter will be ready for the SSC crowd, playing many of his hits like "Measure Of A Man" and "Lips Of An Angel." While he's a new face to some, he began his career over a decade ago in the hard scabbled honky-tonks & dancehalls of Texas. He quickly earned the respect of his peers, not to mention his heroes. Waylon Jennings called him "an incredible talent," while Billy Joe Shaver pronounced him "one of the best performers around."

**Rodney Atkins** will be up next at 8:00 p.m. Atkins was brought up in rural east Tennessee.



Rodney should put on a upbeat show. Atkins song "If Your Going Through Hell" recently certified gold, debuted at number one, the title track spent four weeks at the top Billboard country singles chart, Rodney is doing very well and will be great Friday evening at our 2009 Festival.

**Blake Shelton** returning to SSC will perform on Friday at 10:00 p.m. Overall, Blake has charted a total of fourteen singles on the country charts, including four number one hits: "Austin" (2001), "The Baby" (2003), "Some Beach" (2004-2005), and "Home" (2008). Besides these, he has charted two more top ten hits in the #10 "Goodbye Time" and the #4 "Nobody But Me". Shelton should wrap up Friday with a bang!



## Saturday June 27, 2009 Gates Open at 11:30 am

Newcomer, **Timothy Craig** will be performing at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday. Nashville has some amazing new artists coming out of the cracks and one of them is Timothy Craig. His music is hip and full of lyrics that fans will understand right from the start.

Timothy also has a local connection as he is the son of Vilas Craig.

**Chuck Wicks** will be up next at 2:45. Look out Dads, one of Wicks top hits "Stealing Cinderella" may make the ladies go crazy on Saturday night. Chuck was inspired by a girlfriend whose job was playing Cinderella at



Disney World. Just the title alone makes you want to listen to it. Wicks knew it was the right choice.

Another newcomer to the SSC stage is **Ashton Shepherd** who will be performing at 4:30 p.m. Shepherd's new hit "Sounds So Good" should get the crowd on their feet, along with "Takin' Off This

Pain". After the day's chores are over, Ashton likes to practice in the Pickin' Shed behind her house. I think Ashton will fit right in at our SSC festival.



**James Otto** is next in line at 6:00 p.m. Otto's grandfather was a self-taught musician who played in local clubs, and his father also had natural talent, playing in local rock and blues bands. James performed on the CMA awards in November. He put on a great performance and should do the same at our festival this year.

**Joe Diffie**, another newcomer, will be performing at 7:45 p.m. Diffie is not just a singer, he is a songwriter as well. In addition to the songs he kept for himself, Joe's songs have been recorded by Holly Dunn, Tim McGraw, Tracy Lawrence, Conway Twitty, Doug Stone & most recently, Jo Dee Messina. Vern Gosdin once described Joe as "The Man with the golden voice". His perform-

ance should be an energetic, hit-filled show.

**Gretchen Wilson** will be wrapping up SSC 2009 at 9:30 p.m. Wilson will be performing the day after her birthday, she was born on June 26th. Gretchen was unsure of where she was going but all of her hard work paid off, while singing in a bar with the house band, Big Kenny & John Rich walked in and heard her sing, later John asked, "how come you ain't got a record deal yet"? That's all it took. Gretchen's well deserved debut single "Red Neck



Woman" took off like a bottle rocket, five weeks at Number 1. Gretchen won the CMA Horizon Award in 2004. Following that she released "All Jacked Up" in 2005 and won the CMA female

vocalist trophy that same year. Wilson will wrap up the festival with some loud roars!

## Camping available at the Fest Grounds

Star Spangled Celebration will again have camping at the festival grounds. The prices for 2009 are \$65 for an RV site. Tent sites cost \$50 for the entire weekend.

Similar to last year, the campgrounds at North Park will open on



Wednesday the 24th of June at noon. That allows campers time to

get set up before the concert, with time to visit local businesses and enjoy touring the beautiful countryside in Richland County.

Camp sites are assigned at check-in. Because ground conditions can change the layout of the campgrounds, we are not able to reserve specific sites. Group camping is quite popular. When you call to make your reservation, give us a group name. We have streamlined group check-in this year to better be able to assign sites at check-in so your group can camp together.

The campground is located in a city park, so we are not able to provide

electrical hook-ups. We do allow for generators, however, if that is something you would like to take advantage of. Just make that request at the time of making your reservation. Camping with electrical hook-ups is available at the Fairgrounds.

A reminder that ground fires are not allowed at the fest campgrounds so if you intend on having a campfire at your site, please bring a fire pit that keeps the fire off the ground.

For more information relating to camping at SSC, or to get an entire list of the rules, please visit us on the web at [www.starspangled.com](http://www.starspangled.com).

## President's Thoughts

Star Spangled Celebration is a unique festival, celebrating it's 16th year. The organization is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who serve as committee chairs. The committee chairs lead about one thousand volunteers to run & host the event. As a non profit organization, SSC donates the proceeds back to selected charities in the greater Richland County area.

In these tough economic times, we at SSC are more grateful than ever for the support of our sponsors, fans and Volunteers. We are doing all we can to hold ticket prices down, hold expenses down and provide an excellent concert. As you all know, last year we made the decision that we could no longer afford the big screens. We will not have the big screens again this year, it just doesn't fit in the budget. We believe we have a great line up this year with lots of new exciting acts. We hope to see you there in June! It will be a great show. Everyone involved with SSC recognizes that there would not be a show without each and everyone of you, weather you are a local fan, a fan traveling from near or far, a sponsor or one of our great volunteers. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your support!

Jan Brockway, president SSC

## Spaghetti Supper

Another event Star Spangled is proud and excited about each year is the Annual Spaghetti Supper. This event brings the community together and once again proceeds are donated back to the greater Richland County area. The event this year will be held on March 28, 2009 at the Richland Community Center. Not only is this a time to visit with SSC committee members and the community, this is a time to save some money.

Star Spangled will give \$5.00 off a 2009 festival ticket for every Spaghetti Supper ticket purchased at this years event. Don't miss out on a time to save, with the economy the way it is we want to offer our community and fans some kind of a deal!

We hope to see you on March 28th!

## Big Thank You

Star Spangled Celebration has reached another milestone—2009 will be the 16th year and we are still going strong.. You have heard it before, but we can't say it enough, "None of this would be possible without you". You are a dedicated team of organizers, many who have been here "since day #1", and the nearly 1000 volunteers each year who help throughout the year and especially the week of the concert.

The success of Star Spangled Celebration and the good it brings to the community is also due to the support of our sponsors. Sponsorships come from not only from local businesses but from all over southwest Wisconsin. We are blessed to have so many different local businesses that see the value of SSC within our community and are willing to sponsor our event in many ways. Their generous support has helped us fulfill part of our mission—keeping ticket prices low so Star Spangled Celebration truly is affordable for families.



### Mission Statement

*"Star Spangled Celebration, Inc. is a volunteer organization which is dedicated to providing affordable, family entertainment in Richland County. Event proceeds are donated to the Greater Richland County area."*

A big thanks also goes out to the Board of Directors, again, all volunteers who give of their time and talents all year round to put on this great event. To those Directors who have served in the past, and those newly elected directors who will take SSC forward, thank you!

We are very fortunate to live in a community when people see a need, they fill it. We are grateful for their generosity, whether it be with their time and talent, or with monetary contributions. It is many of those same sponsors and volunteers who purchase tickets as gifts, and who make Star Spangled Celebration part of their vacations or just family fun for a weekend.

Finally, we want to thank all of you who choose to support our event. Local fans and those who come from far and wide. We understand that you have a choice of where you can go to get this sort of entertainment and we are very thankful that you have decided to spend your weekend with us here in Richland Center.

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### Lodging in Richland Center and the surrounding area:

#### Richland Center Area Lodging

White House/Ramada	608-647-8869
The Center Lodge	608-647-8988
Parkview	608-647-6354
Starlite	608-647-6158

#### B & B

Rembrandt & Rutabaga B & B	608-647-2631
Littledale B&B	608-647-7118
Candlewood Cabin B&B	608-647-5720
Victorian Rose B&B (Muscoda)	608-739-4319
Blakley Hobbit (Viola)	608-627-1461
Laughing Llama (Boscobel)	608-375-4623

#### Richland Center Area Camping

Festival Grounds Camping	800-375-0876	Alana Springs	608-647-2600
Eagle Cave Campground	608-537-2988	Rockbridge Park	608-647-4673
Eden Valley Campground	608-647-8450	Viola Banker Park	608-627-1831
Victoria Riverside Camground	608-739-3786	Hub City Park	608-983-2770
Richland County Fairgrounds	608-489-3629	Crooked River	608-629-5624

### Surrounding Communities

#### Viroqua (from the west)

Super 8	608-637-3100
Midway	608-637-2929
Hickory Hill	608-637-3104
Heritage Inn	888-4HERINN
Eckhart B & B	888-4HERINN

#### Boscobel (from the south)

River Inn	608-375-8000
Hubl's	608-375-4277
Sands	608-375-4167
Super 8	608-375-8000

#### Spring Green (from the south)

Round Barn Lodge	608-588-2568
House on the Rock	608-588-7000
Spring Green Motel	608-588-2141
Usonian Inn	608-588-2323
Prairie House	608-588-2088

#### Reedsburg (from the east)

Motel Reedsburg	608-524-2306
Copper Springs	608-524-4312
Comfort Inn	608-524-8535
Super 8	608-524-2888

**Visit us on the web! [www.starspangled.com](http://www.starspangled.com)**

**TICKET ORDER FORM 2009**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PAY BY: CHECK \_\_\_\_\_

VISA \_\_\_\_\_ MSTRCRD \_\_\_\_\_ DSCVR \_\_\_\_\_ CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME ON CARD \_\_\_\_\_

3 DIGIT SECURITY CODE ON BACK OF CARD or known as V Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets:	<u>Dec-Apr</u>	<u>May-June</u>	<u>Gate</u>	<u>Totals</u>
___ General Admission Daily Advance	\$45	\$55	\$60	_____
___ General Admission Pass Weekend	\$70	\$80	\$100	_____
___ Reserve Non-Beer Garden Daily	\$75	\$85		_____
___ Reserve Beer Garden Daily	\$75	\$85		_____
___ Reserve Non-Beer Garden Weekend	\$130	\$140		_____
___ Reserve Beer Garden Weekend	\$130	\$140		_____
___ VIP Weekend Pass; Limited Seating!	Call For Information			

Everyone in Reserved & VIP sections MUST have a ticket, including children under 11

**Camping: Opens Wed June 24, 2009 @ 12:00 p.m. until June 28, 2009 @12:00 p.m.**

\_\_\_ Tent Site Weekend-North Park-No Elec. (15x30) \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ RV Site Weekend-North Park-No Elec. (20x40) \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Need Handicap Area for Camping \_\_\_ Need Generator Area

Camping with a group? Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Service Charge (Per Order - Not Per Ticket) \$7.00 (Fee for CC Purchases Only) Total Order \_\_\_\_\_**

• You may mail this form back to SSC Po Box 693 Richland Center, WI 53581 or Fax it to (608)647-5155