

## Whitefish couple married 50 years

Hank and Barb (Walter) Peiper of Whitefish will celebrate their 50th anniversary at an open house for family and friends, hosted by their children from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Peiper home.

Both lifelong Montanans, Henry "Hank" was born in eastern Montana, while Barbara was born in Coram.

They were married Aug. 23, 1963, at Coram Presbyterian Church.

For the first half of their marriage, Barb was a homemaker, raising their three children. Her extraordinary, decorated cakes have been the centerpiece of family celebrations. She also loved to sew, and it was not uncommon to see the Peiper family at the fair in cowboy boots, blue jeans and matching Western shirts.

Once the children were grown, Barb worked at Muldown Elementary School in Whitefish, where she was a cook in the school cafeteria for nearly 15 years.

Hank spent his career as a journeyman plumber in the Flathead Valley, most notably for Ibsen Plumbing in Whitefish and Chuck's Plumbing and Heating of Kalispell. He shared his love for the outdoors with those around him, and the family enjoyed many summer weekends



**HANK** and Barb Peiper were married Aug. 23, 1963, in Coram.

camping and creek fishing at Hungry Horse Reservoir.

In retirement, Hank and Barb enjoy traveling in their RV, fishing and spending time with their nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. They continue to enjoy living in their home of more than 45 years on Columbia Avenue in Whitefish.

Their children are Hank Jr. and Mona Peiper of Kalispell, Scott and Heidi Peiper of Seattle, and Tammy and Dan Toner of Great Falls.

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**RUSS AND JEAN** Penne, shown at left on their wedding day, Sept. 15, 1953, in Polson, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Kalispell Senior Center. (Photo at right by Trevon Baker)

### High school sweethearts celebrate 60 years

Russ and Jean Penne of Kalispell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Kalispell Senior Center, 403 Second Ave. W.

The couple were married Sept. 15, 1953, at Polson Christian Church in Polson.

They were high school sweethearts. Russ, a native of Minot, N.D.,

joined the Navy in May 1951 in Minot. Their children were born in Cut Bank in 1955 and 1958. The Pennes moved to Caroline, Alberta, in 1972 and returned to Montana in 1976, moving to Kalispell where Jean was born in 1934.

They have two children, daughter, Anita Penne Kelly and husband Jim Kelly, of Red Bluff, Calif.;

and son, Phil Penne and wife Maggi Molloy, of Arbutus, Md. They also have two granddaughters, Angela and Meagan VanDusen of North Bend, Wash., and two grandsons, Shawn and Kevin Penne, of Vancouver, Wash.; one great-granddaughter, Canley, and Michael Cisneros, of North Bend; and one great-grandson, Khol, of Vancouver.

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**RICHARD AND KATHERINE** Pierce, shown at left on their wedding day Aug. 8, 1953, in Bemidji, Minn., celebrate their 60th anniversary this year.

## C. Falls couple celebrate 60 years

Family gathered July 21 at the Gendreau home in Creston to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Richard and Katherine Pierce.

The couple were married Aug. 8, 1953, in Bemidji, Minn.

They have made their home in Columbia Falls

since July 1956.

Richard retired in 1995 after having worked as an electrician. Kathy was a stay-at-home mom and homemaker.

Richard is a year-round fisherman who, when not on a lake, can be found golfing or tinkering in the garden, or along with

Kathy enjoying their Yorkshire terrier, Jilly.

The Pierces have three children, Diana Sandalack of Calgary, Alberta, Susan Gendreau of Creston and Richard Pierce of Columbia Falls. They have seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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**NADEAN AND** Ron Proul, who were married Nov. 10, 1963, in Reno, Nev., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this month.

### Couple celebrate 50 years together

Ron and Nadean Proul of Swan Lake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 10.

The couple were married Nov. 10, 1963, in Reno, Nev.

Ron is from Helena, and Nadean is from Conrad. They lived in many different states before settling in 1985 in Kalispell, where they finished raising their children. For more than 27 years they have owned Travelmarketing,

which provides the advertising opportunities at Glacier Park International Airport. They now reside in Swan Lake and Laughlin, Nev.

Their children are son Ron Jr. and wife Leticia of Palos Verdes, Calif., daughter Dawn and husband Curt Lembke of Kalispell, and daughter Cathlyn and husband Peter Ostrem of Bryn Mawr, Pa. They have eight grandchildren.



**NOLA AND CURT** Rice, shown at left on their wedding day, Aug. 24, 1963, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

## Kalispell couple celebrate 50 years

Curt and Nola Rice of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary with friends and family at the Lone Pine Visitor Center on Aug. 3.

The special occasion was hosted by their daughter, Kimberly Wold, her husband, Ron, and sons Brady and Levi Parkin; and son, Mark Rice. Most of the family came from out of state, along with longtime friends from Idaho and Nebraska.

The couple were entertained by

their guests and then swept away for a ride down Main Street in a 1958 Ford convertible. A potluck dinner was held at the couple's home later in the day.

They were married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Aug. 24, 1963. Curt was stationed with the U.S. Air Force's U-2 Reconnaissance Wing in Tucson, Ariz., and, after waiting for a year due to the Cuban Missile Crisis, was finally able to secure a leave to come home to be married.



**HOWARD AND FRAN** Ruby were married May 11, 1963, in Kalispell. They celebrate their 50th anniversary Saturday.

## Couple celebrate 50 years together

Howard and Fran Ruby of Somers will celebrate 50 years of marriage with family and friends May 11 at the Museum at Central School in Kalispell. The

Both Fran's and Howard's parents lived in the Flathead. Howard graduated from Flathead County High School in 1953, and Fran in 1956. Howard

where Howard worked in construction and Fran worked at the Missoula Mercantile. The family moved to Flathead Lake in 1976.

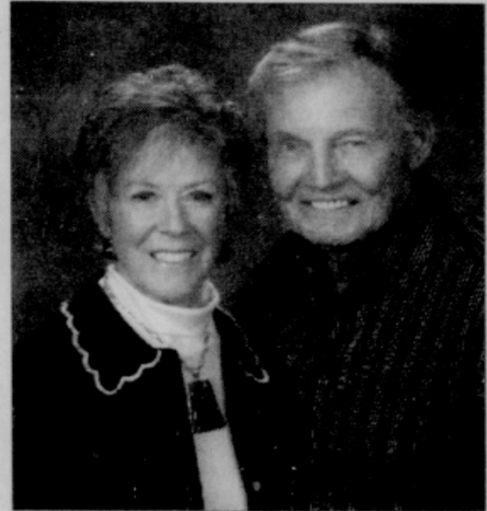
occasion is being hosted by their children, Cheryl and Curt Biller, and Darrell and Susan Ruby, and grandchildren, Jessica, Laura and Luke Ruby.

The couple were married May 11, 1963, at Epworth United Methodist Church in Kalispell.

went on to college in Bozeman. Fran went to Eastern Washington University in Spokane. Fran taught school at Pleasant Valley and Springcreek schools. Howard worked construction in Missoula.

Their two children were born in Missoula,

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**DAN AND FAITHE** Schellinger, shown at left on their wedding day, Aug. 17, 1963, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary.

## Couple celebrate 50th with friends

Dan and Faithe Schellinger celebrated their 50th anniversary at a dinner with their special friends, Harry and Pat Cheff.

They were married on Aug. 17, 1963, in Glasgow at St. Raphael's Catholic Church by Father Kabeary.

After graduation from Glasgow High School, Dan served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956,

and returned to Glasgow to become associated with Schellinger Construction Co., where he continued to work until his retirement in 1996.

Faithe was a legal secretary at Bothe and Lauridsen law firm for 14 years until retirement, when she and Dan became snow birds in Palm Desert, Calif.

Two children were born of the marriage, Shawn and Shannon. Shawn and

his wife, Denise, have two children, Ryan and Mia, and reside in Broomfield, Colo. Shannon and her husband, Mike Bachman, also have two children, Kayla and Austin, and reside in Fishers, Ind.

Their children are planning a family cruise to take place in 2014 to celebrate the 50th anniversary and several other special occasions that will occur next year.



The Van Heldens on their wedding day



John and Marian Van Helden

## Van Heldens mark 65th anniversary

John and Marian Van Helden of Kalispell celebrated their 65th anniversary at a dinner hosted by their children at Vista Linda Restaurant in Somers.

The couple met in high school and were married May 8, 1948, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rice Lake, Wis.

John was a postmaster in Manhattan.

Marian worked part-time and was a homemaker. The couple have resided in Kalispell for the past eight years.

They have seven children, Stephen, Jeffrey and Maria, who all live in Kalispell, and Katrina, Peter, Joseph and Terri. They also have 25 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



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**GENE AND SHIRLEY** Watters, who were married Nov. 1, 1953, in Kalispell, celebrated their 60th anniversary at the Kalispell Eagles Aug. 10.

## Couple celebrate 60 years together

Friends and family of Gene and Shirley Watters celebrated the couple's 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 10 at the Eagles in Kalispell.

Attending were their three children, Cindy Buckallew of Kalispell, Pam and husband Lauren Coleman of Edmonton, Alberta, and JR and wife Marisa Watters of Kalispell; grandchildren, Rory Buckallew and wife

Kristine Nixon, and Trey Buckallew and fiance Brittany Hader, all of Kalispell, Brandon and wife Serina Teeple of Stoney Plains, Alberta, and Ashley Watters of Kalispell. Their five great-grandchildren were also there, as well as nephews from Oklahoma and Oregon.

Unable to attend were grandchildren, James Watters of Kalispell

and Brooklyn Teeple of Edmonton.

Gene and Shirley were married Nov. 1, 1953, at the Presbyterian Church in Kalispell. Gene retired from the IBEW after 36 years. Shirley worked for the Flathead Outpatient Surgery Center. The couple have resided in Yuma, Ariz., since 2005.

The Watters thank all who attended their anniversary celebration.

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GEORGE AND DORIS WELLS

### Couple celebrate 60 years together

George and Doris Wells celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 23 at the Elks Lodge in Hayden, Idaho, at an event hosted by their children. They both attended Bigfork High School and were married March 17, 1953, in Bigfork.

# Couple celebrate 50 years Thursday

Kip and Flo Brownback Williams of Columbia Falls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends Thanksgiving Day at the home of Wes and Shelly Williams, 363 Third Ave. E.N., Columbia Falls.

The couple were married Nov. 29, 1963, in Columbia Falls.

Kip is a retired teacher, and Flo is a retired pharmacy technician.

Their children are Tammy and Bill Woody, with children Ben and John; Shanee and Scott Landon, with daughter Bree; Wes and Shelly Williams, with children Olivia and Logan; and Troy Williams, with



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children Conner and Carley.

All of them live in Columbia Falls.

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**PATRICIA AND** Tony Yeager, shown above on their wedding day, Sept. 5, 1953, celebrated their 60th anniversary this year in West Glacier.



# Couple celebrate 60 years together

Tony and Patricia Yeager of Kalispell recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with their children and families at West Glacier.

The couple were mar-

ried Sept. 5, 1953.

Their children are John and Holly Yeager of Townhouse, Ohio; Ann and Don Brigham of Belgrade; Mike and Sandie Yeager of Yorkville, Ill.; Jim and Mary

Yeager of Madison, Wis.; Doug Yeager of West Glacier; and Bob and Kathleen Yeager of Columbia Falls.

They have 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.