

The pig event

Open house at Ross Mill Farm in Rushland

It was the pig event of the holiday season at Ross Mill Farm in Rushland, when pet pig friends from all over gathered to celebrate the holidays and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter.

Founder and owner Susan Magidson opens her farm for a holiday celebration each year and helps Pig Placement Network have their end-of-the-year fund raiser. PPN is a group of volunteers who rescue pet pigs who have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

One of PPN's yearly fundraisers is the

pig house raffle. The houses are made in Lancaster by Amish carpenters and can run to \$350 or more, making this a highly anticipated raffle each year for pigs that live outdoors or are indoor-outdoor pigs.

The party of pig friends gathered in The Lodge at Ross Mill Farm, a 5,000-square-foot building where Magidson and her husband, Richard, have expanded their pig boarding and piggy spa business. The facility is home to 38 pigs, both boarders and available pigs, in boarding pens around the perimeter of the inside with

outdoor runs for exercise around the outside border.

Conversations took place between pigs vying for attention and snacks and porcine snores under cover of cozy blankets.

With a visit from Santa, all was complete for a happy Christmas for the residents of this pig hotel.

Chrys Harm won the Pig Placement Network pig house.

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Wanda stands up to see what fun she may be missing. Wanda, a pig formerly used for tastebud testing in a lab is now up for adop-



Susan Magidson holds Mirabell.



Santa falls under Mirabell's spell.