



60TH ANNIVERSARY

Herb and Bette Albright

Herb and Bette Albright recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

They were married June 7, 1958, in Butte at the Trinity Methodist Church.

They had three children, sons Keith and Neil (both deceased), and daughter Cindy.

Herb was the owner of Valley Glass from 1966 to 1995, when he decided to retire and sold the business to his sons.

Bette was teacher at Evergreen School for 25 years. She currently serves on the Kalispell School board.

In retirement, the Albrights deliver Meals on Wheels, attend Grizzly football games with family and continue to enjoy the Flathead Valley as home.

Andersons celebrate 70 years

A celebration of the 70-year marriage of Bob and Shirley Anderson will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kalispell. Friends and family are welcome to a luncheon reception.

Bob was a Marine dive-bomber pilot in World War II and had returned home to Denver to attend Colorado State University where he received a degree in engineering. Shirley was operating a restaurant where Bob and fellow returned veterans would come to eat.

The couple were engaged a week after meeting and married Sept. 22, 1948, at Shirley's mountain home in Colorado.

Bob's work entailed many moves including Missoula, Enumclaw, Washington, Pilot Rock, Oregon, and Denver. Retirement brought them back to Montana where Bob had spent a post-war summer as superintendent of a road crew on the Going-to-the Sun Highway.

His one-room cabin at Lake McDonald was a haven where he enjoyed his lifelong love of trout fishing. In 1990, after nine retirement years



in St. Regis, they chose to move to Kalispell where Bob had traveled as a sales representative years ago. They enjoyed 25 years on their Helena Flats property before moving to Buffalo Hill Terrace in 2016.

The Andersons have two daughters, Karen Mercaldo and Kris Anderson, daughter-in-law Sharon, son Nels, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

September 16, 2018

September 2, 2018



Browns celebrate 60th anniversary

Harry and Nancy Brown, longtime residents of Whitefish, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 21.

The couple were married June 21, 1958, in Summit, New Jersey. They met while students at Penn State and married shortly after graduation.

After living in several states they found the "Last Best Place" in Whitefish in the '70s and moved here together with their three children, Bonnie, Chuck and Sallie. After they all graduated from the University of Montana and had families of their own, the children all moved back to the Flathead Valley.

The Browns have seven grand-

children and three great-grandchildren. Bonnie Brown's children are Emily Nichols (Brendan), and David Hammett. Chuck and Julie Brown's children are Ryan, Kellie and Lauren. Sallie Brown's children are Amanda and Sean Foley. Their great-grandchildren are Riley Brown and Avery and Finley Nichols.

The Browns have been active in the community and had the pleasure of serving as Whitefish Winter Carnival's King Ullr LIV and Queen of the Snows in 2013. They feel blessed to have their family all living in the Flathead Valley. A family anniversary celebration is planned for next month.

June 24, 2018

40TH ANNIVERSARY

Marlo and Cheryl Dull

Marlo and Cheryl (Murphy) Dull of Columbia Falls are celebrating 40 years of marriage today.

The couple were married Aug. 12, 1978, in Woodland Park by the Rev. Ray Tuttle of the First Church of God in Kalispell.

They have three children, Shad, Cher and Shawn, who are all deceased. They carry them in their hearts always. Shad and Katherine blessed them with a beautiful granddaughter, Emily, who is their pride and joy.



August 12, 2018

70TH ANNIVERSARY

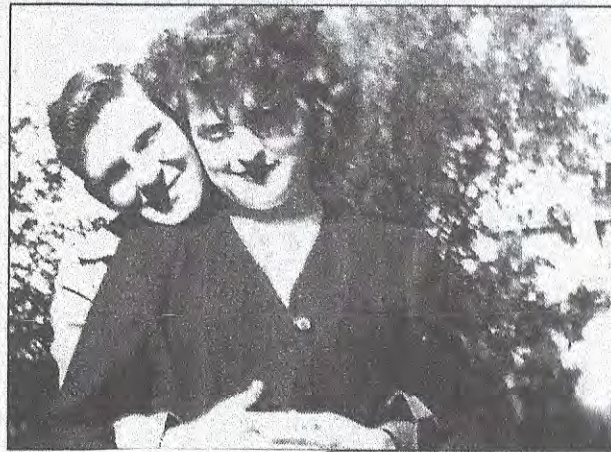
Jack and Vera Jarrett

Jack and Vera Jarrett of Columbia Falls celebrated their 70th anniversary with family and friends April 20 at an open house hosted by their daughter and son-in-law Judydel and Jim R. Perry. Their anniversary cake was made by their granddaughter.

The couple were married April 17, 1948, in Great Falls. They lived in Lewistown and moved to Columbia Falls in 1949. They ran a taxi service with Vera's parents, Lee and Della Smith, during the building of the Hungry Horse Dam and aluminum plant, doubling as police/fire dispatchers. Jack was a line-man and member of IBEW 768 for 70 years.

The Jarretts traveled most of the United States with work and retirement, including Alaska and Hawaii. They also enjoyed camping and fishing together. Jack was also an avid hunter.

Jack and Vera have been blessed with a daughter, Judydel, and husband, Jim R., five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



May 6 2018

40th ANNIVERSARY

Pinter and Jordan

Gil Jordan and Kimberly Pinter of Coram will celebrate 40 years of marriage July 30.

The couple were married July 30, 1978, at their home in Whittier, California, by Gil's father, Dr. Thatcher Jordan, a Methodist minister, who coincidentally was performing his 1,000th wedding.

Gil and Kim met at Rio Hondo College in Whittier, where they were both employed, Gil as the Theatre Department stage manager, and Kim working in the Community Services office.

Together they purchased 40 acres of wilderness forest two and a half miles off the highway in Coram. Over the next eight years they visited the Montana property every summer and began building their log home, where they moved in 1985. Gil got a job as a social worker with the Western Montana Mental Health Center's Lamplighter House in Kalispell, where

he worked for 13 years, while Kim worked at Human Resources (now Community Action Partnership).

Gil and Kim recently retired from the Museum at Central School and Northwest Montana Historical Society where Gil was the executive director for 12 years, and Kim was a volunteer for the first six years and executive assistant for the past six years.

The couple now devote more time to home-based projects like gardening, home improvements and reading, and remain involved with the community. Gil continues 31 years of service with the Coram-West Glacier Volunteer Fire Department where he has been secretary-treasurer for 29 years. In June 2017, Gil became a board member with Citizens for a Better Flathead, and starting in September will add the Whitefish Theatre Company board to his responsibilities.



July 29, 2018

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Virginia and Paul Miller

Virginia and Paul Miller of Libby celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 13. They were married in Ronan where they were both raised only 5 miles apart in the Round Butte area. They moved to Libby after their marriage and have resided there ever since.

Virginia is a homemaker and Paul made his career as an engine mechanic and facilitator at the lumber mill.

They both enjoy the great outdoors and have spent many days hiking in the mountains.

Their children are Nancy Baker (husband Darryl) of Bozeman, and Todd Miller (wife Anne) of Corvallis, Oregon. They have four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



September 23, 2018

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Bob and Kathy Nockleby

Bob and Kathy (Bull) Nockleby of Lakeside celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii with their children and granddaughter. Bob's brothers and their spouses also hosted a celebration in Lakeside with local family members.

The couple were married Aug. 21, 1968, at Christ Church Episcopal in Kalispell.

The couple are both 1966 graduates of Flathead County High School. Bob graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota, and Kathy graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dental Hygiene. They lived and worked in Minnesota where both of their children were born. They returned to Montana in 1978 and operated Nockleby's Four Seasons Department Store in Ronan until 1995, then returned to the Flathead Valley where Bob worked for Thrivent Financial and Kathy worked as a dental hygienist.

Their daughter Lisa lives and works in California. Their son Jason and wife Shannon and granddaughter McKenzie live in Arizona.



July 22 2018



David and Linda Peterson

David and Linda Peterson of Lakeside celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently in conjunction with a family reunion numbering 85 and hosted by their children at the Edgewater Resort in Lakeside.

The couple were married Aug. 16, 1968, at First Lutheran Church in Lignite, North Dakota.

David served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969, including 18 months in Korea. He was an air traffic control specialist, which he continued with the FAA until 1980. After moving to Kalispell, he worked in the maintenance department at Kalispell

Regional Hospital from 1981 to 1995, and then farmed on the family farm in North Dakota until retirement in 2010, still keeping property in Montana. Linda worked in retail in the Flathead Valley from 1987 to 1996. After retirement they moved near Lakeside, wintering in Arizona. Their children were raised and educated in the Flathead Valley.

They have a daughter, Heather and Mark Siderius of Kalispell, and son, Justin Peterson and Katy Shewmaker of Sagle, Idaho.

The Petersons have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

September 23, 2018

Please join us in celebrating our parents

Matt & Jaunetta
Schrepfer

AND

40 years

of wedded bliss

WHEN: Friday, June 29th, 2018

TIME: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

WHERE: Bethel Baptist Church

936 4th Ave. West - Kalispell, MT 59901

Come and enjoy a sandwich with us and
please bring a side-dish to share!



Then
&
Now



Please RSVP via Facebook: Schrepfer 40th
Anniversary or call Amanda at (406) 212-7422

June 24, 2018

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Patti Slack

Jim and Patti Slack of Kalispell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at an open house reception for friends and family from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the Slacks' Flathead Lake home, hosted by their children.

Jim Slack and Patti (Lyonais) Slack both grew up in the Flathead Valley and met while attending Flathead High School. They were high school sweethearts, graduating together in 1956. They married at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on April 12, 1958.

The Slacks have made and still make their home in Kalispell. Together, they established and owned a successful logging and heavy hauling business. They were and still are very involved in church and community organization and activities. Since retiring, they keep busy with friends, old and new, and family, including their seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family had also gathered for a private dinner celebration on their anniversary this year at Jagz Restaurant.

Their children are Jamie Slack of Kalispell; Dave Slack and wife Deneen of Kalispell, and their children David, his wife Laci, and their two children Dillon and Leah Slack of Kalispell and Dustin Slack of Missoula; Laurie (Slack) Putnam and husband Paul Putnam of Kalispell, and their children Cecilia Putnam, Robert Putnam, John Putnam, Aggie Putnam and Thomas Putnam, all in Kalispell; and Debbie Slack of Kalispell.



Bigfork couple celebrates 60 years

Ted and Judy Smith of Bigfork are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple were united in marriage June 24, 1958, in Colgan, North Dakota.

They lived in Columbia Falls until the '80s, they then moved to Great Falls and lived there until this May, when they moved back to the Flathead Valley.

Ted worked for Plum Creek for 19 years. He was also a longtime ambulance driver and hunter safety instructor in Columbia Falls. Ted enjoyed driving trucks for awhile, over the road and for construction locally. He also completed many projects in his woodworking shop.

Judy worked a num-

ber of years for Davall Mercantile in Columbia Falls. She also taught piano and organ lessons and created many beautiful quilts. She also enjoys quite a bit of salmon snagging.

Together, they raised three children, Lori (Wes) Parker of Bigfork,

Wayne of Columbia Falls, and Tim, also of Columbia Falls. They have two grandchildren, Kyle Parker and Mike (Kat) Parker, all of Bigfork.

The Smiths are glad to be back to the valley and enjoying life among family.

June 24, 2018

June 17, 2018

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Jerry and Jeanne Southwood

Jerry and Jeanne Southwood are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

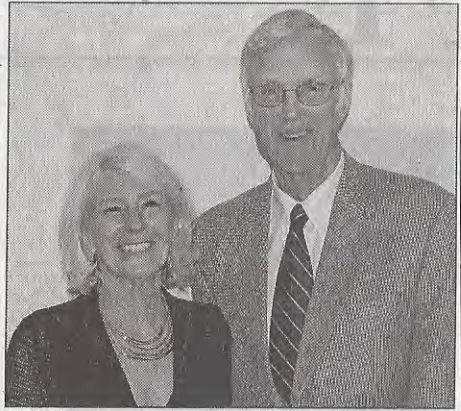
They were married Feb. 10, 1968, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The couple met during their freshman year at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and had their first date on April 19, 1964 (a date Jerry always remembers). Jerry came to Vanderbilt on a basketball scholarship from Evansville, Indiana; Jeanne came to Vanderbilt from the Bethesda/Chevy Chase, area outside of Washington, D.C.

Following graduation from Vanderbilt, they resided in Nashville for almost 45 years. Jerry was the chief financial officer for a large public relations firm. Jeanne had various careers — she was a stay-at-home mom for many years, and a manager with both AT&T and a real estate company.

In the late 1990s, they fell in love with Montana and with Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake and Bigfork and decided that this spectacular place was where they wanted to live. They built their home overlooking Flathead Lake in 2006 and moved to Bigfork full time after Jerry retired in early 2011. They enjoy hiking and kayaking and volunteer work with the Flathead Food Bank and with St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

The couple is blessed with two wonderful children and their families.



Their son Walter lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with his wife Sara and their children, Ailee, Ryan and Megan. Their daughter Mary Surber lives in Missoula with her husband Will and their two boys, Clayton and Jackson.

The couple celebrated their years together with a trip to Alaska in August, including a small boat cruise and a stay in Denali.

February 11, 2018

50th Anniversary Bruce and Susan Tate

Bruce and Susan Tate of Whitefish recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at the North 40 Resort in Columbia Falls, with a catered dinner for family and friends. Many members of the original wedding party were in attendance.

The couple were married July 13, 1968, at the First Presbyterian Church in Missoula.

After they both graduated in 1968 from the University of Montana, Bruce, a Whitefish native, graduated from the Thunderbird Graduate School in Arizona. He began a career in wood product sales and built the Tates' home on Whitefish Lake. Susan was an elementary school teacher.

After Bruce's retirement in 2003, the couple continue to be involved in the Whitefish community and enjoy their grandchildren.

Their son Casey Tate and Heidi reside in Whitefish with grandsons Henry and Colter. Their daughter Tiffany Tate resides in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, with grandsons Rocco and Matteo and granddaughter Valentina Oldani.



September 9, 2018

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Phyllis Valentino

Jim and Phyllis Valentino celebrated their 50th anniversary with an Alaskan cruise.

They were married in Glendale, California, on Sept. 10, 1967. They first met in September of 1963 when students at California State University-Los Angeles.

They were both educators in the Alhambra School District in Southern California for 35 years.

Jim was a teacher, baseball coach, department chair and an administrator at Mark Keppel High School. He was also principal at Bigfork High School from 1986 to 1988.

Phyllis was a teacher for an alternative program for at-promise students and a special education teacher. She also served as department



chair for the special education department.

Jim is an avid golfer and president of the 50-plus softball league in Kalispell. He also manages one of the six teams.

Phyllis enjoys being a

substitute teacher for the Bigfork School District.

The Valentinos have two children and four grandchildren. They both love living in Montana and have a number of special friends.

January 28, 2018

70TH ANNIVERSARY

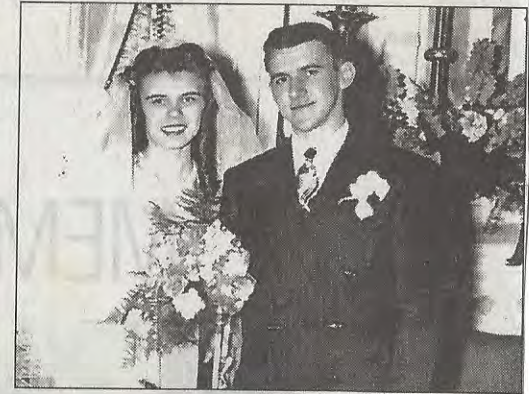
Van Heldens

John and Marian Van Helden celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at a dinner hosted by their children at the Buffalo Hill Terrace.

The couple met in high school and were married May 8, 1948, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. John was a postmaster and Marian worked part time and was a homemaker.

The couple have resided in Kalispell for the last 13 years.

They have seven children, Steven, Jeffery and Maria, who all live in Kalispell, and Katrina, Peter, Joseph and Terri. They also have 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, making five generations.



May 27, 2018

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Randy and Donna Vogel

Randy and Donna Vogel of Bigfork will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with family and friends on June 9.

The couple was married on June 8, 1958, in Plentywood. They were blessed with two children, son Todd and wife Audrey of Richfield, Washington, and daughter Marla (deceased) and husband Omar of Seattle. They have four wonderful grandchildren.



June 3, 2018

Von Linderns celebrate 60th

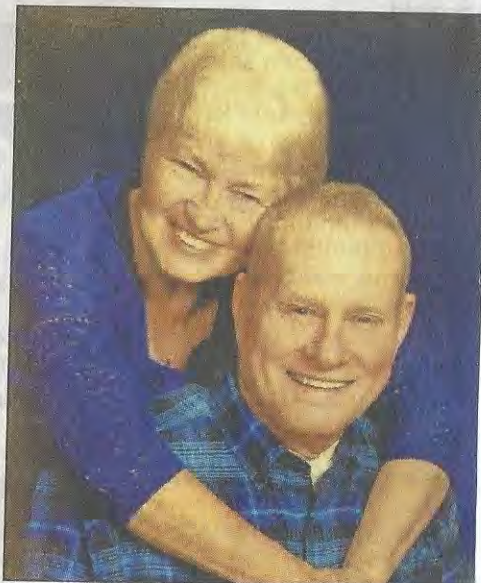
Jack and Jan Von Lindern of Columbia Falls recently celebrated their 60th anniversary at their home of 55 years with a small gathering of friends and family hosted by their children.

The couple were married Sept. 13, 1958, at Columbia Falls United Methodist Church.

They have spent their 60 years of marriage in Columbia Falls where they raised their four children and watched their grandchildren grow up. They also volunteer and support the community that is dear to their hearts.

Their children are Cindy and Mark Lampman of Columbia Falls, Paul and Cheryl Von Lindern of Whitefish, Stacy and Brian Braach of Missoula, and Ann and Matt Bohmer of Columbia Falls.

They have 11 granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.



September 16, 2018

65th Anniversary Ken and Carolyn Wilson

Ken and Carolyn Wilson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary July 26, 2018, at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake.

They also celebrated with their four children, David and Linda Wilson of Laramie, Wyoming, Steve and Barb Wilson of Bellingham, Washington, Lyndia Wilson of Coeur d'Alene Lake, Idaho, and Bryce Wilson of Kalispell, along with 19 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and family two days later at their the ninth grandchild's wedding.

They were married in the Presbyterian Church of Kalispell in 1953.



October 28, 2018