

DALLAS HARVEST FESTIVAL

Bring your taste buds to festival

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September marks the end of summer, and the Dallas Harvest Festival in the heart of downtown Dallas has got plenty of tasty treats in line with the changing seasons.

From summertime classics like potato pancakes and pizza to fall favorites including plenty of apple-flavored snacks, it's that time of the month when shifting seasons benefit all taste buds.

At this year's Harvest Festival, patrons can expect to find festival standbys like haluski, sausage and peppers and funnel cakes as well as a few new additions like crab cake sandwiches, fried veggies and chocolate pastries.

Vendor coordinator Mike McDavid said the point of the festival is to keep offerings local – and there will be plenty of familiar faces at this year's event.

"I think (people) like that local flavor," said McDavid. "The intent of festival is to bring folks of the Back Mountain area together. It's a community event to celebrate and rekindle friendships, so when you go out and look at vendors, we like to give priority to vendors in the Back Mountain."

The beginning of the fall season welcomes vendors like Brace's Orchard in Orange and the Whistle Pig Pumpkin Patch of Noxen to celebrate with some autumnal edibles and decor like apple dumplings and gourds of all shapes and sizes.

If you're looking for a sweet treat, The Lands at Hillside Farms, a local favorite, will park its ice cream truck at the grounds to keep in line with the summer season, and local chocolatier Ah!

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Some Chocolates will offer delectable delicacies during the event.

Local organizations will also serve up snacks for a good cause. The Dallas Rotary Club will sell burgers, hot dogs, J&J sandwiches and beverages to raise funds. The Dallas High School Lock-In Committee will offer hot dogs to hungry patrons and the high school's girls' basketball team will be busy making pizza during the event. The Dallas Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 396 will sell homemade Welsh cookies and the Gate of Heaven Rosary Society will make porketta sandwiches.

With local vendors and organizations offering a tasty mix of summer and fall foods, sweet and savory treats, this year's Dallas Harvest Festival will be sure to please all taste preferences.

"All this (diversity) paints a picture other than just a fall festival," said McDavid.



Fraternal twins Sophia, left, and Emma Schoenwetter, of Dallas, sample ice cream with some help from their mom, Martine, at the 2010 Dallas Harvest Festival.



Two-year-old Penelope Miller, of Clarks Summit, takes the first bite out of a chocolate chip cookie at the 2010 Dallas Harvest Festival.

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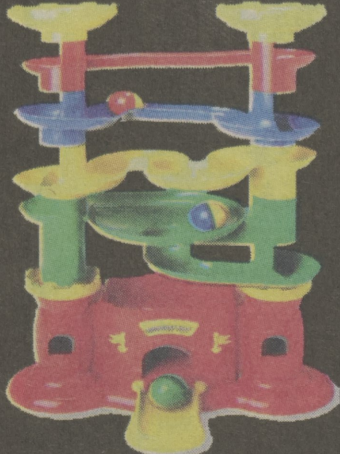
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