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MONTROSS FALL FESTIVAL

Honoring our Volunteer Rescue Squad and First Responders

October 4, 2025

Our Annual Montross Fall Festival Parade will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Parade line up will be at the old Washington and Lee High School. Awards will be given out after the parade from the Courthouse Stage. These units will be judged at line-up and during the parade.

Enclosed please find a parade application to be completed and returned no later than September 15, 2025. In the interest of public safety, the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Montross remind you **"PLEASE DO NOT THROW CANDY OR OTHER OBJECTS FROM PARADE UNITS"**.

Cash Prizes for Best Festival Themed Float

1st Place - \$500.00 2nd Place - \$250.00 3rd Place - \$100.00

Your participation is encouraged. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Jean Jones at (804) 450-2373.

Thank you,

The Montross Fall Festival Committee

County Seat of Historic Westmoreland County

MONTROSS FALL FESTIVAL
TROPHIES
OCTOBER 4, 2025

THEME: Honoring our Volunteer Rescue Squad and First Responders

TROPHY CATEGORIES:

Judges' Award
Best Fall Festival Themed Float
Best Civic Entry
Best Commercial Entry
Best Community Unit
Best Decorated Car
Best Decorated Truck
Best Appearing Motorcycle Unit
Best Appearing Car Club - 1st Place
Best Appearing Car Club - 2nd Place
Best Novelty Unit
Best Cheerleading Group
Best Scout Unit
Best Appearing School Unit
Best Marching School Band - \$1,000.00 - 1st Place
Best Appearing Semi-Truck - 1st Place
Best Appearing Semi-Truck - 2nd Place

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Best Appearing Pumper
Best Appearing Tanker
Best Appearing Brush Truck
Best Appearing Antique Apparatus
Judges Award Outstanding Overall

RESCUE SQUAD

Best Appearing Advanced Life Support
Best Appearing Basic Life Support
Judges Award Outstanding Overall

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OCTOBER 4, 2025

PARADE APPLICATION

Cash Prizes for Best Festival Themed Float

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2nd Place - \$250.00

3rd Place - \$100.00

To be eligible for judging in the category of Best Festival Themed Float, you must enter a pull behind float decorated to represent the theme of the 2025 Fall Festival.

NAME OF UNIT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE # _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE: ☐ I wish to be judged ☐ I do not wish to be judged

PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF ENTRY:

EQUESTRIAN UNIT

WALKING UNIT

CAR

PICKUP

CLUBS: (Circle One) CAR/MOTORCYCLE (Limited to 30 per Club)

FLOATS: (Circle One) VEHICLE PULLING TRAILER/LOWBOY/DROP DECK

NOTE: Tractor Trailers cannot be used for floats unless it is a lowboy or drop deck. No exceptions!

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY FOR JUDGING:

Return application no later than September 15, 2025 to:

Town of Montross, P.O. Box 126, Montross, VA 22520

****PARADE LINE UP WILL BEGIN AT THE OLD WASHINGTON & LEE HIGH SCHOOL
PARKING LOT, 16380 KINGS HWY****

The parade will start to form at 11:00 a.m. and units will be lined up as they arrive. All entries must be in place no later than 1:30 p.m. The parade will commence promptly at 2:00 p.m., ending at Peach Grove Lane (State Route 622). All units must continue to this location and remain there until all parade entries have completed the route. Westmoreland Sheriff's department personnel will be on hand to direct traffic. All parade awards will be given at 3:00 p.m. from the Judges Stand on Courthouse Square.

Applicant hereby releases, forever discharges, and holds harmless the Town of Montross and their respective officers, employees, volunteers, agents, and consultants from any responsibility, personal liability, loss and/or damage in connection with this festival. Applicant further agrees not to throw candy or other objects from parade unit.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

FALL FESTIVAL PARADE PARTICIPANTS – Procedures

The parade ends and breaks up @ Peach Grove Lane. Please understand, Montross businesses along Rt. 3 approaching Peach Grove Lane contribute to festival funding; **they count on having the parade for the whole distance.** Please do not split off from the parade and head back toward the oncoming parade. The total parade distance is 1.4 miles; the estimated transit time from start to finish should be around an hour. Failure to complete the parade route or turn around and attempt to go back through the parade will result in disqualification from judging and your group will be banned from participation the following year.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING RULES AND GUIDELINES

Parade entries can arrive no earlier than 11:00 a.m. to start decorating floats and begin lining up for the parade.

The parade manager has a list of all participants. **For lineup**, entries are placed in line on a first come basis. However, the parade manager has authority to modify or substitute float locations as conditions require.

If several floats need to be lined up together, they will need to arrive at the same time. Please inform the parade manager and have all floats there to be placed in line by the parade manager. **Floats may not be moved**; however, **participants may leave the lined-up float** and return/check in promptly by 1:30 P.M. The parade will move onto Rt. 3 @ 2 P.M

Parking for parade participants will be at Westmoreland High School (the new school). Shuttles run constantly from the parking area to locations in Montross and to the old high school. One vehicle can be used to drop off items needed to decorate floats, but cannot park at the old high school. Parade participants can be dropped off at the old high school, or park at Westmoreland High School and catch a shuttle.

NOTE: NOTHING MAY BE TOSSED, SCATTERED OR THROWN FROM FLOATS. YOU MAY HAVE PARTICIPANTS WALK ALONG THE SIDEWALK/STREET CURB AND HAND OUT CANDY, TRINKETS, ETC.