

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**October 2, 2007**  
**MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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**TO:** KMAS, KRXV, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

**RE: Mason County Fair Seeks Sponsorships**

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The Mason County Fair Board is throwing a three-day party and needs help to throw the doors open and let every one in for free.

The Centennial Mason County Fair -- July 25-27, 2008 -- celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 1908 county fair. During the past 100 years residents have gathered to show off their best fruits, vegetables, grains, flowers, wool, quilts, sheep, chickens, goats, pigs, horses, paintings, photographs, pies, canned goods, etc.

While the world has changed since the first county fair at the Commercial Club in 1908, there is still much to be gained by gathering as a community. The fair is the only entertaining countywide event that supports and promotes our local agriculture and animals.

By having a free gate, we can draw in people who may not know what's inside the fairgrounds. They will discover their friends' and neighbors' hidden artistic talents, show their children where eggs and the rest of breakfast come from, read and hear about county history at the Historical Museum, listen to an amazing variety of musical groups, see a colorful roomful of quilts, watch horses zip around the arena as the riders hang on, and catch up with old friends.

Sponsorships are needed in order to offer a free centennial fair. A building sponsorship package has been set up for each building and arena for \$1,000. If you would like to be the main stage sponsor for \$5,000 your banner will be displayed for the year. We have sponsorship benefits that go with each level of donation, which includes having your name prominently displayed.

A \$500 donation funds 100 admissions; \$1,000 supports 200 admissions; \$5,000 pays 1,000 admissions; \$10,000 subsidizes 2,000 admissions; \$25,000 furnishes 5,000 admissions and \$100,000 covers the whole shooting match.

If you would like to help the Fair Board reach its goal of a free gate to celebrate the Centennial Fair, please contact the Fair Office at **360-427-7789**. Donations can be sent to Mason County Fair, P.O. Box 2286, Shelton, WA 98584. We look forward to working with the community to create a great celebration that everyone will enjoy.



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