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**FAIR NAMES HONEYFORD CHAIR OF THEIR 125 YEAR
CELEBRATION—SEEKS HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

In 2017 the Central Washington State Fair will celebrate its 125th anniversary. Started in 1892, the Fair was designated the original State Fair of Washington by the state legislature. Since then the Fair has a rich history of showcasing the agricultural bounty of our region as well as presenting first class family entertainment.

As Fair officials begin the planning process for the 125th celebration they have named Jerri Honeyford as the chairperson of the event.

Mrs. Honeyford, a native of Sunnyside, has served on a number of boards and committees over the years, and more recently has served for three years as president of the Maryhill Museum board of directors, and she was president of the Yakima County Farm Bureau for three years. She currently serves as chair of the WA State Heritage Barn Advisory Committee.

“We are starting the process of forming committees for the celebration next year,” said Honeyford. “We especially are looking for people to help on the history committee. And we are asking that anyone who has memories of the Fair to write those down and send them in. We want to hear from everyone.”

Honeyford said the information can be sent to her attention at the Central Washington State Fair address: 1301 South Fair Ave, Yakima, WA 98901.

People will also have a chance to share their memories at this year’s Fair in a booth in the Yakima Valley SunDome.

“This will be a time of memories and a celebration of the impact of the Fair on our Valley,” Honeyford said. We also look forward to creating even more excitement for our agricultural heritage and marvelous shows in the future.”

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