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PRESS RELEASE

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Look Out for Big Competition and Big Fun!

Are you ready to Go All Out!? How about ready to compete against the Valley's best of the best? The official Exhibitor Guidebook for the Central Washington State Fair will be available on our website at <u>www.fairfun.com</u> starting June 8th! Make sure to check it out and get all the details on the fair coming up September 21st to September 30th. There are some big changes to the livestock show programming, so pay close attention to those schedules.

Premium amounts have also been increased in several departments this year for the first time in at least a decade. That will include "The Largest" Contest in the Valley Produce department with 22 classes available for you to show off how big you can grow your pumpkins, zucchinis, onions, tomatoes, sunflowers, etc. If you can name it, you can show it!

The Fair will be hosting Washington's first ever Yarn Bombing Contest! Haven't heard of yarn bombing before? Well, it's the latest trend of street art that has a unique and "gentle" touch to it. Thread enthusiasts from across the nation carefully cover their favorite outdoor objects in yarn over night to leave an eye-appealing surprise the next day. So, we are opening up the fairgrounds to "yarn bomb" a chosen object to be on display for all 10 days of fair. Grand prize winner will receive \$150.00!

Other new competitive opportunities for the community include Gluten-Free Baking, Pet Wear, Wagon Gardens, Junior Runway Challenge, Fish Fly Tying, Painted Rocks, and the crowning of the first Central Washington Hay King of the Year. The details on how to enter, rules, and deadlines on all of these and much more can be found in the online Exhibitor Guidebook or in a printed version at our main office. Feel free to call the fair office at (509) 248-7160 with any questions on entering or how to get involved in the fair!

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