

Rally in the Valley Successful Despite Rain



Bob MacLean, President, and William Adams, summer student, cook the famous BBQ ribs created by chefs Gary Jollymore and Bob MacLean and served at the Rally in the Valley. (Laurel Adams Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

The Rally In The Valley on August 18, 2018 was scheduled to include: Bicycle Scavenge Hunt for families; Hiking to High Head with Gregor Wilson & Look Off with Andrew Keilty; Motorcycle Poker Rally and BBQ on the go with BBQ ribs, corn, wings, hot dogs, canteen, and bar. Rally In The Valley was listed as part of the Wild Blueberry Festival.

Well, it sounded like a great day. However it fell victim to the only rainy Saturday during the summer. As events were going to begin, rain started and what to do? It was decided to accept nature be optimistic and concentrate on what was happening in the large Recreation Centre.

There were two important items for focus at the Recreation Centre: #1. Food and #2. Chelsea Atkinson, singer and guitarist, entertained for two hours on stage. Doors opened at 8 am for registration and a breakfast of blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, toast and tea or coffee and this breakfast lasted until 12 noon.

At 10 am all outside activities had to be cancelled because of the rain much to the sadness of volunteer workers who had spent hours planning and organizing did not see their dreams of success come to fruition.

With the breakfast ending at noon, in the afternoon the Food switched to BBQ ribs, chicken wings, corn on the cob, hot dogs, and blueberry dessert. The Food was a great success all day and kept volunteer workers very busy. In addition to the Food, Chelsea Atkinson, a singer, guitarist and songwriter from Springhill, provided important entertainment with her talented performance.

Chelsea is a self-taught musician, 18 years of age, started playing guitar at age 13, and composes songs. She has played in many venues in the Maritimes and has opened for such artists as Brett Kissker, Blue Rodeo, and Christina Martin. As Joanne Ferdinand, a volunteer staff member, says: "She is an extremely talented young artist who wows all who hear her." Her entertaining ended the Rally on Saturday.

This Blueberry Rally in the Valley was carried over the next day, Sunday, as a rain date with another breakfast and the Motorcycle Poker Rally as one event. After starting in Wentworth, the motorcyclists went to Great Village for their 2nd poker card, stopped at Wilson's gas bar, then on to Five Islands Masstown Market to receive their third card, went on

ture and did what they could with the resulting limitations; #2. The hall had food, friendship, and music. The atmosphere created in the hall was inspiring as friends talked and laughed together during the cycles of meals served to different people during the day. Music has a healing quality and enlightens every gathering. Successful? Yes, because of food, friendship and music.

President Bob MacLean and two directors Laurel Adams and Joanne Ferdinand all agreed that even when we got rained on it was a great Rally in the Valley with the help of many wonderful volunteers.



Two couples (only David Dill's name known) who came from Halifax for the motorcycle rally (rain cancelled it on Saturday) had read on Facebook about chefs Gary and Bob's BBQ ribs and how tasty they were. After eating them said the drive was worth it just for the ribs. (Joanne Ferdinand Photo)



Chelsea Atkinson, age 18, is a talented songwriter, singer, guitarist from Springhill, who entertained in the afternoon for two hours at the Rally in the Valley. (Laurel Adams Photo)



Ben Ferdinand, age 21, attending the NSCC in Halifax and taking Cyber Security, says volunteering at the Rally in the Valley is important because without volunteering many events would not be possible." (Joanne Ferdinand Photo)



Ben Legere, age 94, prepares to sell 50/50 tickets at the Rally, and he is another Ben who believes in volunteering to help out Rally in the Valley. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)



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Events:

Chairlift Rides

October 6 and 7

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Ride the chairlift to the top of Mountain. It's the ultimate way to enjoy spectacular views of Wentworth Valley ablaze in bursts of red, orange and gold.

Weather permitting. Please check website.

There is no transportation back down the mountain.

Sorry, no dogs on chairlift

Please note: There will be no Mountain Bike access

Cost:

One way trip: \$15/person

Family pass: \$40/family of 5

BBQ outside @ noon each Day

Guided Hikes to High Head

October 6 and 7

Departs 10 am sharp from Old Valley School House
11 km (3 hour) hike

Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Inflatable Castle and Haystack Playground

Early Bird Season Pass Sale

Until October 31st.



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