

Millers celebrate 50th anniversary

Bob and Linda Miller of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today, Nov. 22, with family and friends in Yuma, Ariz. The event is being hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Bobbi Jo and Jon Rettmann of Spokane.

Their family would like to announce a card shower for the honored couple. Cards may be mailed to 176 Dern Road,

Kalispell, MT 59901.

The couple were married Nov. 22, 1959, at the Methodist church in Ruthven, Iowa.

Bob is retired from the John Deere Dealership, Triple W Equipment, in Kalispell.

Linda is retired from the Montana Department of Transportation in Kalispell.

They enjoy traveling, fishing, woodworking, hiking and cribbage.



BOB AND Linda Miller are marking their golden anniversary with an event in Yuma, Ariz.

Montgomerys celebrate 50th

Richard and RoseAnn Montgomery of Bigfork celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 27. They were guests of their children and grandchildren on a cruise to Alaska.

They met in Glacier National Park where both worked during their college years.

The couple have two sons, Vince and his wife, Niki, of Woodbury, Minn., and Paul and his wife, Orpha, of Helena. The couple have five grandchildren.



RICHARD AND RoseAnn Montgomery met in Glacier National Park.



THE MONTGOMERYS were treated to an Alaskan cruise to mark their golden anniversary.

Moons celebrate 50 years

Edley and Joyce Moon of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Foys Lake Community Center. The event is being hosted by their children.

The couple were married Aug. 7, 1959, at Evergreen Alliance Church in Kalispell.

Joyce grew up in Lambert. Edley was born and raised in Kalispell. They met on a blind date set up by their friends Melvin and Joanne Oftedahll.

Edley owned and operated a logging truck for 42 years. He also raised beef cattle on the ranch where he grew up and where they still live. Joyce was a stay-at-home mom and helped with the haying and other ranch work.

Their children are Kari and Mike Arno of Homer, Alaska, and Kendra Amundson, Kristen and Dave Turner, Jeff and Toni Moon, and Jerrold and Karen Moon, all of Kalispell.

They have 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



EDLEY AND Joyce Moon were married Aug. 7, 1959.



THE COUPLE will celebrate with an open house on Aug. 2.

Olsons celebrate their 60th

Ray and Sylvia Olson of Kalispell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a family gathering at Fairmont Hot Springs the weekend of Nov. 21 and 22.

The couple were married Nov. 25, 1948, in Kalispell at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They met on a blind date on Halloween and were married a year later.

Sylvia was born in Wilton, N.D. After her family moved to Montana, she attended Kalispell schools, graduating from Flathead County High School. After graduation, she worked at Conrad Bank and later kept books for Olson Trucking.

Ray was born in Kalispell, also graduating from Flathead County High School. He was



RAY AND Sylvia Olson were married Nov. 25, 1948.



A FAMILY gathering was held to commemorate the Olsons' 60th anniversary.

employed at Valley Oil, as well as owned and operated the tanker trucking business for the company. He later worked for the County Road Department until his retirement. After retiring, they spent win-

ters in Arizona, enjoying the sunshine.

Their children are Diane Torgerson of Kalispell, and Mark and his wife, Juli Olson, of Billings. They have three grandchildren.



GEORGE AND Barb Parrish were married Aug. 31, 1959.

Parrishes mark 50 years of marriage

George and Barb Parrish of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 29 at a family dinner hosted by their daughters, Vicki and Laurie. They were married Aug. 31, 1959, in Kalispell, after dating for two weeks.

Their children are Dolly of Idaho, Bill, Laurie and Vicki of Kalispell, and Jerry and Lewis of Missoula.

They have 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Golden anniversary for Perkins

Jim and Sharon Perkins will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house on Sunday, Sept. 27, at Family Life Christian Church, 1075 Foys Lake Road, in Kalispell.

Jim Perkins and Sharon Lee Berry were married Oct. 3, 1959, in Oregon City, Ore.

Jim worked as an offset pressman for 39 years at various print shops in Portland, before retiring to Kalispell.

Sharon worked as a legal secretary/assistant and later as probate coordinator for the Judicial Department of the State of Oregon.

Jim enjoys woodwork-

ing, hunting and fishing, and is a handyman for several people and his church. Sharon enjoys spending time with the grandchildren, gardening, singing and being active in their church. They enjoy traveling to visit with family.

They will be traveling to two of their favorite spots, the Oregon coast and then to Branson, Mo., to celebrate their anniversary.

Their children are Mark Perkins of Beaver-creek, Ore., Tim Perkins of Molalla, Ore., Julie Huff of Winnett, and Sandra Garrett of Darby. They have 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



JIM AND Sharon Perkins will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Sept. 27 in Kalispell.

Petersons mark 50th anniversary

Kenneth Peterson and Sharron Kinney Peterson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 2 p.m. Sept. 19 at the church in which they were married, the First Church of God Community Center in Eureka. The occasion is being hosted by their children and their families, along with friends.

The couple were married Sept. 22, 1959. They were both raised in Eureka and have lived there all their lives.

Ken worked as a logger and farmed, selling milk from their cows. Since 1985, he was a self-employed heavy equipment operator, and though retired, still does some road jobs and keeps busy in his shop.

Sharron worked part-time through the years while raising their four sons. She is still active in their church with Bible studies and prayer groups. She is also an avid horseback rider.

The couple enjoy hunting, fishing, camping and picnicking with their family and friends. They have also traveled with



KENNETH AND Sharron Peterson were married Sept. 22, 1959.



A CELEBRATION of the Petersons' golden anniversary is Sept. 19 in Eureka.

their grandchildren to the Washington coast and Alaska, fishing, and putting out crab and shrimp pots.

Their children are Raymond and wife Debbie of

Eureka, Randy and wife Val of Laurel, Ricky and wife Lisa of Eureka, and Rocky and wife Lily of Eureka.

They have 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Petersons mark 50th anniversary

Larry and Sue Peterson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at a dinner at the home of Alan and Lynae West.

They were married at the United Methodist Church in 1959 in the small town of Ponca, Neb. They had been friends since 1945 when entering first grade together, forming a close friendship over 64 years. They attended classes together from first grade (Larry's mother was their second and third-grade teacher) through high school at Ponca and in college at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, S.D.

After college, wanting to live somewhere in the mountains, they moved to Colorado and then to Jackson Hole, Wyo., where Larry began his 35-year career in fishery biology. Besides living in the states of Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota while going to school, they also lived in



LARRY AND Sue Peterson were married in 1959 in Nebraska.



THE PETERSONS commemorated their golden anniversary with a dinner celebration.

Colorado, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Utah, Alaska and Montana for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

They were transferred from Utah to Kalispell in 1968. In 1984, they were sent to Alaska and retired after 11 years there. They returned to Kalispell in 1995 to a home they built where their cabin had been at Foy's Lake.

They enjoy traveling in their pick up and fifth-wheel trailer and have

visited 44 states, as well as Canada, Mexico and the Polynesian islands.

The Petersons have two children and their mates, son, Layne Peterson, and his friend, Kerry, of Vancouver, Wash.; and daughter, Lynae, and her husband, Alan West, with sons, Ethan, Garth and Eric of Kalispell; and four granddaughters, Amanda Peterson of Kentucky, and Julee, Megan and Jaimee Peterson of Ohio.

Popas celebrate 60th anniversary

Lucretia and John Popa celebrated their 60th anniversary with a surprise family reunion and dinner June 12 at the Back Room Restaurant in Columbia Falls. They came to their favorite dining spot to find their four children, Laura, Annette, Joanne and John, and their four spouses, and all of their grandchildren waiting to cheer them on.

Lucretia "Lucy" and John were married June 12, 1949, in Youngstown, Ohio. In 1955, they moved to Columbia Falls where John worked until his retirement at the Anacanda Aluminum/ARCO Plant.

While raising their children Lucy also worked 13 years for Dr. Robert Cotner D.D.S., as his office



LUCRETIA AND John Popa were married June 12, 1949.

secretary.

Lucy and John still happily reside in Columbia Falls.

Their children are Bill and Laura Bishop of Billings, Bob and Annette Bjelland of Lewistown,



THE POPAS celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 12 with a family reunion and dinner.

Tom and Joanne Lindlof of Nicholasville, Ky., and John and Jan Popa Jr., of Great Falls.

Their grandchildren are Anna Bishop, John Bishop, Elissa (Bjelland) and Jon Oman, Kari Bjelland, Joanna (Lindlof) and Bryan Pearson, Shea Popa-Wood, Matt Popa and Drew Popa.

Ramlovs mark 60th anniversary

Russ and Mary Ellen Ramlow of Whitefish recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple were married Oct. 16, 1949, in Whitefish.

They met when Russ was driving home from an early morning duck hunt. There was ice on the road and he ran into Mary Ellen's car.

Together they owned and operated the Coast to Coast Hardware Store in Whitefish for many years. They remain active in the Whitefish Church of the Nazarene.

Russ is also active with volunteer committees at the Whitefish Credit Union.

Their children are Joan and Ed Pemble of Caldwell, Idaho, Jim and Alma Ramlow of Whitefish, and son-in-law, Greg Neer, of Pella, Iowa. They have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



RUSS AND Mary Ellen Ramlow were married on Oct. 16, 1949.



THE RAMLOWS recently celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Rasmussens celebrate 50th

Arlee and Hazel (McWhorter) Rasmussen of Beaverton, Ore., formerly of the Flathead Valley, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house, from 2 to 6 p.m. Sept. 26, at 142 North Pine St., in Whitefish. The event is being hosted by their children.

The Rasmussens were married in Kalispell at the Church of Latter-day Saints church. They have lived in and out of the valley throughout the years. They ran Standard Safety Service on Main Street in the '70s, then attended college in the '80s, both earning Bachelor of Arts degrees.



AN OPEN house will be held for Arlee and Hazel Rasmussen on Sept. 25 in Whitefish.

They moved to Hawaii for four years to be near

their youngest daughter and grandchildren, and are currently in Beaverton near their son and other daughter and grandchildren.

Hazel is currently a medical records manager at a brain rehabilitation clinic, and Arlee has recently concluded one business endeavor and is contemplating the next.

Their children are Darcy and Christian McCarthy, Tara Wahl, Wade Rasmussen, and Tavia and Scott Barr.

They have 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Redingers celebrate 60 years together

Robert "Bob" and Dorothy Redinger of Kalispell, along with their family, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 25.

They were married at St. Anne's Church in Spokane on Nov. 8, 1949. They met while Dorothy attended the Sacred Heart School of Nursing and Bob worked at Kaiser Aluminum. In 1950, during construction of the Columbia Falls Anaconda Aluminum Company plant, they moved their growing family to Columbia Falls. They eventually moved to Kalispell where they raised eight children.

After short relocations to Kentucky, Illinois and California, Bob and Doro-



BOB AND Dorothy Redinger were married Nov. 8, 1949.



A REUNION will be held in Kalispell to celebrate the Redingers' 60th anniversary.

thy returned to the Flathead Valley to retire.

The Redingers have long been active members of various community and church organizations where they have contrib-

uted countless volunteer hours. Bob remains active with the local Toys for Tots campaign, building children's toys, and the AARP Driver's Safety program as an instruc-

tor. Dorothy still uses her nursing skills, teaching CPR to Kalispell middle school students.

This month the entire family will reunite in Kalispell to celebrate their 60-year union.

Their children are Pat Redinger of Kalispell, Lori and husband Grant Hall of New Orleans, Joe and wife Debra of Kalispell, Larry of Houston, Joan Lanfear of Kalispell, Matt and wife Ann of Billings, Roberta "Bobbi" and husband Ron Scheinin of Denver, and Mary Frances and husband Steven Fox of Phoenix.

They have 17 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, with another on the way.

Schencks married 50 years

Lewis and Beverly Schenck of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 8. Their family will celebrate with them at a later date.

Lew and Bev met in Kalispell. After only a four-week courtship they were married Aug. 8, 1959, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and proceeded to have a family and 50 wonderful years together.

Their children are Steve and Peggy Schenck, Rod and Kathy Schenck, and Brian and Cathy



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THE SCHENCKS celebrated their golden anniversary on Aug. 8.

Schenck, all residing in Kalispell. They also have nine grandchildren.

Stories celebrate 60th anniversary

Mildred and Kenneth Storie of Kalispell celebrated their 60th anniversary at a dinner Nov. 7 at La Quinta Inn & Suites hosted by their son and daughter. Relatives from as far away as Pennsylvania and Mississippi attended.

The couple were married Nov. 5 1949, in Bigfork. They have lived nearly all of their married life in the Flathead Valley.

Kenny is a retired carpenter. He loves to fish, and not only maintains a perfectly manicured lawn but also cultivates a large vegetable garden each summer. He has also been active in the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners.

Milly is retired from



MILDRED AND Kenneth Storie were married on Nov. 5, 1949.



THE STORIES celebrated their 60th anniversary with a special dinner with guests from throughout the country attending.

working as a secretary for Wells Fargo Bank. She loves baking and

growing her flower garden. She is active with the local TOPS group.

She also served for many years on the Advisory Council for Job's Daughters and was a member of Eastern Star.

The Stories are longtime members of Epworth United Methodist Church.

Their children are Karen Dean and Glenn Storie, both of Kalispell.

They have two grandchildren, Zac Wheat of Spokane and Brooke Dean of Los Angeles; and one great-grandchild, Emery Brooke Wheat, of Spokane.

Strattons celebrate 50th

Sandy and Sharon Stratton of Columbia Falls will celebrate their 50th anniversary at a luncheon today, June 7, at the Kalispell Moose Lodge, hosted by their children, Scott and Kim Stratton, and Shane and Jenny Stratton.

The couple were married June 7, 1959, at First Lutheran Church in Opheim. They moved from Opheim to Columbia Falls in June of 1965. Sandy bought his business, Cornwell Tools, in 1978 and retired in 2001.



The Strattons spend their summers in Mon-

SANDY AND Sharon Stratton were married June 7, 1959, in Opheim.

tana and winters in Arizona.

Their children are Steve Stratton of Columbia Falls, Stuart Stratton of Three Forks, Shane Stratton of Kalispell, and Scott Stratton of Columbia Falls.

They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Swallows note golden anniversary



WESLEY AND PHYLLIS Swallow were married on July 20, 1959, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Wesley and Phyllis Swallow of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20 by renewing their vows on the shores of Flathead Lake. Family and friends gathered with them for the celebration at the lake home of Phyllis's aunt, Opal Rowell. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Robert D. Ross of Kalispell and witnessed by Bill and Gail Melvin of Whitefish.

The Swallows were married on July 20, 1959, in Fairbanks, Alaska, where Wesley was sta-



THE COUPLE renewed their vows recently on the shores of Flathead Lake.

Force Base. Returning to Kalispell one year later, they took up residence on the Swallow family farm and raised three children. Daughter, Kerry Jayne Johnson, and husband, Richard, live in Jordan, Minn. Son, Kevin Swallow, and his wife, Sheila, live in Avon, N.Y.; and son, Keith Swallow, and wife, Amy, live in DeSota, Mo.

The couple have five grandchildren.

Prior to retirement, Wesley worked for 34 years at the Evergreen Plum Creek plant, and

Flats School for 31 years.

They are active in their church, Christian Center Assembly of God, and enjoy family gatherings and several outdoor activities such as gardening, fishing and camping.



FRANK AND Sylvia Taverrite were married on Sept. 5, 1959.



THE TAVERRITES are renewing their vows on Sept. 6.

Taverrites celebrate 50th anniversary

Frank and Sylvia Taverrite of Lakeside will celebrate their 50th anniversary by renewing their wedding vows at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 6, at John Paul II Catholic Church in Bigfork. Following the service they will leave on a European cruise. In December they are taking 22 members of their family on a Mexican Riviera cruise.

The couple were married Sept. 5, 1959, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in East Rochester, N.Y.

Frank and Sylvia were both born and raised in

East Rochester. Frank attended St. Bonaventure University. Sylvia attended Barry University. The family spent 30 years in south Florida before moving to Montana. They have resided on Flathead Lake for nearly 20 years.

Their children are Gary and Anna Taverrite of Roseville, Calif., Gregory and Kim Taverrite of Alamo, Calif., Keith and Elaine Atkins of Loveland, Colo., and Michael and Lisa Taverrite of Temecula, Calif. They also have 12 grandchildren.

VandenBergs note 50th

The VandenBergs will celebrate their 50 years of marriage on Aug. 1. The couple will renew their vows at 1:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8559 Montana 35, in Bigfork. A reception will follow from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Elaine Dester and Albert VandenBerg met in 1955 in Great Falls. Elaine was in nurses training and Al worked for the Great Northern Railroad.

They married on Aug. 1, 1959, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Great Falls. They lived there until 1969 when they moved to Whitefish. Al worked for the railroad and Elaine worked as a registered nurse.

They have two children, son, Bryce, and his wife, Teresa; and daughter,



ALBERT and Elaine VandenBerg on their wedding day, Aug. 1, 1959.



THE VANDENBERGS will renew their vows Aug. 1 at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Brenda, and husband, Brett Miller. They have three granddaughters, Bridgett and Brielle Miller, and Britta and husband, Chris Joy; and one great-grandson, Benjamin Joy.

In 1991, Elaine and Al moved to Bigfork where they currently reside. Elaine retired from nursing at Kalispell Regional, and in 1993 Al retired from Burlington Northern Railroad.

Golden anniversary for Whites

Pastor Gerald and Joyce (Alton) White of Winger, Minn., are celebrating their 50th anniversary at an open house from 2 to 5 p.m. today, July 5, at the home of their eldest daughter, Stephanie White, 150 Ridgeview Dr., in Kalispell. The celebration is being hosted by their five daughters.

The couple were married June 21, 1959, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell where Jerry had served as pastor from 1956-1958. Jerry continued his education, completing master's degrees in chemistry and theology, as well as a doctorate in theology.

Joyce grew up in the Egan area of Flathead County and graduated



GERALD AND Joyce White are celebrating 50 years of marriage today in Kalispell.

from Flathead County High School in 1957. She finished her bachelor's degrees between children and went on to earn a master's degree in counseling and a doctorate in

educational administration.

They currently reside on the homestead farm in Minnesota but regularly return to visit Joyce's sister and brother, Marge Miciewicz and John Alton in Kalispell.

The Whites have five daughters, Stephanie White of Kalispell; Christine and Dale Lennon of Carbondale, Ill.; the Rev. Rebecca and Todd Worner of Hancock, Minn.; Dr. JoAnn and Ehsan Khaleel of San Diego; and Katherine White and Hiten Doshi of Los Angeles; two adopted sons, Cuong and Hang Le of Coon Rapids, Minn.; and Truc and Trang Le of Beaumont, Calif.; and 17 grandchildren.

Zelezny mark 60 years together

William "Bill" and Virginia Zelezny of Rollins will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends Sept. 12 at the Rollins Community Building.

The couple were married Sept. 14, 1949, in Iowa City, Iowa. They met while going to State University of Iowa. Bill was working on his Ph.D. in physical chemistry and Virginia was finishing up a history degree while working as a registered nurse.

After graduation the Zelezny's lived in Cleveland, Ohio, where Bill worked for the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (now NASA), then Washington State College (now Washington State University) where he was employed in the Division of Industrial Research and was a part-time professor of metallurgy.

The Zelezny's also lived



BILL AND Virginia Zelezny were married Sept. 14, 1949.

many years in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Los Alamos, N.M. Virginia continued to work as a nurse wherever they moved until 1964.

In 1980, they returned to the homestead in Rollins where Bill was born to original settlers of the area.

The Zelezny's have been active members in various community and church



THE ZELEZNY'S are holding a 60th anniversary celebration with family and friends on Sept. 12.

organizations, from the Rollins Volunteer Fire Department and Community Club to precinct chairmen for the Lake County Democratic Central Committee. Virginia spent 20-plus years organizing and conducting the popular "Meet the Candidates" event for the Rollins and Dayton voting districts. They are avid gardeners and Bill is well-known for his home grown tomato plants and gourmet corn.