NAME DROPPING

Milestone anniversary for Scotts Valley couple

Happy Anniversary to Donald and Evelyn Anderson of Scotts Valley, who celebrated 70 years of marriage on July 3. Donald met Evelyn Duval while attending a mutual friend's party in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they both lived. They were married soon after, on July 3, 1945. Donald was serving in the Merchant Marines in WWII delivering supplies to the troops in Europe and the South Pacific.

After the war, he went to work for The Prudential Insurance Company as a real estate appraiser, and in 1947, he and Evelyn relocated to California with their young son, Bill. Their second son, Kelly, was born in San Jose. Donald appraised property and approved loans for Prudential in the San Jose and Santa Cruz areas, helping new families in financing their first homes. Evelyn worked as a secretary for the Campbell and Blackford School Districts, while raising their two sons.

In 1967, Prudential relocated the Andersons to Hawaii to open a new office and be their representative in the islands. After about a year, they missed the central coast of California so much that they moved back to the mainland, where Donald retired after 20 years with Prudential. They subsequently bought and sold real estate in the Bay Area, moving often, before finally settling down in the Montevelle neighborhood in Scotts Valley, where they are surrounded by their two sons, Bill and Ray, and grandchildren, Scott and Beckie and spouses, and two great-grandchildren.

Donald and Evelyn Anderson celebrated their 70th anniversary with a family trip to Alaska.

To celebrate the anniversary milestone, the entire family took a cruise to Alaska.

Serving her community

Longtime community advocate Yolanda Henry has been given a new title: Program Director of the Community Bridges Family Resource Collective. Henry will oversee Community Bridges’ four family resource centers across Santa Cruz County: Nueva Vista Community Resource Collective in Santa Cruz, Mountain Community Resource Centers in Felton, La Manzana Community Resources in Watsonville, and Live Oak Community Resources in Live Oak.

A life-long resident of the Monterey Bay Area and UC Santa Cruz alumna, Henry brings more than 16 years of nonprofit experience to the position, which was created in response to budget cuts as a way to consolidate resources. She served as judicial chair for the city of Santa Cruz, and chair of the Beach Flats Relocation Advisory Committee.

She is currently a board member at Palo Alto Medical Foundation, and has also served on the Latino Affairs Commission, the Santa Cruz Chief of Police Advisory Council and the General Plan Advisory Committee for the city of Santa Cruz.

“I am looking forward to this new chapter, and am confident that the new direction the Collective is heading will be a positive one,” Henry stated in a press release. “We will continue to serve the most vulnerable in our communities, while becoming more efficient in the delivery of these services.”

Embracing on a new journey

Congratulations to UC Santa Cruz alumna Victoria Liptak, who recently stepped into a new role as provost of Ventura-based Brooks Institute. Brooks was recently acquired by gphomeat, the leader in enhancing international education opportunities for students.

“It’s a great honor to join Brooks Institute as its provost,” Liptak was quoted as saying in a press release. “I’m eager to work with Brooks’ distinguished and innovative faculty as we continue to provide our students with the critical skills and education experiences they need for our evolving economy. I look forward to helping lead Brooks as we become an integral part of the Ventura community and work to strengthen the creative industry of Southern California and beyond.”

Her career includes serving as chief academic officer and interim dean of Kendall College of Art and Design at Ferris State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Liptak has a bachelor of arts in linguistics from UC Santa Cruz and a Master of Architecture from the Southern California Institute of Architecture.

Making the grade

Tierney Anderson, a native of Aptos, was named to Pepperdine University’s Seaver College Dean’s List for the Spring 2015 semester.

In order to earn Dean’s List honors at Pepperdine, which is based in Malibu, students must be in the upper 10 percent of their class and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Anderson is one of only 279 students to receive the honor this year. Congrats are also in order for Joel Kalow and Jesse Maurier, both of Santa Cruz, who were named to the Spring 2015 Dean’s List at Ithaca College.

Located in New York’s Finger Lakes region, Ithaca College is home to 6,100 undergraduate and 460 graduate students.

Marcus Eisendorf of Soquel and Maxine Orr of Boulder Creek are also making their hometowns proud. They both made the Dean’s List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester.

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