

# Kings celebrate 60 years together

Jack and Almeda King celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently with their family at a special dinner party at Ashley Lake.

They were both born and raised in Kalispell and were high school sweethearts. They were married in the First Presbyterian Church of Kalispell on Aug. 20, 1950.

Jack graduated from the University of Montana and has been involved in independent banking at the local, state and national levels for nearly 60 years. He is an owner of the Valley Bank of Kalispell, currently chairman of the board at the Three Rivers Bank of Kalispell, and past president of the Independent Community Banks of America.

Almeda worked as a telegrapher with Western Union, a secretary with Misco Mills in Missoula,



JACK AND Almeda King married on Aug. 20, 1950.



A DINNER party was held to commemorate the Kings' 60th anniversary.

and later became a full-time homemaker.

The Kings have three children, Karen Jo Rosenberg and husband Ron; John and wife Cheryl; and A.J. and wife Tracie. They have six grandchildren, Kirsten Pevey and husband Derek, Joel Rosenberg and wife Shannon, Ashley King, Shila Schreiner and

husband Cody, Patrick King and Annie Jo King; and two stepgrandchildren, Taryn and Tevin Groshelle. They also have four great-grandchildren, Rylan and Jaidyn Pevey and Oliver and Reese Rosenberg. Baby Schreiner is expected in November.

# 50th anniversary for Kinniburghs

Eldon and Pauline Kinniburgh celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 27 at an open house hosted by their children at Bethel Baptist Church.

The couple were married Dec. 12, 1959, in Kalispell.

Eldon worked for Skyline Dairy and then Meadow Gold. Pauline worked for the Flathead County Treasurer's office and at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The couple stayed active with bowling leagues, softball and golf.

They enjoy traveling to Washington, Alaska and Florida, visiting Navy friends and family. They are active members of Bethel Baptist Church.

Pauline also enjoys crafts, including stamp art, and collectibles.

The Kinniburghs' chil-



ELDON AND Pauline Kinniburgh were married Dec. 12, 1959.



AN OPEN house was held for the Kinniburghs' golden anniversary.

dren are Karen Pedersen of Columbia Falls, Leslie Allison of Creston, Wash., Jeff Pedersen of Ninilchik, Alaska, Gary Kinniburgh of Enumclaw, Wash., and Jodi Hellenbeck of Spokane. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

# Kisers plan 50th anniversary celebration

Bill and Kathy Kiser of Kila will celebrate their 50th anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. May 22 at the Lonesome Dove Ranch seven miles west of Kalispell on Haywire Gulch.

The couple were married Feb. 5, 1960.

Their children are Chris Hasler of Whitefish, Debbie Hulderman and Linda Kiser, both of Kila, and Tracy Kiser of Shelton, Wash. They have two grandchildren, John and Allyson Wallace, both of Kalispell.



Bill and Kathy Kiser

## Krejcis mark 65th anniversary

The children of Alvin and Helen Krejci of Chester, together with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, announce their parents' 65th wedding anniversary.

Alvin Krejci and Helen Gatzemeier were married Sept. 29, 1945, at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church in Hingham.

The couple were high school sweethearts. Helen attended schools in Great Falls and Havre, and Alvin worked at Krejci's Service Station in Rudyard.

They lived in Rudyard for three years and then moved south of town to the Gatzemeier farm. They later built a house a mile away and farmed there for 20 years. In 1968, they built a house in



ALVIN AND Helen Krejci were married on Sept. 29, 1945.



THE KREJCIS recently celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Rudyard. Alvin worked at Sanvik's Grocery until 1981 and Helen worked at the Senior Citizens Center as manager. They now reside in Chester.

Their five children are

Carol Martin of Elmo, Jane Allen and Dave of Chester, Peggy Sweat of Lakeside, Dale Krejci of Rawlins, Wyo., and Rose Hall and Mike of Kalispell.

## LaSalles mark 50th anniversary

Erling "Dick" and Carrie LaSalle of Kalispell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house Dec. 27 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalispell. The event was hosted by their three sons, Erling Richard II, Eric and Kurt, and their families.

The couple were married Dec. 30, 1959, at Pleasant Prairie Lutheran Church in Flaxville.

Dick spent 30 years with the U.S. Forest Service, retiring in 1983. He then worked for Montana

Power/ Northwestern Energy from 1985 to 2005. He was a Scout leader for many years and worked with the AAU wrestling program.

Carrie was the book-keeper/office manager at Kelly Main Street Furniture for 25 years.

Both were very active in Trinity Lutheran Church and served on



ERLING AND Carrie LaSalle were married Dec. 30, 1959.



THE LASALLES recently celebrated their golden anniversary with an open house.

many boards.

Their children are son, Erling Richard II and wife, Margie, of Austin, Texas, and their sons, Erling III and Joshua, and daughter, Nichole; son, Eric, and his two sons, Ryan and Zachary, of Kalispell; and son, Kurt, and his two daughters, Arrika and Sharise, of Kalispell.

# Mohrenweisers celebrate 50th

Richard and Judy Mohrenweiser of Kalispell are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple were married Feb. 27, 1960, at Immaculate Conception Church in Butte.

Their children are Anthony and family of New Jersey; Victoria and family of Washington; and Therese and family, and Barbara and family, both of Montana.



# Golden anniversary for Northcutts

Marvin and Glenda (Richardson) Northcutt of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary in July at a week-long gathering with family at the Sun River Resort in Sun River, Ore. The occasion was hosted by their son and daughter, Marv Northcutt III and Andrea Johnson.

The Northcutts were married Aug. 29, 1960, at the Methodist Church in Shattuck, Okla. They renewed their wedding vows on Aug. 29 at St. Timothy's Memorial Chapel at Georgetown Lake at the close of the Sunday worship service, with a reception following.

Both Marvin and Glenda were born and raised in Oklahoma. They met at Oklahoma City University and graduated in 1962. Marvin attended seminary at Southern Methodist University, graduating in 1965. The couple moved



MARVIN AND Glenda Northcutt were married Aug. 29, 1960.



THE NORTH CUTTS celebrated their 50th anniversary with a renewal of their vows.

to Montana and Marvin was ordained at Epworth Methodist Church that year. They served churches across Montana, finally moving to Kalispell in 1983, where Marvin was pastor at Epworth until retirement in 1999.

Glenda was an elementary teacher in Laurel and then Kalispell for

nearly 22 years at Russell, Hedges and Edgerton elementaries.

Their children are son, Marv Northcutt III, and wife, Jennifer, of Grants Pass, Ore., and daughter, Andrea Johnson, and husband, David, of Geneseo, N.Y. They have three grandchildren, Lindsay Northcutt and Sam and Lydia Johnson.

# Golden anniversary for Palmers

Ronald and Sharon Palmer will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 10 during a family reunion at the Tally Lake campground west of Whitefish.

Ron Palmer and Sharon Baldwin were married at the bridegroom's parents' house in Shelby on April 21, 1960. Faye Baldwin Hart, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and Leo Palmer, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Sharon grew up on the family farm west of Sunburst and Ron was raised in Conrad. They lived in Shelby until 1986 and now make their home in Kalispell.

They raised three



RONALD AND Sharon Palmer were married April 21, 1960.



THE PALMERS will celebrate their 50th anniversary with a family reunion in July.

children, Tim and Mona Palmer, Becky and Elias Delos Reyes, and Wendy and Danny Wrenn. They also have seven grandchildren, Cassie and Thom Costello, Hannah

and Emily Palmer, and Christina, Elias, Tony and Timmy Delos Reyes; and one great-grandson, Tanner Delos Reyes.

# Phillipses mark 60th anniversary

Charles and Patricia Phillips celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 24 at a dinner hosted by their children and spouses. This past July they hosted a family reunion at Swan Lake. It was attended by all of their children, nine of their 12 grandchildren, and nine of their 13 great-grandchildren.

Charlie and Pat were married in Woods Bay on Sept. 23, 1950. They have been lifelong residents of Kalispell.

Charlie retired as superintendent of the Flathead County Road Department in March of 1992. Pat retired from JCPenney after 27 years, in May of 1994. They have enjoyed traveling

in the United States and abroad, as well as spending many summers at their place on Flathead Lake.

Their children are Michael and Janel Phillips of Fort Benton, Diane Clark of Whitefish, Cindy and Kevin Ingram of Ogden, Utah, Mark and Mishelle Phillips of Kalispell, and Gigi and Brian Meyer of Kila.



# Pitmans mark 55th anniversary

Harry and Maureen Pitman of Coram were treated to a seven-day cruise in May to Mexico for their 55th wedding anniversary by their daughter, Lori Pitman. She and her daughter Andrea accompanied them.

A highlight on the cruise was being chosen to participate on stage in the game show, "Love and Marriage" as the longest married couple.

They were also honored at a family dinner at the Back Room in Columbia Falls, hosted by their son Marc and wife Shellie.

Harry Pitman and Mau-



**HARRY AND** Maureen Pitman were married on Aug. 27, 1955.



**THE PITMANS** were treated to a cruise to celebrate their anniversary.

reen (Gaffaney) were married Aug. 27, 1955, in Cut Bank.

They have three children, Marc and Shellie of

Kalispell, Ron and Debbie of Las Vegas, and Lori of Issaquah, Wash. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## Potuzaks mark 60th anniversary

Richard and Phyllis Potuzak celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with camping this past summer at Rexford Bench near Eureka and Swan Lake. On both occasions they were joined by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In August, they traveled to Lewistown and enjoyed a dinner train ride on the Charlie Russell Choo Choo, hosted and accompanied by their children.

The couple met in Essex during the summer of 1949, and were married Nov. 18, 1950, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

They raised four children.

Richard worked for the Great Northern Railroad and later Burlington Northern Railroad for 41 years until his retirement in June 1988.

Phyllis worked at various insurance agencies in Kalispell and the First National Bank in Eureka.

After Richard's retirement, the Potuzaks spent 20 winters at Wellton, Ariz. During the 25 years the couple lived in



RICHARD AND Phyllis Potuzak were married on Nov. 18, 1950.

Eureka, Richard fulfilled a lifelong dream of flying, earning a private pilot license in 1978, and owned and flew his own airplane for 20 years. They enjoyed many summer flying trips together, as well as many happy hours hiking and walking together.

The Potuzaks moved back to Kalispell in 1999, purchasing a home in the Glacier Village Greens.

They were members of the Libby Dam Good Sam Club for 10 years, enjoying camping and



THE POTUZAKS celebrated their 60th anniversary with a camping trip and a train ride to Lewistown.

traveling with the group to Canada and meeting many Canadian friends.

Their children are Patti Helseth of Great Falls and her husband, Jim; Steven Potuzak of Helena and his wife, Carol; Debi Coziahr of Kalispell and her husband, John; and Rick Potuzak of Eureka and his wife, Erlene. They have eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



# Schlabs renew vows on 50th

Gordon Schlabs and Barbara (Young) Schlabs celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows on Aug. 1, officiated by Pastor Dennis Reese of the Lakeside Chapel. A celebration followed with their three children and spouses, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson, friends, neighbors and family.

The couple were married Aug. 26, 1960, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell.

After graduation from Montana State University, Gordon enjoyed 36 years in education and coaching in Montana high schools. Barbara enjoyed being a



GORDON AND Barbara Schlabs were married on Aug. 26, 1960.



THE SCHLABS celebrated their golden anniversary with family and friends.

teacher's aide at various schools.

The couple moved back to the Flathead Valley

upon retirement in 1999 and make their home at Mission View in Lakeside.

# Schrammecks celebrate 65th

Kenneth and Genevieve Schrammeck of Kalispell recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a dinner hosted by their daughters, followed by a vacation in Phoenix.

The couple were married Nov. 23, 1945, in Kenosha, Wis., where Genny was born and raised. They met while Ken was in the U.S. Navy at Great Lakes Naval Training Station near Kenosha.

Ken was born and raised in Great Falls, attended Montana State University, and worked for many years in Great Falls as a locomotive



KENNETH AND Genevieve Schrammeck were married Nov. 23, 1945.

engineer for the Great Northern/Burlington Northern Railroad.

Ken retired in 1983, and he and Genny moved to Kalispell in 1996. They have enjoyed an active retirement with many travels, lots of bridge games, and summers

filled with golf.

The Schrammecks have three daughters, Darcy and Bob Albert of Kalispell, Diane and Bill Etter of Kalispell, and Marcia and Marv Holas of Glendive. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

# Sturzens mark 60 years together

Art and Della Sturzen of Kalispell are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this week. The couple married on May 26, 1950, in San Bernardino, Calif. Their family hosted a party in their honor at their residence in Kalispell.

The couple, who moved to Kalispell in 1978, are the parents of Jean Holeman and John Sturzen, both of Kalispell, and the late James Sturzen. They also have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Art was born on Sept. 2, 1920, in Spokane, and Della was born on March 12, 1918, in Dows, Iowa.

Art worked for the school systems and then independently as a stucco



ART AND DELLA Sturzen have lived in the Flathead Valley since 1978.



THE STURZENS ARE celebrating their 60th anniversary with a party at their Kalispell residence.

mason. Della worked as an eligibility worker for the Welfare Department. They are both retired.

Both are faithful and dedicated members of

Bethel Baptist Church.

Art and Della continue to enjoy home life and gatherings with family and friends.

# Thompsons celebrate their 50th

Frank and Loraine Thompson of Creston celebrated their 50th anniversary on Mackinac Island on Lake Huron, Mich.

The trip was a gift from their four children and their families.

The couple were married Oct. 1, 1960, in Reseda, Calif. They lived in Mariposa, Calif., near Yosemite National Park, and moved to Montana in 2007.

The Thompsons also have 12 grandchildren.



FRANK AND Loraine Thompson were married on Oct. 1, 1960.



THE THOMPSONS were given a trip to Mackinac Island in Michigan for their anniversary.

# Wendts married for 60 years

Donna and Roger Wendt celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with more than 150 of their friends and family Sept. 26 at the Elks Lodge in Kalispell. The party was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

Roger and Donna were married Oct. 8, 1950, at the Wendt family farm in Creston. They lived in Creston for many years and then bought a house in Kalispell.

Roger worked at the Aluminum Plant for 35 years and Donna worked at Kalispell Diagnostics for over 20 years. Both



LEFT: Donna and Roger Wendt were married on Oct. 8, 1950. TOP: A party was held at the Elks Lodge to celebrate the Wendts' 60th anniversary.

grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

have been active in the community and with the Masonic Order. Roger was on the school board and Creston Volunteer Fire Department, and Donna helped in the school and was part of Creston's Gabba Gabba Club.

They currently work part-time at Costco as product demonstrators. In their free time they enjoy dancing, taking drives and sightseeing in their white Chrysler Le Baron convertible. They travel south every winter in their motor home and return in the spring to Montana.

The Wendts have four children, Diane Brunkow of Portland, Duane Wendt and Jim Wendt, both of Kalispell, and Carol DeRego of Alstead, N.H. They have nine

# Whites mark golden anniversary

Stewart A. and Patricia D. White of Lakeside celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with close friends at their home at Flathead Lake. They were married in San Anselmo, Calif., on July 2, 1960.

The couple met in Chemistry 101 class at university. Their married life took them from the Far West to the Upper Midwest to the Southeast and Southwest. They traveled overseas and

throughout North America as Andy was in the U.S. Air Force for many years. They feel they are blessed to have friends from coast to coast and in Alaska.

The Whites have three sons, Timothy Andrew White of Tucson, Ariz., Michael Sean White of Bandolier National Monument, N.M., and Christopher Todd White of Tempe. Their grandsons are twins Connor and Logan, and Jason.



STEWART AND Patricia White were married on July 2, 1960.



THE WHITES celebrated 50 years of marriage with friends at their home.