

Whitefish couple celebrate 50th

Clinton and Donna (Merwin) Collins of Whitefish will celebrate their 50th anniversary with close family and friends July 1 in Camas, Wash. The event will be hosted by their children, Susie (Collins) Hassel and Greg Collins.

The couple were married June 30,

1962, in LaCrosse, Wis.

They are both retired from careers in education.

They are big Montana Grizzly fans and most enjoy spending time with their friends and family.

The couple have five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



CLINTON AND DONNA Collins on their wedding day June 30, 1962.



Conways celebrate 60 years

Richard and Maxine (Nelson) Conway celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 28 while vacationing in Yuma, Ariz.

The couple were married in 1952, the same year that Dick enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. They spent the next four years at Air Force bases around the country, Dick working on the new jet fighter trainers.

Daughter Debra (Adair) Conway and son "Butch" Conway were born during this time.

Upon completing his tour of duty in 1956, the couple worked the summer on the Sol family ranch west of Missoula until the Boeing Company offered Dick a position at its Flight Test Center in Seattle. Dick also worked for Beechcraft; obtained his federal pilot, aircraft and engine, and Ham radio licenses; and later received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Washington.

He continued work as an engineer in aircraft fatigue testing and Minuteman Missile upgrade and testing.

During that period daugh-



RICHARD AND Maxine Conway recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

ter Jennifer (Speer) was born.

Maxine also attended various classes, including the Aircraft Owners and Pilot Association Pinch Hitter's course, which gave her backup qualities for flights in their Cherokee 180. She was particularly skilled in crosswind landings.

In 1976 the couple returned to Montana, and in 1977 they opened the Kalispell Radio Shack store, which they oper-

ated for 20 years together with their children and grandchildren.

They have traveled extensively, particularly in Mexico. The Conways also ranch in their spare time. Maxine also enjoys cross-country skiing, hiking and snowshoeing. Their motto is "you and me kid."

Their children all live in the Kalispell area. They have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Couple celebrate 60th anniversary

Leo and Lois Dawson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 4, hiking and enjoying the beauty of Glacier National Park.

They were married at Galesburg, Ill., on Nov. 4, 1952, while Leo was in the U.S. Air Force. Following his discharge, they made several moves about the country during his career in U.S. government service.

They are the parents of three children, Jeffrey Dawson of Des Moines, Iowa, Cheryl Leach and husband Collin of Bigfork, and Laura Jeffords and husband Steven of Hopkinsville, Ky. The couple have three grandchildren, Andrew Roberts of Minneapolis, and Thomas and Emily Jeffords of Hopkinsville.

The Dawsons have resided in Kalispell since 1976.



LEO AND Lois Dawson of Kalispell celebrated their 60th anniversary Nov. 4 by hiking in Glacier Park.



BILL AND LORRAINE Dempsey were married July 2, 1952, in Creston. They celebrated their 60th anniversary last month with their family at McGregor Lake.

From roller rink to lasting marriage: Dempseys celebrate 60th anniversary

Bill and Lorraine Dempsey of Kalispell celebrated their 60th anniversary at a family reunion July 2 to 6 at their daughter's home on McGregor Lake. The occasion was hosted by their three children.

Special guest was Lorraine's mother, Hazel (Sheridan) Motichka, 98, who especially enjoyed watching five generations of her family recreate on the lake together.

The Dempseys were married July 2, 1952, at the Creston Chapel in Creston. Their wedding reception took place at the Kalispell home of Lorraine's grandparents, Ruth and Arthur Hied.

The couple met in May 1952 at the

Lake Blaine roller-skating rink while they were in high school, and it was love at first sight. They were married in July.

Bill worked as a heavy duty mechanic, and Lorraine worked as a grocery checker throughout the Flathead Valley. Both are retired. Over the years they have enjoyed camping and traveling to visit their family.

They have three children, Dorrie and Mike Stone of Valleyford, Wash., Debra and Greg Johnson of Kalispell, and Bill Dempsey of Kalispell. The Dempseys have seven grandchildren (their other two are deceased) and 15 great-grandchildren.

■ 55TH ANNIVERSARY



FRANK AND PEG Gebhardt of Kalispell were married Dec. 28, 1957, in Washington, Iowa. The couple celebrated their 55th anniversary Friday.

Couple celebrated 55 years Friday

Frank and Peg (Bruty) Gebhardt of Kalispell celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Dec. 28.

The couple were married Dec. 28, 1957, in Washington, Iowa.

They own Alamon Telco Inc. in Kalispell.

Their children are John and Kristie Gebhardt, Denise and Bert Eickert, Matt and Cheryl Gebhardt, Meg and Jim

Lippy, Michelle and Brad Cronk, Chris and Stephanie Gebhardt, and Jen and Eric Shelton.

The couple have 28 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Flathead couple celebrate 60 years together

Rich and Leslie Ann Gunlikson recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married June 14, 1952, in Butte. They were students together at the University of Montana. Rich graduated from UM in 1953.

They Gunliksons have lived in the Flathead Valley since 1984. They lived in Cut Bank from 1955 to 1983.

They have six children, Linda of Butte; Rich Jr. of Littleton, Colo.; Reed, Rial and Angela, all of Kalispell; and Ryan of Whitefish. They have 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



RICH and Leslie Ann Gunlikson were married June 14, 1952, in Butte.



RAY AND YVONNE Hall were married Nov. 8, 1942. The Kalispell couple celebrate their 70th anniversary this week.

Couple celebrate 70th anniversary

Ray and Yvonne Hall, longtime residents of Kalispell, will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Nov. 8.

Yvonne caught Ray's eye for the first time in 1934 while attending Central Junior High School in Kalispell. About a year later, she moved to east-

ern Montana, and then returned to Kalispell in the spring of 1942 with the intention of moving to Seattle.

Ray happened to be home on a two-week leave from the military during that time, and they were re-introduced by mutual friends. Several months

later, Yvonne and a friend drove from Kalispell to California to meet Ray. Shortly thereafter they were married.

Yvonne followed Ray across the country and back during his time in the military. They permanently settled in Kalispell in 1948.

Hemps celebrate 50th anniversary

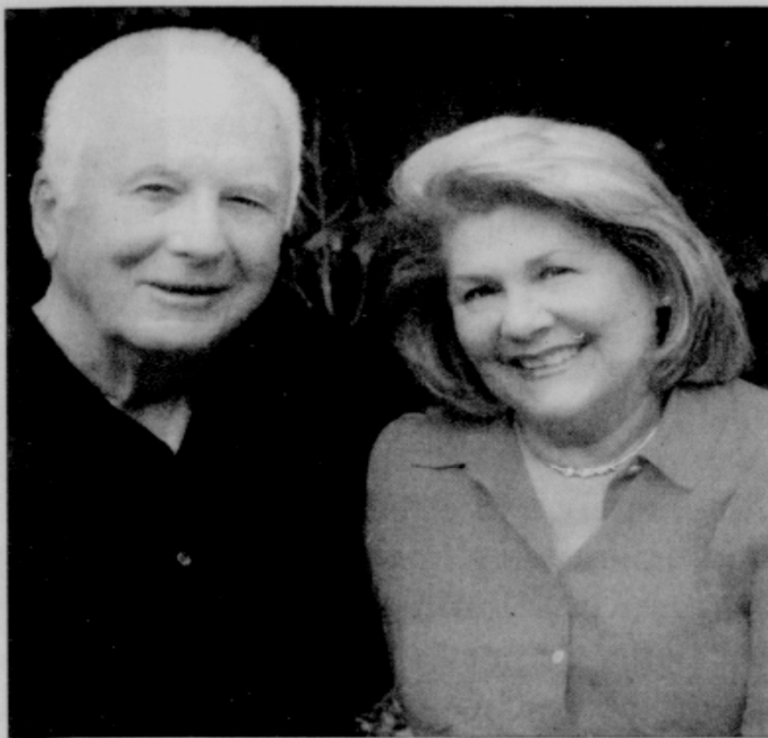
Ralph C. and Mary Ann (Corley) Hemp celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25.

The couple met at San Diego State University in 1959 and were married at Wayfarers Chapel in Portuguese Bend, Calif. They have lived in California, New Jersey, Colorado, Connecticut, Oregon and Montana.

Ralph's work as CEO of North American Casualty Reinsurance took them on travels to London and continental Europe.

They retired to Ashland, Ore., in 1986 and Ralph has continued as a reinsurance arbitrator, registered with Arias.

On a trip to the Flathead Valley in 1990, they discovered the North Fork and built a home in 1995. They are now moving to town and building in Kalispell near Easthaven Baptist Church where they are



Ralph C. and Mary Ann Hemp

members.

They have two children, son Ralph K. and Julie Hemp of Columbia Falls, and daughter Laura and Steve McCol-

lum of Lovettsville, Va. The Hemps have four grandchildren, Brenton and McKenzie Hemp, and Mallory and Kenton McCollum.

Robert "Bob" Ivey & Joyce Paullin Ivey

Happy 65th Anniversary



October 11, 1947

Sixty-Five years as man and wife
Fulfilling commitments you made for life.
Three daughters, six grandchildren,
plus three great-grandchildren,
We are proud of you both as we celebrate
The example you set, the life you live,
The love you share, the ways you give,
The memories, laughs and all the fun.
Congratulations on a marriage well done.
From Your Loving Family



October 11, 2012



DEAN AND JOAN Jellison were married June 12, 1952, in Missoula. They recently celebrated their 60th anniversary with a family reception on Flathead Lake.

Jellisons celebrate 60 years

Couple met as students at University of Mont.

Dean and Joan (Hardin) Jellison recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family reception at their Flathead Lake summer home.

The couple met as students at the University of Montana where Dean graduated from the School of Law, and Joan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English/drama.

They were married at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Missoula on June 12, 1952.

Dean served two years with the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Upon returning to Kalispell in 1955, he established a successful law practice.

Joan was active with Hospital Volunteers, Flathead Valley Community College Theatre, Hospice of Kalispell and many other community activities.

Dean and Joan raised three daughters, Pam Cummings of Denver, Beth Smith of Lakeside, and Paula Jellison who died in 2000.

The Jellisons have three grandchildren and four great-grandsons.

Couple reach Golden Anniversary

Bob and Gloria (Etheridge) Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3.

They were married July 3, 1962, at First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell.

The couple worked for many years in Kalispell. Bob was a mailman on Main Street, and Gloria worked at Hallmark and Herberger's in the mall.

They are now retired and live in Yuma, Ariz.

They celebrated their anniversary in Kalispell with their daughters, Leah Wiersma of Kalispell and Lisa and Gary Olsen of Fort Worth, Texas. The Johnsons also have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



BOB AND Gloria Johnson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3.



CHARLES AND VIOLA Keller of Kalispell have been married for 65 years.

Kellers celebrate 65 years

Charles and Viola Keller of Kalispell celebrated their 65th anniversary April 29 at a dinner at Vista Linda Restaurant hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The couple were married April 29, 1947, in Anchorage, Alaska.

They are retired and still reside in the Flathead Valley.

Their children are Joe and Sheila Keller, Mary and Frank Cabbage, Bonnie and Laurie Schuman, Lonnie and Deb Keller, and Terry Keller. They have 15 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.