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News Release: Matt & Katie Brostad Named 2026 Co-Commodores for Star Spangled Spectacular

Storm Lake, Iowa (February 25, 2026) — The Star Spangled Spectacular is proud to announce that Matt and Katie Brostad have accepted the role of Co-Commodores for the 2026 celebration. They will serve alongside 2026 Commodores Tyler and Deidre Aube in leading Storm Lake's largest annual event.

Matt and Katie were selected for the role in recognition of their deep commitment to service and community involvement.

"Matt and Katie embody the spirit of service that makes our community strong," said Deidre and Tyler Aube. "They consistently step up to help, whether it's coaching, supporting others, or volunteering their time. Their dedication, care, and willingness to lead by example make them a perfect fit to help guide this year's Star Spangled Spectacular. We're excited to have them alongside us."

The Brostads say they are most excited about collaborating with fellow community leaders to create a memorable Independence Day celebration.

"We're looking forward to working with a phenomenal team of community leaders to bring thousands of people to Storm Lake for the July 3rd and 4th celebration," they shared. "We're excited for all the traditional Star Spangled Spectacular events — especially participating in the Big Parade with our girls, the fireworks, great concerts and shows, the arts and crafts vendors in the park, the Ride/Run, and meeting new people as we shuttle guests around the parks."

For the Brostad family, the parade is always a highlight.

"Everything about SSS is special, but the parade stands out for our family," they said.

Matt grew up in Storm Lake, while Katie is originally from Fonda. Together they are raising their three daughters — Nora (13), Clare (11), and Emma (6) — who attend Storm Lake Public Schools and stay active in a variety of activities.

Matt serves as Operations and Process Improvement Director at United Community Health Center. Katie is an Occupational Therapist at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center.

Both are deeply involved in the community. They coach their daughters in multiple sports, and Katie serves on the Memorial Committee at United Methodist Church and on the Cares for Kids



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Committee at BVRMC. Matt serves on the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) at United Methodist Church and has previously supported the Community Campaign fundraising initiative at Buena Vista University. He has also assisted Josh Newhouse with fundraising efforts for the Star Spangled Spectacular for several years and will continue that work while serving as Co-Commodore.

“We are excited to work with our good friends and 2026 SSS Commodores, Deidre and Tyler Aube, to bring a memorable weekend of events to Storm Lake this coming July,” the Brostads said.

The Commodores and Co-Commodores are encouraging local residents and organizations to register for the Big Parade by June 20. Parade registration is free and available at www.starspangledspectacular.net/get-involved. The annual celebration has also opened registration for art vendors, food vendors, non-profits, for-profits, food trucks, and more. Additional information and a full schedule of events can be found at www.starspangledspectacular.net.

- Photo Caption 1: Commodores Deidre and Tyler Aube (left) accompanied by Co-Commodores Katie and Matt Brostad (right)

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.

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