

Biggest, best Festival ever!

The Seventh Annual Dallas Harvest Festival has come and gone but left behind its mark by being the biggest yet. Main Street in Dallas was closed and the venue area had to be expanded this year to make room for vendors offering food, fresh produce, gifts and many other items. Even Mother Nature cooperated, offering up some beautiful end-of-summer weather.

Mike McDavid and Liz Martin were chairpersons of this year's festival. Some of the horses from the Wintersteen carousel that operated at the former Hanson's Amusement Park in Harveys Lake were on display at the George M. Dallas Lodge on Main Street during the festival.

The annual Kiss the Pig Contest is always a popular event and this year's winner, Janine Hudak, of Pizza Perfect, puckered up Sunday afternoon to make the best of the situation.

Three Dallas High School graduates, Jeremy Bess, Molly Gilligan and Michael Mazur, offered a 12-minute video entitled "The Back Mountain Trail: History to the Future" that was shown in Dallas Borough Council chambers on Sunday afternoon.

Ryan Hogan and Drew Schaub, two current Dallas High School students, captured the festival on film from set up to tear down, hoping to create a time lapse video of the one-day festival event.

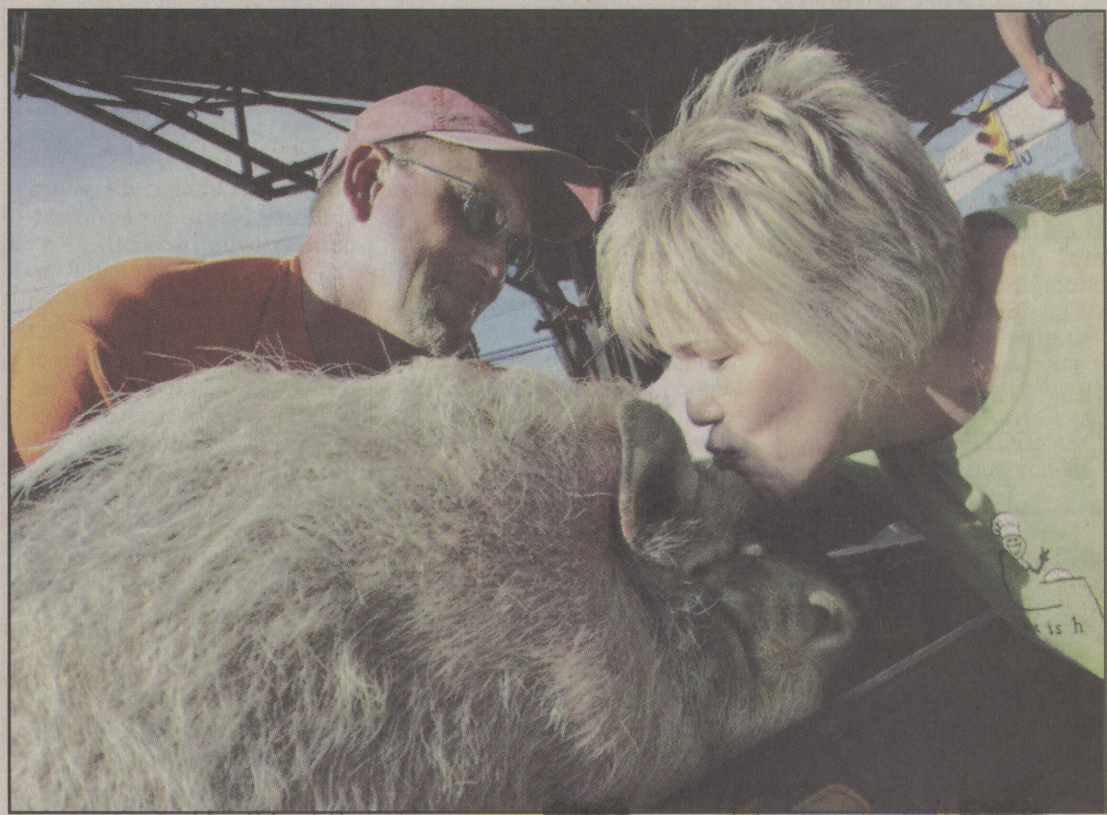


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A Major Performing Arts dance group called the Fantastics floats across the stage during the annual Dallas Harvest Festival. The festival was expanded this year to accommodate more booths and larger crowds.



Taking a ride on the Dr. Henry Laing, a most popular antique fire engine are, from left, Calli Amadio, Julia Baloh and Ben O'Connell.



Janine Hudak, representing Pizza Perfect, was the lucky - or unlucky - winner by popular vote of the "Kiss the Pig" contest. There were over 1,000 entries and the monies collected by Hudak were donated to the SPCA. Other winners included Domino Pizza and Original Italian Pizza, both located in Dallas.



Attendees of the annual Dallas Harvest Festival always find many local fruits and vegetables to enjoy.



Derek Siperko finds this pig to be very fascinating.

Christopher, left, and Olivia Mennig, center, and Caitlyn Landau enjoy festival treats.



Amanda Foote performs during the Open Mic competition. Foote finished as second runner-up in the contest.