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Roy, Barbara Albertus mark 60th

Roy C. and Barbara L. Albertus of Kalispell will celebrate their 60th anniversary today, May 31, at a Sunday brunch with close friends and some family attending. There will also be an observance in August where all their children will be in attendance.

The honored couple were married May 26, 1949, in Coquille, Ore.

They were childhood friends who lost touch with each other for several years, then were reacquainted after World War II. Roy was moonlighting at a gas station and learned that Barbara was working across the street at the telephone company. He placed a call, she



ROY AND Barbara Albertus were married May 26, 1949.



THE ALBERTUSES are having one anniversary celebration today and another in August.

crossed the street and the rest is history.

Their children are Rodney Albertus of Kingman, Ariz., Kathy Burke of Jordan, Minn., Michael Albertus of Kalispell,

Arthur Albertus of Grand Prairie, Texas, Patrick Albertus of Kingman, and Tina Mauzey of Kalispell.

Armstrong

Byron A and Florence E 75

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Armstrongs mark 75 years together



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

Byron A. and Florence E. Armstrong of Kalispell celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary Sept. 5 at a catered dinner hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Marleen and Tracy Walsh. The event was also attended by several grandchildren and their spouses, and great-grandchildren.

The honored couple were married Sept. 2, 1934, in Glasgow. They moved to Kalispell in 1987 and currently reside at Prestige Assisted Living. Their children are son,



Darwin Armstrong of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and daughter, Marleen, and husband, Tracy Walsh, of

Kalispell. The Armstrongs have five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

THE ARMSTRONGS were honored with an anniversary dinner on Sept. 5.

Beck

Robert J and Jo

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Becks celebrate 60th anniversary

Robert J. "Bob" and Joan "Jo" Beck will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at their home, 119 Third Ave. E., in Columbia Falls.

The honored couple were married on July 31, 1949, in Kalispell where they lived until moving to Columbia Falls in 1956, where they have since resided.

Their children are son, Roger Beck, and his wife, Kathy, of Columbia Falls; son, Gordon Beck, and his wife, Patti, of Olympia, Wash.; and daughter, Lorraine Riley, and her husband, Bert, of Whitefish. Their grandchildren are



BOB AND JO Beck were married July 31, 1949.



THE BECKS will celebrate with an open house on Aug. 1 at their Columbia Falls home.

Kelly Potter and husband Dan, Kara Beck, Mandy Beck, Andrew Beck, Jessica Beck, Heather Burnham and husband Marc, Heidi Sagen and Tyce Wilfinger.

They have seven great-grandchildren, Aysia Potter, Joshua Potter, Madison Burnham, Ayla Burnham, Langley Burnham, Troy Meske and Gwenith Meske.

Bosshardts mark 50th

Dr. Donald and Mary Lou Bosshardt of Polson will celebrate their 50th anniversary Aug. 1 at a celebration hosted by their children in Polson.

Don and Mary Lou have lived 47 of their 50 years of marriage in Montana, having lived in Choteau, Great Falls, Whitefish and now Polson.

They have enjoyed the

Montana lifestyle as they practiced medicine, nursing, raised a family and made many friendships over the years.

Their children are James Bosshardt of Spokane, Thomas Bosshardt of Arroyo Grande, Calif., and Rachel Lafser of Post Falls, Idaho. They also have seven grandchildren.



DON AND Mary Lou Bosshardt will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 1.

Carlsons mark 55th anniversary

Milt and BJ Carlson of Kalispell will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on May 19. The couple were married May 19, 1954, in Glenview, Ill. They met at Ski Tip Ranch near what is now Keystone, Colo.

They have resided in Kalispell for many years and both are active in the community.

Their children are Amy Evans of Florissant, Colo., Sherry Grazda of Durango, Colo., Ken Carlson of Denver, and Jeff Carlson of Kalispell.

The couple have seven grandchildren.



MILT AND BJ Carlson were married May 19, 1954.



THE CARLSONS will celebrate 55 years of marriage on May 19.

Clarks mark 60th anniversary

Allan and Phyllis Clark of Kalispell recently observed their 60th wedding anniversary at a surprise family party and reception at New Covenant Fellowship Church after the morning service. They plan to celebrate the occasion in April with a trip to Arizona and the Grand Canyon.

The couple were married Nov. 20, 1949, at Central Christian Church in Kalispell. They have lived in the area for those 60 years, except for four years in Missoula while Allan was a student at the University of Montana, graduating in 1953 with a degree in business administration.

Both are very active in community and church activities.

Allan is past president and a 50-year member of the Kalispell Rotary Club. He is an honorary member of the Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants and also served a term on the board of directors for the Montana society. He is retired from private prac-



ALLAN AND Phyllis Clark were surprised with a family party for their 60th anniversary.

tice and hobby-farming on the family farm in the Lake Blaine area.

Phyllis had various careers, including being her kids' mom, family page editor and staff writer for The Daily Inter Lake; and as an 18-year employee of Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

Both are avid Griz fans and season ticket holders.

The Clarks have four children, including Mary Jo Gardner and Denny Olson, Brad and Judy Clark, Valerie and John Nesemann, and Jennifer and Bill Crane.

They have four grandchildren, DeWitt Clark,

Christy Clark Timothy and Lane Timothy, Eli Clark and Jen Clark, and Jasmine Gardner; and three great-grandchildren, Casey Ehrlich Clark, Kaden Burns Clark and Elsie Grace Timothy.

Coles celebrate 50th anniversary

Bob and Kari Lynn Cole celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 26 at their Kalispell residence with an open house for friends and family. The event was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Syrena and Russ Plakke, and grandchildren.

The Coles were married July 26, 1959, at First Lutheran Church in Libby. They have lived their entire lives in western Montana, 40 of their 50 married years here in Kalispell. They still enjoy camping, fishing and traveling.



BOB AND Kari Lynn Cole were married July 26, 1959.

Costanzos mark 50th

Jerry and Mary Costanzo of Lakeside celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 4.

The couple were married April 4, 1959, in Chicago. They retired to the Flathead Valley in 1996.

Their daughters are Marie Costanzo of Columbia Falls, and Linda and husband, Mike Glenn, of Arlee.



JERRY AND MARY Costanzo were married April 4, 1959.

Fields mark 60th anniversary

Millie and George Field celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and Millie's 82nd birthday on June 14. Joining them was Loretta and Richard Field of Helena.

The couple were married on June 18, 1949, in Deer Lodge at the home of Clyde and Dagmar Field.

Millie first met George while she was working as a cook at the Hamburger King in Missoula. George was working nights for the Milwaukee Railroad and would frequent the Hamburger King. On one visit he tried to pay his bill with a check and Millie refused to accept it, and their courtship began.

They moved to Deer Lodge where George was successful in bid-



MILLIE AND George Field were married June 18, 1949.

ding a job as a telegraph operator with Milwaukee Railroad. Millie worked as a waitress in a soda fountain. Later, George worked for Montana State Prison as a correctional officer. Millie worked for Mountain States Tele-

phone and Telegraph for many years and for Montana State Prison as a supervisor.

The Fields decided to follow their friends to Las Vegas in 1970 where they both worked at local banks.

Homesick for Montana, they returned on their 23rd anniversary in 1972 and settled in Ferndale. Millie retired from First Interstate Bank after 20 years and George from Equity Supply after 14 years.

George has enjoyed hunting and woodworking. (He followed in his dad's footsteps making lamps and tables using juniper.) Millie is a homemaker, known for her applesauce cake, and has raised many cocker spaniels.

Galloways mark 60th anniversary

Calvin R. and Leah M. (Kelly) Galloway of Kalispell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary from 7 to 9 p.m. on March 27, hosted by their children, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1380 Whitefish Stage Road, in Kalispell.

The couple met in 1947. After Cal returned to the states in 1948, following his last year of service in the Army in Italy, they dated and then were married March 27, 1949, in Polson. They moved to Kalispell in 1952.

Cal worked on the Hungry Horse Dam for about a year, then started his own life-long business as a logger, in the Flathead Valley and Northwest Montana.

Leah worked at the Evergreen school and at various businesses in town.

Cal has worked at Wal-



CALVIN AND Leah Galloway were married on March 27, 1949.



A CELEBRATION for the Galloways is March 27.

They have also worked side-by-side for 50 years in the Scouting program.

Their children are Tessa and Kent Hill, Gayle and Val Galloway, Kelly and Linda Galloway, Jerry and Geri Galloway, Allen and Patty Galloway, and Corby Galloway, all of Kalispell, and Leola and Morris Stout of Nampa, Idaho.

The Galloways have 31 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Mart for the past nine years.

The Galloways are active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where they have had various leadership positions.

Girardots celebrate their 50th

Steve and Connie Girardot will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6 at a family dinner at their home, hosted by son David Girardot and wife Stephanie of Kalispell, and daughter Susan Owen and husband Ken of Chico, Calif.

They were married on June 5, 1959, in Lincoln, Neb. Steve graduated from the University of Nebraska, majoring in geology, while Connie completed her medical technology degree at Nebraska Wesleyan.

Steve worked for Chevron Oil Company for 34 years in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and



STEVE AND Connie Girardot were married June 5, 1959.



A FAMILY dinner will be held for the Girardots' anniversary on June 6.

California. Upon retirement in 1996, they moved from Houston to Kalispell to enjoy the beautiful

Montana area and to be closer to family, including their seven grandchildren.

Grahams married 60 years

James and Ramona Graham of Kalispell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 20 with an open house at the Birch Grove Community Center hosted by their children, Glenn Graham, Cathleen Graham and Mary Beth Graham, all of Kalispell, and Colleen White of Helena.

The couple met at a country dance during Ramona Saurey's junior year of high school. Their first date was at a Columbia Falls basketball tournament. After a year and a half of courtship, they were married on May 28, 1949, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Frank B. Hillis presided over the ceremony.

They built their first home on LaSalle Road, where they lived for 15 years before moving next door, where they presently live.

Jim graduated from Flathead County High School in 1944. He served in the Air Force as an aerial engineer for two



JAMES AND Ramona Graham were married May 28, 1949.



AN OPEN house on June 20 will be held in the Grahams' honor.

years. He and his twin brother, Bob, worked on the construction of Hungry Horse Dam. After the dam project they shared the same work bench at Columbia Falls Aluminum Co., formerly Anacanda Aluminum Co., for 35 years, retiring in 1991.

Ramona was born and raised in Columbia Falls, and graduated from Columbia Falls High School in 1949. She was a Girl Scout and Cub Scout

leader, and is active in various organizations.

The couple enjoys spending time with their grandchildren and tending to their garden and flower beds.

Halaases married 60 years

Pastor Rusty and Mary Helen Halaas celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary hosted by their four children and families at Ashley Lake on June 26.

They met at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and were married in Mary Helen's home church, Scobey Lutheran, on June 26, 1949.

They served Lutheran parishes in Big Sandy, Missoula and Cut Bank, were on national youth staff in Palo Alto, Calif., and Minneapolis, began two mission congregations in the Pocono mountains of Pennsylvania and

Northridge, Kalispell, and were on staff at Concordia College.

Mary Helen taught school and gave music lessons as the family was called to different ministries. The four children graduated from high school in four different time zones. The three sons are Lutheran pastors, Mark in Minneapolis, John in Moorhead and David in Williston, N.D. Their daughter Beth has a faculty position at California State University, Northridge.

The couple have three daughters-in-law, one son-



RUSTY AND Mary Helen Halaas were married on June 26, 1949.

in-law, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Hermans married 50 years

Wayne and Doe Herman of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 6. They were married June 6, 1959, in Sandpoint, Idaho.

They have lived in Kalispell for 40 years and are active in the community.

Their children are Renee Sievers of Kalispell, Julie Glenn of Wright, Colo., and Daniel Herman of Houston. The couple have seven grandchildren.

There will be a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. June 6 at First Baptist Church, 301 W. Wyoming.



WAYNE AND Doe Herman were married June 6, 1959.



A RECEPTION for the Hermans is June 6 in Kalispell.



BILL AND Euna Hodge were married on Sept. 18, 1939, in Oklahoma.



AN EVENT will be held to honor the Hodges on their 70th anniversary this weekend.

Hodges celebrate 70th anniversary

Bill and Euna Hodge of Kalispell are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this Labor Day weekend at the Centre Court Manor Atrium in Kalispell. The event is hosted by their children.

The couple were married Sept. 18, 1939, in Anadarko, Okla.

Pastor Bill and Euna served in churches in California, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. They

have been retired for 30 years. The Hodges have spent their recent years in John Day, Ore., and Kalispell to be near their children and grandchildren.

Their children are Ron Hodge of John Day, Royce Hodge of Elk Mountain, Wyo., and Roberta Shandorf of Kalispell.

They have nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Hollopeters mark golden anniversary



JIM AND JOYCE Hollopeter were married Sept. 12, 1959.

Jim and Joyce Hollopeter of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th anniversary at an open house hosted by their children, from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 29, at Harry Horn-Wayfarers State Park in Bigfork.

The couple were married Sept. 12, 1959, at Bigfork Methodist Church.

Jim is from Condon and Joyce is from Bigfork. They met while attending Bigfork High School. After graduation, Joyce worked at the Bigfork Mercantile.

Jim served in the Navy for four years and then logged in Montana for many years, retiring as a mechanic on the North Slope at Prudhoe Bay, Alaska. Joyce worked as a bookkeeper at the diesel shop in Kalispell.

Their children are Milton Hollopeter and Shawn Hollopeter, both of Kalispell, Leslie Galassi of Fortine and Lisa Klemple of Bigfork. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



AN OPEN house for the Hollopeters' 50th anniversary is Aug. 29.

Houstons celebrate 50th



A CELEBRATION will be held in honor of Gene and Carol Nelson Houston's 50th anniversary on Aug. 22.

Gene and Carol Nelson Houston of Columbia Falls will celebrate their 50th anniversary from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 22, at the Church of Latter-day Saints in Columbia Falls, hosted by their children, and their nephew Chuck and wife Brenda Houston.

The couple have lived in Columbia Falls for over 35 years. Gene is a retired electrician. They are actively involved in their church and have participated in the Boy Scouts and community baseball programs.

Their children are Paula Houston of St. George,

Utah, and Brett and Larry Houston, both of Columbia Falls. They have six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Kovatches mark 50 years

Brumar Estates was the setting for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of M. Andrew and Rosemary Kovatch. Their four daughters hosted the event, along with their 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Kovatches were married Aug. 29, 1959, in Conrad. After his military service and graduation from the University of Montana, Andrew taught high school in Montana schools. Subsequently, he spent 23 years as a loan officer at Farmers State Bank in Conrad. During this time the couple bought a farm which became a family project.

Rosemary and a business partner established and operated the first travel agency in Conrad and some surrounding communities.

Upon retirement, Andrew accepted a teaching position in Meztotur,



ANDREW AND Rosemary Kovatch were married on Aug. 29, 1959.



THE KOVATCHES were honored on their golden anniversary with a celebration at Brumar Estates.

Hungary. After returning to Montana, the couple moved to Echo Lake in Bigfork to build their retirement home on property they originally bought in 1971. Their winters are now spent in a historic town in Alamos, Sonora, Mexico.

Recently, they were instrumental in helping bring the Missoula Chil-

dren's Theater to Alamos for the company's first-time experience performing in a foreign country in a foreign language.

Their children are Carmen and Jim Perry of Great Falls, Julie and Tom Hilley of Missoula, Kelly and Brian Iriye of Las Vegas, and Beth Kovatch and Bill Greany of Tempe, Ariz.

Krachers mark 60th



GRACE AND Cliff Kracher were married Aug. 27, 1949.



A DINNER was held in the Krachers' honor in July for their 60th anniversary.

Grace and Cliff Kracher of Kalispell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 30 at a dinner hosted by their family at Jagz Restaurant.

The couple were married Aug. 27, 1949, in Havre. Grace was born and raised on a farm/ranch in Havre, and Cliff was born and raised in Helena.

He retired from the aluminum plant in 1985 after 45 years working for Anaconda Co.

The Krachers have been residents of Columbia Falls and Kalispell since 1969.

They have two sons, Steve of San Luis Obispo, Calif., and Jim of Plymouth, Minn.

Kruckenbergs mark 60th anniversary

Norman and Angie Kruckenberg will celebrate their 60th anniversary at an open house, from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 4, at their home in Kalispell.

Norm was born in Zap, N.D., in 1930 and moved to Kalispell in 1946. Angie was born in St. Phillips and settled in Kalispell in 1934. The two met at Norm's News, the hot spot in town in the late '40s, where Angie worked and Norm played pool, whenever he had time off of work.

They married on July 2, 1949, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church. They have six children, Rav, Rosanne, Richard, Regina, Rita and Ronald; 16 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

They have both been self-employed for 47 years. Norm started his

career by buying a 1944 GMC truck and hauled ties for the railroad at the age of 16. Angie began her career by selling Tupperware and also started a tailoring business with a clientele of over 200 customers.

Since then, they have been in transportation with a fleet of 17 trucks; mining; and tax preparation (Western Business and Tax), in and around the Flathead Valley.

In the late '60s the family moved to Fairbanks, Alaska. While working on the Alaska pipeline, they, along with their children, developed the largest

locally owned lumber/Ace Hardware store in the state of Alaska, and were voted Fairbanks Businessmen of the Year. In 1996 they retired.

They enjoy their retire-



NORMAN AND Angie Kruckenberg were married on July 2, 1949, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.



AN OPEN house will be held in the Kruckenbergs' honor on July 4 at their home in Kalispell.

ment in Kalispell, with flowers, fishing, family and friends.

Lynches celebrate 50 years

Jesse and Opal (Schmig) Lynch will celebrate 50 years of marriage at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. June 6 at the Columbia Falls Community Center on Nucleus Avenue. The couple were married June 6, 1959, in Helena.

Jesse joined the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. He later worked on the Hungry Horse Dam clearing trees. When the dam was completed, he then worked for Cottons House Moving and moved many of the houses that were used for employees working on the dam to various locations around the state. He then moved to Helena and continued to work for Cottons House Moving.

Opal moved from Waubay, S.D., where she was raised, to Helena, where she had



JESSE AND OPAL Lynch were married June 6, 1959.



AN OPEN house will be June 6 in the Lynches' honor.

relatives. She worked for Woolworth's and then the telephone company.

The couple met through relatives in Helena. On weekends they would attend stock car races where Jesse would race.

The couple had two children in Helena before moving to Hungry Horse in 1964. Jesse was hired by Arco Aluminum Company in Columbia Falls

and retired in 1986.

Their children are Jane Packer and her husband, Bill, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Rita Miller and her husband, Dennis, of Cleveland.

Their grandchildren are Tess Packer of Bozeman, and Erika and Jessica Slater of Cleveland. They have one great-grandchild, Aiden Slater, of Cleveland.