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**ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION A GO THANKS TO
YAKIMA FEDERAL AND TIRE CENTERS**

Two Central Washington businesses have stepped up to help fund the annual 4th of July day-long community celebration at State Fair Park, keeping the longtime event up and running for this year. The celebration was in serious jeopardy after the City of Yakima cut funding for the event.

Yakima Federal Savings and Loan and Tire Centers of Yakima will now be the title sponsors of the celebration, which includes a giant fireworks display, a music festival, a carnival, a kids play area and over a dozen food vendors.

“We’re happy there was so much interest by the community in keeping the 4th of July celebration going,” said 4th of July committee member and president of the Central Washington State Fair, Greg Stewart. “The community didn’t want the celebration to go away, and Yakima Federal and Tire Centers have come to the rescue.”

Stewart said there are still sponsorship opportunities available, but with the title sponsorships set, the committee can move forward with the planning process.

The Apple Jam music festival will again be included in the event with musical acts performing from 12:30 p.m. on the 4th, up until the fireworks display.

According to Apple Jam founder and committee member Paul Crawford, last year they had 42 different musical acts enter the competition. Of those 14 were picked to play during the day and two acts were awarded cash prizes and the chance to perform at larger venues.

The celebration, which will open at noon, is free to everyone, and once again the cities of Yakima and Union Gap have agreed to provide free park-and-ride bus service to and from the event.

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