

An Awesome Autumn Affair

30th Annual Streets, Sidewalks & Parking Places Packed



30th Annual Autumn Affair would have been sold out if admission tickets were needed, which they weren't as happy crowds filled every available (and some unavailable) parking spots in the town of Windham. "This is when our community shines the most," said Lisa Jaeger, president of the Windham Chamber of Commerce, the hosts for the event. "We are honored to carry the torch for the people who created this wonderful fair." Among the thousands on hand, last weekend, were (left to right) Windham Foundation president Paul Mutter; Foundation vice-president Matt Rodrigue, Foundation board of directors member Phyllis Parrish, Chamber president Lisa Jaeger; Chamber events coordinator Caroline Lynch and Windham town supervisor Thomas Hoyt.



A record number of apple fritters were sold by the Windham-Hensonville United Methodist Church, a yearly fundraiser that has become synonymous with the Autumn Affair; setting up on the east end of Main Street. Stationed at their customary posts were (left to right) Vicki Beckmann, Deb Goettsche, Carol Spear, Robin Sideall and Eric Goettsche.



Everyone is all smiles (even the witch) for a hayride around Main Street, not being in a hurry to get anywhere while getting a unique view of the country-style fair.



The hair color is natural while a young visitor gets his face painted, a longstanding tradition for kids (and some adults) at the Autumn Affair.



"This festival is all about family and community," said Lisa Jaeger, president of the Windham Chamber of Commerce, hosts for the autumnal celebration, a point well taken by the Keyer family (left) mom Nicole and 4-month-old son Lucas and (right) dad Dylan giving a piggyback ride to older son Landon, visiting from the town of Ravena and saying, "this is awesome. We'll be back."



Groovin' on a Saturday afternoon on the autumn-sun-soaked lawn of the Centre Church, a perfect day and perfect way to enjoy the event with live music playing in the background.