Lentil Festival parade winners announced

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From among nearly 100 entries of elaborate floats, musical groups, special units and dignitaries, the Ritzville Festival Float took the Grand Sweepstakes Award in the 25th annual National Lentil Festival's Grand Parade on Saturday.

Other winners included Rising Stars Dance Studio for the best commercial entry, Grand Avenue Greenway for the best portrayal of a civic or festival celebration, the Tekoa Slippery Gulch float for most outstanding animation and the Washington State University Creamery for the best use of humor. In addition, the Spokane Lilac Festival received a special award from Mayor Glenn Johnson, and the Pullman High School Cheer Squad received the Judges' Award for an entry that deserved special recognition.

The Rolling Hills Derby Dames won for best noncommercial entry, the Pullman School District Marching Band won for most entertaining noncommercial entry, the Whitman County Sheriff's Posse won for both best group and best cleanup crew in the equestrian division and the WSU Marching Band, the Community Band of the Palouse and the Highland Pipe Bands of the Palouse won the best large group, best small group and best overall sound awards, respectively, in the musical units division.

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