

50TH ANNIVERSARY



George & Pegi Beaudoin

George Dennis Beaudoin and Margaret "Pegi" Loraine Mantei Beaudoin of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary at a family dinner on Aug. 9 at Jagz Restaurant, followed by cake and social hour at their residence.

They were married in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on Aug. 8, 1964.

The Beaudoins have lived in Kalispell since 1975 when they moved here from Seattle. George worked as a machinist for Semitool and Pegi was employed as Evergreen School District's operations engineer. They are both retired.

They have two sons, Loren and wife Marty of Kalispell, and Jason and wife Christy of Superior. Their grandchildren are Jacob Beaudoin of Kalispell, Gia, Lyla and Owen Beaudoin of Superior, and Paxton Beaudoin of Indiana.



65TH ANNIVERSARY



Walter and Bonnie Gunn

Walter and Bonnie Gunn celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a dinner party with their family and friends on Aug. 9 at their home on Flat-head Lake in Bigfork.

Walt was born in Falls City, Neb., and moved with his family to Southern California at the age of 5. He received his medical degree at Stanford University and later his law degree at Santa Clara University Law School.

Bonnie Louise Moreaux was born in La Rue, Ohio, and was raised in Green Bay, Wis., where she studied ballet and acrobatics until age 13 when she moved with her family to Southern California. There she studied Spanish dance and ballet and performed at the Wilshire Theatre in Hollywood.

She was also a sought-after photographer's model in Hollywood in her teens and early 20s.

On June 21, 1949, Bonnie and Walt were married at the Little Church of the Flowers in Glendale, Calif. They spent their early married years in the San Francisco Bay area while Walt completed his medical degree.

They raised eight children, moving around the country while Walt served as a captain in the U.S. Army. In addition, Walt spent his medical career providing cancer care and teaching at various medical schools in Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Southern California. He also worked as a radiation oncologist in private practice in California. He most recently provided cancer treatment at the Kalispell Regional Medical Center from 1996 through 2013.

Bonnie is an accomplished interior designer, landscape artist and dancer. She created, choreographed and directed Vida del Mar's annual musicals in Manzanillo, Mexico, where both she and Walt danced in her multi-cast shows from 1990 through 2008.



65TH ANNIVERSARY

Norman & Angeline Kruckenberg



Norman and Angeline Kruckenberg celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary July 2.

The couple were married July 2, 1949, by Monsignor O'Farrell at St. Matthew's Church.

Norman came to Kalispell in 1946 from Zap, N.D., where his mother and father Herb and Amalia Kruckenberg farmed.

Angeline moved to Kalispell in 1934 with her parents, Harry and Bernadine Kunda, from St. Phillips, Mont. She and her five brothers and sisters attended St. Matthew's and Flathead County High schools.

Angie was working at Norm's News where she met Norman in November 1948. After their marriage, Angeline and Norman became a lifetime team in various business ventures, including NK Trucking, the Husky truck stop in Kalispell, along with managing a fleet of trucks that moved materials across 20 states. In the 1950s, Angie became a distributor for Tupperware in Montana.

In 1963, the Kruckenbergs developed and patented an accounting and tax bookkeeping system that was used by hundreds of small businesses through the years.

In Alaska, the couple operated an Ace Hardware and OK Lumber Co., and designed and built house packages in demand during the Alaska pipeline construction period, as well as the largest truck shop in Fairbanks at that time.

The Marvins had six children in seven years — three boys and three girls — Raymond, Rosanne, Richard, Regina, Rita and Ronald.



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Gerald & Nellie Marsh

Gerald F. and Nellie K. Marsh will celebrate their 50th anniversary at an open house for family and friends hosted by their daughters from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at the Vista Linda Restaurant in Somers.

They were married Nov. 14, 1964, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Missoula.

Their children are Kari Himel of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Joni Marsh of Longmont, Colo. They have four grandchildren.



60TH ANNIVERSARY

Charles & Shirley Marvin

Charles and Shirley Marvin of Kalispell celebrated their 60th anniversary at a family barbecue at their home on Airport Road. The event was hosted by their children.

The couple were married July 3, 1954, at St. Ann's in Somers.

They raised nine sons. Charlie was a barber, had a tie mill, farmed and cut Christmas trees. Shirley helped with all that work, plus grew all the vegetables and fruit for their family.

Their children are Ron and Robin of Kalispell, Clay and Lori of Lodi, Calif., Shawn and Lora of Kalispell, Ken and LeAnn of Kalispell, Loren and Jamie of Sparks, Nev., Zeno and Liz of Hermiston, Ore., Matt and Lori of Kalispell, Chuck and Anne of Missoula, and Mike and Amy of Spokane.

The Marvins have 19 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



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Ray and Janette Nicklaus

Ray and Janette Nicklaus of Valier, and formerly of Kalispell, will celebrate their 60th anniversary at an open house hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Robin McElrath and family. The event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 24 at Forest Acres, 4870 U.S. 93 S., No. 37, in Whitefish.

The couple were married Aug. 24, 1954, in Elgin, N.D. They lived in North Dakota for one and a half years and then moved to the Flathead Valley. Ray worked for the Anaconda Aluminum Company for 38 and a half years. Janette was employed as a cook in Glacier National Park for most of her working years.

Their children are Don and Cathy Nicklaus of Columbia Falls, Joan and Robin McElrath of Whitefish, Betty and Don Wilhelm of Kalispell,

Cheryl and Carl Nelson of Columbia Falls, Karen and Leonard Wilke of Valier, and Randy and Virginia Nicklaus of Kila. They have 24 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

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ROBERT "BOB" AND DOROTHY Redinger were married Nov. 8, 1949, in Spokane, Wash.

Robert and Dorothy Redinger

Robert "Bob" and Dorothy Redinger celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Nov. 8.

The family celebrated the occasion with a family reunion in Kalispell in July.

The couple were married in Spokane

The couple has eight children, Pat of Kalispell, Lori and Grant Hall of Little Rock, Ark., Joe and Debbie of Kalispell, Larry of Houston, Joan Lanfear of Kalispell, Matt and Ann of Billings, Bobbi and Ron Scheinin of Denver, and Mary

and have lived in five states across the United States over the course of their marriage, returning to the Flathead Valley upon their retirement.

and Steve Fox of Gilbert, Ariz.

They have 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Gary & Penny Richardson

Gary and Penny (Miller) Richardson of Kalispell celebrated their 50th anniversary recently.

The couple were married July 25, 1964, in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1980, they moved to Montana where Gary bought into Open Hearth Fireplace Shop and Penny went back to work as a nurse for Kalispell Regional Hospital. Gary ended up as the sole proprietor of Open Hearth. He retired in 2012. Penny's last nursing position was serving those needing hospice care.

They have two sons, Scott and family in Kalispell, and Todd and family in Wasilla, Alaska. They have four grandchildren and many friends they call family.

Newly retired, they are spending this summer fishing and camping in Alaska and enjoying their new lifestyle.



ANNIVERSARY



Roots celebrate 50 years

Norman and Jeanna Root of Kalispell will celebrate their 50th anniversary Dec. 6 at a family gathering hosted by their children.

The couple were married Nov. 28, 1964, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. A sealing ceremony took place Oct. 18, 1975, in the Cardston, Alberta Temple.

The Roots are lifelong residents of Kalispell. Norm has owned and operated Root Masonry for 57 years. Jeanna owned the Toddler Inn for many years and is now at the Early Learning Center at St. Matthew's Catholic School.

They have both worked and continue to serve in many ward callings for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Their children are Christine and David Smith of Hamilton, Michael and Michelle Root of Gilbert, Ariz., Daniel and Jaimi Root of Kalispell, Annalise and Dustin Wilson of Kila, and Benjamin Root and Aimee Neff of Kalispell.

They have 17 grandchildren.

55TH ANNIVERSARY

Arvid and Barbara Snyder

Arvid and Barbara Snyder of Kalispell celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Nov. 7.

The couple were married Nov. 7, 1959, in Fontana, Calif.

Their children are Arvid Snyder Jr., of Kalispell, Dianne Neva of Kalispell, Glenn Snyder of Columbia Falls, and Terri Halvorson of Cut Bank.

They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Quentin & Donna Vitt

Quentin and Donna Vitt of Kalispell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 29. They are planning a special dinner and a trip in their motor home.

The couple were married July 29, 1954, in an outdoor evening ceremony at the home of Donna's parents in Columbia Falls. They met in Columbia Falls in 1950 when Quentin was 18 and Donna was 14. Quentin served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1955, serving in Guam until 1954.

The Vitts have enjoyed raising their family and working together all their lives, from ranching to being real estate brokers. They have lived in the same home in Kalispell for the past 50 years.

Their children are Lance Vitt and Renee of Kalispell, Cathi and Dale Iverson of Bigfork, and Voni Vitt-Hansen, deceased. They have 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

