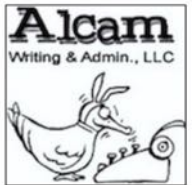




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## Ansonia Harvest Festival features fun, creates memories

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Pumpkins, a pie-eating contest, pony rides, a petting zoo, mums, and more highlighted Saturday's Ansonia Harvest Festival.

The Cultural Commission hosted the event along Main Street and the weather couldn't have been better as thousands took in the sights and sounds of the 29th annual fest.

Mayor David S. Cassetti got into the spirit and donned a festive suit featuring bright orange pumpkins.

Road Ready Used Cars sponsored the event.



Cassetti and some scarecrow friends rode on a vintage pickup provided by Road Ready to greet fairgoers and start the day.

More than 100 vendors selling a variety of food, artwork, crafts, jewelry, and more lined both sides of the street.

Magicians Pete and Chris performed in front of City Hall, and magician Chris Lengyel walked along the street to entertain. Horse-drawn wagon rides and bounce houses added to the fun.

Music was provided throughout the day by the Southern Voice Band, Survivors Swing Band, The Classics, and Bantam Band. DJ extraordinaire Phyllis Kaplan once again kept the festivities moving along.

The Valley Shakespeare Festival and students from the Mulkerin School of Irish Dance performed to the delight of the crowd.



New this year were an apple and pumpkin pie baking contest and a blueberry pie eating contest, coordinated by Cultural Commission member Renee Simpson.

Ansonia Events Coordinator Rich DiCarlo said, "We were given a challenge to fill a quarter mile of Main Street with vendors and activities.

"Looks like we did it and everybody had fun and that's what it's all about!"

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## Acknowledgements for a fabulous Harvest Festival 2018

An event like the Harvest Festival doesn't just happen - it takes the efforts by many to make this day as great as it was.

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- *Mayor David S. Cassetti*
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The amazing vendors!

*Harvey!*

Road Ready Used Cars

*And the thousands of visitors who enjoyed a beautiful day!*

