



The Eagle/Rudy Diaz Trucks light up John Day with various themes at the 2019 Timber Truckers Parade.

TIMBER TRUCKERS PROVIDE LIGHT AMIDST A COLD WINTER NIGHT

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Santa Claus in an outhouse, Max on the back of the Grinch, semi-tucks covered in Christmas lights and more had family and friends in John Day celebrating the holidays.

“Jingle Bell Rock” kicked off the Timber Truckers Parade on Dec. 14 with a variety of drivers cruising on Main Street. Vehicles at the event represented four different categories: farm and ranch, timber, commercial and community.

Representatives from the timber community, John Day Fire Department, Grant County Search and Rescue, local churches, local restaurants and community members waved to an audience full of smiling spectators.

After the parade concluded, the public was invited to eat a chili dinner at the the Elks Lodge. Each seat in the dining area was taken by drivers from the event and members from the county. Prizes were raffled off to people who signed up for the parade. Women and children who helped decorate vehicles were put in a separate raffle.

“First of all, for all those who decorated, we want you to know that your efforts are appreciated by the community,” said Tasha Lundbom, a member of the Timber Trucker Committee. “You guys really put on a show for everybody watching.”

Local businesses donated prizes that were awarded to the participants. Lundbom thanked the local business for their donations and encouraged people to recognize them for their support in the community.



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The Grant County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Crew had Santa in an Outhouse for their 'Storybook Christmas' on Dec. 14.



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Trucks of all sizes cruised down Main Street and were a part of the Christmas cheer for the public in John Day.



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Vehicles park near the Elks Lodge to get chili and cinnamon rolls after the 2019 Timber Truckers Parade in Dec. 14.

PARADE RESULTS

Timber	First: John Day Fire Department, \$200
First: Rude Logging, \$200	Second: Grant County Search & Rescue, \$100
Second: Dakam Logging, \$100	Third: Frontier Equipment, \$50
Third: Tony Reeves, \$50	
Commercial	People's choice
First: True Value, \$200	First: Rude Logging, \$100
Second: Andy's Plumbing, \$100	Second: Dakam Logging, \$50
Third: Saul's Mobile Pressure, \$50	Sweepstakes
Farm and ranch	Rude Logging
First: Keerins Ranch, \$200	Shotgun winners
Community	Ron Phillips, Les Woodworth and Andy Day



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This truck used wood to create a Christmas theme behind him.



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Many participants had a party in the back of their vehicle for the 2019 Timber Truckers Parade.