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## Armstrongs celebrate 70 years of marriage

Byron A. and Florence E. Armstrong of Kalispell celebrated their 70th anniversary Sept. 4 at a surprise dinner at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Marleen and Tracy Walsh.

The event was also attended by Byron's brother from Missoula and two siblings from Bozeman, and the Armstrong's grandchildren and their spouses, and great-grandchildren.

The Armstrongs also have a son, Darwin Armstrong, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



BYRON AND FLORENCE Armstrong were married on Sept. 2, 1934.

The couple were married Sept. 2, 1934, in Glasgow. They moved from Glasgow to Kalispell in 1987, and moved to Prestige Assisted Living in August.



A SURPRISE dinner was held in honor of the Armstrongs as they celebrate seven decades together.

## Crawfords mark 70 years together

David E. and Erma (Gregoire) Crawford, former residents of the Flathead Valley, will celebrate their 70th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 28.

They were married Nov. 26, 1934, in Grand Fork, N.D. David is now 92 years old and Erma is 89.

The Crawfords will celebrate their anniversary at a party in their honor at the Van Mall Retirement Center in Vancouver, Wash., where they reside. The party will be hosted by the children, Dennis and Alta Crawford, and Kenneth and Gloria Crawford.

David is a 1933 graduate of Flathead County High School and was on the football team as an end. He went to elementary school in Nyack where his family had a dairy farm. He helped run the farm and delivered milk to residents of the area and in Glacier National Park. From 1935 until 1941, he worked for the Mon-



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tana Highway Department.

Erma ran their store and the Nyack Post Office until World War II when they moved to Bremerton, Wash. David retired as the fire marshal for the city of Bremerton and Erma retired as an officer of

the People's National Bank in 1973.

The couple have two sons, Dennis and Kenneth Crawford, both born in Kalispell. They also have six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## Happy 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Orville & Mary E. (Betty) Fredenberg

*The Fredenberg's, celebrated their anniversary with a quiet family dinner at their home prepared by their daughter.  
They were married on December 3, 1938 in Kalispell at the old Brice Apts. The minister was ill but married them from his sickbed.  
Orville and Betty were childhood sweethearts that grew up on neighboring farms. Her family (Motickka's) and his were both pioneer families that homesteaded in this area. Orville worked at Robinson's Radiator shop as a mechanic when they were married. He later served as a Kalispell policeman, Kalispell City Judge and Justice of the Peace before retiring. Mary was a stay at home mom devoted to her husband and family.  
Their family grew to include daughter Mary Ruth and her husband Hank Olson, son Ron Fredenberg and his wife Liz as well as numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren residing in the area.*

*Cards of congratulations may be sent to:  
Mr. & Mrs. Orville Fredenberg  
361 2nd Ave EN  
Kalispell, Mt 59901*

# Grants celebrate golden anniversary

Jim and Evelyn Grant of Columbia Falls were married 50 years ago in St. Mary's Church in Stevensville on Sept. 4, 1954.

Both Montana natives, they came back to the Flathead in 1955.

Jim retired from the aluminum plant as a machinist in 1992. Evelyn worked as a registered nurse at North Valley Hospital, Kalispell Regional Hospital and Immanuel Lutheran Home, and is semi-retired. The Grants have resided in Hungry Horse, the Whitefish River area and Columbia Falls.

The couple have enjoyed their travels in Montana and to other points in the United States and Europe, as well as hiking in Glacier National Park.

A six-week trip to Alaska



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and Canada was planned for them in August and September to celebrate their 50th anniversary. They were accompanied by Evelyn's brother Bob and his wife, Sheila. The enjoyed fishing, panning for gold and



THE GRANTS took a six-week trip to Alaska and Canada to celebrate their anniversary.

viewing the spectacular scenery.

Their main accomplishments are their children, Donna in Virginia, Deb in Minnesota, Kathy in Whitefish and J.R. in Washington.

# Halls mark golden anniversary

Bradley and Geraldine Hall of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25. Vows were renewed at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, and an open house was held for family and friends.

The Halls have six children and 13 grandchildren.

The couple toured Alaska in the summer to celebrate this milestone.



BRADLEY AND Geraldine Hall recently renewed the wedding vows they took 50 years ago.



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## Lyfords celebrate 50th anniversary

The children of Ron and Lois Lyford are hosting a reception on Aug. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. in honor of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

The reception will be held in the fellowship hall of Central Christian Church, located on the corner of Second Avenue East and Third Street in Kalispell.

Friends are invited to join the celebration, which will occur exactly 50 years from the day, hour and place of the Lyfords' wedding. Cards can be sent to P.O. Box 685, Kalispell MT 59903.

Ron and Lois were both born in Kalispell and attended area schools. They have spend most of their lives in the area, working elsewhere for short periods of time.

They now spend each winter



RON AND Lois Lyford were married on Aug. 15 at Central Christian Church in Kalispell.

in El Cajon, Calif., near their son, Larry, and his family, and



THE LYFORDS will be honored on their golden anniversary with a reception.

visit their daughter, Lori, in Chandler, Ariz.

# Couples mark 60th anniversaries

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Calvin was employed locally by Liberty Drilling and in construction for Frank Palicz. He has served on the Lake-side/Somers Volunteer Fire Department since 1972, and is a department trustee. Lucille volunteers with the department's auxiliary. Both also are also active in AARP and RSVP and are members of the Sunshine Chorus, entertaining weekly at area senior care centers and nursing homes.

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# Managhans celebrate golden anniversary

Ray and Beverly Managhan celebrated their golden anniversary Oct. 16 at the Whitefish Moose Lodge with their wedding party of 50 years ago in attendance

The couple were married Oct. 17, 1954, at the Methodist Church in Kalispell. Ray was born in Kalispell and moved to Smith Valley, attending school in Batavia.

Beverly was born in Somers and went to Somers Grade School. Both graduated from Flathead High School, Ray in 1952 and Beverly in 1954.

The anniversary celebration was hosted by their children,

Mike Managhan of Flagstaff, Ariz., Doug Managhan and wife Norma of Henderson, Nev., and Cindy and husband Gary Thompson of Chandler, Ariz.

The Managhans' grandchildren are Stefanie, Becky, Angela, Lindsay, Matthew, Casey Ann and Christopher who died several years ago in an accident. They also have two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Aiden.

Also attending were Ray's



RAY AND BEVERLY Managhans' wedding party was in attendance at their recent 50th anniversary celebration. Pictured from the wedding, are, from left to right, Geneva (Sonsteli) Van Rinsum, Vergene (Weston) Rudio, June (Hutchins) Managhan, maid of honor Fay (Managhan) Freeman, Ray and Beverly (Van Rinsum) Managhan, best man Harold Hansen, Francis Van Rinsum, Bob McAtee and Charles Marvin. Also pictured is flower girl Holly Glidden.

parents, Ray Managhan Sr. and Bernice of Kalispell who will celebrate their 71st anniversary Dec. 9; along with Ray's brothers, Bob and June Managhan, and Richard and Ana Managhan of Seattle, and sisters, Faye Freeman of Kalispell and Thelma and Tony Ciciocco of Libby; and Beverly's brother, Francis and Geneva Van Rinsum of Somers; along with many other family and friends.

## The Myers mark 50th anniversary

Norman and Marion Myers of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 19 at Holland Lake Lodge as guests of their children and their spouses, Dianne and husband, John Stearns, of Casper, Wyo., and David and wife, Janet Myers, of Riverton, Wyo.

The couple stayed in a cabin at the lake along with their daughter, Dianne, John, and their two children, Justin and Chris. The Myers' son, David, camped at the nearby campground.

The Myers met in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where Marion was attending teachers college and Norman was in the Royal Canadian Air Force. The Myers were married Aug. 19, 1954, at Grace United Church in Saskatoon, and lived for two years in the small town of Richlea, Saskatchewan.

In 1956, they immigrated to the U.S. and lived in Libby for a few months where their daughter Dianne was born; then moved to Kalispell where their son David was born.



**NORMAN AND MARION** Myers were married on Aug. 19 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

They soon settled in the Evergreen district where they raised their family. They still reside in the home they purchased in 1957.

Norman worked as a mechanic at various businesses around the valley until he retired in 1997. Marion worked



**A CELEBRATION** was held at Holland Lake Lodge in honor of the Myers' golden anniversary.

in the computer field at Flathead Valley Community College, and for various businesses in the area for a number of years.

The Myers have enjoyed their years in the U.S. and became U.S. citizens in April of 2003.

# Naumanns mark 50th anniversary

Ralph and Rena (Hissong) Naumann were married on Nov. 14, 1954, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. The couple were born and raised in Kalispell and graduated from Flathead County High School.

They have one daughter, Laurie, who is married to Rich Swarthout, and two grandsons, Cody and Taylor Swarthout, all of Billings.

The couple have always lived in Kalispell and are involved in the activities of Trinity Lutheran Church. Ralph worked as a meat cutter at Arctic Meats and Meat Supply until retirement in 1992. Rena worked for 44 years at Time Insurance Agency/Western States Insurance.

The couple live at Village Greens where Ralph enjoys golfing and Rena works part-time at the Village Greens Golf Shop. Most of their traveling is to Billings to visit their daughter and family.

A celebration of their 50 years of marriage was held on July 24 with a reception for family and friends at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell. The party was hosted by their daughter, Laurie, her husband, Rich, and their children. Ralph and Rena also had a



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A CELEBRATION of the Naumanns' golden anniversary was held in July.

brunch at their home on July 25 for their families.

Family members attending from out of town included Rena's brothers and their spouses, Vern and Marilyn Hissong of Spokane, Chuck and Jean Hissong of Brinnon, Wash., Skip and Jody Hissong of Post Falls, Idaho; and her nephews, Terry Hissong of Richland, Wash., Travis Hissong of Spokane, and Josh Hissong of Post Falls. Ralph's family from out of town included his brother and wife,

Carl and Ellen Naumann of Reno, Nev., his nephew and wife, John and Sue Naumann of Henderson, Nev., and his niece and her husband, Cindy and Harvey Brock and their son, Tom, of Havre.

# Radabahs married 50 years

Keith and Arlyss (Maze) Radabah of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by visiting their two sons in Spokane.

The couple were married Aug. 21, 1954, in Kalispell, where they were both born and raised. Keith has worked in the trust department of D.A. Davidson for several years. Arlyss was most recently office manager and dental assistant for Dr. Leslie Anthony in Kalispell before retiring.

The couple now spend their winters in Arizona.

The Radabahs have two children, Selby Radabah and Gade Radabah, both of Spokane.



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# Shoemakers celebrate 70th anniversary

Hugh and Virginia Shoemaker had the honor of celebrating their 70th anniversary on Oct. 24.

The Shoemakers were united in marriage Oct. 24, 1934, with the Rev. Walter Sandy of Central Christian Church officiating.

Their wedding took place in Kalispell at the home of the bride's parents, John and Mary Melton. The groom's parents, Curtis and Verna Shoemaker were also in attendance, as were the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen (Ripley) and Jay Bondrant.

The newlyweds resided in the Melton home while Virginia's parents moved to Arizona, temporarily.

The couple have lived most of their life in the Flathead area.

Hugh was born in Iowa. He was 6 years old when his parents came to Kalispell. Virginia was born in Kalispell, in her



THE SHOEMAKERS marked their anniversary with a quiet dinner at home with family.

parents home.

To celebrate the occasion the family had a quiet dinner and visit at their home on Sunday, Oct. 24, with Hugh and Virginia's daughters, Beryl Thomas, Virgie Dawson, and son-in-law, Bill, present.



HUGH AND VIRGINIA Shoemaker were married on Oct. 24, 1934.

# Smiths celebrate 50 years together

Gene and Louise (Meeks) Smith celebrated their 50th anniversary the week of June 25 by spending several days at a beach house in Seaside, Ore. The vacation was hosted by their children and spouses, Rena and husband Larry Lautaret of Whitefish, Rick and wife Beverly Smith of Palmer, Alaska, and Melody and husband Dennis Ackley of Sequim, Wash.

All their grandchildren and their spouses were also present, along with extended family and friends from Oregon, Washington and Kalispell. The couple later traveled along the West Coast, visiting family in Oregon and Washington.

The Smiths were married June 25, 1954, in Kalispell.

Louise moved from Kentucky to Kalispell with her family in 1945, and graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953. She volunteered at Kalispell Regional Hospital for 13 years, and has been active in school, church



GENE AND LOUISE Smith were married on June 25, 1954.

and community activities with her family.

Gene "Snuffy" came to Kalispell from Oklahoma in 1953, after serving in the Korean War. He worked for many years at Glacier Concrete Pipe, and retired from McElroy & Wilken in 1993 after working as a ready-mix driver for 28 years.



THE SMITHS spent time with family on the Oregon coast to celebrate their golden anniversary.

The Smiths attend Whitefish Community Church of God, where their son-in-law, Larry Lautaret, is pastor. They have traveled several months of each year visiting family since Gene retired.

Gene and Louise have made Kalispell their home since being married.

## Thompsons mark 50th anniversary

Fred and Shelby Thompson of West Glacier will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a Canada and New England cruise from Montreal to Boston.

They were married Sept. 18, 1954, in Clanton, Ala., where they were both raised, educated and completed their careers.

Fred was an executive with Gulf States Paper Corporation in Alabama. Shelby was a loan specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, also in Alabama.

Their love of Glacier Park began in 1969, when Fred worked the summer there with Glacier Park Inc. After retir-



FRED AND SHELBY Thompson were married on Sept. 18, 1954.

ing, they began spending summers in the area. In 1997, they built their present home in West Glacier.

They now enjoy sharing beautiful Glacier National



THE THOMPSONS plan a cruise to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Park with frequent visits from family and friends from the South.

The Thompsons reside in Sun City, Fla., in the winter months.

## Van Zomerens mark 70 years of marriage

Pete and Ruth Van Zomeren are celebrating their 70th anniversary today, Aug. 22. Family and friends will gather to honor their life together at the home of their daughter, Karen, and her husband, Pete.

The couple were married Aug. 22, 1934, in Salt Lake City. They made their home there

and raised their three children, Richard Van Zomeren of Springville, Utah, the late Leslie Van Zomeren and Karen Burkett of Kalispell. They moved to Kalispell in May of last year.

The Van Zomerens have 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.



PETE AND Ruth Van Zomeren were married Aug. 22, 1934.



## Welyts mark golden anniversary

Floyd Welty and Theresa (Franz) Welty were married June 13, 1954, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

In observance of their 50th wedding anniversary they traveled to Yellowstone National Park, and also to Deadwood City and Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. After their return they celebrated with a large party on Aug. 8, hosted by their four children and spouses at the Welty cabin on Echo Lake.

Dorothy Lea, Theresa's sister and matron of honor, came from San Diego for the celebration. Relatives and friends, many from out of state, joined them for a buffet dinner with 1950s music playing in the background.

Floyd and Theresa met as students attending Flathead County High School; Floyd graduated in 1949 and Theresa in 1951. She continued her education at Northern Montana College in Havre where she earned a teaching certificate. Floyd joined the Marines and was

sent overseas in March 1952. He served with the First Marine Division for one year during the Korean War. He was injured in the conflict and was awarded a Purple Heart.

Theresa began her teaching career in Whitefish, then taught four years at Edgerton School in Kalispell. Floyd began a long career of civil service with the Kalispell post office in 1956. He retired after 34 years in 1990, having served



FLOYD AND THERESA Welty were married on June 13, 1954.

the last 20 years as supervisor of mails and delivery.

The Welyts have four children. Their son, Michael, and his wife, Mary, live in the Minneapolis area with their children, Timothy, Maggie and Mathew. Their daughter, Chris-



THE WELYTS vacationed in Yellowstone National Park and in South Dakota to mark their golden anniversary.

tine, and husband Walt Kroemer live in Kalispell; as does their second son, Kevin, and his sons Jonathan, Brian and Jeremy. Their youngest son, David, also resides in Kalispell.