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News Release: Pork Tornadoes to Headline Spectacular Music Lineup July 3-4

Storm Lake, Iowa (April 3, 2023) – Storm Lake’s annual Independence Day celebrations have announced the Pork Tornadoes as its 2023 headlining band from 7-9:30 p.m. on Monday, July 3 at the Sunset Park Band Shell.

Putting their own spin on an eclectic mix of songs from Justin Timberlake, Beyonce, Taylor Swift, and Lizzo, to The Killers, Coolio, and Phil Collins, the band has been named one of Iowa’s most versatile music groups. Their debut EP peaked on the Apple iTunes Pop charts at #20 and was streamed more than half a million times in 2020. The Pork Tornadoes recently achieved viral success with the fifth most-viewed cover of “Tennessee Whiskey” on YouTube and an impromptu performance of “In the Air Tonight” with a drum line featured in *Rolling Stone*.

Jared and Ty Eggers, 2023 Star Spangled Spectacular commodores, say the band creates a party wherever they perform. “Amphitheaters, festivals, and more sell out when they hear the Pork Tornadoes will be there,” says Ty who, together with her husband, is curating a memorable Fourth of July celebration for 2023. The Pork Tornadoes play popular songs from five different decades, covering four different genres for all ages and musical preferences.

Jared says, “We want folks to bring a cooler and lawn chair down to the parks, but be ready to stand and dance and have some fun.” Family-friendly entertainment will remain a focus for the 2023 events.

The Eggers duo were eager to book the Pork Tornadoes once Fletcher Kucera, Storm Lake United’s interim executive director, recommended them after watching their performance at RAGBRAI’s Des Moines route announcement party in January. “Fletcher told us everyone in attendance had a blast that night, and we were so excited to hear they were available on July 3,” says Jared.

The band will take the stage following the Municipal Band during Sunday’s Ice Cream Social, Classic Car Cruise, and Kiddie Parade.

In addition, The Fishheads—a Storm Lake favorite—are returning to perform at the Star Spangled Spectacular from 12:30-3 p.m. at the Band Shell on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. Spectators may enjoy some island rock, funk, and reggae music by the “Official Band of Summer.” With more than 23 years of experience, The Fishheads have shared the stage with .38 Special, The Legendary Wailers, and other bands across the world. Their island tunes make for an island party experience.



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The July 3-4 events will require a few more volunteers than in years past, and those interested in helping at Sunset Park the evening of Monday, July 3 or with the parade, parking, and more on Tuesday, July 4, may email SLjuly4th@gmail.com. The commodores also encourage folks to join The Big Parade by filling out the entry form available at www.starspangledspectacular.net and Storm Lake United. The Big Parade will resume its annual route along Lakeshore Drive at 10:30 a.m.

Commodores are also accepting Grand Marshal nominations for the Big Parade. Nominations forms are available to pick up in the Storm Lake United Office and for download at www.starspangledspectacular.net and are due by May 13.

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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