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**Washington State Apple Blossom Festival**

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**2017 Apple Blossom Festival Grand Marshal Announced!**

**The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival is proud to announce Sam and Vickie Mills as the Grand Marshal's for this year's Festival. Director General Mark Lewis and Princess Paige Chvilicek surprised the couple last night at the performance of Pirates of Penzance at the Numerica Performing Arts Center.**

**The Mills Family has left a legacy unmatched in The Wenatchee Downtown. They have carried on their family traditions of offering premier clothing. The desire to be an independent small business has driven them to keep their family tradition going for 110 years! Over the years of changing time, changing economies and changing trends and fashions the Mills Family remained strong and dedicated to the basic principles of good business.**

**Sam and Vickie both volunteer and are very engaged in their church. He is an active member of the Exchange Club and they both are dedicated to their family. They love and enjoy being the grandparents of 5 grandchildren. They are a strong beating source of balance, community, family and friendship.**

**"We are so lucky to have such dedicated community members among us who have strived and succeeded in creating a true family business. The Mills family has always stuck to good business principles and have created a family within their business and community. Said Director General Mark Lewis.**

**Sam and Vickie also received the Heart of Downtown Award this year as our community celebrated the retirement of their business.**

**As the Grand Marshal's Sam and Vickie will be in the Stemilt Growers Grand Parade on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and honored at the All Service Club Luncheon on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$25 for a single ticket and \$225 for a Table of 10 at which includes 1 free ticket. For tickets visit [www.appleblossom.org](http://www.appleblossom.org) or the Festival Office (2 S. Chelan Ave.) or by calling 509.662.3616.**

**Thank you to Prestige Senior Living at Colonial Vista for sponsoring the Grand Marshal!**