



Ronald and Sherry Skinner

## Couple marries

Ronald Skinner and Sherry (McClung) Anderson, both of Goodland, married Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007, at the Calvary Gospel Church with Pastor Steve Rains officiating.

She is the daughter of Larry and Vivian McClung of Goodland, and he is the son of Marvin and Phyllis Skinner of Olney Springs, Colo. Beulah McClung of Goodland is the bride's grandmother.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a white satin gown with spaghetti straps and roses embroidered across the neckline and down the left side of the dress. She carried a bouquet of white roses with peach and yellow accent flowers.

The maid of honor was Tiffany Skinner, daughter of the groom, and the best man was Jason McClung, son of the bride. The flower girl was Leona Anderson, daughter of the bride, and the ring bearer was Tristan Turnell, grand-nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Dale Skinner of Goodland, brother of the groom, and Patrick Fitzgibbons of Colorado Springs, brother-in-law of the bride. Candle lighters were Pastor Ben Coates and his wife Wendy.

The music was on compact disk: "The Rose," by Bette Midler, and "From this Moment On," by Shania Twain.

A reception followed at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Served were

cake, punch and mixed nuts with mints made by Ana McClung of Colorado Springs, niece of the bride.

Shandi Gilmer of Colorado Springs, niece of the bride, McClung and Sherry Skinner of Ordway, Colo., sister of the groom, served at the reception table. The groom's sisters, Marla Skinner of Olney Springs and Leslie Skinner of Ordway were at the gift table. Laura McClung of Goodland, sister-in-law of the bride, was at the guest book.

Guests included Ramiro and Lisa Medrano of Ulysses; Evelyn Martin of Colby; Ted and Gertrude Swayne, Herbert and Carolyn Schritter and Neil Schritter, all of Kanorado; Amber Skinner, Marla's daughter; Sue Olson, Erma Benevides, Crystal Hernandez, Zona Price, Darrell and Mary Garner, Gary McClung, brother of the bride, along with children Jonathan, Jonah and Ashton, all of Goodland; Justin Ralston of Colorado Springs; Shawn Skinner and Shanda Skinner, nephew and niece of the groom, both of Ordway; and Misty Turnell, niece of the groom.

Following a honeymoon at the hot springs in Glenwood Springs, Colo., the couple is at home. The bride works at the cash office at Wal-Mart, and the groom is a truck driver for Heartland Carriers of Sharon Springs.

# Do we need to build an ark?

A recent episode of CSI: New York featured a murder of a man who called himself Noah and was building an ark.

He raised money from numerous people, mostly in scams, and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars building an ark before being murdered.

Some of the couples who paid to be on the ark strongly believed a flood was coming that week, and they needed to be on the ark in order to live.

As one of the detectives read Bible passages about the "last days," another said, "That sounds like today; maybe he has a point."

Should we expect another flood? Are there really warnings in the Bible that concern us? What can we do to survive?

Genesis 9:8, 9 and 11-13 say, "And God went on to say to Noah and to his sons with him: 'And as for me, here I am establishing my covenant with you men and with your offspring after you. . . . Yes, I do establish my covenant with you: No more will all flesh be cut off by waters of a deluge, and no more will there occur a deluge to bring the earth to ruin.' And God added, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I am giving between me and you and every living soul that is with you, for the generations to time indefinite. My rainbow I do give in the cloud, and it must serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.'"

When a rainbow appears after a storm, it is a sign of God's promise not to destroy all life on earth by a flood.

So the "prophet" on that show was wrong, but do we still need to worry about the "last days"?

Daniel 2:44 says, "And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin. And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to time indefinite."

In the days of which kingdoms? In the preceding verses, the prophet Daniel interprets King Nebuchadnezzar's dream. In Chapter 2, verses 31-35, Daniel describes the image that the king saw in his dream, and he explains what it means in verses 36-43.

The head of gold represents Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and the remaining parts of the immense image represent the world powers that followed him: Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, Great Britain and the United States as a dual world power born out of the Roman kingdom, and the feet of iron and clay represent the politically divided world in the time of the end.

It is in the days of those kingdoms that God's kingdom will crush and put an end to all other kingdoms.

How reliable is this prophecy? Daniel 9:25 says, "And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of times."

The seven weeks and 62 weeks add up to 69 weeks, but not literal weeks. It is 69 weeks times seven (the number of days in a week), so 483 days. Comparing the principle "a day for a year" from Numbers



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14:34, that means that 483 years after the orders for the Jews to return to Jerusalem to rebuild in 455 B.C.E., the Messiah would appear. Counting from 455 B.C.E. and taking account that there is no zero year, the Messiah would appear in 29 C.E. In that year, Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River and was anointed as the Messiah. The time period can be determined from historical facts recorded in Luke 3:1, 2. In verse 15, people were wondering if John was the Messiah, and verses 21, 22 describe John baptizing Jesus.

During his time on earth, Jesus' miracles proved he was indeed the Messiah, and there were other signs — his genealogy proved he was in the foretold family line, and he fulfilled the prophecies about the Messiah's birth and death.

Jesus' prophecies concerning the last days are found in Matthew 24 and Luke 21.

Matthew 24:3 and 5-7 says, "While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying: 'Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the conclusion of the system of things?' For many will come on the basis of my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. You are going to hear of wars and reports of wars; see that you are not terrified. For these

things must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be food shortages and earth quakes in one place after another."

Matthew 24:21, 22 says, "for then there will be great tribulation such as has not occurred since the world's beginning until now, nor will occur again. In fact, unless those days were cut short, no flesh would be saved; but on account of the chosen ones those days will be cut short."

More is involved than knowing we live in the last days, but building an ark is not what is needed. 2 Peter 3:11-13 says, "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion, awaiting and keeping close in mind the presence of the day of God, through which the heavens being on fire will be dissolved and the elements being intensely hot will melt! But there are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to his promise, and in these righteousness is to dwell."

Matthew 24:14 says, "And this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations; and then the end will come."

At Matthew 28:19, 20, Jesus commanded his disciples to preach, teach and baptize disciples. That is the work we need to do, along with holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion, if we are to survive God's day.

## matters of record

### District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**Jan. 28** — Thomas R. Otoole, \$144 for improper parking.

**Jan. 29** — David A. Hoskins, \$132 for speeding.

Alton Rucker Jr., \$166 for motor carrier safety rules and regulations.

Ryan E. Rushing, \$366 for first conviction of driving while suspended, \$135 for speeding and \$60 for no child seat belts.

**Jan. 30** — Nicolas Arnold, \$102 for speeding, \$10 for no seat belt and \$60 for unlawful acts with vehicle.

Jerry D. Parson, \$120 for overweight load.

Wuido Salazar-jara, \$266 for transporting an open container, \$300 for first conviction of driving while suspended and \$300 for no liability insurance.

**Jan. 31** — William N. Hahn, \$132 for improper parking.

Melissa L. Lemke, \$138 for speeding.

George O. Winston, \$132 for

speeding.

**Feb. 1** — Juan Zuniga-Castillo, \$60 for no driver's license and \$146 for unlawful use of driver's license.

**Feb. 2** — Dorothy G. Stephenson, \$126 for improper parking.

**Feb. 3** — Nichole L. Racelis, \$138 for speeding.

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