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News Release: Star Spangled Spectacular Opens Food Vendor Registration

Storm Lake, Iowa (April 7, 2025) – Storm Lake’s annual Independence Day celebration is opening food vendor registration for non-profits, for-profits, food trucks, and more.

Over the past couple years, the organization has successfully welcomed for-profit vendors, such as food trucks, to offer a wider diversity of food options during the July 3-4 festivities. Last year was a very successful year for all food vendors, which was a wonderful achievement.

Following the plan from past years, we are prioritizing local food vendors and organizations wishing to raise funds. We want to continue to have a variety of food options that reflect the numerous cultures within our community. “We are looking forward to bringing back some Star Spangled favorites along with new vendors with new flavors too!” says Alicia Gatzmeyer, Food Vendor Co-Chair. Be sure to come hungry and ready to take it all in!

Food vendors may register to participate at www.starspangledspectacular.net/get-involved . Non-profits will have the opportunity to secure their previous vendor locations in the parks, but must register as a Star Spangled Spectacular food vendor by the May 23 priority date to receive the discounted rate of \$75. Nonprofits registering after May 23 will pay \$125. For-profit vendors such as area restaurants and food trucks may register to sell food and drink for a \$125 fee before the May 23 deadline and \$225 if mailed in after.

Most importantly, the Star Spangled Spectacular aims for our food offerings to reflect the diversity of our community, provide a chance for nonprofits to fundraise, ensure there's enough food to serve everyone throughout the day, and continue growing one of Iowa's most beloved events.

Food will be available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 3 in Sunset Park during the Kiddie Parade, Classic Car Show, and balloon art. The Storm Lake Municipal Band will kick off the celebration’s musical entertainment that evening immediately followed by the PetRock Band. Friday will welcome even more food vendors beginning at 11 a.m.

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 . ###