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COVID19 Cancellations, updates can change rapidly. Check our website for the latest

Viola Kantat to celebrate 100th birthday



Courtesy Judy Russell

Honk your birthday greeting

Viola Kantat will be celebrating her 100th birthday on May 13. She has lived in her Lake Chelan home for over 30 years, and now lives with her son John. She was an active member of the original red farm house Chelan Senior Center. Viola is celebrating with a small family group. Feel free to drive by and give her a honk on her special day.

203 cases of virus in Chelan, Douglas counties, 25 in Okanogan county

EAST WENATCHEE - As of Monday, May 4 there are 122 positive cases, up from 95 positive cases of COVID19 in Chelan County, on April 27 and 81 cases, up from 73 cases in Douglas County. The numbers for Chelan, Manson, Chelan Falls, Orondo and Waterville did not change and the number of deaths remains at six for the two counties, and one for Okanogan County. There are 15 recovering in Chelan County, eight in Douglas County and 15 in Okanogan County.

Statewide total confirmed cases are 15,185, up from 13,521 last week; with 834 deaths, up from 749 deaths last week. Total tested statewide is 212,005.

Additional testing at agricultural sites are showing no positive cases.

Concerns regarding violations of governor's and county commissioner orders regarding Stay at Home Stay Healthy, are being handled mostly with with education. To report a violation call the Chelan County tip-line at 509-667-6985.

Social Distancing and wearing a mask is good, out of concern for preventing viral spread to others versus catching the virus from someone else.

Insee signs new COVID-19 order for phased re-opening of Washington's economy, extends Stay Home, Stay Healthy until May 31

SUBMITTED BY GOV. JAY INLEES OFFICE

OLYMPIA - Some businesses could re-open as early as this week under the new COVID-19 order signed by Gov. Jay Insee today (May 4). The state's "Safe Start" plan is a phased approach to re-opening Washington's economy.

Under the plan, smaller counties can apply for a variance from the order which would allow them to open even more businesses than allowed statewide.

Safe Start sets a careful approach to emerging from the pandemic. It allows for modifications of business closures and physical distancing measures while minimizing the health impacts of COVID-19.

"This phased approach to re-opening our economy will allow us to move forward with a careful and thoughtful balance of our state's health and economic needs," Insee said.

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100th Manson Apple Blossom parade, surrounding community festival events canceled due to coronavirus

Manson Apple Blossom Festival keepsake

BY MANSON APPLE BLOSSOM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS, LAUNIE BUCK AND JAMA ENGLAND

MANSON - The Manson Apple Blossom Committee would like to thank the Manson and Chelan communities for their support of the Manson Apple Blossom festival over the past 99 years. Due to the COVID-19 virus this year's festival, which would have been our 100th, has been canceled. We'd like to wish all our friends and neighbors in the Lake Chelan Valley health and happiness, in



Courtesy Sherrard Studios

Left to right Manson Apple Blossom royalty Princess Nadina Verduzco, Queen Teresa Venegas and Princess Libbey Ireland.

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North Cascades Bank donates \$50,000 to local food banks

SUBMITTED BY NORTH CASCADES BANK

CHELAN - North Cascades Bank is donating \$50,000 to food banks throughout North Central Washington. While food banks are always in need of donations, local food needs have increased exponentially due to the impact of COVID-19.

"This week, food banks in all of our marketplaces are going to receive a cash donation from us to supplement the diminishing food donations they are currently receiving," said

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Courtesy North Cascades Bank

Lake Chelan Food Bank volunteers prepare boxes of food for distribution. Over 720 boxes of food have been distributed in the Lake Chelan Valley since March 30. Distribution will be on Mondays, at 9 a.m., through the month of May. The Food Bank is located at 417 S. Bradley Street in Chelan.

Honk for Healthcare Parade



Ruth Keys/LCM

A Honk for

Healthcare Parade was held in Chelan on May 1. Loni Rose of Chelan wanted to do something to support healthcare workers in the valley. She and Juli Straub brainstormed, and came up with the Honk for Healthcare Parade. ABOVE LEFT: Nurses from Lake Chelan Clinic say Thank You. TOP RIGHT: Parishioner Mary Signorelli and The Rev. Deacon Linda Mayer ring the church bells at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Downtown Chelan to signify thanks. Barb Polley rang the bell at the Lake Chelan United Methodist Church. LEFT: Sparky of Chelan Fire & Rescue. The parade traveled by the Lake Chelan Clinic, Lake Chelan Community Hospital and Columbia Valley Community Health. See page 2 and lakechelanmirror.com for more photos

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2020 Manson Apple Blossom royalty and their escorts, left to right: Princess Libbey Ireland and Parker Schoenwald, Queen Teresa Venegas and Blake Cochran, and Princess Nadina Verduzco and Connor Torgenson,



Courtesy Manson Apple Blossom Facebook

2020 Manson Apple Blossom royalty took part in the Dr. Seuss Birthday party at the Manson Public Library. Left to right: Princess Libbey Ireland and Queen Teresa Venegas, Princess Nadina Verduzco and Samantha Willoughby. The royalty also attended the Miss Lake Chelan selection in March.

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this beautiful and abundant place we call home.

This year's royalty Queen Teresa Venegas, Princess Libbey Ireland and Princess Nadia Verduzco, along with their escorts Blake Cochran, Parker Schoenwald and Connor Torgenson, and chaperones are planning and hoping to still attend festivals this summer and fall. A big thank you to our committee chairs and all that volunteered their time and

energy early in the season; Christy Libbey, Carla Everett, Manson Parks Department, Heidi Griffith, Mona Ferguson, Mey Broome, D i a n n a Ellsworth, Kathy Pittman, Linda Gerot, Linda Blessin, Heather Ireland, Norm Manly, Megan Schoenwald, Kyla Allen, Jared England, Cindy Simmons, Geri Bloch, Sandy Hirst and

Cole Cochran.

We would also like to send out a big thank you to our major sponsors

porting Manson Apple Blossom.

Follow us on Facebook for 2020 Royalty updates.

We look forward to welcoming you to our 101st Manson Apple Blossom Festival in May of 2021 with the return of your favorite events and more like The Pig Jig, Chicken Noodle Dinner, The Quilt Show, Street Fair, Basketball Tourney, Bin Races and Parade.

If all festivals are cancelled this year watch for a double dose of Manson Apple Blossom next year!



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Manson Apple Blossom History

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1921

Wednesday, May 11 was the first Manson Apple Blossom Festival. Nearly 500 guests responded to Manson's "Farm Bureau" invitation. The exercises were held at the Manson Pavilion. Mrs. E.A. Butterbaugh played the piano, while senior members of the Sunday School sang a song. M.E. Field delivered the welcome and spoke of what Manson was 30 years ago and the struggles early settlers had to undergo to make Manson what it was. Thirteen little girls gave a blossom drill with a song. After the program came the unique banquet at the new Manson Fruit Growers packing room nearby. This was followed by an auto parade of 125-200 autos through the orchards. A dance was held later that night at the pavilion.

1922

M. E. Field was again the toastmaster for the Manson Apple Blossom Festival which took the form of a picnic at the Growers Union Warehouse. This was followed by a lively game of baseball between the Chelan and Manson boys at the Mission Church diamond, and a dance at the pavilion in the evening.

1923

J. O. Killian was the general chairman. About 700



Gary Bégin/LCM File Photo

Queen Ruby Phelps was the first queen of the Manson Apple Blossom Festival and reigned over the 1928 festival.

people gathered at the Manson Growers Warehouse for a basket lunch. The programs, "Johnny Apple Seed" and "Mid Summer Eve", were presented by both the high school and grade school students, as well as community members.

Mr. A.N. Banks was the general chairman. April 30 was the first festival held at the new Community Hall. Around 600 people were in attendance.

1925

The Chelan Leader contained the following proclamation, "To all the People

of Chelan: Be it known that Friday, May 1 is the day set aside for the Manson Apple Blossom Festival and therefore the afternoon has been proclaimed a holiday. All business establishments are requested to close during the Festival and join with Manson in celebrating their Apple Blossom Festival" The festival began with a basket picnic at the Community Hall, attended by an estimated 1000 people. After a baseball game played near the old Indian Church everyone returned to the hall for the evening program. A dance followed with approximately 300 attending.

1926

Friday, April 23 saw the largest crowd to date at the festival. J. O. Killian, entertainment chairman, introduced A. N. Banks who gave the welcome. School children performed "Yankee Doodle" and a pageant depicting various episodes in American history. Wenatchee's queen was in attendance. The afternoon baseball game between Wenatchee and Manson was followed by an evening program with various entertaining selections, including a Maypole Dance. By ten o'clock the floor was cleared and the dancing began.

1924

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1930
Queen Arlene Keys and Princesses Laura Wise, Lorene Thrash, and Princess Chelan Jessie Balcom presided over the festival. Queen Arlene was crowned by Dr. D. W. Dewar.



1940
Queen Pearl Felker, Princess Elsie Campbell, and Chelan Princess Elmyra Powell presided over the festival. Queen Pearl was crowned by Lake Chelan Chamber President L. E. Radley and the day featured a Maypole dance.

1950
Queen Maxine Hayhurst, Princesses Joanne Ervine, and Carolyn Legg, Chelan Princess Barbara Pitts, Lakeside Princess Carolyn Robinson, Chelan Falls Princess, Ginger Ferguson, Beebe Princess June Henderson presided over the festival. The Manson Royalty was escorted by Dean Armbruster, Jack Ward, and Harrison Killian.



1960
Queen Jeanine Ferree, Princesses Linda Kaylor, and Nyla Kamphaus, Chelan Princess Evelyn Schultz, presided over this year's festival. The escorts were Richard Uhlhorn, Dennis Smith, and George Tackett. Queen Jeanine was crowned by Ruby Brown who was the first queen of the festival.

1970
Queen Margaret Burns, Princesses Mary Jo Goss, Rita Edwards, and Chelan Princess Betsy Schmitt presided over the festival. Escorts were Bill Ott, J. T. Tackitt, and Lonnie Stutzman. A few snowflakes fell on this year's Grand Parade.



1980
Queen Susie Miller and Princesses Marnita Batchelor and Kim Hubbard presided over the festival events. The Royal Escorts were Les Dietrich, Earl Griffith and Shawn Smith. Mrs. Edna Bennett, Queen Susie's great grandmother, made the royal crowns. This was her last year as crown maker.



1990
Queen Jessica Moreman and Princesses Tracy Spears and Renee Snyder presided over this year's festival. Their escorts were Ryan Petersen, Kyle Jeffries, and Dave Gosvenor. Grand Pioneers were the first five Apple Blossom Queens Ruby Phelps - 1928, Evelyn Weaver - 1929, Arlene Keys - 1930, Raynelle Wise - 1931 and Elizabeth Robson - 1932.

2000
Queen Terri Weagant, Princesses Morgan Fraser, and Rosalba Montes presided over festivities. Escorts were Blake Pratt, Kyle Jaynes, and Jack Chambers.

2010
Queen Alejandra Mendivil, Princesses Marlene Gonzales and Bronte Toolsonm presided over the festival. The Royalty escorts were Rolando Alejo, Alejandro Escalera, and Adan Zaragoza.

History Tidbits

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- The 1947 Manson Apple Blossom Festival was special for two main reasons. The Festival was moved to Saturday and the first parade was held that year. The parade route was uphill, from west to east.
- The first Manson Apple Blossom Festival button was added in 1949. Many buttons were ordered and the extra buttons were used the following year. The date 1950 was printed over the previous year's date with fingernail polish.
- There were three Bennett women (Edna Bennett,

Nita Bennett, Susi Bennett) who created the first crowns for the royalties starting in 1948. Mona Ferguson is the next Bennett family member making the royals crowns. She took over from Susi Bennett who retired from crown making in 2019.

- The only outdoor coronation was held in 1949.
- The coronation robe was added in 1960 for Queen Jeanine Ferree.
- Picnic and Basket lunches were served until 1938 when the chicken noodle dinner was added, yet in 1969 and 1970 fried chicken box lunches were served.

- The Lake Chelan Fort-nightly Club began honoring the Royalty in 1970.
- In 1973, Edna Bennett made a permanent crown and scepter, with personal tiaras for the Queen and Princesses which The Apple Blossom Committee kept.
- The Edible Apple Contest began in 1980 in which Jama England was the first chairperson.
- In 1985, the Royal Court had a Queen and seven Princesses.
- Two queens were ill during their reigns. Barbara Fort had the mumps in 1943 and Pam Blessin had the measles in 1973.



Gary Bégin/LCM File Photo

Crowns for 1961 - Karen Baker Lesmeister, 1967 - Susan Clements Bennett and 1963 Kay Clements Forbush, were on display at the 2020 Manson Apple Blossom Royalty Selection.

HISTORY

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1927
The Manson Grange conducted the festival this year (and many to follow). The Manson Military Band attired in their new uniforms appeared on the streets

of Chelan playing lively military music to remind Chelan folks of the festival. Wenatchee's Queen Beatrice ad Princesses Marjorie and Ruby were in attendance for the after-noon program. Mr. Wellington Pegg of Wenatchee addressed the audience and "went so far as to predict that time would see

10,000 people living on the shores of Lake Chelan". The usual evening program and dance followed.

1928
Queen Ruby Phelps was the first queen of the Manson Apple Blossom Festival. Flower Girls were Juanita Davis and Betty Holden

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