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## **Storm Lake's Star Spangled Spectacular Announces Theme: "Built on Freedom. Bound by Community"**

**Storm Lake, IA** (March 4, 2026) — The annual Star Spangled Spectacular — Storm Lake's largest July 4th celebration drawing more than 10,000 visitors each year — proudly announces its 2026 event theme: "Built on Freedom. Bound by Community." This year's theme, selected by Tyler and Deidre Aube, Commodores, reflects both the heart of the nation's Independence Day and the unique spirit of the Storm Lake community.

"Freedom is at the core of what we celebrate on the Fourth of July," said Tyler. "But just as important is the sense of belonging and shared purpose we feel here in Storm Lake. We wanted a theme that unites those two ideas — honoring our country's founding ideals while highlighting the way our community comes together every day."

Storm Lake is known across Iowa and beyond for its rich cultural diversity — a vibrant blend of backgrounds, languages, and traditions that shape life in the community. The Star Spangled Spectacular celebration draws families, visitors, and vendors from a wide range of cultures and walks of life each summer. Activities like the Parade of Nations especially reflect this diversity, celebrating the many cultures represented in Storm Lake.

The theme "Built on Freedom. Bound by Community" resonates deeply with Storm Lake. Built on Freedom acknowledges the foundational values of Independence Day — the freedoms and rights that unite Americans from coast to coast. Bound by Community honors the people of Storm Lake — long-time residents and newcomers alike — who come together to make this event possible and who contribute to the city's thriving, inclusive spirit.

"Storm Lake's strength is in its people," said Deidre. "Freedom gives us a reason to celebrate, but community is what makes the celebration meaningful."

The festivities, set for July 3-4, 2026, promise to be a memorable celebration of freedom, family, and fun. The event will also require additional volunteers as opposed to those needed in prior years. Those interested in helping at Sunset Park on the evening of Friday, July 3 or with the parade, parking, and more on Saturday, July 4, may email the commodores at [stormlakestarspangled@gmail.com](mailto:stormlakestarspangled@gmail.com) as well via: [www.starspangledspectacular.net](http://www.starspangledspectacular.net) .

Entertainment will begin on Friday, July 3 with a car cruise, kiddie parade, and music in the bandshell. Saturday's events will commence with the popular Ride-Run around the lake, followed by the Big Parade along Lakeshore Drive at 10:30 a.m. Other favorites, including a



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variety of food and music, will take place throughout the day before the evening fireworks. A full schedule will be posted at [www.starspangledspectacular.net](http://www.starspangledspectacular.net) as plans for the festivities unfold. Updates will also be shared to the event's social media pages.

### **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. Held July 3–4, the family-friendly event features fresh entertainment and returning favorites including The Big Parade, food and shopping vendors, a Classic Car Cruise, the Ride/Run, fireworks, a Patriotic Ceremony, a Kiddie Parade, and more. For more information, visit [www.starspangledspectacular.net](http://www.starspangledspectacular.net).

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