



Jo and Don Kready

## Couple celebrates 65th anniversary

Don and Jo Kready of Topeka, formerly of Colby, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday. The couple was married July 4, 1948, in Abilene. They have three children: Pat (Ray) Walz of Centennial, Colo., and Donna Kready and

Rick Kready, both of Topeka. They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The couple will celebrate their anniversary with family, but cards may be sent to 27 S.W. Pepper Tree Lane, Topeka, Kan., 66611.

# Amazing Bible stands scrutiny through history of varied criticism

The Bible is an amazing book! No other book has been attacked throughout history as the Bible. Yet, all the criticisms are like tiny hammers that wear out as they bang against the mighty "anvil" of God's inspired word.

For example, some people say that the Bible has been corrupted over the centuries – that mistakes have crept in. The answer to that misconception is that Jewish scribes and ancient monks have carefully preserved both Old and New Testaments by meticulously copying them over the centuries.

Some manuscripts of the New Testament such as the Magdalene Fragments date as early as A.D. 65 – while the apostles were still alive and writing. Jesus quoted a Greek translation of the Old Testament that dated around 200 B.C., and never indicated that he had any doubt about its accuracy.

The fact is that when scholars compare the more than 25,000 available manuscripts of the Bible, they find less than one half of one percent discrepancies in them – and most of those involve spelling errors. The fact is that the Bibles we have available to us are translations of God's inspired word that he has preserved intact for us.

Even if we lacked any manu-



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script copies, we could still reconstruct the entire Bible, except for about 11 verses, using quotations from the Bible found in the writings of the early church leaders, some of whom actually knew the apostles.

Some critics have scoffed at the Bible, saying that it is a book of myths – that its stories are not historically correct.

They pointed out that the city of Nineveh mentioned in Jonah never existed, though Jonah said it was so large that it would take three days to walk around it. Then one day the city of Nineveh was found by archaeologists. It is so enormous that it will probably never be fully excavated. It would indeed take three days to walk around the city.

Critics scoffed at the Bible's mention of a race of people called Hittites. They obviously never existed. Well, now the Hittites are well known. The Hittite Empire was enormous. And the Hittites

have left us thousands of clay tablets whose writings tell us all about them.

Then, of course, there is the story of Israel's conquest of the city of Jericho. The idea that its walls fell when the Israelites cried out and blew trumpets may seem far-fetched to some. But archaeologists were stunned when they unearthed Jericho because they actually fell flat in an outward direction. Usually when walls are knocked down by an invading army they fall inward. But God knocked the walls down flat so the Israelites could enter the city with ease. These are just a few examples of some of the more than 25,000 archaeological finds that back up the authenticity of the Word of God.

Then there is Bible prophecy. About one third of the Bible is prophetic in the sense of foretelling the future. Many of the prophecies in the Old Testament were fulfilled centuries after they were proclaimed. For example, Our Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled more than 300 of those prophecies when he came to earth 2,000 years ago. These prophecies had to do with when and where he would be born, what his ministry would be like, that he would be crucified,

and that he would be resurrected bodily from the dead.

Mathematician Peter Stoner showed that the odds of just eight of these prophecies being fulfilled in only one man would be one chance in 10 to the 17th power. To illustrate that, imagine that the state of Texas was covered two feet deep in silver dollars. Just one of those dollars had a red mark on it. Now imagine that a man is randomly dropped by parachute from a helicopter somewhere in Texas. He wanders randomly with a blindfold on; then at some random time he bends over and picks up a silver dollar. The odds that he will pick up the one with the red mark are the same as just eight of those Messianic prophecies being fulfilled in one man's life. Yet Jesus fulfilled them all!

I could say much more about the amazing Bible – and probably will in future articles. Meanwhile, I encourage you to read it for yourself. Try reading through the New Testament first, since it is short. You will be surprised at what you find in that awesome book.

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## Colby Rotary Club

Colby Rotary Club met Tuesday at Colby Community College with 20 members and guest Rusty Grafel in attendance.

Eleven members were recognized for perfect attendance for the year: Jerry Arensdorf, Marla Crumrine, Relda Galli, Dr. Eric Griggs, Wayne Horlacher, Tom Peyton, Connie Renner, Mike Tubbs, Marilyn Unger, Nick Wells and Melany Wilks. President Marilyn Unger con-

ducted the business meeting in which members voted on a club vision statement.

Club assembly was held and the various committees finalized their strategic planning for the new Rotary year.

Nancy LePell won Roto-Lotto. The club meets at noon each Tuesday in Student Union Room 106.

—Relda Galli

## Coffee drinkers pick name

WEST HAVEN, Conn. (AP) – A Connecticut couple has named its baby with help from customers at a Starbucks coffee shop.

Twenty-five-year-old Jennifer James and 24-year-old Mark Dixon of West Haven told the *New Haven Register* (bit.ly/1adT5d6) they had been struggling between two names for the boy they are expecting in September, so they decided to put it to a vote.

They placed signs at the Starbucks on the New Haven Green, where they are regulars, asking people to vote for either the name Jackson or Logan.

The couple said it got the idea for the voting based on a system used by that Starbucks location, where customers cast votes for the store's employee of the month.

"We saw that and thought we might as well see how it works," Dixon said.

They received about 1,800 votes in the coffee cup serving as a ballot box. The couple said voters did not limit themselves to the two choices they were given.

"We've gotten Obama, Jebediah, Lincoln. Someone put (a) write-in, Webster," James said.

James said that when she realized Dixon would sound similar to Jackson, she began pulling for the name Logan.

"I don't know why I didn't realize the 'Jackson Dixon' thing, but I think once I realized that, he was going to be Logan no matter what," she said.

The name Logan also was favored, but both names won.

Harvest season is underway and the Kansas Highway Patrol would like to remind motorists to use more caution and patience when traveling around farm trucks, tractors, combines, and other farm implements.

"Each traveler in Kansas needs to be more aware of this important summertime event. In Kansas we have many trucks exiting and entering the roadways all the time. During harvest, we have more large equipment and trucks on our roadways than we typically do, and traveling around these vehicles requires added precautions," said Technical Trooper Casey Simoneau, assistant public information officer for the Patrol. "It is important for every driver to be aware of these large and slow moving vehicles, and to use caution as the equipment operators attempt to move from field to field."

Most farm equipment is not designed to travel at highway speeds, and may only go 15 to 25 miles per hour. Farm equipment is sometimes wider than the lane of traffic, so extra room should be allowed when traveling near a farm implement on the road. Extra caution should be practiced on all roads, but especially on rural roads with unmarked intersections.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind when sharing Kansas roads with farmers:

- Don't assume the farmer knows you're there. Most operators regularly check for vehicles behind them, however, most of their time must be spent watching for oncoming traffic. Implements are loud, hindering the farmer's ability to hear your vehicle.
- Pass with extreme caution. Don't pass unless you can see clearly ahead of both your vehicle and the farm equipment you are passing. If there are curves or hills blocking your view of oncoming traffic, wait. You should not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone," even if you are stuck behind a farm vehicle. Do not pass within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevated structure, or tunnel.

• Allow extra room when following farm equipment. A passenger vehicle can close in on the empty space quickly. Just because a farm vehicle pulls to the right side of the road does not mean it is turning right or allowing you to pass. Due to the size of farm equipment, the farmer must execute wide left turns, so allow it plenty of room and time to turn, and be alert for a driveway or field they may be turning into.

- Be patient. Don't assume a farmer can move aside to let you pass. Shoulders may be soft, wet, or steep, which can cause the farm vehicle to tip, or the shoulder may not support the weight of a heavy farm vehicle. The farmer will move over at the first safe location available.
- Think of the slow moving vehicle emblem as a warning to adjust your speed. Immediately slow down.

# Caution needed on roads during harvest

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