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Colorado Rockies largest fireworks display will celebrate 20 years with new title sponsor

AVON, Colo. American National Bank has stepped up to the plate as the new title sponsor for the Town of Avon's prestigious Independence Day pyrotechnic celebration. The Colorado based bank has committed \$30,000 towards the fireworks display which is branded as the largest fireworks show in the Colorado Rockies. The additional funding will enable the town to enhance the pyrotechnic program for its twentieth anniversary. Western Enterprises Inc., the fireworks production company who has designed and choreographed the show since its inception is excited to begin production on the 2006 display. Mr. Jim Funk, who is regarded as one of the top firework technicians in the United States along with Gary Caimano, PHD, fireworks producer from Western Enterprise, will combine their expertise to include a series of heart stopping new special effects.

Over the past year, American National Bank has expanded its presence in Eagle County with bank branches in Avon, Edwards and Eagle. *Salute to the USA* will now be called ***American National Bank's Salute to the USA, in Avon, Colorado***. "The patriotic message of this event is a perfect fit for American National Bank", says Drew Dodd, Market President of the Avon banking center. "The Town of Avon is thrilled to have American National Bank back as its partner for our flag ship event. This generous donation will ensure a spectacular 20th anniversary celebration" says Meryl Jacobs, Director of Recreation, for the Town of Avon.

The ***American National Bank's Salute to the USA*** will be held on Monday evening, July 3rd, 2006, in the Harry A. Nottingham Park, Avon, Colorado. For more information call 748-4016 or log onto www.avon.org.

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