**News Release: Storm Lake’s Star Spangled Spectacular to Resume for 2021**

**Storm Lake, Iowa** (March 11, 2021) – After canceling Fourth of July events in 2020, officials took the first step toward planning this year’s celebration July 3-4, 2021 while recognizing the potential for interference from COVID-19.

Michael and Tony Pertzborn, Star Spangled Spectacular 2021 commodores, say highly-anticipated elements of the event will resume with modifications in place including the Classic Car Cruise, Ride-Run, The Big Parade, and fireworks. Modifications, COVID-19 safety protocol, and other event details and opportunities will be shared in the coming months.

Michael says, “We took this decision very seriously and considered the event’s outside setting, CDC guidelines, the advice of local and state health and safety officials, and recent vaccination progress before coming to the conclusion that we can continue to plan for 2021. It’s important that we can get the community together this summer, even if things will look slightly different.”

“This is a favorite celebration in Northwest Iowa, and we feel that we can safely bring a large majority of the events to the area in July,” says Tony Pertzborn. “We are thankful for the City’s support, as we know it’s been a challenging year.”

Pertzborns, along with co-commodores Brandon Frank and Jeff Bowles, will next lead the committee in discussing event and attendee spacing; food, vending and beverage; musical entertainment; and COVID-19 safety and sanitation resources.

Plans are subject to change pending the pandemic and other elements outside the committee’s control. A full schedule will be posted at [www.starspangledspectacular.net](http://www.starspangledspectacular.net), and event details will be shared in the coming months.

**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](http://www.starspangledspectacular.net).

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