## Aromas Day transforms sleepy town into bustling center of activity

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AROMAS — The quiet town of Aromas turned into a bustling center of activity Sunday during the annual Aromas Day event.

Hundreds of people enjoyed all kinds of activities, from carnival rides such as a Ferris wheel, live music, crafts, food and more.

The event just keeps on growing, said Prunedale resident Amber Vos, who attends the event every year.

"It's huge this year," she said.
"It's good family fun, walking around and enjoying the day."

Aromas Day is organized every year by the Aromas Eagles and the

Aromas Day Committee. Sponsors for this year's event included Graniterock, Driscoll's Strawberries, Klein Financial Corporation and more.

A mix of acts on the main stage offered free entertainment all day long. Live music included the Watsonville Taiko Drummers, 10th Avenue Band and Mariachi Hermanos Muratella.

Marching through the heart of the small town, the parade was the main showcase of the day. Hot rods, horses, fire trucks and even "Prunedale's Ugliest Truck" rolled

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The San Benito County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team marches in the Aromas Day parade Sunday in Aromas.

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through town.

Crafts booths set up by the Aromas Hills Artisans and other vendors lined the streets, with artists selling their works. Guests also had the chance to check out the recently completed mural by the AHA at the Aromas Library. Trish Sparling and her daughter-in-law Rachel, who together call themselves the Sparling Spinners, were selling homemade crafts made out of wool from their own sheep. Spinning yarn outside of the Dragonfly Gallery, Sparling said the family-friendly event unifies the small town.

"It's a great way to see people you haven't seen in a long time," the Royal Oaks resident said.