

Church event honors Ansonia Police Department, raises funds for gear

By Patricia Villers

ANSONIA - The city's men and women in blue were recognized Saturday at the second annual Police Appreciation Day held at First Baptist Church.

The community block party, featuring food, childrens' activities, pony rides, and a DJ, served to support the police department and to raise funds for life-saving equipment. About 150 people attended.

Pastor John Hinson and his wife, Maude, have set a goal of \$50,000 to purchase a defibrillator and ballistic shield for every Ansonia police car.

The total amount raised at the block party will be announced at a later date, Maude Hinson said.

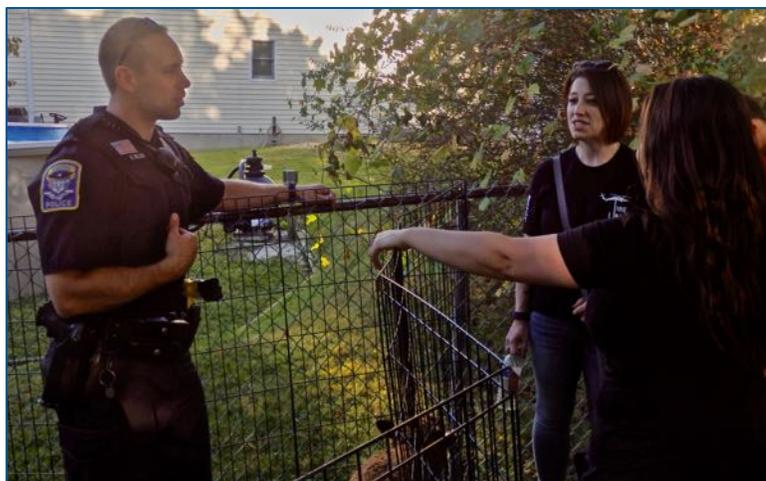
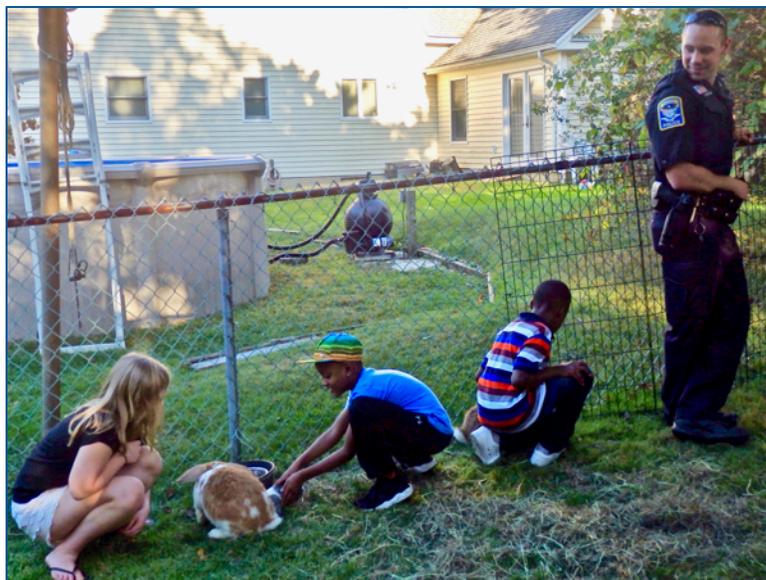
Last year more than \$8,000 was raised, which was used to purchase trauma kits for officers to assist injured individuals.

John Hinson said he and his wife appreciate all of the police officers they have met in the two years they have been raising funds for the department.

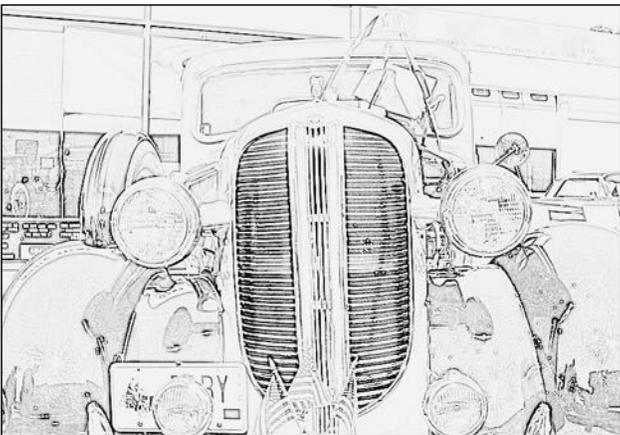
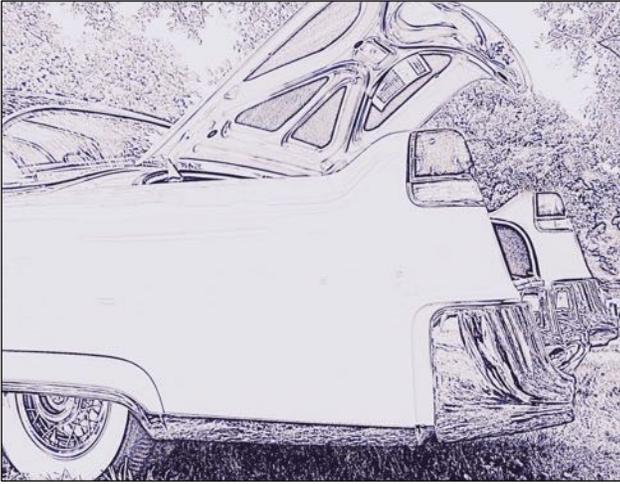
Maude Hinson thanked the audience and said, "So many of you have been generous."

Police Chief Kevin Hale said, "I can't begin to thank [the Hinsons] enough for what they've done. This equipment is going to go a long way in helping us do our jobs to help you. We appreciate your appreciation."

Mayor David S. Cassetti commended the Hinsons for their efforts in supporting the department. "This is a great thing that the church has done," he said.



Seymour Lions to hold 48th annual car show



SEYMOUR - The Seymour Lions Club will hold its 48th Annual benefit Car Show on Oct. 15 at M.P.I. Corporation, Silvermine Industrial Park, 4 Progress Ave.

The rain date is Oct. 22.

There will be a variety of vehicles to view including antiques, street rods, trucks and motorcycles.

Registration is from 8 to 11 a.m. General admission is from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Prices: Vehicle registration is \$10, general admission is \$5, age 65 and older \$3. Under age 12 is free.

Breakfast and lunch will be available. There will be music and entertainment throughout the day. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m.

Vendor spots are available.

Awards: The Lions Club will be awarding trophies to top scoring vehicles in the following categories:

Years	Trophies awarded
1900-1935	5
1936-1946	8
1947-1957	12
1958-1968	12
1969-1979	12
1980-1990	10
1991-1995	5
1996-2005	5
2006-2017	3
Motorcycles:	3
Lieder Family special awards:	3

The “Lions Best in Show Award” is a custom jacket, your vehicles picture on our Ad book cover and next year’s dash plaque.

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