

## PARADE INFORMATION

### THEME "Celebrating 250 Years of America's History"

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 6 PM

Chairman - Trudy Grove (717) 875-3504, Co-Chair Jeff Minnich

1. Prizes for a **FLOAT** entered for an **FFA** or **4-H Group** will be:

First Prize - \$100.00, Second Prize - \$50.00

\$25 will be paid to all other entries in this group from the Solanco area who do not receive the first or second prize.

2. Other **FLOAT** categories eligible for prize money are:

SCOUTS

SCHOOLS (other than FFA, 4-H, and scout groups)

COMMERCIAL

NON-COMMERCIAL

CHURCH-SPONSORED

FIRE COMPANY AND AMBULANCE ASSOCIATIONS

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3. Groups such as Baton and Dance will be judged in a **Performance** category.

4. Prizes for the above float and performance categories will be:

First - \$100.00, Second - \$50.00, Third - \$25.00

5. Participants should identify their floats with a sign on the front or sides of the float.

6. Judges evaluate each float or entry based upon the following:

**RELEVANCE TO THEME** - 40%

*Purpose of the theme is to give a unified focus for entry designs and to give the parade an overall "look".*

APPEARANCE - 20%

WORKMANSHIP - 20%

ORIGINALITY - 20%

7. Parade application is available on the fair website (after June 30) under the Solanco Fair Info tab - select parade information. Application deadline August 5th or when parade is full.
8. Floats will be pre-evaluated before the start of the parade.
9. All Entries are asked to NOT throw candy or drop candy on the Parade route.  
(safety for all is our concern)
10. All Entries are asked to be MINDFUL of costumes while handing out candy or material and decorating floats to avoid scaring or alarming all ages throughout the parade route.
11. Parking will be available at the fairgrounds Entrance off Rt. 472 at the Smith Middle School Drop-off/pick up. Please be patient.
12. It is recommended Park at the Smith Middle School or Fairgrounds and walk to the parade line up. We ask that you try to avoid parking along SECA Driveway and the swimming pool. The parade ends near the SECA Driveway Entrance. Getting out is difficult.
13. No drop offs or vehicles will be able to enter at the starting point of Park Ave/Hess St after 5:00pm

Please remember those working line up, or directing traffic are volunteers to help provide a successful parade for all. We all want to have fun, enjoy being in the parade and come back next year.