

1867 to 1967!!!



ELLENSBURG CENTENNIAL

In 1867 Frederick Ludi, the first permanent white settler, built a cabin in what is now Ellensburg. In 1870 Jack Splawn opened the valley's first trading post, which came to be known as Robber's Roost. Five years later John Shoudy plotted a townsite and named it after his wife Mary Ellen. In 1883 — six years before Washington became a state — Ellensburg became an incorporated town.

That, in brief, is the beginning of the history that Ellensburg will honor during a Centennial Celebration June 21st through the Ellensburg Rodeo Labor Day weekend. Old fashioned fun will be the keynote to our celebration . . . picnics in the park, square dancing, barbershop quartet singing, melodrama productions, and any number of other activities that everyone can participate in. We have formed a band of "Robber's Roost Raiders" that will add excitement to the schedule of events; we're planning on booking professional entertainment; we'll dress up in costumes of the years long ago, and we'll have several displays and exhibits in downtown buildings to commemorate the past. All in all, we're making every effort to have a Centennial Celebration that will produce memories for everyone. And, we'd be glad to have you help us celebrate.