Heat did not stop visitors from attending Mountain Heritage Day in Fort Gay Saturday. Mountain Heritage Day started off with a parade that featured the Tolsia High School Marching Rebels band, cadets with Tolsia JROTC, floats, antique cars and horses. Later, crowds were entertained with gospel music entertainers and others hosted by Ernie G. Anderson.

**Wayne –** It was a busy Labor Day weekend with different events all over the county, including a Gospel Benefit Sing Saturday for the employees of Ballard’s Farm who lost their jobs earlier in the month when fire destroyed the facility.

Several performers praised God with the audience through song as organizers raised money to help the employees with a little bit of extra funding to get through financial struggles.

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