



## **History Of Tower Days**

The community celebration began in 1972 with many activities scheduled around the beach area at Spring Lake. The celebration was not held in 1974 so in 1975, the Spring Lake Park City Council commissioned a group of community residents to resurrect the celebration for the Bicentennial in 1976.

The commission worked many long hours raising funds to have the water tower painted with stars and stripes in red, white and blue. After painting the water tower, the committee decided to use it as the theme for the community celebration. Since that time, the celebration is referred to as Tower Days.

Traditionally, the celebration kicked off with a Grand Day parade followed by many community activities such as golf and softball tournaments, family fun night, street dances, and senior 500 Tournament. A royalty program was part of the festivities, through 2000 when the existing committee disbanded. The current committee consists of representatives from the Spring Lake Park Lions Club, Kraus Hartig VFW, ISD 16 Community Services and the Spring Lake Park Recreation Department.

Today, Tower Days is focused on numerous family activities. Held the last week of school, the celebration kicks off summer vacation. A parade on Thursday starts the celebration followed by activities on Friday, Saturday and the all day celebration at Lakeside Lions Park on Sunday. Fireworks conclude the festivities Sunday evening at dusk. Most activities are free with the purchase of a Tower Days participation button. The Lions, VFW, area business and civic groups, along with the city residents, council members and city staff work together to provide a great community celebration.