

Celebrating The



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As the sounds of laughter and fireworks rang out across Vermillion on Saturday, hundreds turned out at Barstow Park to celebrate the nation's Independence day. Sponsored by the Vermillion Fire Department, the second annual event was, again a great success.

Above: With the American Flag in the center of the fireworks, it is impossible to forget what the celebration is really about (TH).

Top Left: A young boy dreams of the day he can put on the fireman's gear (SM).

Bottom Left: The Vermillion Fire Department personnel turned out in force on Saturday, including manning the grill as they fed several hundred people (SM).

Top Right: Dancing to the beat of the music this group of girls shows their patriotic spirit with smiles, stars and stripes (SM).

Bottom Right: The train pulled by volunteers was a popular attraction on Saturday, circling the events at Barstow Park it was a great way to see what was going on in the park (TH).

