

GRASS

ON THE BLACK

July 9-10, 2022

A MEDFORD AREA BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

By any measure the Grass On the Black a Medford Area Bluegrass Festival was a success. The venues had solid crowds throughout the weekend and the shuttles were kept busy ferrying festival-goers from one location to another around the city of Medford.

The event featured a dozen different Bluegrass performers and other attractions including square dancing and line dancing demonstrations at venues in downtown Medford and surrounding areas. The event ran July 9 and 10 and got a boost with near-perfect weather throughout much of the event.

In addition to the bands there were a number of vendors selling food, crafts and other merchandise. Many downtown stores also ran specials through the weekend to bring in customers visiting the area for the festival.

The event was the brainchild of Marilyn Frank who convinced other

area taverns and businesses to help put on the event. She said it would not have been possible without the support of the community.

Frank and her committee have committed to making Grass on the Black an annual event with next year's festival scheduled for July 8 and 9. With other groups looking to add venues and bring in bands, organizers look forward to it growing.

Frank noted that with this being their first year, they did not know what to expect as far as turnout from the community. She said before the event she was fielding calls from people outside the area seeking information on the event, something she saw as promising. She looks forward to the event becoming a regional draw in future years and continuing to bring people to the Medford area in search of good music, good food and good times.

— Brian Wilson, News Editor



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