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Golden Anniversary Celebrated by Adrignola's



Tony and Flo Adrignola will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next week. They were married April 19, 1952, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Minneapolis, MN. They raised five children, and have 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.


The Adrignola's have resided in Rollins since 1970. Tony retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22 years of service, as a radar operator. He was stationed at the Blacktail Radar Base in Lakeside.

Since 1984, Mr. Adrignola, has been a hearing aid specialist. He still owns and operates Polson Hearing. Tony's dedication to the elderly, and their hearing, has vastly made a difference in each person's life.

Flo worked for 17 years at the Red Schoolhouse in Lakeside. She received the "1998 Valley Wide Volunteer of the Year" for her outstanding contributions to the pool and homeless. She also volunteers many hours of help during the elections.

The couple is renewing their wedding vows on April 21st at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Somers. They will be vacationing in Italy for two weeks following the service.

An anniversary dinner is scheduled for Memorial weekend, with family and friends traveling from many states and Canada to attend the celebration.



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Armstrongs mark golden anniversary



Bill and Mary Armstrong of Columbia Falls recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

They were first honored at a reception on June 9 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

They were then guests of honor at an open house and barbecue for friends and family at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Allen Lalum, on June 22.

The Armstrongs were married June 26, 1952, in Cass Lake, Minn. They moved to Columbia Falls in 1955.

He worked at the Anaconda Aluminum Plant (now Columbia Falls Aluminum Company) and then at Plum Creek Timber Company until retiring in 1985 due to disability.

She worked for local insurance agencies from 1957 until retiring in 1995. They are both active members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

He enjoys working in his shop, where he makes furniture for children and grandchildren. He also spends time at Ferndale Airport with his cronies where he keeps his plane.

She enjoys retirement, doing all the projects she didn't have time for when working full time. They enjoy traveling to see relatives across the country.

AN OPEN HOUSE and barbecue were held for Bill and Mary Armstrong of Columbia Falls in celebration of 50 years of marriage.

The have three children, Diane and her husband, Allen Lalum, David and his wife, DeDe, and Brad and his wife, Karla, all of Columbia Falls.

They have five grandchildren: William Lalum, of Wichita, Kan., Nathan Lalum and his wife, Katie Nelson, of St. Paul, Minn., where she attends Luther Seminary, and Joshua, Gabriel and Sarah Armstrong of Columbia Falls.



LARRY AND MARGE Baxter were married on Sept. 27, 1952 in their current home in Columbia Falls.

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held on Saturday to celebrate the Baxters' 50th wedding anniversary.

Baxters celebrate golden anniversary

Larry and Marge Baxter of Columbia Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at an open house at the North Valley Eagles in Columbia Falls.

A family gathering will be held at the Baxter home on Friday, hosted by their children.

The couple were married Sept. 27, 1952, at their current home at 1305 Third Ave. West in Columbia Falls.

Larry worked at several jobs, and then was employed

by Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. in 1955. He retired in December of 1991.

Marge has been employed by North Valley Hospital for 27 years.

The couple are very active in bowling.

The Baxters will be honored by their children, Larry D. and wife Laurie Baxter of Reno, Nev., and their children Annie and Ben; Brenda and husband Gary Thorn of Canterbury, N.H.; Brenda's son, Shane Drewry of Reno; and Tammy Jo Baxter, also of Reno.

Boylans celebrate 50 years of marriage

Frank and Lavella Boylan of Kalispell will celebrate their golden anniversary with family and friends in both Kalispell and Ashtabula, Ohio, where they met and were married on April 19, 1952.

Lavella met Frank when he was racing midget cars and soon she was cheering him on at NASCAR races, which he often won. After two bad crashes, one in which he walked away unhurt but destroyed his car, he was convinced that his wild days were over.

Moving to Lakeside from Ashtabula in 1955, the couple enjoyed life on the lake and decided to take up flying together. When both were licensed flyers, Frank bought them a Stinson four-seater, and when he wasn't working as a Flathead County sheriff's deputy or for the U. S. Forest Service, they were enjoying their flights together. One year in the late 1960s, the couple, who had three children by then, flew to Ashtabula for Christmas in their larger plane, a Mooney. The weather was terrible, they remember, and they returned via a commercial airline, having a doctor friend fly their plane back to Kalispell when the storm cleared.

Lavella worked over the years to contribute to the fami-



FRANK AND LAVELLA Boylan were married in Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1952.



THE BOYLANS of Kalispell will mark their golden anniversary with a trip back to Ohio.

ly's welfare, first as an attendance clerk at Flathead High School, then as a traffic clerk for KGEZ radio, later for city attorney Norb Donahue and finally as a secretary for Flathead Industries, from which she later retired.

Frank E. Boylan Jr., the first-born and a construction worker like his dad, lives with his wife Nancy in Whitefish. Justin, a social worker in Kalispell, married Cindy a year ago, and Betsy A. Augustine, their youngest, lives in Temecula, Calif., with her husband Rob. It was she who surprised her folks with plane tickets to Ashtabula for their 50th anniversary.

Their high-flying days behind them, the couple now enjoys walking their hunting dog, a rare German wire-haired griffon, along the Meridian Trail every day. Frank still trains hunting dogs, shoots some skeet, hunts and fishes and runs to the store for a forgotten item for one of Lavella's recipes.

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Conways celebrate golden anniversary

Richard and Maxine Conway of Whitefish were surprised by their family and friends with a golden wedding anniversary party last weekend. About 30 family members and close friends gathered at the home of their son Butch Conway and his wife Tracy to celebrate.

Family members attending include: Debra, Tim, Dan and Chris Adair; Jennifer, Bill, Trista and Nora Speer and "Butch" and Tracy and children Tiffany and Adrianna Conway.

He was born in Seattle and raised in Missoula and on ranches surrounding the Missoula area. His family owned and operated Conway's Restaurant in Missoula and ranches in the Bitterroot and Grass Valley areas.

Maxine Nelson was born and raised in the Missoula-Rattlesnake area and spent much time in the Blackfoot and Woodworth areas. She worked at the Wilma Theatre and at Missoula Mercantile.

Both graduated from Missoula County High School in 1951, where they met.

The couple were married Feb. 28, 1952, prior to his entry into the Air Force during the Korean conflict. During his four-year military period, Debra and Richard A. "Butch" Conway were born.

Upon completion of his tour of duty, the couple settled in Seattle so they could pursue their education at the University of Washington. During this period, he earned his FAA aircraft, power plant, pilot's license and amateur radio



RICHARD AND MAXINE Conway recently celebrated 50 years of marriage with a celebration for family and friends.

couple returned to Montana, where he worked for Northwestern Telephone in Kalispell. In 1977 they opened the Radio Shack store on Main Street in Kalispell. The store quickly became the number one store in the Montana Idaho/Eastern Washington district for Radio Shack and they moved into the Kalispell Center Mall when it opened in 1985.

Maxine's mother, the Conway children and later some of their grandchildren all worked in the store.

Retired from Radio Shack and now enjoying the country life, Dick says that Maxine can often be seen snowshowing or cross-country skiing with their kids and grandkids on the mountain slopes behind their Whitefish home.

license. He earned an engineering degree from Highline College and his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Washington. He worked for Beechcraft and also as an engineer for Boeing Aircraft. She was kept busy with the birth of one more child, Jennifer, and humanities courses, especially literature, at both Highline and the University of Washington.

Within a few years of reaching their educational goals, the

Dawsons celebrate 50th anniversary

Leo and Lois Dawson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 4, 2002, hiking and enjoying the beauty of Glacier National Park, a much loved activity. Friends also honored them at a special dinner prior to that date. A specially prepared basket of cards, letters, pictures, and gifts from friends and relatives was presented to them by their children.

The couple were high school sweethearts and were married at Galesburg, Ill., on Nov. 4, 1952. After his military service they left their home state and Leo "Hank" pursued a career in fisheries biology.

They raised three children: Jeffrey, who resides in Des Moines, Iowa, Cheryl of Bigfork, and Laura Jeffords, who with her husband, Steven, lives in Colorado Springs, Colo. The couple also has three grandchildren, Andrew Roberts of Lakeville, Minn., and Thomas and Emily Jeffords of Colorado Springs.

In their 50 years of marriage they lived in Texas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Montana. They moved to Kalispell in 1975, where he finished his career in U.S. government service. She worked for the former House of Fab-



LEO AND LOIS Dawson marked their golden anniversary with a day in Glacier National Park.

rics. Both are retired and they spend many enjoyable hours with their hobbies which include reading, potlucks with friends, and hiking.

In addition, she enjoys her flower garden and sewing. He also gardens and likes fishing and playing old-time fiddle music.

The couple plans to do some future traveling and will continue to live at the family home in Kalispell.

Dempseys mark 50 years together

Bill and Lorraine Dempsey of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary with a surprise anniversary dinner held in their honor on July 2. The gathering was hosted by their three children, Dorrie, Debra, and Bill Jr. at Debra's home on Whalebone Drive in Kalispell.

Born and raised in Montana, the Dempseys were married on July 2, 1952, at the Creston Chapel. Unfortunately, their wedding photos were destroyed in Evergreen in the flood of 1964.

All of their children and their families attended the event: Dorrie and husband Mike Stone of Valley Ford, Wash.; Debra and husband Greg Johnson of Kalispell; and Bill Dempsey Jr., also of Kalispell.

The couple was also honored by their grandchildren, Tory Johnson and wife Brittny; Jason and wife, Susie Johnson; Brianne and Bill Smith, and Nikki Dempsey. Also pre-



BILL AND LORRAINE Dempsey of Kalispell recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

sent were the Dempsey's great-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Madison, Easton, Grayson and Payton Johnson.

Unable to attend were granddaughters Laura Lea Burton and Trisha Stone, and great-grandchildren, Carley and Alexis Burton, all of Washing-

ton.

Surprise guest was Lorraine's maid of honor, Vivian, and her husband Norman Shaw of Pablo, and their children Don and Val Bell.

Special guest was Lorraine's mother, Hazel Sheridan Motichka, who at 88 years old, loves to see her family gathering together.

Bill retired from heavy duty mechanics in 1990, and Lorraine worked as a grocery checker in the Flathead Valley for many years.

Bill and Lorraine still enjoy working, and both work part time for Pizza Hut in Kalispell. They love to camp, fish, and enjoy being active with their children and their families.

After the event, the Dempsey's toured places of interest in Montana with Lorraine's mother, visiting Mrs. Motichka's birthplace in Turner, as well as touring ghost towns and the Capitol in Helena.

Jim and Adelaide Foy celebrate 60th anniversary



David and Judy, in Hot Springs. The Foy's moved to Columbia Falls in 1965, where Jim worked for the Montana State Highway Department and Adelaide was an eighth grade teacher. Mrs. Foy later became the curriculum director and retired from that position in 1978. Jim retired from the state highway department in 1976.

The Foy's are celebrating their anniversary with a family picnic this month, as well as with visits from friends and family throughout the summer.



Jim and Adelaide Foy of Lakeside celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 30.

Adelaide Mary Harvey and James Beauford Foy were married on a sunny Memorial Day in 1942 at the country home of the bride's parents, Fred and Gertrude Harvey.

Jim and Adelaide lived for many years in Hot Springs, where Jim was a barber and Adelaide was a teacher and school administrator. They raised their two children,

Richard and Leslie Gunlikson

Richard and Leslie Gunlikson are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their six children, their spouses and grandchildren to Disney World and on a Disney Cruise this month.

The Gunliksons were married on June 14, 1952, in Butte.

Rich and Leslie were both students at the University of Montana, and graduated in 1953. They made their home in Cut Bank from 1955-84, where Rich had established a practice as a certified public accountant. They have lived in Kalispell since 1984.

They are the parents of Linda Wing of Butte, Richard of Littleton, Colo., Reed, Rial, and Angela St. Onge, all of Kalispell, and Ryan of Whitefish.



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THE GUNLIKSONS marked 50 years of marriage with a family vacation and cruise.

Haffermans celebrate golden anniversary



BOB AND CLARE Hafferman were married on Oct. 19, 1952.

Robert "Bob" and Clare Hafferman of Kalispell recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at a family dinner at Rocco's Restaurant. Their sons, Dan and Kurt, and their daughter, Greta, hosted the event.

The couple was married on Oct. 19, 1952 in Bozeman.

The Haffermans are both Montana natives — Bob was born and raised in Kalispell. Clare worked for many years at the Village Book Shop in Kalispell and served on the Kalispell City Council. She is an avid gardener and an active participant in the Farmers Market. She is also a member of the Friends of the Library organization.

Bob is a retired civil engi-



THE HAFFERMANS celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family dinner.

neer who worked for the National Park Service for many years, taking the family

from Alaska to Florida, to California and finally back to Montana. He later opened a private practice and the family eventually moved to Kalispell. He is a member of the Kalispell City Council.

The couple was honored by their sons, Dan and wife, Marcy Hafferman, and Kurt and wife, Kathy Hafferman, all of Kalispell, and their daughter, Greta and husband, Harry Chapman, of Rapid City, S.D.; their eight grandchildren, Jason Hafferman of Fort Meade, Md., Nathan and Jennifer Hafferman of Kalispell, Marcus, Eric and Rebecca Hafferman of Kalispell, Samuel Chapman of Fargo and Max Chapman of Rapid City.

Hattels celebrate golden anniversary

Ron and Adrienne Hattel celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 27 at an open house hosted by their family. The dinner reception was held at the home of their daughter, Laurie Rebeck, at 315 Sunny Dene Lane.

The couple was honored by their children, Brian and wife, Lilia, of Bigfork; Arlen and wife, Donna, of Elma, Wash., Linda and husband, Kelly McHenry, Steven and wife, Marsha, Dean and wife, Kellie, and Laurie and husband, Ned Rebeck, all of Kalispell; and their grandchildren, Matthew, Jacob, Katie, Corey, Chandra, Tasia, Kyle, A. J., B. J., Andrea, Sharney, Celine, Trevor and Marren.

The Hattels were married on March 13, 1952, in Crosby, N.D., at a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Wingring. The maid of honor was Jeannie Carr, and the best man was Leslie Carr.

The Hattels owned and operated the Carter Service Station in Crosby. After selling the business, he worked at the creamery while she raised their seven children.

They moved to Kalispell in



RON AND ADRIENNE Hattel were recently honored by their family at an open house marking their 50th anniversary.

1969, where he worked for the Skyline Dairy and Eddie's Bread Company. She was employed at the KM Building, Weissman's and the Montana Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. They also owned and operated a Daily Inter Lake route until their retirement in 2000.



PAUL AND RUTH Holmquist were married on Oct. 18, 1952.

A RECEPTION was held to honor the Holmquists on their 50th anniversary.

Holmquists celebrate

golden anniversary

A reception to honor the 50th wedding anniversary for Paul and Ruth A. Holmquist was held at their home in Kalispell on Oct. 19.

Friends from the area were in attendance. Family at the reception included two of Paul's sisters, Fran Bekkedahl and Helen Griep, her husband Fritz, and daughter, Tammy. A surprise guest was Ruth's cousin, Linda Light, from Barnesville, Pa. Ruth and Linda had not seen each other in 39 years. Daughter Karen and son-in-law, Ron Meroney, from Portland, also attended.

Paul was born and raised in Kalispell. Ruth Gloss was born and raised in Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y. Paul was in the Air Force and stationed at Mitchell Air Force Base on

Long Island. The couple met at a church function and dated for a year. They were married on Oct. 18, 1952, in Sea Cliff, N.Y., when Paul was discharged from the service. Paul took his new bride back to Kalispell where they have lived for 50 years.

Paul worked as a home builder. He built many homes in the Kalispell area and developed Pleasant Hill Estates west of town. Ruth helped him with plans and bookkeeping and later worked 24 years for the Census Bureau. They have two children, Karen Meroney of Portland, and Allen Holmquist of Kalispell, and two grandchildren.

After the celebration Paul and Ruth took visiting cousin Linda on a tour of Glacier National Park and the area.

Hoppes celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary

William and Erma Hoppe celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 2 at an open house at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 640 Seventh St. W. in Columbia Falls from 1 to 4 p.m. They invite all of their friends to share in this momentous occasion. Their gift will be your attendance.

He was born in Havre on February 6, 1919. He was the oldest of six children born to Carl and Elizabeth Hoppe. He attended schools in Havre and worked in his father's coal mine and on construction, until he was inducted in the Army.

She was born at Sherwood, N. D. on a rural farm southwest of town. She was the youngest of six children born to William and Hannah Schwabe. She attended Prosperity Elementary School and graduated from Sherwood High School in May of 1937. That fall she entered Trinity Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in the fall of 1940 and then receiving her registered nursing degree through the state board exams. She then was employed at Trinity Hospital before joining her classmates who were employed at Deaconess Hospital in Havre.



WILLIAM AND ERMA Hoppe were married on March 4, 1942.

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THE HOPPES will celebrate their 60th anniversary with an open house on Saturday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

joined his family and they lived in Havre until they moved to Martin City in July of 1946. They lived there while Bill worked at the local lumber mills. In October of 1974 they moved to Whitefish where they still reside.

The Hoppes had three children, Janet Louise, Marcia Ann and William Thomas. Their daughter Janet and son-

-in-law Jim Cash live in Missouri, daughter Marcia is deceased; son-in-law Darol Longacre lives in Frenchtown and son Bill and daughter-in-law Peggy Hoppe live in Columbia Falls. They have two grandchildren: Gail and Stephen. Another grand-daughter, Marie, is deceased. They have five great grandchildren: Tyler, Brittney, Kali, Alex and Austin. Their family has always been the center of their lives and they take great joy and pride in their loved ones.

He has always been an avid hunter and fisherman and is well known for his success in both hunting and fishing. He loves nature and wildlife and gets great joy out of feeding his duck and geese pals and gardening at their home on the Whitefish River. She loved being a housewife and mother. She also practiced her nursing profession doing private duty and other hospital nursing as the need arose. She is very talented at doing hand work and enjoys her sewing club get-togethers once a week. She took up oil painting a few years ago and has pleased her family with her great works of art.

They have been active mem-

bers of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and are currently members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in

Columbia Falls. They have had a long and happy married life, sharing their joys and sorrows together.

Michael and Dee Kreider

May 18 was the open house celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Michael and Dee Kreider of Kalispell and Port Isabel, Texas. The couple were married on April 28, 1962, in Peoria, Ill.

The Kreiders moved to the Flathead Valley in 1982 from Illinois. Michael owns MZK Art and MZK Real Estate. Dee is a retired social worker.

He was born in Springfield, Ill., and attended Bradley University. She was born in Pontiac, Mich., and went to college later in life, graduating from the University of Montana with 4.0 grade point honors, along with her daughter, Victoria, in 1991. Mother and daughter were roommates in



MICHAEL AND DEE Kreider recently celebrated their 40th anniversary.

Missoula for one and a half years while completing their studies at the university.

Mike enjoys fly fishing while Dee spends her leisure time painting watercolors.

They have three children, Brad Kreider of Kalispell, David and Victoria Wojciechowski of Kalispell and Trevor Kreider of Coram. The couple is eagerly awaiting the arrival of their fourth grandchild in September.

Packs celebrate golden anniversary

Margaret and Ronnie Pack of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27.

The couple was married in Wheatland, Wyo., at the First Christian Church where they first met at a youth group. They moved to Kalispell in 1953.

Prior to establishing Pack & Co., in 1953, he worked for a short while at a local lumber mill. She spent much of her time in the home as both homemaker and bookkeeper for the business. In the early days, she was also the company radio dispatcher.

He sold Pack & Co., in 1986, and continues to this day with real estate development. Since retirement, they have traveled extensively. She stays involved with church work and golf, her favorite pastime.

The couple will be celebrating in Canada this month with their three children and their



LEFT: Margaret and Ronnie Pack were married in Wheatland, Wyo., on April 27, 1952. ABOVE: The Packs will celebrate 50 years together with family this month.

families: Debbie Pack-Patton of West Lynn, Ore., Holly Pepe

of Boise, Idaho, and Vonnie Gardner of Kalispell.

Padgetts celebrate golden anniversary

On May 26, Perry and Fairelyn Padgett will gather family and friends at the site where they were married for a golden anniversary barbecue party.

The couple want to invite all friends to the open house barbecue and potluck celebration at 1600 North Fork Road in Columbia Falls.

He was born and raised in Columbia Falls; he began to work as a logger while still in high school.

Fairelyn Staaleson was born and raised on a farm near Lignite, N.D., and moved with her family to Columbia Falls and into the house that was on the land where she and Perry now live.

The couple were married at her parent's home and honeymooned in Glacier Park before moving up to Coal Creek, where they started out living in a logging camp. After a few years, he went to work for the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, from which he retired in 1963 after 38 years.

The couple have five children, Perry Padgett III and his wife, Ida, of Georgia, Shannon Butts of California, Jeffrey Padgett of Columbia Falls, DeWayne Padgett and his wife, Vicki, who live and teach school in Columbia Falls, and daughter Wiletta and her husband Devon Harris of Oregon. They have 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Besides raising her family, she worked at the Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls for many years. He was



PERRY AND Fairelyn Padgett were married 50 years ago.



THE PADGETTS will celebrate their 50th anniversary May 26.

active in Boy Scouts and Little League when their boys were involved in those activities. He was also active in search and

rescue work. He is a member of the Northwest Antique Power Association and he restores old tractors.

Pfrimmers mark 50th anniversary

Carolyn and Bruce Pfrimmer of Whitefish celebrated 50 years of marriage Saturday. They were married in Eureka on June 15, 1952.

He left for the Army in 1949 and was home on leave in January 1952, when he met his future wife, a third-grade teacher, in his hometown of Whitefish. They married the following summer and spent their honeymoon in Fort Lewis, Wash., where he was stationed. She returned to Whitefish to continue teaching. He was discharged in 1953.

They continued to live and work in Whitefish, raising three boys, David, George and Jerrold. She taught for the next 35 years and retired in 1986. He continued employment with the Great Northern Railroad, which had been interrupted by his service to the Army. He worked for 45 years for the railroad before retiring in 1994.

Since retirement he has worked in his shop and studio creating machines, woodwork and paintings. He is an avid hunter and fisherman, and he and his wife have spent several summers in Alaska.

She has continued working with children by substitute teaching and doing volunteer work in the local school. She is active in the Presbyterian Church, Women of the Moose, Delta Kappa Gamma, and she enjoys doing volunteer work in the community. She was chosen by Beta Sigma Phi as First Lady of Whitefish in 1992.

Their son, David, and his wife, Mindy, and children,



CAROLYN AND BRUCE Pfrimmer were married on June 15, 1952.



A GATHERING OF friends and family will be held on July 7 to celebrate the Pfrimmers golden anniversary.

Zachary, Anna and Mason, live in North Pole, Alaska. George and Jerrold, and his daughter, Brianna, live in Whitefish.

A gathering of friends and family will be at the Kalispell Elks Club at 6 p.m. on July 7. The reception is planned by son, David, and nephew and niece, Fred and Candace Chase, of Bigfork.



ROY AND DOROTHY Plum were married Oct. 21, 1952.



THE PLUMS celebrated their 50th anniversary with a cruise.

Plums celebrate golden anniversary

Roy and Dorothy Plum of Houston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner party on board a Royal Caribbean cruiseship with family. The party was hosted by their children.

The couple were married Oct. 21, 1952, in Perry, Iowa while Roy was in the Navy. They settled in San Diego and their five children were all born there.

They moved to Bigfork in 1973 where they were active in school and community activities, and were local business owners. Roy also drove a school bus for many years.

Warm weather attracted

them to Houston after their children finished school.

The Plums' five children are Tamara Rice and Scott Plum of Kalispell; Jeff Plum of Houston; Kittie Lenzsch of Whitefish and Mike Plum of San Diego. The couple also have 12 grandchildren.

Ronald and Patricia Quaife

Ronald George Quaife and Patricia Louise (Reamer) Quaife will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21. The Quaifes are summer residents of Bigfork and winter in Phoenix.

They were married in Illinois and raised five children, Rhonda, Christy, Jay, Lana and Teri.

Tired of farming, the Quaife brood moved to Phoenix in the early '60s, where Ron found work as a police officer. In the early '80s Pat retired as a receptionist from the Phoenix law firm of Jennings, Strauss & Salmon, and Ron retired as a homicide detective.

Then the Quaifes began constructing their retirement home, a three-story log cabin, on land they purchased in 1977



RONALD QUAIFE and Patricia Reamer were married on June 21, 1952.



THE QUAIFES are summer residents of Bigfork.

on Flathead Lake.

Ron and Pat have 14 grandchildren and four stepgrand-

children.

They have a marriage that is based on mutual respect, admiration and old-fashioned love.

Rasmussens mark 65 years together

Art and Bea Rasmussen will celebrate their marriage of 65 years on Sept. 1 from 1-4 p.m. An open house for family and friends will be held at the home of Marlene and Roger Siblingud, 383 N. Juniper Bay Road in Somers. Daughters Marlene and Margie LaRue of Atlanta will co-host the event for family and friends.

The Rasmussens were married April 10, 1937 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.



ART AND BEA Rasmussen were married April 10, 1937, in Kalispell.



AN OPEN house will be held for the Rasmussens on Sept. 1.



Ken and Dixie Riley celebrate 50th anniversary

Ken and Dixie Riley will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a potluck for family and friends on Aug. 4 at the pavilion at Lake Five Resort. The pig roast, fish fry and barbecue rib dinner begins at 1 p.m.

The Rileys were married April 6, 1952, at Salem Lutheran Church in Turtle River, Minn. They moved to Columbia Falls in July of that year, and Ken worked for Plum Creek for 38 years, retiring in 1990.

Ken said retirement is "the best job he ever had." He enjoys the camping, hunting, fishing, working in his woodshop and visiting grandchildren. He just completed making solid cedar chests for the granddaughters and a few others.

Dixie was a homemaker in her early years, and then worked in the office at the



Hungry Horse News part-time for five years. She then worked for Montana Power for 23 years, retiring on disability.

She loves crocheting, sewing, and camping, and is very involved at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church where the Rileys are charter members.

They have a son, Harold, and wife, Rein-hilde Riley, of Gilbert, Ariz., a daughter, Tammi, and husband, David Hull, of Wood-enville, Wash.; grandchildren, Kevin, Katrin and Karolin Riley of Gilbert, and Kelsey and Kellen Hull of Woodinville.

There are nine children in the Riley family and six have already celebrated their 50th anniversaries. Dixie also said that one celebrated 60 years of marriage last year, and three others are getting close to that milestone.

Sanders celebrate golden anniversary

David and Delores Sanders of Columbia Falls recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their daughters and their families at the the North Valley Senior Citizens Center in Columbia Falls.

The Sanders were married on Aug. 11, 1952, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

Their children are Debra Horinek of Kalispell, Dixie Schultz of Afton, Wyo. and Dan-nette Dana of Thayne, Wyo.

Both are graduates of Columbia Falls High School and have lived in Columbia Falls all of their married life.

They have also enjoyed many winters in Hawaii. They enjoy camping, fishing and making quilts.



THEIR FAMILY honored David and Delores Sanders on their 50th anniversary.

Sandons celebrate golden anniversary

Herb and Gloria Sandon of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary July 24.

They were honored with an open house hosted by their children, at their son's home in Evergreen.

The Sandons were married July 24, 1952, in Coeur d'Alene.

They have seven children: Linda, Cheryl, Karen, Greg, and Jan and her husband, Bill, all of Kalispell; Judy of Oak Creek, Wis., and Debbie and her husband, Brent, and family of Honolulu.

He has worked in the Flathead and surrounding areas since 1953. He worked on Libby Dam, Hungry Horse Dam and McNary Dam in Oregon. He started Sandon Construction and built many homes in the area and expanded to business projects that include schools, banks and other local buildings. In the 1970s, he expanded to concrete projects that include sidewalks, driveways, alleys and rebuilding Main Street in the '80s.



HERB AND GLORIA Sandon of Kalispell recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

After his retirement in 1986, his son, Greg, continued operating Sandon Construction.

Herb is a member of Algeria Shrine Temple, Flathead Shrine Club and the Royal Order of Jeeters.

The couple was surprised by Herb's brother, Bob Sandon, of Phoenix, whom they hadn't seen since he appeared for their 40th anniversary.

Other out-of-town guests included Gloria's brother, Jerry and his wife, Betty Gronley, and their daughter, Dee, all of Seattle; Gloria's sister, Fran Roth and her daughter, Marilyn, of Spokane; their granddaughter, Tiffany and family of Seattle; Wayne Just and daughter of Oak Creek, Wis., and their daughters, Jody and Kristi, of Helena.

They also were honored by their 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, and local relatives, including Stan and Garnett Gronley, Leroy and Joyce Gronley, Lew and Bev Schenck, and many nieces and nephews with their families, and the many friends that came to celebrate this special event.

The couple was given two framed collages made with pictures covering the past 50 years, and various 1952 memorabilia from their children.

Skares celebrate golden anniversary



ALLEN AND ARLENE Skare were married on Sept. 28, 1952.



THE SKARES recently marked 50 years of marriage with a family dinner.

Allen and Arlene Skare of Creston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 28, with their family at a private dinner.

The couple were married on Sept. 28, 1952, at Epworth Methodist Church in Kalispell.

The Skares were honored by their children: Sharon, Francine, David and Becky, all of Kalispell, and Daniel and his wife, May, of Wichita, Kan.

He owned and drove his own logging truck for many years. He also worked on an Alaska pipeline and drove for construction outfits in both Alaska and the Flathead Valley.

Arlene stayed at home until most of the children were through school, and then worked as a bookkeeper for several companies in the Flathead Valley.



Jerry & Karen Slack would like to Thank their sons and their wives, Dr. Shawn & Anne Slack, Chad and Carolyn Slack, their grand children,

Margaret & Katherine and all their friends for a wonderful 40th Anniversary celebration at the pavilion on the Vista Linda grounds.

Also, Hats off to Vista Linda for a job well done!





BOBBY and Mary Smith, left, at their 1952 wedding, and now.

Smiths celebrate 50th

Bobby and Mary Smith of West Glacier will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of their marriage vows and a reception hosted by their family.

The Smith's were married on July 20, 1952, in Clarksdale, Miss.

Bobby grew up in Goodland, Kan., and served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years and then worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Diego, Calif., for 20 years.

Mary was born in Farrell, Miss., and worked for the federal government for 22 years, retiring from the Veterans Administration Regional Office in San Diego in 1986.

They moved to West Glacier in 1992, and have been active in Central Christian

Church, Kalispell, and attended the Montana Lay Ministry Institute, becoming licensed ministers.

They have three children, a son, Greg, and his wife, Laurie, of Harrisburg, Pa., and their sons Garrett and Ben; a daughter, Barbara, and her husband, Mike Myers, of Spring Valley, Calif., and their two sons, Chris and Jeff; daughter Debby, her husband Chuck Hartle, of Alpine Calif., and their three daughters, Julie, Corinne, and Lauren.

The Smith's invite their friends to help them celebrate by attending the ceremony to renew their marriage vows at 6 p.m., July 26, at Central Christian Church, 248 Second Ave. E., Kalispell, with the reception to follow at the Outlaw Inn.

Stewarts celebrate golden anniversary

Eleanor and Bob Stewart of Kalispell celebrated 50 years of marriage Saturday. The couple were married in Hopewell, N. J. on June 8, 1952.

He left his home in Proctor to join the Navy, and met her in Fort Monmouth, N. J., where she worked as a nurse. They married and moved about as a Navy family, creating a new home for their growing family every two years, seeing much of the United States as well as Saipan and Morocco. She raised their daughter and two sons, becoming active in the Boy Scouts training scout leaders while her sons were scouts.

They retired to Kalispell after he retired from 21 years of Navy service and went to work for Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. He retired from there in 1983.

Meanwhile, she has been active with the youth group at the Whitefish Community Church of God.



ELEANOR AND BOB Stewart were married on June 8, 1952.



THE STEWARTS just celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Their children are Bob Stewart Jr., and wife Patti, Ted Stewart and wife Joan, and their children Chris and Sean and Pam Stewart, all of Kalispell.

Strands mark 50 years of marriage

Myron "Mike" and Marilyn Strand celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 5, 2002, at Bohemian Grove Lodge in Bigfork. The party was hosted by their five children and nine grandchildren.

Mike and Marilyn met while attending Montana State University. Following graduation, they married on July 6, 1952, in Hardin.

They spent the next 12 years stationed in various locations with the U.S. Army.

In 1965, they settled in Kalispell and together owned and operated Strand Aviation at Kalispell City Airport. After 35 years in the general aviation industry, they retired to spend more time traveling abroad and enjoying their



children and grandchildren: Daya and John Horine, and their children Justin, Mariah,

A PARTY was recently held in honor of Mike and Marilyn Strand as they celebrated their golden anniversary.

Chad, Ashley and Aaron of Columbia Falls; Deanna and Curt Van Der Werff of Grand Junction, Colo.; Dwayne and Alice Strand and their children Liesl and Erin, of Port Orchard, Wash.; Danette and Ty Adams, and son Bridger, (and another grandchild expected in February 2003) of Henderson, Nev.; Darryl and Christy Strand, and Mason, of Swansea, Ill.

The 50-year marriage of Mike and Marilyn has been an inspiration to all who know them.

50th Wedding Anniversary
Open House Honoring
Ken & Donna Svendsen
Saturday, September 28
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
The West Coast Kalispell Center Hotel
Fireside Lodge ~ 20 North Main
Come join us as we help our parents
celebrate this special anniversary.
No Gifts Please.

Tyrees mark golden anniversary

The children of Dick and Donna Tyree hosted a 50th anniversary celebration at the home of Bruce and Deanna McAtee in Columbia Falls on July 20.

The couple renewed their vows, with the Rev. Harley Bennet officiating. The couple's seven children were present: Dan and Lee Ann Tyree of Phoenix, Ariz., Darrin and Nancy Tyree of West Glacier, Donita and Jerry Hebert of Kalispell, Don and Vernetta Tyree of California and West Glacier, Deanna and Bruce McAtee of Columbia Falls, Dick and Shelly Tyree of Kalispell, and Derek and Sue Tyree of Medical Lake, Wash. Many grandchildren also attended. Donna's only living sibling, O.D. Martin, came from Eugene, Ore. with his wife of 64 years, Shirley. Lorrin Martin, sister-in-law, and son, Paul Martin, came from Portland.

Dinner was served to 85. The family delighted everyone with several musical renditions of what life was like for a Tyree kid.

Dick and Donna were married on July 22, 1952, and have resided in Kalispell and West Glacier, except for a



DICK AND DONNA Tyree were married on July 22, 1952.



THE TYREE children hosted a 50th anniversary party for their parents on July 20.

year when they lived in San Diego, Calif., when Dick worked for Convair. Dick also worked for Canyon Logging as a loader operator, and for the last 10 years as a logging supervisor. His machine was hired out to Glacier Park by Canyon Logging and he plowed Going-to-the-Sun Road for many years. Donna has been active in her children's lives, support-

ing them and their grandchildren in whatever sports activity they were involved in. She loves going to church, baking for the family, and being at their home in Glacier Park in the summer. She has worked at the B and B and Applied Health Services, and is currently employed by the Mortgage Source as the office coordinator.



BOB AND MARALYN Van Alstine were married on Oct. 26, 1952 in Kalispell.



THE VAN ALSTINES recently renewed their vows at a dinner for family and friends.

Van Alstines mark 50 years of marriage

Robert, "Bob", and Maralyn Van Alstine of Kalispell, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at the La Salle Grange on Aug. 24. The couple renewed their vows at a catered dinner hosted by their three daughters and their husbands. Local family and friends as well as those from out of state attended the affair.

The Van Alstines were married on Oct. 26, 1952, at a local church in Kalispell. They have lived in Bob's family home since his retirement from the Regular Baptist Child Placement Agency. Bob was the

director and founder of the agency which worked with unwed mothers and assisted in placing children in foster care.

The couple was honored by their children, Kathy and Steve Cox, Lorrie and Larry Earp and Allison Latimer; their grandchildren, Joshua and Shelby Cox, Nathan and Alicia Cox, Corey Earp, Kelly Earp, Brandon Earp and Jessica, Jeremy Gillespie and Kelly, and Jedediah Latimer; and by their great-grandchildren, Samantha, Sue, Liam, Lucas and Wyatt Earp, who is due to arrive in December.

Ray and Kay Wamsley

Ray and Kay Wamsley celebrated 60 years of marriage with a dinner at Eagle Bend Grill hosted by their daughters, Renae Morton and Diane Sigman. Special guests were Scott Downing, Tonya and G.G. Holden, Bodie and Heidi Morton, great-grandson Taylor Morton, Jeff Morton and Don Sigman.

The Wamsleys were married on May 16, 1942, in Shelby, and lived in Cut Bank before moving to Kalispell in 1951. They have lived in Kalispell since that time and raised three children, Renae Morton of Grand Coulee, Wash., and a

son, Jay Wamsley, who died in a car accident in 1970.

Ray worked as a paint and body man in the automobile repair business throughout his life, and at age 82, still can be found outside tinkering on a vehicle. Renae said God gave her father the special gift of encouraging people to do their best and that he always has a kind word and warm smile for the people he meets.

Kay worked as a waitress and bartender throughout the Flathead Valley, and Renae said her mother's quick wit and humor was instilled in all her customer's hearts.



RAY AND KAY Wamsley recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Weavers mark golden anniversary

This past New Year's Eve marked a golden milestone for Ernie and Jan Weaver of Columbia Falls.

On Dec. 31, 1951, Jan Anderson, then a senior at Polson High School, married Ernie Weaver. He was nine years her senior and already a disabled American veteran of the battle of Saipan in the Pacific during World War II. He'd come home with a Purple Heart.

They had been introduced by friends and knew each other about two years when they decided to get married on that New Year's eve. They settled in the country near Rollins in the country, where he had been raised.

Though disabled, he always worked. He was a parts man for heavy duty equipment and automobiles and he also helped on the construction the Hungry Horse Dam and Idaho's Cabinet Gorge.

The Weavers moved to Portland in 1978, where he became warehouse manager for Halton Tractor and she raised their children and cared for the



JAN ANDERSON and Ernie Weaver were married Dec. 31, 1951.

children of others in her home-based daycare for over 10 years.

The couple returned to the Flathead Valley in the mid-90s and retired in Columbia Falls where they keep busy as volunteers. In the mornings they help deliver Meals on Wheels; then in the afternoon they help a kids' reading program at the library. They also give time to the Columbia Falls Senior Center and the food bank.

For their 50th anniversary party, Jan said, "We had a great time doing very little. We had a nice family dinner and some 'remember whens' and lots of laughter."

The couple's children are



THE WEAVERS marked their golden anniversary with a family dinner and party.

Ron Weaver and his wife Sheila and their children Erin and Greg of Aloha, Ore.; Ken Weaver and his wife Sharon of Columbia Falls, and their children Nathan and his wife Sally; their daughter Kelsey and husband Curtis Shipp of Columbia Falls; and great-grandson Dillon Shipp.

Wehrmans celebrate 50th this weekend



Harold "Budd" and Donna Wehrman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their children at the Somers Fire Hall on July 27.

The Wehrman's were married on May 2, 1952, at

the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Spokane.

Budd is a native of Central Iowa, and met Donna in Spokane where he was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base. Donna, a Flathead Valley native, was attending nursing school at the time. After his release from the service, they moved to Iowa to farm

and raise six children.


In 1968, they moved to Somers and now live near Creston.

The Wehrmans are the parents of Hal of Tacoma, Wash., John of Somers, Connie of Bozeman, Michael of Somers, Barbara of Farmer's Road, Texas, and Dewite of Spring Valley, Calif.

50th
Wedding Anniversary
 1952 Doug and Judy Wise 2002

Because you have played such an important part in their lives, please join us for a 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House in honor of our parents Doug and Judy Wise on Sunday, the eighteenth of August two thousand and two from 3:30 till 5:30 in the afternoon at Sykes Grocery and Restaurant 202 2nd Avenue West Kalispell, Montana

No Gifts, Please





BARRY AND DIANE Wood were married Aug. 30, 1952, in Bozeman.

Woods mark their golden anniversary

Barry and Diane Wood of Kalispell recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a local family gathering.

The Woods were married on Aug. 30, 1952 in Bozeman.

The honored couple have six children: Brian of Whitefish; Steve, Craig and wife, Karen, and Scott and wife, Susan, all of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Mike and wife Teri, and Mary and husband Sean McRae, all of Kalispell.

They were also honored by their five grandchildren: Angela, Elizabeth and Courtney of Cheyenne; and Chris and Randee of Kalispell.

Barry was employed by Shell Oil Company in Glendive, Billings, and Denver. He relocated to Great Falls and was with the Great Falls Gas Company as an accountant and corporate secretary. He has been a real estate agent in the Flathead Valley for the past 24 years.

Diane has been a homemaker and was employed at the Strawberry Patch for several years.



A FAMILY gathering was held recently in honor of the Woods' 50th anniversary.