

Lamoille Harvest Festival a welcome fall tradition

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Children enjoy playground equipment at the Lamoille Rancher's Center, Oct. 5, 2024.
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LAMOILLE — Each year, the Lamoille Harvest Festival attracts shoppers and families from around the Elko community to find gifts and entertainment.

This year was no exception, as visitors wandered through the wood-floored, sunlit building at the Lamoille Ranchers' Center on Saturday and Sunday, browsing cottage-crafted goods to eat and others to hang on walls. Enjoyment from the festival, hosted by Lamoille Community Presbyterian Church, spilled outside to a row of tents as well. Not to mention the children playing outside as their parents found gifts and treats to purchase.



Lisa Dinwiddie of The Whole 9 Yarns sells her wares at Lamoille Harvest Festival, Oct. 5, 2024.

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With stacks of soft rainbow-colored materials on display, Lisa Dinwiddie of The Whole 9 Yarns sold hand-dyed yarn blanks, as well as rugs made from the fleece of her sheep and dryer balls made from both sheep fleece and her alpacas' fleece.



Genny Albitre's art on display at the Lamoille Harvest Festival, Oct. 5, 2024.

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Genny Albitre offered up images of country life painted on such materials as saw blades and scrap wood.

Cindi Nash of Rustic Blessings was peddling oval-shaped miniature birds, squishable pumpkins and floppy sea turtles. She makes about 75 to 100 a year and has been crocheting since she was 9 years old.



Rustic Blessings crochet creations by Cindi Nash at the Lamoille Harvest Festival, Oct. 6, 2024.
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Fruit syrups sold by Kim's Kreations at the Lamoille Harvest Festival, Oct. 5, 2024.
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Kimberly Weiler-Olson of Kim's Kreations took up one side of a room with a table of homemade sourdough, tallows and even fruit syrups in flavors like strawberry rhubarb. Weiler-Olson has baked out of her house since February. She said she is hoping people will spread the word about her business.

Kristi Lyn Glass is a multidisciplinary artist who has lived in the Elko area about 30 years. She ran a table covered with prayer beads and sparkly boxes of her making. She said she plans to launch a website called Prayer With Beads, which will include tutorials walking people through how to use the spiritual implements.

Her glass crafts "Undercovers" are cube-shaped boxes used for storing toilet paper, tissue boxes or personal belongings were on display, as were her bedazzled pill boxes that make taking medicine fun. She said she creates the shiny texture on her boxes with a combination of stained glass and mirrors with a resin-enamel layer on top. Cabochon gems add the bling.



Shaye Roberts and Kimberly Weiler-Olson of Kim's Kreations at Lamoille Harvest Festival, Oct. 5, 2024.

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Pam Johnson of Grammy Pam's Goodies was selling a lineup of jams, many of which had complex flavors, like apricot pineapple, pineapple jalapeno and blueberry rhubarb. Jalapeno-based jams are especially popular, she said.



Pam Johnson of Grammy Pam's Goodies poses with her variety of jam flavors at the Lamoille Harvest Festival, Oct. 5, 2024.
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“I have a cottage license and so I make them at my house. I try to use things that are from our area, if they're available, like the apples and the rhubarb. But if not, then I usually buy them from Idaho,” she said. Johnson has been making the jams for 2½ years since retiring from an education career.



“We have many artists here, Lamoille Presbyterian Church members or associated with the church, who have donated this stuff to sell,” Lamoille resident Judy Byers said. “The proceeds go to the nonprofits in the community — Elko and Lamoille.”

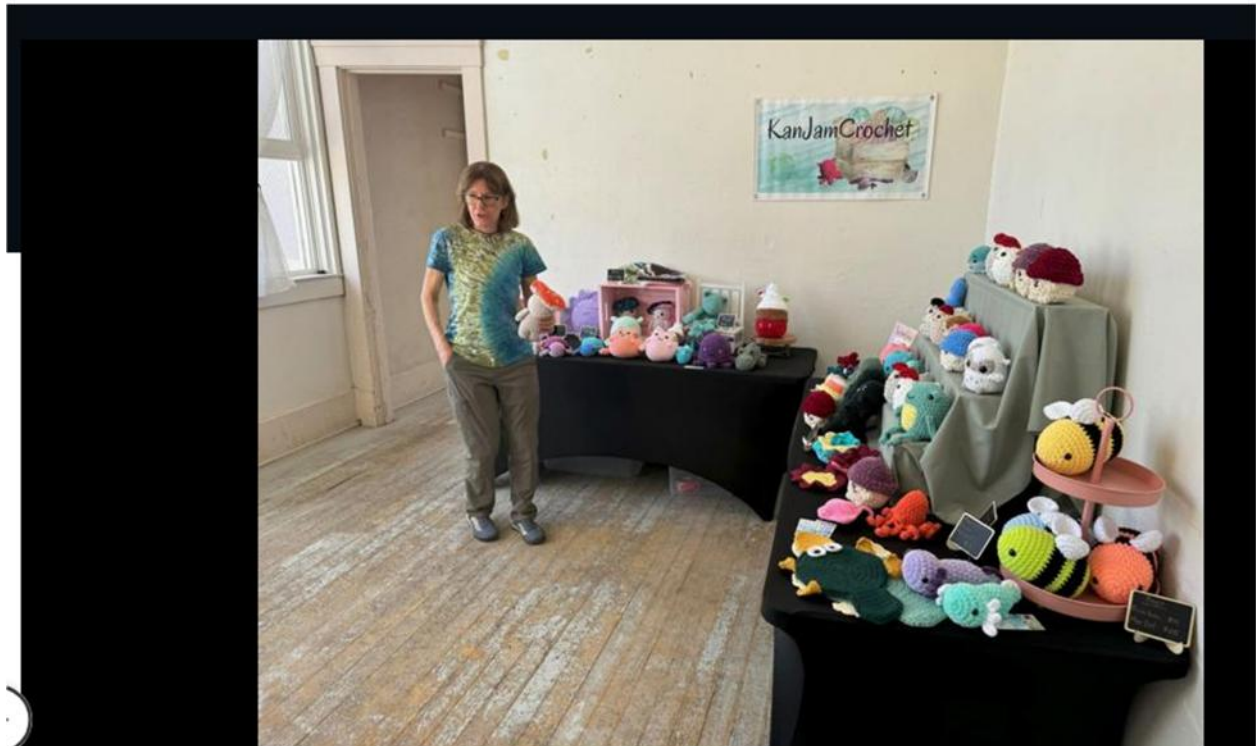


Lamoille Harvest Festival customers browse the Lamoille Rancher's Center, October 5, 2024.

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Byers grew up in the powerhouse at Lamoille Canyon. "I have been gone for over 50 years, and I moved back because it's home," she said.



The KanJam Crochet booth is stocked with soft critters at the Lamoille Harvest Festival, Oct. 5, 2024.

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