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## Baldwins celebrate 65 years

Merle and Jeannie (Larson) Baldwin of Kalispell commemorated their 65th wedding anniversary at an early celebration and open house Aug. 7 at their home with family, friends and neighbors. Special guest was Jeannie's sister, Muriel Hayes, from Oklahoma. The event included a potluck supper and dancing.

The Baldwins were married Nov. 20, 1946, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The couple met in high school. They have lived on the family farm in the Egan area where Merle was raised. Merle drove a gas wagon for Farmers Union (now CHS) for 28 years. Jeannie was the homemaker, raising the four children.

They both have enjoyed traveling, camping and hunting with their families. They now spend time at their summer home on Ashley Lake.

Their children are Karen and Fonda Fisher of Columbia Falls, Norm and Laurie Baldwin of Kalispell, Marilyn and Ed McCollom of Cedar City, Utah, and Barb and Duane Goulet of Kalispell.

They have 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.



MERLE and Jeannie Baldwin celebrated their 65th anniversary early in August. They wed Nov. 20, 1946.

## Bonhams celebrate 60 years

Bob and Catherine Bonham of Kalispell celebrated their 60th anniversary in August at Flathead Lake with a week-long gathering of food, storytelling, music and games with their family.

Bob Bonham and Catherine Keathley were married Aug. 19, 1951, at Kennedy Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn. They met in Detroit where both worked for the Chicago and Southern airlines. Catherine had also sung professionally, and Bob had studied journalism while in officers training during World War II.

Bob purchased and operated small newspapers in Mississippi and Alabama. The family moved to Galveston, Texas, and ultimately Pennsylvania where their three children were raised.

Retirement in 1989 brought the Bonhams to Kalispell where their daughter and her family lived. They have been members of Mountain View Mennonite Church since then.

Catherine has volunteered for more than 20 years at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. They both were active in the start-up of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter. Bob has been a regular at Sykes'.

Their children are Rusty Bonham and wife, Mary Lou, of Portland, and their children, Leah Bonham Eads, Hannah



BOB AND Catherine Bonham were married Aug. 19, 1951.

Catherine Bonham and Luke Keathley Bonham; Cathy Bonham Brenneman of Kalispell and children, Jesse Keathley Brenneman and Erin Catherine Brenneman; and Thomas Bonham and wife, Cindy, of Peculiar, Mo., and children, Nathan Tanner Bonham, Joshua Bonham, Emily Bonham and Hannah Bonham. The Bonhams also have three great-grandchildren.

# Clarks celebrate 50th anniversary

Leon "Bud" and Patricia Clark will celebrate their 50th anniversary with an open house hosted by their children from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, at the Birch Grove Community Hall at 594 Birch Grove Road in Kalispell.

The couple were married March 25, 1961, in San Diego, and moved to the Flathead Valley in 1961.

Bud retired from Glacier National Park in 1990 after 30 years of service. Patricia is a homemaker.

The Clarks have three children, Lori DeRosier and husband, Charles, of Kalispell; Lorne Clark and wife, Denise, of Han-



BUD AND Patricia Clark were married on March 25, 1961.

nibal, Mo.; and LaVonne Basson and husband, Kevin, of Kalispell. They have seven grandchildren, Jarrod Kinsey and Cheryl, James DeRosier, Jenna



AN OPEN house will be held June 18 to mark the Clarks' golden anniversary.

DeRosier, Logan Clark, Reni Clark, Michael Riddle, and Kristina Bieber and Wayne; and four great-grandchildren, Ayana Kinsey, Acaydia Kinsey, Johanna Bieber and Cheyenne Bieber.

# 50th anniversary for Cloughs

David and Mary Clough of Bigfork celebrated their 50th anniversary at a dinner party April 30 at Capistrano Beach, Calif., for family and friends, including members of their wedding party. The event was hosted by Carl and Gail Becker, David's sister. They will also celebrate this month in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The couple were married May 13, 1961, at Cristo Rey Church in Glendale, Calif.

David retired in 1981 from the Marine Corps. He continued to work in



DAVID AND Mary Clough were married on May 13, 1961.



A DINNER party was held for the Cloughs in California to celebrate their golden anniversary.

international marketing and defense contracting.

Mary worked for many years in the tour and travel industry. After raising their two children and retiring from

the business world, the couple retired in 1997 to Bigfork.

Their son Sean and his wife Shawna Clough reside in Temecula, Calif. The couple also have five grandchildren, Ethan

Clough and Ella Clough of Temecula, Maygen Ponzuric stationed in Japan with the U.S. Navy, Sandra Baxter of Susanville, Calif., and Leigh Gantt of Austin, Texas.



### Curtisses mark 50 years

Hal and Pauline Curtiss of Bigfork are celebrating their 50th anniversary today, Aug. 28, at a pig roast and potluck at Crossroads Christian Church, 7465 Montana 35 in Bigfork, hosted by their children.

The couple were married Aug. 26, 1961, at a missionary church in Shillington, Pa. They have been pastors for 50 years.

Their children are Halden and Mindy Curtis of Erie, Pa; Jonathan and Rebecca Curtis of Bigfork, and Christine and Brian Reid of Kalispell. They have seven grandchildren.

### Doiges celebrate 50th anniversary

Jeannie and Lonnie Doige of Bigfork celebrated their 50th anniversary on March 18 with their three children at a dinner party hosted by their special friends, Iva Mathers, and Dave and Star. The occasion was also attended by Jeannie's sister, Carol, of Arizona.

The couple were married March 18, 1961, in Denver.

Their children are Shelley Stout of Kalispell, Bonnie Wilson of Blairs, Va., and Wayne Doige of Bigfork. The Doiges also have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



JEANNIE AND Lonnie Doige were married March 18, 1961.



A DINNER party was held to honor the Doiges on their golden anniversary.

## Fredenbergs mark 60th anniversary

Dale and Jean Fredenberg are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with a cake and coffee reception and open house from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, hosted by their family.

The couple were both born and raised in the Flathead Valley. They were married on Feb. 10, 1951, in Kalispell, where they raised their seven children after spending a few years in Libby.

Five of their children reside in Kalispell, Connie Bush, Hazel Riebe, Alan Fredenberg, Anson Fredenberg and Harlan Fredenberg. One son, Virgil Fredenberg, resides in Juneau, Alaska, and daughter Nina Fredenberg is deceased. The couple also have 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, and many relatives in the



DALE AND Jean Fredenberg were married on Feb. 10, 1951.

Flathead Valley.

Recently, they traveled to Anchorage for the holidays with family. Dale and Jean are both musicians and play locally at many senior citizen events.

Jean is a church volunteer and a crafter. Dale is a Navy veteran and retired from the Burlington Northern Railroad.

## Gortons mark 65th anniversary

John "Jack" and Mary (Gasperino) Gorton of Kalispell will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Feb. 23.

Mary was raised in DeSmet near Missoula and attended Sacred Heart Academy. She graduated from the University of Montana and was employed as the first female pharmacist in Kalispell. Jack was raised on the family farm in Creston, and graduated from Flathead County High School with the Class of 1937.

The couple met and fell in love in Kalispell where Mary was working as a pharmacist at the Bi-Rite Drug, and Jack was in pilot training prior to serving proudly in the Navy during World War II.

They were married at



JOHN "JACK" and Mary Gorton were married in Missoula 65 years ago.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Missoula, with the Rev. Soregan officiating. Maid of honor was Lois Peterson, and best man was the bride's brother, Anthony "Tony" Gasperino. Following

their honeymoon in Spokane, they resided in Wisconsin while Jack obtained his degree at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

The couple returned to Kalispell where Jack worked at Manion's, and later as an irrigation engineer and manager of the Equity Supply Farm Store. They are members of Risen Christ Parish in Evergreen and reside at Buffalo Hill Terrace in Kalispell.

The Gortons have three children, Greg and Paula Gorton of Spokane, Pat and Reba Gorton of Clifton Park, N.Y., and Lisa and Jim Stack of Whitefish. They also have four grandchildren, Michael, Alex, Nicholas and Joshua; and one great-grandchild, Ryan.

## Open house set for Grants' 60th anniversary

Charles and Virginia Grant will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house hosted by their daughters from noon to 2 p.m. April 10, at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Kalispell.

The honored couple were married April 10, 1951, in Peoria Heights, Ill.

They have six children, Terri Muraoka, Lin Gwiazdon, Ed, Bob, Tom and Jim Grant; 10 grandchildren, including R.C., Cooper and Todd Muraoka, Maude and Tim Gwiazdon, Nick, Sam, Mitch, Sydney and Pete Grant; and one great-grandchild, Rhyan Jean Muraoka.



CHARLES AND VIRGINIA Grant were married April 10, 1951, in Peoria Heights, Ill.



THE COUPLE will celebrate their 60th anniversary with an open house on April 10.



RAY AND Agnes Hoon recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. The couple were married Sept. 20, 1941, in Spokane.

## Couple celebrates 70th anniversary with family, friends

Ray and Agnes Hoon recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

The couple were married Sept. 20, 1941, in Spokane. They moved to Montana in 1979 after Ray retired from the city of Dayton, Wash. Then Ray enjoyed working in maintenance for Glacier Park for 20 years. He has also enjoyed gardening and is an avid sports fan.

Agnes has been a homemaker and, along with her family, she enjoys sewing, cooking and collecting recipes. She is also an avid reader.

Their children are Eleanor Ann Shelley, and Mick and Brenda Hoon, all of Kalispell, Nancy and Earl Williams of Yakima, Wash., and Dan Hoon of Sidney. They have nine grandchildren, Tammy, Tara, Travis, Dustin, Cody, Clint, Jacob, Nathan and Megan; and nine great-grandchildren.



# Hulls celebrate 65 years together

Albert and Vivian Hull will celebrate their 65th anniversary at an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in at 301 Central Ave., in Whitefish.

Albert Hull and Vivian Montgomery were married Jan. 15, 1946, in Whitefish. They had known each other since grade school, but didn't get together until Albert was home on leave in 1944 during World War II. A casual encounter led to a movie date, and by the end of his leave they were engaged. They were married as soon as Albert returned from the Pacific at the end of war.

After the Navy, Albert held several jobs before taking up his father's profession as a trainman on the Great Northern Railway, working his way up to conductor.

They had three children over six years and made sure all three completed college. Vivian was secretary at Whitefish Central School and



ALBERT AND Vivian Hull were married Jan. 15, 1946.



AN OPEN house will be held to celebrate the Hulls' anniversary.

later Muldown Elementary School.

In 1985 they both retired. Both were involved in preservation of the Whitefish railroad depot. Vivian was named Whitefish Betma Sigma Phi's First Lady of Whitefish. She volunteered at North Valley Hospital and has served on a number of community committees. Albert helped at the food bank.

They also traveled by RV around the West and Alaska. Today, at age

85 and 87, they remain active and exercise five times a week at a local facility.

Their children are Rick Hull, a commercial appraiser in Kalispell; Laurie Ball, lab administrator of a Spokane-area hospital; and Andrea Davidson, a family support specialist for the Center for Child Development in Kalispell. They also have two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

# Jobmanns mark 50th

Paul and Lois (Smith) Jobmann will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 9, in Eureka. The celebration is being hosted by their children. Everyone is welcome. Guests are encouraged to RSVP to Sandy Juenke at 425-941-5786 to get directions.

The couple were married July 1, 1961, by the Rev. Fred Crowe at the Methodist Church in Kalispell. Lois lived in the Blackfoot Valley and



PAUL AND Lois Jobmann were married on July 1, 1961.

the Flathead valley and was a graduate of Flathead County High School. They met while Paul was stationed at the Air Force radar base near Lakeside. They then moved to Albany, N.Y., where Paul started working for National Cash Register, and raised their children there until 1978, when Montana beckoned them to move west.

The Jobmanns were longtime residents of Kila and are now retired and living in Yuma, Ariz. In the summers, they enjoy serving as campground hosts throughout Northwest Montana.

Their children are Ron Jobmann and wife



AN ANNIVERSARY celebration for the Jobmanns is July 9.

Cherice of Bellevue, Wash., Sandy Juenke and husband Mike of North Bend, Wash., and Mike Jobmann of Bellevue. The couple also have eight grandchildren.

## LaStofkas married 60 years

Robert and MaryLou (Hodgson) LaStofka celebrated their 60th anniversary on May 26.

The couple were married May 26, 1951, in Passaic, N.J., where Bob was in the Army and MaryLou was studying voice at the Julliard School of Music. Following his service, they resided in Wisconsin briefly while Bob worked on his father's mink ranch.

In 1953 they moved to the Flathead Valley, ultimately settling in Kalispell. Bob used his engineering education while working road construction and as a mechanic for the Kalispell Road Department, and then for Flathead County. He also worked several years as a mechanic for Texaco and farmed on his father-in-law's (Mark Hodgson) farm north of Kalispell.

MaryLou worked for



ROBERT AND MaryLou LaStofka were married on May 26, 1951.

the Immanuel Lutheran Home from 1965 to 1995, as a nursing aide and physical therapist/aide, with 10 of those years in the Bratsburg Wing.

Both are actively involved in Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

They have four children, Connie Lakes of Hamilton, Ohio, Robin Carson of Kalispell,



A CELEBRATION is being planned for the LaStofkas' 60th anniversary.

Mark LaStofka of White Salmon, Wash., and Julie Hindahl of Kalispell. They also have 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family is planning a celebration at a later date.