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News Release: Storm Lake Students Win Spectacular Art Contests

Storm Lake, Iowa (May 27, 2026) – The Star Spangled Spectacular Commodores, Tyler and Deidre Aube, are excited to announce the winners of the 2026 Children’s Art Contest, held under this year’s inspiring theme: *“Built on Freedom. Bound by Community.”*

This year’s contest featured two age-specific categories:

- Kindergarten–2nd Grade: Coloring Page Contest
- 3rd–4th Grade: Poster Design Contest

Scout Freking-Smith, a 2nd grader in Ms. Ventura’s class at Storm Lake Elementary, won the coloring page category for her bold and colorful creation. Scout is the daughter of Zach and Joanna.

Lilliana Kurr, a 4th grader in Ms. Hayes’s class at Storm Lake Elementary, was named the winner of the poster design category for her patriotic and imaginative anime-inspired artwork. Lilliana is the daughter of Marsha Yoma.

Scout and Lilliana each received a gift bag filled with goodies from the Sugar Bowl Gift Shop, along with the exciting opportunity to ride in The Big Parade on July 4.

The Star Spangled Spectacular Committee congratulates Scout and Lilliana on their creativity and thanks all of the students who participated. Their artwork beautifully captures the fun, freedom, and community pride that make the Star Spangled Spectacular such a special tradition.

About 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, held July 3–4, welcomes 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. Visit www.starspangledspectacular.net for additional information.

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