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Sweetwater905 perseveres in the face of rain

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Once again, Sweetwater made for some sweet mud.

The annual music festival on the Mattson Farm in Rolla once again failed to luck out in the weather department, but the rain did little to dampen spirits.

One hundred forty people attended the two-day festival, which came together thanks to the efforts of 100 musicians and volunteers.

This year, organizers opted to break out the festival's three main elements—music festival, art show, and farm demonstration days—into three separate events.

The Mattsons will host a ranch day with farm tours August 20, followed by a supper with music from the Malcolm MacLean Band.

Sweetwater will wrap for 2016 with an arts day Sept. 3 featuring music from Fort St. John's Twin Peaks.

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Main, Charlie Orser hangs in the Sweetwater rain while Tatyana Dobrowolski (inset) performs with Tatters and Ravens on the main stage at Sweetwater905 Saturday. **ROB BROWN AND JONNY WAKEFIELD PHOTOS**