



Dear Readers and Friends,

As you know, this year we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and America's freedom. To celebrate, An America250PA - Crawford County Commission has been organized in conjunction with the Crawford County Historical Society, and we have been tasked to create events for our communities to enjoy, including a parade!

**I'm writing because a parade is nothing without the floats, and we would love for you to join us in celebration this year by creating a float, or walking in the Crawford County America250th Fourth of July parade celebration to be held on the evening of July 3rd, 2026.**

There is a nominal fee of \$50 for Commercial Floats and \$25 for Small/Walking Floats. This fee is waived for some groups and there are scholarships available. For information on available scholarships please either request one in your registration form or reach out to Gabe Panchura.

Our theme, of course, will be America's 250th. **Please decorate your float to celebrate America utilizing a red, white, and blue color theme or to cover a decade/era (WW2, Roaring 20s, Civil War, etc). Please feel free to use balloons, streamers, flags, etc.**

If you plan to create a float we ask you that follow the guidelines below:

- No slanderous remarks or imagery towards political parties or current/past presidents.
- Keep floats under 12 feet high
- Drivers must have clear sightlines
- Have walkers on each side of the float to maintain safety

We're very excited to have you join us! To register, please visit:

- <https://crawfordhistorical.org/events/>
- Or call/email our Parade Chair, Gabe Panchura, using the contact info below.

**The parade will commence on July 3rd, 2026 at 7:00pm in downtown Meadville and will follow the same route as the Meadville Halloween Parade.** If you plan to have a float, please plan to arrive at 5:00pm so we can get the floats/groups organized.

If you have any questions please reach out to Gabe Panchura for additional information.

Thank you for your support!

Gabe Panchura, Parade Chairman

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