

Bahrs celebrate golden anniversary

Walter and Joann Bahr of Kalispell recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at a family reunion held at Vista Linda pavilion. The reception was hosted by their children.

The Bahrs were married June 12, 1955, in Conrad. They met at Montana State University in Bozeman where they both graduated. Joann is from Conrad originally.

The couple have lived in Kalispell ever since they were married, where they raised their two children. They have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. to visit family and friends.

Their children are Dick and Deb Bahr of Boise, Idaho, and Patty and Stu Breslin of Indianapolis.

The Bahrs also have five

WALTER AND JOANN Bahr were married on June 12, 1955.

grandchildren, Bo and Hayley Bahr and Chris, Daniel and Emily Breslin.



Baishches mark 50th anniversary



LEE AND BEVERLY Baishch were married on March 20, 1955.



A FAMILY gathering was held to celebrate the Baishches' golden anniversary.

Lee and Beverly Baishch of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary March 19 at a small family gathering in Missoula.

The couple were married March 20, 1955, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive at the suggestion of Bev's father, because Lee, who was working at a local gas station at the time, "did a pretty good job washing the car window."

Shortly after they were married, Lee's career in the oil industry began. His employment in this field has taken the couple and their three children far and wide. Over the years, they have resided and worked in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Alaska and North Dakota. Through those years, Bev was kept busy at home with the kids and exploring her artistic talent for painting, crafting and decorating.

During semi-retirement, the couple traveled to Missouri with Labors for Christ and assisted with the construction of a new educational building for a church located there.

In their full retirement

years, they have resided in Arizona, Idaho, and recently returned to Montana and now reside in Kalispell.

The couple have three children, a daughter, Kelly Baishch and her husband, Alex Saylor, of Kalispell, and two sons, Stu Baishch and his wife, Jan Baishch, of Kenesburg, Colo., and Todd Baishch and his wife, Roni Baishch, of Ranger, Ga.

They have also been blessed with two grandchildren — twin girls, Lindsey and Lacey Baishch of Kenesburg.

Barnetts mark golden anniversary

George A. and Carol J. Barnett of Kalispell will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at an anniversary party in June.

The couple were married Feb. 9, 1955, in Havre.

George was a rancher and worked in the oil fields in Eastern Montana. He also worked on the missile silo construction in the Lewistown area, and later the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant, from which he retired in 1991.

Carol was a waitress, bartender and an office worker, most recently at Flathead Electric Cooperative.

The Barnetts have four children; Ronald D. Barnett of Marion, Wanda J. (Barnett) Freese of Columbia Falls, and Lester A. and Lonnie R. Barnett, both of Kalispell.

They also have seven grand-



CAROL AND George Barnett were married on Feb. 9, 1955 in Havre.



THE BARNETTS are celebrating 50 years of marriage with a party this month.

children and nine great-grandchildren.

An anniversary party will be held in their honor at 4 p.m. June 18. For details, call Wanda at 892-5251.



THE BAUMGARTNERS in 2005.

Baumgartners note 50th

Joyce and Orville Baumgartner of Columbia Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a luncheon reception at 2 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Deer Park School gymnasium.

The couple, both natives of North Dakota, were married June 5, 1955, in Minot, N.D.

Joyce is retired from Deer Park School where she worked as an office assistant.

Orville is retired from Columbia Falls Aluminum Company.

The Baumgartners are both avid gardeners — Orville focuses on vegetable gardening, while Joyce concentrates on the flower gardening. They are also active members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Columbia Falls.

The couple have five children; sons, James and J.B., and daughter, Peggy, all of Columbia Falls, Cathy of Kalispell, and Pam of Georgia. They also have six grandchildren.



THE BAUMGARTNERS in 1955.

Bells celebrate 50th anniversary

Jim and Cathie Bell of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today, July 17, by hosting a picnic for friends and family at Woodland Park in Kalispell.

The Bells were married on July 16, 1955, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Casper, Wyo.

Jim was born in Whitefish. After returning from serving in World War II he worked for the railroad, then attended the University of Montana where he studied accounting. He then moved to Casper, Wyo., to work for an oil company. In 1972, Jim received his CPA certification and still continues to practice today.

Cathie, a native of Casper, attended the University of Denver where she studied theater and education. She returned to Casper and began her teaching career.

Jim and Cathie met in Casper at a church outing in 1954 and were married in July



JIM AND CATHIE Bell were married on July 16, 1955.



THE BELLS will celebrate their 50th anniversary with friends and family today.

of 1955. After their first year of marriage they moved back to Whitefish, living in the home where Jim grew up, and began their family.

In 1965, they moved to Kalispell, where they continue to reside. They have always been very involved in church and the community and continue to give their time in many other volunteer

opportunities. They are wonderful role models for their four children and their seven grandchildren.

The Bells' children are Helen and Keith White of St. Paul, Minn., Patty and Bob Hartford of Rockaway, Ore., Sean and Jacquie Bell of Portland, and Jennifer and Tom Marzolf of Henderson, Nev.

Bonds celebrate 50 years together

Eugene and Alice (Wise) Bond of Lakeside celebrated their golden anniversary Sept. 25.

Their six children held a celebration event in their honor at the White Oak Grand Hotel in Kalispell on Aug. 14. The themed party celebrated the many locations that the Bonds have resided the past 50 years. Also in attendance was Alice's 96-year-old father, Al Wise, of Swan Valley.

Their children are Linda Jones of Ronan, Kathleen Richard of Mill Valley, Calif., Barbara Amato of Lake Oswego, Ore., Laura Snell of Vancouver, Wash., Mike Bond of Helena, and Jonathon Bond of Las Vegas. There are 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



EUGENE AND ALICE Bond recently celebrated their golden anniversary.

The Bonds enjoy spending time with their family and are very active in their church, Lakeside Baptist.

Gene's bass singing voice has led to the release of a CD of favorite hymns titled, "The Journey." Alice continues to grow and nurture her beautiful flowers and plants in her Swan Valley garden.

The Bonds also help prepare lunches and deliver food to seniors in need in the Lakeside area.

Breidenbachs celebrate golden anniversary on June 15

Francis and Carol Breidenbach of Whitefish will celebrate their 50th anniversary this month. The couple were married June 15, 1955.

Francis was in the Army and served in the Korean

War. He and Carol met at the University of North Dakota.

They moved to Los Angeles in 1963 where Francis practiced law for almost 40 years.

After spending her childhood summers at Swan Lake,

Carol and Francis had a vacation home there for almost 20 years before moving to Whitefish full-time in the fall of 1999.

The Breidenbachs have

three children, son, Francis "Fritz" Jr., of Los Angeles; daughter, Kelly (Elliot) of New Orleans; and son, Andy, of Seattle; along with 10 grandchildren, ages 3 to 21.

Bucks to mark 50th anniversary

Jack and Dorothy Buck of Lakeside will celebrate their 50th anniversary at a special occasion hosted by their children and grandchildren at 2 p.m., May 14, at the Bohemian Grange Hall, 125 Blanchard Lake Road in Whitefish. Friends and family are invited to attend.

The couple were married May 14, 1955, at the Lakeside Chapel in Lakeside.

Jack and Dorothy met in high school in 1951. Jack proposed to Dorothy on a country road in 1952 while home on leave from the Army. They were engaged for three years and married on May 14, 1955.

Dorothy worked at Lakeside Mercantile from 1951 to 1956, when she gave birth to the first of seven children. She stayed home and raised their children until 1972 when she went to work for Kalispell Regional Hospital until her retirement in 2002 after 29 years.

Jack worked at Safeway in high school then joined the Army from 1952 to 1955. After the Army he went back



JACK AND DOROTHY Buck were married on May 14, 1955 in Lakeside.



A RECEPTION will be held for the Bucks in honor of their golden anniversary next weekend.

to work for Safeway. In 1957 Jack started work in the logging and mill industry until his retirement in 1995.

He then went to work for his son-in-law, Jim Swartzenberger, and has hauled cars for Jim, Butch, and Joe for the past 10 years.

Dorothy enjoys weaving rugs, knitting, crocheting, baking, visiting the Farmers Market and garage-saleing.

Their children are Doug Buck, Vicki Swartzenberger and husband Jim, Ron Buck, Ken Buck, Bob Buck and wife Lyn, and Josie Buck, all of Kalispell, and the late Ruthie Buck who died in 1980.

The Bucks also have 13 grandchildren along with their spouses, seven great-grandchildren, and three grandchildren due this summer.

Cardas mark 50 years together

Albert and Phyllis Carda will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 27, at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Christian Center, 255 Summit Ridge Road, hosted by their children.

The couple were married Aug. 27, 1955, at Pella Lutheran Church in Sidney.

They spent most of their married life in Kalispell. Albert retired from School District 5 in 1994. Both are active members of Eagles Lodge 234.

Albert holds a trustee position at Friendship House, where Phyllis worked and volunteered for many years.

Albert's woodworking talents can be seen in many houses around the valley. Phyllis enjoys entertaining.

Their children are son Keith Carda and wife, Deb-



ALBERT AND PHYLLIS Carda were married on Aug. 27, 1955.



THE CARDAS are celebrating their 50th anniversary with an open house on Aug. 27.

bie, and their children, Jeff, Megan and Blaine, of Dundee, Ore.; and daughter, Renal Lind and husband, David, and their children, Brian and Miranda, of Kalispell.



WALLY AND LUCILLE Fowler were married Feb. 19, 1955 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Fowlers mark 50th anniversary

Wally and Lucille (Maier) Fowler, longtime Kalispell residents, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. They were married Feb. 19, 1955, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Lucille formerly taught at Elrod Elementary School.

Wally worked at the KM until 1964, when he and Lucille became partners in Sportsman Surplus, which later was renamed Sportsman and Ski Haus. They sold their interest in 1969 when they moved to Wenatchee, Wash.

They have two sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Stacy Fowler of Wenatchee, and David and Sherri Fowler of Ogden, Utah; and a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Lee McElvaine of Snohomish, Wash. The couple also has four grandchildren.

Gagners mark 50th anniversary

Darold and Beverly Gagner of Kalispell, formerly of Shelby, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a get-together of family and friends at their home in Kalispell in August, hosted by their children.

The Gagners were married on Oct. 15, 1955, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Shelby, with the Rev. Olaf Borge officiating. They were both born and raised in Shelby and raised their four children there also.

Darold worked for the state of Montana and retired in 1991 after 30 years. Beverly was a stay-at-home mom, but enjoyed part-time work at times. Since Darold retired, they have divided their time between Kalispell and Parker, Ariz.

Darold enjoys working in his yard, while Beverly enjoys

playing cards and crocheting. Both enjoy dancing and time with friends.

Their children are Cindy Meek and son, Mathew, of Shelby, Doug and Phyllis Gagner and children, Holden, McKenna and Adessa of Missoula, Con-

nie and Ray Kojetin of Great Falls, and children, Aaron and Nathan of Shelby, and Jason and Katie of Great Falls, and Darin and Roxann Gagner and children, Jacob and Jordan of Sitka, Alaska. They also have four great-grandsons.



THE GAGNERS in 1955.



THE GAGNERS in 2005.

Garbers celebrate golden anniversary

Ed and Doris Garber celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family gathering.

The couple met in Modesto, Calif., where they were born and raised. They were married Aug. 20, 1955.

Ed worked as a plant manager and rancher. The Garbers have also enjoyed their ministry as pastors and missionaries.

Their children Kurt, Lucinda and Stan believe their parents' greatest accomplishment has been raising them to appreciate their Christian heritage and their deep faith in the Lord which they instilled in them.



ED AND DORIS Garber were married Aug. 20, 1955.

Greaves celebrate golden anniversary

Jack and Betty Greaves of Rollins celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 20 at Lakeside Chapel with a reception hosted by their children.

The couple were married April 5, 1945, at First Congregational Church in Great Falls.

The Greaves have three children, Susan Hubele of Roberts Creek, British Columbia, Cindy Greaves of Great Falls and John Greaves of Rollins.



LEFT: Jack and Betty Greaves were married on April 5, 1945. TOP: They recently celebrated 60 years together.

Jenkins celebrate 50th anniversary



BOB AND BETTY Jenkins were married on July 28, 1955.

Bob and Betty Jenkins of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 23 at a reception and buffet dinner hosted by their children at the Bulldog in the WestCoast Outlaw Hotel.

The Jenkins were married July 23, 1955, at First Baptist Church in Columbia Falls with the Rev. Ralph Werner officiating.

The couple lived for a short time in Marion and Hungry Horse and have resided at their home in Evergreen for 47 years.

Bob served for four years in the United States Navy

during the Korean War. He worked for the aluminum plant in Columbia Falls for 38 years, retiring in 1994.

Betty was a stay-at-home mom and enjoys gardening, canning and sewing. She also worked as a bookkeeper for a few years.

The Jenkins' children are son Tim and Diane and their children, Gina, Kara and Jackson of Federal Way, Wash.; and daughters, Juli and Clint and children, Tasha and Shaun of Kalispell, and Shelley and Kevin and children, Caleb, Jordan and Taryn of Eugene, Ore.

Jensens mark golden anniversary

James and Jacqueline Jensen of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 12 at a family and friends gathering in Spokane.

The Jensens received a 50th anniversary blessing from Monsignor Steiner of St. Mary's Parish, Spokane.

The couple met in Boston while Jim was in the U.S. Navy, stationed in Newport, R.I. They were married June 12, 1955, at St. Joseph's Church, Roxbury, Mass. They moved to Kalispell on July 7, 1955.

Jim, a native of Montana and born in Kalispell, worked in construction, building roads and dams throughout Montana. He retired in 1986 to pursue his second career of wood carving and sculpturing. His artwork is shown in galleries and catalogs. Jim does commission work for private collectors. His works are on display throughout the U.S. Jim is enjoying his retirement years fishing, hunting and woodcarving.

Jackie is a native of Boston. She had two careers, which she loved. The first was being wife and mother of four chil-



JAMES AND Jacqueline Jensen were married on June 12, 1955.



FAMILY AND friends gathered on June 12 to honor the Jensens on their golden anniversary.

dren. She was active in the children's school and sports activities, as a room mother, Girl and Boy Scout Leader, and church teacher.

After 19 years she started her second career with the U.S. Forest Service in Libby, becoming a contract specialist. She retired in 1994 from the Flathead National Forest. She is currently enjoying her retirement camping and traveling and working as a volunteer at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center, and is active

in her church.

Their children are Deborah and Brad Moholt, Bozeman; Cindy Jensen, Libby; Laura and William Cole, Veradale, Wash.; and James and Vonnie Jensen, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They also have 15 grandchildren and are expecting their first great-grandchild in August.

The Jensens with their children and spouses will formally celebrate their 50th anniversary on a cruise to Alaska next month.

Johnsons celebrate golden anniversary

Ralph and Joanne Johnson of Columbia Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary July 29 with an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Friends and family are welcome.

The Johnsons were married Nov. 22, 1954, in Salt Lake City. They resided in Billings until 1956 when they moved to Plentywood. After five years of teaching and coaching there, they moved to Columbia Falls where they continue to reside.

Their four children are Todd and his wife, Janice, of Ephrata, Wash., Cory of Stevensville, Kyle and his wife, Mary, of Columbia Falls, and Paige and her



RALPH AND JOANNE Johnson are marking 50 years of marriage with an open house on July 29.

husband, Joel, of Broomfield, Colo.

The Johnsons also have 13 grandchildren.

Kofords celebrate 70th anniversary

Vic and Gladys Koford of Kalispell will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 2, at Prestige Assisted Living in Kalispell, 125 Glenwood Drive. Their daughter, along with Prestige, will host a coffee and cake open house event from 1 to 3 p.m.

The couple were married June, 28, 1935, in Polson.

Gladys Marie Soderstrom was born in Camas Prairie on May 12, 1918, and moved to Kalispell as a young girl.

Carl Victor Koford was born in Kalispell on Dec. 28, 1909, and lived in Kalispell all his life. His parents homesteaded by the Flathead Mine.

The couple met at the Dance Pavilion at Foy's Lake.

Gladys worked in retailing at Montgomery Ward & Company and F.A. Buttrey Company. She retired in 1975 when Vic retired and they traveled in the southwestern United States every winter for almost 15 years.

As a young man, Vic worked for the Park Service in Glacier National Park. He was one of the workers on the completion of the Going-to-the-Sun Road. He worked for Kalispell Lumber Company, Stoltz Lumber Company, Rocky Mountain Lumber Company, and Louisiana Pacific. He also taught lumber



VIC AND GLADYS Koford were married on June 28, 1935, in Polson.

grading for the Manpower Development and Training Administration.

In 1975, Vic retired after working 41 years in the lumber business.

All of Vic's brothers were jewelers. Oscar and Paul operated Koford Jewelry Store in Kalispell for many years. Paul Koford was a jeweler in Richland, Wash., and Missoula.

Vic was also active in the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union which was chartered as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. He served as secretary and president of Local No. 2773 of the L.S.W. for several years and then as



AN OPEN HOUSE will be held in honor of the Kofords on July 2 in Kalispell.

president of the State Council of L.S.W. for one year. In 1988, after 50 years of membership, he was granted a lifetime membership in the Brotherhood of Carpenters.

The Kofords have been very active in the Epworth United Methodist Church and the old Scandinavian Methodist Church that used to be on the west side of Kalispell.

Vic and Gladys had three children. Donald and Ronald Koford are deceased. They have one daughter, JoAnn Koford Paullin, living in Kalispell. They also have four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The grandchildren are Kimberly Paullin Edinger and family of Newman Lake, Wash.; Angela Paullin of Huntington Beach Calif.; Jeff Koford and family of Seal Beach, Calif.; and Kevin Koford and family of Gresham, Ore.

Larsons mark golden anniversary

Bev and Duane Larson of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 25, at Northridge Lutheran Church, 323 Northridge Drive in Kalispell. Their children will host a coffee and dessert open house event from 2 to 5 p.m.

The couple were married June 28, 1955, at the Methodist church in Athol, Idaho. They moved to Kalispell that year.

Duane retired from the Kalispell Fire Department after 22 years of dedicated service, and now serves as a Kalispell city council member.

Bev retired from the Montana state appraisal office after 14 years and has worked at Northridge Lutheran Church for the last 14 years.

Their children are sons, Darrell Larson, and family of



Cheney, Wash., and Tim Larson, and family of Kalispell; and daughter, Kelly Peters, and family of Kalispell.



LEFT: Bev and Duane Larson were married on June 28, 1955 in Idaho. TOP: The Larsons will celebrate their golden anniversary on June 25.

Ludwigs celebrate golden anniversary

The children of Bill and Marilyn Ludwig of Kalispell hosted a celebration for their parents' 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends gathering for an open house on Sunday, June 26, at the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church.

The celebration was followed by a three-day family gathering at a cabin located at the head of Lake McDonald in Glacier Park.

The Ludwigs met in River Forest, Ill., at Concordia Teachers' College near Chicago in 1954. Marilyn was attending summer sessions and Bill had summer employment at Del Monte in Rochelle, Ill.

They were married one year later, June 18, 1955, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, Kan. The pastors officiating were the Rev. Arlen Bruns and Bill's father, the Rev. Martin Ludwig.

Their professions as Lutheran teachers led them to serve in Kalispell, where Bill was principal of Trinity Lutheran School from 1961 until 1993, and Marilyn was kindergarten teacher for 34 years. Bill has also been administrator for Trinity Lutheran Camp for 42 years.

All four of Ludwig's children attended the anniversary celebration. They are Douglas Ludwig and friend, Evelyn Preis, and her children, Theresa and Tim, of Vienna, Austria; Scott and Carol Ludwig and children, Nathaniel and Hannah, of Marysville, Wash.;



BILL AND MARILYN Ludwig were married on June 18, 1955 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, Kan.

Brenda and Greg Bradford and daughters, Shayla and Layna, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Brent Ludwig, Kalispell. Bill's brother, Delton Ludwig, and his wife, Janet, also attended from Billings.

Highlights in the Ludwigs' life have been the love of family; beautiful grandchildren; a love for their church family and their faith in Jesus Christ; serving as tour hosts to the Holy Land; and Bill receiving a Distinguished Principal's Award in Washington D.C., in 1989.

Macals celebrate 50th anniversary

Duane and Arleen Macal of Columbia Falls recently marked their golden anniversary.

The Macals were married on Feb. 6, 1955, in Frazee, Minn.

The couple moved to Columbia Falls in April of 1972.

The have six children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild: Sandy and Kevin Gracey of Des Moines, Iowa, and their children, Dawn Savage and son, Korbin, of Des Moines, and Sarah and husband, Jason Quick of Chicago; Diane and Dale Farnes and their children, Joseph Alexander and Kayla Nelson, of Kalispell; sons, Jim and Jeff Macal, both of Columbia Falls, Rob Macal of Jackson, Wyo., and Russ and wife, Barb Macal, and sons, Tanner and Justin, of Corvallis, Ore.

A July reunion celebration is planned.



DUANE AND ARLEEN Macal were married on Feb. 6, 1955.



THE MACALS plan an anniversary celebration in July.

McKean mark 50 years of marriage

Shirley and Les McKean of Columbia Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12 by worshipping at Eidsvold Lutheran Church of Somers, where they were married. They were accompanied by their daughter, Karen Updike, and her husband, Greg, and two longtime friends from Kentucky, Frank and Sharon Norberg.

After a brunch at the Somers Bay Cafe they visited the original Eidsvold church



SHIRLEY AND LES McKean were married June 12, 1955.

on U.S. 93 where they were married on June 12, 1955.

A celebration with family and friends is planned in August at the family cabin on Bull Lake near Troy.

McManuses mark golden anniversary

Hugh and Norma McManus celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, Feb. 19.

They enjoyed dinner and conversation and a video prepared by their son, Denny McManus.

Those present were three of four sons, Dick and wife Virginia, Jack and wife Jan, and Denny and wife Rita. Their youngest son, Allen, and his wife, Elaine, were unable to attend due to their flight being canceled at the last minute. The honored couple also enjoyed the company of 10 of their 12 grandchildren and their families, which included 19 of 21 great-grandchildren.

Hugh's sister, Carol Warnes, and brother, Dell



HUGH AND NORMA McManus were married on Feb. 18, 1955.

McManus, and Norma's sister, Lyla Kammerdiener, were also in attendance, along with



THE MCMANUSES celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family party.

nieces and nephews. Hugh and Norma were married Feb. 18, 1955.

Paces to celebrate 50 years of marriage

Billy and Jean Pace of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today, July 31, at a barbecue from noon to 3 p.m. at Woodland Park Pavilion hosted by their children.

The Paces were married June 20, 1955, in Albuquerque, N.M.

They lived in Boise, Idaho, and Martinez, Calif., before retiring to the Flathead Valley 21 years ago.

Bill worked in the security department at Semitool for several years.

The couple enjoy their horses, gardening and Cowboy Church, as well as the love for their family and friends.

Their children are Debbie Childers and husband Michael, and their daughters, Shannon Gurgens and husband Erin and son Tyler, and Kristen Lentz and hus-



BILLY AND Jean Pace were married June 20, 1955.

band Clint, all of Colorado; Terry Pace and wife Celeste, and their daughters, Julie, Michelle and Rebecca, all of Kalispell; and Tammy Pace and boyfriend Bobby and daughters, Molly, Amanda and Wiley, all of Longmont, Colo.

Persingers celebrate golden anniversary



WES AND ELAINE Persinger were married Dec. 17, 1954.



THE PERSINGERS recently had a 50th anniversary celebration.

Wes and Elaine Persinger recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The couple were married Dec. 17, 1954, in Burns, Ore.

They have four children, Brent, Gary, Scott and Cindy; 11 grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

The Persingers reside in Columbia Falls.

Remingtons celebrate golden anniversary

Harley and Jean Remington of Somers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Lakeside Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The Remingtons were married March 8, 1955, at the Idaho Falls Temple. They have resided in Somers for the last 42 years.

They were blessed with seven children, Ronda and her

husband, Wade, of Kalispell, Chad and his wife, Lynn, of San Ramon, Calif., Charlie and his wife, Nyla, of Mesa, Ariz., Karla and her husband, Mark, and Randal and his wife, Cyndi, all of Somers, Gena and her husband, Greg, of Farmington, Utah, and Josh and his wife, Angi, of Baumholder, Germany.

The Remingtons also have 32 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



HARLEY AND Jean Remington of Somers were married on March 8, 1955.

Robinses celebrate golden anniversary

Gerald and Shirley Robins of Libby are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

In 1953, Gerald lived in Trout Creek on one end of Sanders County. Shirley lived in Hot Springs on the other end of the county. But it took a trip all the way across the country for them to meet.

They both attended an international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses and met in New Jersey. After returning, Gerald moved to Rexford and starting working for J. Neils in August of 1954.

In the meantime, Shirley's family had moved to Eureka. The couple were married on Feb. 10, 1955, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

In 1956, they moved to Libby where they raised their four children; Mike Robins of Wallkill, N.Y., Lori Sessums of Libby, Linda Johnson of Wenatchee, Wash., and Todd



GERALD AND SHIRLEY Robins were married on Feb. 10, 1955.



THE ROBINSES are celebrating 50 years of marriage on Feb. 12 in Libby.

Robins of Libby.

Gerald continued to work for J. Neils, St. Regis, and Champion — a total of 39 years before retiring in 1993.

Both of their lives have been centered around being Jehovah's Witnesses.

Shirley has spent the last 30 years in the full-time ministry.

The couple will celebrate their anniversary with family and friends at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Venture Inn in Libby.

Shirtliffs celebrate 60 years together



JIM AND MAE ROSE Shirtliff recently marked their 60th anniversary.

Jim and Mae Rose (Larson) Shirtliff celebrated 60 years of marriage on April 29.

Both Jim and Mae worked for many years at the But-trey's store in Havre; Jim in the furniture department and Mae in the food department.

Later they moved to Kalip-sell where Jim worked at the furniture store owned by But-trey's and then the Hillstead's furniture store until retiring. Mae worked at Rosaur's store in Kalispell until she retired.

Both still enjoy cruising in

their boat in Flathead Lake.

Jim enjoys fixing and build-ing things and Mae sings in her church and with other community groups.

Their children are James B. Shirtliff and his wife, Christina, of Kalispell; Carol Bailey and her husband, How-ard, of Havre; and Tina Rae Jackson of Canada and her late husband, William.

Those who wish to corre-spond with the Shirtliffs may write to them at 1245 Sixth Avenue E. Kalispell, MT 59901.

Steensons mark golden anniversary

Jim and Ruth Steenson of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 29 with a blessing of their marriage at St. Matthew's Church, and a dinner celebration with family and friends at the Bigfork Inn.

The couple were married Oct. 29, 1955, at Sacred Heart Church in Aberdeen, S.D.

Their children are a son, Steven Steenson and wife, Diane, and their children, Lindsey, Tyler and Lacey, of Great Falls; and a daughter, Sheryl Burlingham and husband, Ralph, and their children Briana and Janessa, of Riverton, Wyo.



JIM AND RUTH Steenson were married on Oct. 29, 1955.



THE STEENSONS celebrated 50 years of marriage with a dinner for friends and family.

Former Lakeside couple celebrate 50 years

Kenneth L. Welch and Ardyth Lee (Neville) Welch, formerly of Lakeside, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with a surprise dinner and party at the Desert Skies Resort in Mesquite, Nev., where they now reside, followed by a trip to the Grand Canyon.

The couple were married Sept. 25, 1955, in Superior.

Kenneth was a lumber grader at C.G. Bennett Lumber Co., in St. Regis where the couple made their home.

After 25 years as a lumber inspector for Western Wood Products Association, he retired and then started his own lumber consulting firm, while living in Lakeside where they resided for nearly 20 years, before retiring to the Southwest.

Ardyth was born and raised in Superior. She is a retired surgical technician, and was also a real estate agent for



KENNETH AND Ardyth Welch were married Sept. 25, 1955.

many years in Missoula, prior to moving to Flathead Lake.

Their children are sons, Ken Welch, Jr., and Robin, of Kalispell, John Welch of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Dan Welch and Kim of Fairbanks, Alaska; and daughter, Tami Crow, of Spokane.

The Welchses have four grandchildren, Samantha, Mathew, Jason, Brenna and Marin.



THE WELCHES, formerly of Lakeside, celebrated with a surprise dinner and party in Nevada.

Westbergs celebrate golden anniversary

Robert and Nancy Westberg of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 18 at an event hosted by their daughters.

Their daughter Britt La Gatta, of Corte Madera, Calif., and their good friends, Jon and Diane Ruben of San Francisco, came in to Kalispell to surprise the Westbergs, who were married June 18, 1955, in Centralia, Wash.

Robert was a judicial clerk on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, until the couple moved to the San Francisco Bay area where he joined the law firm Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro, ultimately arguing cases in the Supreme Courts of the



ROBERT AND NANCY Westberg were married June 18, 1955.

United States, California and Nevada.

Nancy had worked in the United States Senate for Washington Senator Warren



THE WESTBERGS celebrated 50 years of marriage on Saturday.

Magnuson and for Tennessee Senator Estes Kefauver. She later worked as a social worker in Seattle, and volunteered

for the United Way and many other nonprofit organizations and hospitals.

The Westbergs moved to Kalispell in 2000. Nancy is active with the Flathead Democratic Women and the Guild of the Hockaday Museum. Robert volunteers at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

The couple have three daughters, Britt and husband, Louis La Gatta, and their children Robert and Stephen, Jennifer Li and Nicholas Oberling, and their children, Christopher and Harry, of Kalispell, and Catherine Westberg and her children, Alexandra, Jacob and Elijah Issacharoff, all of Kila.

Wolfs celebrate 60th anniversary

Leonard and Grace Wolf of Kalispell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 22 at a gathering at their home hosted by their daughter, Joyce Sanders, and granddaughters, Heidi Wolf and Donita Richardson, all of Columbia Falls. Their son, David Wolf of Polson, helped with the barbecuing.

The couple were married May 21, 1945, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Longtime residents of Kalispell, the Wolfs farmed for nearly 60 years in the valley.

Leonard served with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He also worked for the City of Kalispell with the police and sign departments, and retired after 20 years as a street



GRACE AND LEONARD Wolf were married on May 21, 1945 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

sweeper.

Grace was a welder during the war and then a homemaker. She raised pigs, chicken,



A GATHERING in May was held in honor of the Wolfs' 60th anniversary.

sheep and cattle on the family farm.

The couple now enjoy fishing and hunting.

The Wolfs have 10 grandchildren in all, and four great-grandchildren.