

Ben Brace proudly displays a basket of apples at his family's produce booth.



Misericordia students Megan McChesney, left, and Lindsay Buss are on the ball during the Harvest Festival activities.



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Dallas Middle School Principal Thomas Duffy makes the best of a bad situation as he kisses the pig after receiving the most votes in the "Kiss the Pig" Contest at the Dallas Harvest Festival.

Havin' fun at the festival

Madison Ziemba, left, and Katelyn Buyarski enjoy petting a cat at the petting pen.



More than 4,000 people found their way to the Sixth Annual Dallas Harvest Festival last Sunday, despite unseasonably warm and humid temperatures. They enjoyed food, entertainment, vendor showcases and lots of camaraderie as they mingled with friends and neighbors.

Among the goings-on around Main Street, the Harvest Festival features several contests held annually. Winners of those contests are listed here.

Dallas Harvest Festival Idol Contest: Leah Conklin, 16, of Shavertown, first place; Stephen Stec, 18, of Dallas, second place; Blanca Frederick, 18, of Dallas, third place.

Apple Pie Contest: Maggie Michael, first place; Mary Petty, second place; Jane Elston, third place; Michele Carter, honorable mention.

Amateur Chili Contest: Lewlie Newell, first place; Margaret Newell, runner-up.

Flower Box Competition: Caddie La-Bar's Sporting Goods, first place; Dallas Borough, second place; Green Dog Pottery, third place

Kiss the Pig Contest: Dallas Middle School Principal Thomas Duffy, first place; Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Chancellor Charles Davis, second place; Misericordia University President Michael MacDowell, third place; Dallas High School Principal Jeffrey Shaffer, fourth place; Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School Principal Tracey Halowich, fifth place.

A total of 1,363 ballots were cast in the Kiss the Pig Contest with proceeds to benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry. A check in the amount of \$682 will be presented to the pantry by the Dallas Harvest Festival Committee in the near future.



Kelsie Sincavage, of Dallas, shows off her Dallas High School football shirt.



A student at the Major Performing Arts Center wows the crowd with her gymnastic ability at the Dallas Harvest Festival.



Alana Swartz has a knack for making origami at the Back Mountain Bloomers Club booth. With her are her grandmother Iran Fahmy, left, and Vicky Tarleton.



Dancers from Major Performing Arts Center, of Shavertown, take center stage at the Harvest Festival.



Noah Sommers and his aunt, Chris Sommers, realize that waiting in line for a ride in the firetruck was well worth it.