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## Who will be lucky enough to kiss pig?

The Dallas Harvest Festival Steering Committee is pleased to announce the start of the 2008 Kiss the Pig Contest.

This year, five Back Mountain educators will embark on an adventure of the fundraising kind and, in doing so will vie for the dubious honor of smooching "Rocco Rooter," that handsome potbelly pig.

The 2008 Kiss the Pig contestants and their chosen Back Mountain-based charities are: Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Chancellor Charles Davis (Back Mountain Recreation, Lehman); Dallas Middle School Principal Thomas Duffy (Back Mountain Food Pantry, Trucksville); Lake-Lehman Jr.-Sr. High School Principal Tracey Hallowich (Community Cares for Kids, Shavertown); Misericordia University President Michael MacDowell (Back Mountain Memorial Library); and Dallas High School Principal Jeffrey Shaffer (Dallas High School Mini-thon).

For a \$1 donation, the public

is invited to choose the winner, whether by voting for a favorite school or a favorite charity. Ballot jars, ballots and posters have been placed in a number of Back Mountain businesses, including (but not limited to) N-Mart, Trucksville; Unimart, Dallas; Ochman's Coins and Jewelry, Dallas; J&J Deli, Dallas; Curry Donut, Dallas; and Curves for Women, Lehman.

All ballot jars will be collected and the votes tallied on September 12. The winning "kisser" will then be announced by District Judge James Tupper during the Sixth Annual Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 14. Judge Tupper will also determine the validity of the "kiss" (based on direct contact).

On behalf of the winner, the winning charity will then be awarded 50% of the monies collected and the remaining funds will be applied toward next year's festival.

Frontier Communications is the sponsor of this year's Kiss the Pig Contest.

### NOXEN BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY DAY



Grandma Pat Rittenberg enjoys the Community Day activities with her grandchildren, Ashley, left, and Cooper Thomas.

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## A day of fun in Noxen

The Annual Community Day event at the Noxen Bible Baptist Church provided a full day of activities for participants. There was a picnic lunch, remote-controlled airplane demonstrations, Smoke House, Safety Town, games, competitions and good old-fashioned fun.

For more photos, visit [www.mydallaspost.com](http://www.mydallaspost.com).



Keeping the water cool at the Noxen Bible Baptist Church Community Day are, from left, Drew Kopcha, John Wandell and Stacia Wallace.

## SILVER

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parent company Ecumenical Enterprises Inc. (EEL), said The Meadows Nursing Center was the first facility in the Back Mountain to offer services for the elderly.

"There were nursing homes in the Wyoming Valley, but there were no facilities to care for the elderly in the Back Mountain and Tunkhannock areas," he said.

Starting with the Meadows Apartments in 1981, the campus quickly expanded and the Meadows Nursing Center opened in 1983. Between 1983 and 2000, the Hi-Meadows apartments, the

### IF YOU GO ...

Community, volunteers and employees are invited to come and see the changing faces of The Meadows with a pictorial history called "Stroll Down Memory Lane" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Other events planned are free raffles and a light lunch.

Meadows Manor for Assisted Living and The Little Meadows Daycare sprung up.

The Meadows Campus has been a good asset to the Back Mountain community as it invests nearly \$12 million back into the community through purchasing from vendors, payroll and benefits, according to Carl Noto, chairman of EEL.

As the organization attempts to keep an eye out for new needs to be met, a new trend in physical therapy allows more patients to return to their homes after spending only three to four months in the nursing home for rehabilitation. Construction has begun on a 2500 square foot addition to the physical therapy department, Noto said.

"It is not like it was in the old days," Monsignor McAdrew said, noting the practice used to be that once a patient was admitted to a nursing home, he or she stayed there. "Now more pa-

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Marilyn Gregorski  
Volunteer Services, Meadows Nursing Center

tients can return home after working with a physical therapist."

A name change is also on the agenda as the Meadows Nursing Center will change its name to The Meadows Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, reported

Marilyn Gregorski, of Volunteer Services.

The Meadows' success is attributed to its 160 full-time staff members and an active volunteer program.

Auxiliary and community volunteers have helped The Mead-

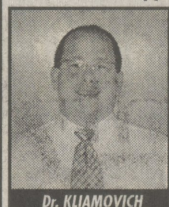
ows raise funds through the annual Market on the Pond flea market. Last year, volunteers gave 11,021 hours of their time to help with activities and events, Gregorski said.

Many community organizations such as the Dallas Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, GFWC Harveys Lake and St. Paul's Church have helped with events and donations, Gregorski said.

"We have been here to meet the needs of the community and, on the other hand, the community has been here to help us," she said.

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