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## Sumpter celebrates 'Music in the Meadow'

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Sumpter held its annual Music in the Meadow event the weekend before last, with musical acts and events over Saturday and Sunday. Whether due to the ominous-looking skies or events taking place elsewhere, the turnout was somewhat less than anticipated.

Barbara Malone explained the weather wasn't actually too bad. It rained a little on Saturday, though not hard. Rain on Sunday stopped just about the time the event started setting up.

Those who came enjoyed the music and atmosphere.

LeAnne Woolf said that people were hugging the musicians as they left Saturday. Sunday afternoon saw members of the

Powder River Dance Club kicking it up on the dance floor.

The event was hosted by Sumpter Valley Community Volunteers (SVCV) who did everything from man the entrance to cook up concessions. They sold hotdogs, hamburgers, and brats, with soda and Barley Browns beer also available. Entrance fee was a suggested \$5 donation per person over age five. All money raised will go to benefit the town of Sumpter.

Musical acts included everything from jazz to rock to country. Woolf said Salt Lick #39 from Baker City is back in existence, and they performed with Trail's End from Emmett, Idaho for the first three hours on Saturday. Mad Cassidy from La

Grande and Wallulah Junction from Hermiston also played on Saturday. Sunday offered Salt Lick #39, Just Us from Seneca, and Frank Carlson from Baker City. Woolf said they were excited to have brought in groups from further afield this year.

Other activities included a gunnysack race for the kids on Saturday. The kids also enjoyed the proximity to the play equipment with the event taking place in Volunteer Park.

More photos of the event are on the Music in the Meadow and Base Camp Baker Facebook pages, with more forthcoming at musicinthemeadow.wordpress.com.

Woolf said SVCV may look at moving the event back to August next year. She said they were just so



Submitted Photo.

At left, Myrna Clarke and Lila Young pick up some new steps from members of the Powder River Dance Club.

spooked by all the fires last year, with the event having to be cancelled.

August 2017 looks to be an exciting month for Sumpter. It marks the centennial of the 1917 fire. Woolf said that although Sumpter is not as close as Prairie City to the center line of the solar eclipse,

they'll still be a pretty good spot for viewing it. Also, a group of mountain bike cyclists are looking at possibly coming through Sumpter that month.

For more information on upcoming Sumpter events

and ways to be involved, attend the SVCV's annual meeting on October 15th at the Sumpter Schoolhouse.

There will be a potluck at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



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