

Pierces mark golden anniversary

Ron and Carol Pierce of Bigfork celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23 at Crossroads Christian Fellowship in Bigfork.

The occasion was hosted and highlighted by a video presentation with music put together by their children, along with anniversary cake and finger food.

They were married Nov. 22, 1957, at the Little Brown Church in Bigfork.

Both native Montanans, they became sweethearts when Ron was in high school and Carol was in junior high school.

They started and pastored the Swan Chapel in Swan Lake for 29 years.

Ron has been chaplain with the Montana Department of Corrections for the last 32 years, and Carol taught piano lessons for 20 years. The couple also has a music ministry.

Others attending celebra-



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THE PIERCES celebrated their 50th anniversary with a celebration on Nov. 23.

tion were their nephew and wife, Russ and Judy Waring from Great Falls, Bud, Julie, Rebecca and Sara Ireland from Arcadia, Calif., and their wedding attendants, best man, George Vinson, of Thompson Falls, ringbearer, Jim Holman, of Bigfork, and flower girl, Laura Anxiaux, of Polson.

Their children are Ronda and Mark Kingstad of Beaverton, Ore., Shari and Kevin Mohl of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Jim Bob and Serena Pierce of Bigfork.

They have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All were in attendance.

Roecks celebrate 50th anniversary

Carl and Charlene Roecks of Bigfork celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with an outdoor dinner party for friends and family on Aug. 26 at their lake home, hosted by their children.

The couple was married Sept. 8, 1957, at the Opportunity Presbyterian Church in the Spokane Valley.

Charlene was born in Great Falls and raised in Montana through eighth grade, then moved to the Spokane Valley.

The couple met at a Grange dance at Moran Prairie, south of Spokane, on Charlene's 18th birthday.

Carl graduated from Gonzaga University in engineering. His job took the couple to several cities throughout the United States. He founded a successful electronic company in southern California.

The Roecks have three children, Curtis Roecks of Oceanside, Calif., and two grandchildren, Briana and Andy Roecks; Carlyn and



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THE ROECKS celebrated their anniversary with friends and family.

Don Canady of Aurora, Colo., and two granddaughters, Donelle and Alyssa Canady; and Craig Roecks and wife Donna, of Henderson, Nev.

The Roecks purchased their lake home for their 25th wedding anniversary and have been summer

residents, living part-time in the Flathead and in the San Diego area for the past 25 years.

As a gift from their children, Carl and Charlene also celebrated their 50th anniversary with dinner and an overnight stay and at the Belton Chalet recently.

Schotts mark golden anniversary

Ray and Betty (Sanders) Schott of Columbia Falls celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 30. The couple were married March 30, 1957, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

Ray was born and raised in South Dakota. He worked across the country as a power lineman for 38 years and retired from Harpline Construction.

Betty was born in Havre and raised in Lewistown and Kalispell, graduating from Flathead County High School.

Their children are Wanita Schott of Kalispell, and Wade and wife, Barb, Schott, of Bigfork.



Ray and Betty Schott were married March 30, 1957.



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Shirliffs celebrate golden anniversary

Bob and Helen Shirliff celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 22. The couple were married June 22, 1957, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Bob served in the Army in the Korean War from 1952 to 1955, where he was awarded a Purple Heart. He and Helen met in 1955 after he returned from the war.

Bob worked at the Columbia Falls Aluminum plant from 1955 until 1992.

Helen worked at the telephone office until 1990.

The Shirliffs have two sons. Rob lives in Lakeside and Bryan lives in Pennsylvania. They also have four grandchildren.



BOB AND HELEN Shirliff were married on June 22, 1957.



THE SHIRTLIFFS recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Sinjems mark 50 years of marriage

Fon Eloise (Leavitt) Sinjem and Douglas Lawrence Sinjem of Bigfork celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 27.

The couple exchanged wedding vows in Whittier, Calif., at St. Gregory the Great on April 27, 1957. A reception with 125 guests attending was held after the ceremony in the church's reception hall.

Douglas was born in Brookings, S.D. and Fon in Los Angeles. He was employed by E.J. Stricker as a carpenter. Fon chose to be

a stay-at-home mom.

The couple was blessed with four children, Robin, Shawneen, Beth and Douglas Jr.; seven grandsons and three granddaughters.

Their children and grandchildren are treating them to a Land and Sea Cruise to Alaska in July.

The Sinjems began vacationing in Bigfork in 1968. They now reside in Bigfork permanently and are currently nurturing Sinjem Cherry Orchard on the East Shore.



FON AND Douglas Sinjem were married on April 27, 1957 in Whittier, Calif.

Sullivans mark 50th anniversary

Bob and Carol Sullivan are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They were married on Oct. 11, 1957, at the Alameda Methodist Church, Denver.

They made their first home in Denver, then spent a few years in Oklahoma until returning to Denver.

In 1977, they moved to their Montana cherry orchard in Yellow Bay where they spent nearly 30 years living on the east shore of Flathead Lake. They now make their home in Kalispell.

Bob was a painter for many years, beginning in Denver and continuing in the Bigfork area. He retired in 2004.

Shortly after coming to Montana, Carol started selling real estate with Bigfork Realty. She has been a broker with Coldwell Banker Wachholz & Co. for many



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years, first in the Bigfork office and recently transferring to the main office in Kalispell.

The Sullivans have four children and four grandchildren: Gina, her husband, Jerry Taylor, and their two daughters, Amanda and

Megan, live in Bonney Lake, Wash.; their son, Rob, also lives in that same area; Shelley and husband, Duane Brown, live in Moore; and Tracey resides in the Denver area near her children, Danielle, and Shawn and wife, Julie.

Taylor's celebrate 60 years together

Don and Leona Taylor of Bigfork celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a surprise event held this past Mother's Day at the Issac Walton in Essex.

The couple were married June 22, 1947, in Walla Walla, Wash. After the reception, they traveled to Spokane and spent their wedding night at the Davenport Hotel, as did Leona's father and mother, Georgia and William Kann, on June 24, 1919.

The Taylors had kept their original hotel invoice and submitted it to the Davenport Hotel, asking if they could again reserve a room for the same price as in 1947. They received a



A SURPRISE celebration was held to honor Don and Leona Taylor on their 60th anniversary.

gracious response that the hotel management would be

happy to honor them with a room for \$8 (except this year they would have to pay the current sales taxes.) The hotel offered them a beautiful suite on the 14th floor.

The Taylors have lived in the Bigfork area for 45 years.

They have three children, daughter, Marsha, and husband John Voelker, and grandson, Jason and his wife Melissa, and great-granddaughter, Kinsey, all of Columbia Falls, and grandson, Ryan Voelker, of West Glacier; daughter, Merridy Taylor, of Butte; and son, Kirt, and his wife Lynn, and grandchildren, Luke, Jenna, Jessica and Scott, all of Bigfork.

Triols celebrate 50th anniversary

Calvin W. and Jean Hand Triol celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 6. Their children and extended family honored them as they gathered for a day of picnicking and evening buffet in St. Petersburg, Fla. The couple then took a five-day cruise in the western Caribbean.

The couple met as college students at Antioch University in Ohio, then married in Arlington, Va., during a work-study interval. They continued their studies at Montana State University in Missoula where their first two children were born.

Cal spent most of his career as a research associate at Colgate Palmolive in Piscataway, N.J.

Jean worked in laboratory medicine as a cytotechnologist.

They returned to Montana



CALVIN AND JEAN Hand Triol were married in Arlington, Va.

in 1990 after their four children were raised and educated, and currently reside in Kalispell. They have six surviving grandchildren.

Their children are Bob and Linda Triol of Camarillo, Calif., Jeannie Triol and Jack McLain of Maricopa,



THE TRIOLS celebrated their golden anniversary with an extended family gathering in Florida.

Ariz., Warren and Terry Triol of St. Petersburg, and Nancy Triol and Gavin Hollan of Allentown, Pa.

Vogts celebrate 50 years together

Bill and Jean Vogt of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary at a family dinner hosted by their children. The couple were married Dec. 27, 1956, in Lemmon, S.D.

Bill and Jean met at Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. Bill was a teacher and administrator in South Dakota before moving to Kalispell in 1967. He was principal at Flathead High School at the

time of his retirement in 1993.

Jean taught third grade her first year of marriage and then became a homemaker.

The couple have four children who all reside in Kalispell, daughter, Kim Blodnick and husband, Mick, and granddaughter, Beth, and grandson, Freddie; son, Steve, and wife, Tina, and granddaughter, Brooke; son, Rob, and son, Clark.



BILL AND Jean Vogt of Kalispell were honored on their 50th anniversary with a family dinner.

Wilson celebrate golden anniversary

Richard and Beverly (Waters) Wilson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27, 2006.

They were honored by their sons and families at a reception held at the Conrad Mansion.

Their sons are Charlie Wilson of Kalispell; Mike Wilson, wife Marcie, and granddaughters, Jayci and Callie Wilson of Springdale, Ark.; Dan Wilson, wife Tia Robbin, and granddaughter Liv Wilson of Kalispell; and Kirk Wilson, wife Michele, and granddaughter Erin King of Sacramento, Calif.

Special guests were Coleen Kron Banderob, a bridesmaid, and husband, Bob, of Darby; and Beverly's mother, Bessie Mae Waters, of Malta.

Beverly was born in Mis-soula and Richard was born in Havre.

The couple were married Dec. 27, 1956, at the Little White Church in Malta where they both were raised. They both were stu-



RICHARD AND BEVERLY Wilson were married on Dec. 27, 1956.



THE WILSONS were honored recently with a reception at the Conrad Mansion in Kalispell on their 50th anniversary.

dents at Montana State University at the time.

Richard was a professor at Penn State University and Beverly a homemaker. After

his retirement, the Wilsons moved in December 1998 from State College, Pa., to their cherry orchard in Yellow Bay.

Youngs mark golden anniversary

Glenn and Judy Young of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th anniversary with them at an open house event hosted by their children, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 12 at Faith Alliance Church, 346 Second Ave. W., in Kalispell.

The couple met while in band at Roseburg High School. They were married July 12, 1957, at North Roseburg Church in Roseburg, Ore.

Glenn is a former teacher for the Flathead rural school system and also a builder. In 1969, the Youngs entered a contest with the downtown Kalispell merchants and the Daily Inter Lake, and won a free trip to Hawaii. While there, they were invited to travel to Japan to help build two churches. They spent the next four years there, where Glenn also taught English and Judy gave pri-



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AN OPEN HOUSE will be held for the Youngs to mark their 50th anniversary on July 12.

vate English lessons.

Glenn has been a substitute teacher at Kalispell Junior High School and Flathead High School for the last seven years.

Judy is a full-time homemaker, raising the couple's

three sons.

Their children are Dan and Debbie of Kalispell, Dave and Marilyn of Fort Worth, Texas, and Tim and Dottie of Wabash, Ind.

The Youngs also have 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.