

## 65th anniversary for Shafer and Fellas

65 years ago, on May 18, 1947, two couples shared a wedding day. Sally Shafer married Lloyd Fellas and Sally's brother, Levi "Mack" Shafer married Lillian Benefiel. Sally's father had forbidden her to marry before finishing high school. On May 17, she graduated clearing the way for her wedding the next day.

The wedding took place at the home of Lillian's parents, Jack and Maud Benefiel, in Banks. Elva Tolke made the angel food wedding cake, and some of the guests sat in one of Jack Benefiel's school buses while they ate the cake.

Lloyd Fellas is a retired logger and heavy equipment operator, and Sally Fellas is a retired school bus driver and cook. They had three children, and now have grandchildren.

Mack Shafer is a retired school bus contractor and driver. Lillian Shafer is also a retired school bus driver. They

have two children, both living in Banks, plus grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Both couples still enjoy doing things as couples, and all of them enjoy going to Spirit Mountain.

Now, almost 65 years later, both couples still live in Banks, and have traditionally gone out together for anniversary dinners. This year is no exception, except their families will join

them this time.

When asked what it's like to be married for so long, Lillian Shafer said, "It's pretty good, there's give and take. Sometimes you have to walk away, don't argue, and then come back and try to settle things." She added, "It doesn't seem like 65 years."

If you see any of the not-so-newlyweds, be sure and wish them a happy 65th anniversary.



Wedding picture taken at 220 Main St., Banks. Pictured above, from left; Mack and Lillian Shafer, Sally and Lloyd Fellas. Left; the newlyweds are also shown, in the same order, in this picture taken on their 60th wedding anniversary.

## City announces Water Week winners

The winners in Bank's 3rd Annual National Drinking Water Week Coloring Contest, and the newly added Poster Design Contest, were announced at the May 8, City Council meeting.

"The City of Banks 3rd Annual National Drinking Water Week Coloring Contest was a huge success, and our Poster Design Contest gleaned some beautiful entries," said Mayor John Kinsky.

This year's coloring contest winners were:

- 2-6 Year Olds: Hannah Sandage (1st Place), Jackson Henderson (2nd Place) and Luke Greagor (3rd Place) plus Honorable Mentions to Brayden Bigsby, Tyler Janeway, Aaron Janeway, Omar Diani, and Amin Diani.

- 7-9 Year Olds: Alyssa Greagor (1st Place), Michael Janeway (2nd Place), and

Brooklyn Janeway (3rd Place), plus Honorable Mentions to Maisy Phelps, Madyson Bigsby, and Khadija Diani.

- 10-12 Year Olds: Hannah White (1st Place).

This year's poster design contest winner was Jason White (13-15 Year Olds).

"Again this year, I am amazed at the entries", continued the Mayor. "The quality of

the artwork is unbelievable." tion education efforts."

Information about water conservation is also available on the city website: [www.cityofbanks.org](http://www.cityofbanks.org).

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