



The Best of Open Mic Contest will be held on Friday, Sept. 14 in the former Gate of Heaven gymnasium, Machell Avenue, Dallas. This year's sponsor is InterMountain Medical Group, Shavertown office. From left, are Dr. John Carey, Dr. Krishnakant Patel, Cheryl Carey, CRNP; and Dallas Harvest Festival Chairman Rich Fufaro.

## InterMountain Medical Group sponsors Best of Open Mic

The Fourth Annual Best of Open Mic (BOOM) contest will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14 in the former Gate of Heaven gymnasium, Machell Avenue, Dallas.

Some amazing talent has come across the stage since the contest began and this year promises to be the best yet.

Northeastern Pennsylvania,

bring out your talent – whether poetry, prose or music – and have local celebrity judges decide which three acts will win a chance to perform on the main stage of the 10th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 16.

The event is free and open to the public; food items and drink will be available for purchase,

compliments of the Senior Back Mountain Catholic Youth Ministry. Cash prizes will be awarded. There will be meals, soft drinks and desserts available.

All proceeds benefit the Senior Back Mt. Catholic Youth Ministry Mission Trip to Camden, N.J. in October 2012.

For more information, call the Festival hotline at 675-1950.

## Businesses can take part in flower display competition along Main Street

Businesses are invited to take part in the flower display competition held in conjunction with the 10th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival set for noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Flower displays should be

done in fall colors. Judges Nancy Eckert and Claudia Stevens will judge displays at noon on Friday, Sept. 14. Winning businesses will be notified.

First, second and third-place winners will receive a

prize and a ribbon and have their pictures taken at 11 a.m. on Sept. 16 in front of Dr. Nahas' dental office on Main Street, Dallas.

Business owners wishing to participate are asked to call 675-1389 to register.

# Who will pucker up to to kiss the pig this year?

Four of contest's highest vote getters return for 10th annual event.

The 10th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival presents the Best of Kiss the Pig Contest, bringing back four of the contest's highest vote getters for another chance to win big for their favorite charity or non-profit.

This year's veteran contestants are Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll, who won the very first Kiss the Pig Contest in 2003. He is back to support Dallas Fire & Ambulance. Kunkle Fire Chief Jack Dodson will seek to add to his 2006 winnings for the Kunkle Fire Company. Dal-

las Middle School Principal, whose 2008 win garnered a healthy sum for the Back Mountain Food Pantry, is back for another donation. Back Mt. Community News Publisher Lisa Pretko, who enjoyed her 2007 smooch with a darling little piglet, is competing for Blue Chip Farm Animal Rescue this time around.

Traditionally, the contest winner takes home half of the total proceeds. This year, in celebration of the 10th annual festival, all of the money collected will be donated to the winner's charity or non-profit.

For a \$1 donation, the public is urged to vote and vote often – all in the name of charity. Dona-

tions can be made through the contestant, the charity/non-profit or at a number of Back Mountain businesses as ballot jars and posters can be found at N-Mart, Trucksville; Fuel On, Dallas; Ochman's Coins and Jewelry, Dallas; and J&J Deli, Dallas.

Ballot jars will be collected and the votes tallied on Saturday, Sept. 15.

The winning "smooch" will take place during the 10th Annual Dallas Harvest Festival on Sunday, Sept. 16 and will be announced by District Judge James Tupper.

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



Returning for the Best of the Kiss the Pig Contest this year are, from left, Lisa Pretko, Frontier local manager Wayne Devine, Tim Carroll and Tom Duffy. Absent at the time of the photo was Jack Dodson.

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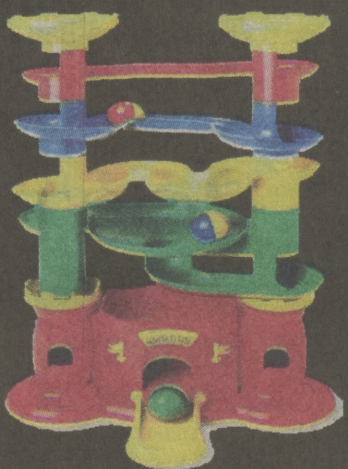
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